



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR WEBSITE BUILD OUT

I. PURPOSE

The Connecticut Green Bank (“Green Bank”) seeks proposals from entities (“Contractor”) to build-out a new www.ctgreenbank.com website based on a recently completed audit and redesign plan.

II. GREEN BANK BACKGROUND

The Green Bank was established by the Connecticut General Assembly in 2011. As the nation’s first green bank, the Green Bank leads the clean energy finance movement by leveraging public and private funds to scale-up renewable energy deployment and energy efficiency projects across Connecticut. The Green Bank’s success in accelerating private investment in clean energy is helping Connecticut create jobs, increase economic prosperity, promote energy security and address climate change. In 2017, the Connecticut Green Bank received the Innovations in American Government Award from the Harvard Kennedy School Ash Center for Democratic Governance and innovation for their “Sparking the Green Bank Movement” entry. In 2020, the Green Bank surpassed \$2 billion of total investment.

Green Bank develops and administers various financing programs for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects for residential, commercial, industrial and institutional customers in Connecticut. These projects include, but are not limited to, energy upgrades such as weatherization, efficient lighting, appliances, HVAC systems, fuel conversion, solar photovoltaic, battery storage, and hot water systems. In addition, Green Bank engages with banks, credit unions and other capital providers to attract private financing and investment to help support its programs. For more information about the Connecticut Green Bank, please visit www.ctgreenbank.com.

III. PROJECT BACKGROUND

In the spring of 2021, the Green Bank’s marketing team launched a project to audit and evaluate all website properties under Green Bank management with the goal of redesigning the main www.ctgreenbank.com website. The full scope of that project, as outlined by a Request for Proposals, can be found here: <https://www.ctgreenbank.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/REQUEST-FOR-PROPOSALS-FOR-WEBSITE-AUDIT-REDESIGN-SERVICES.pdf>.

Stark/Raving Branding and Digital Marketing in Boston, MA, was the firm selected for the audit and planning process. Per the RFP, Stark/Raving completed a discovery process and created a site redesign plan. The deliverables from that process can be found here:

- [Wireframes](#)
- [Homepage design](#)

We are now seeking a contractor to implement recommendations and build the new site. Additionally, having a contractor that can help with content creation, graphics/photography and copy writing, would be a plus.

IV. SCOPE OF SERVICES AND DELIVERABLES

The selected contractor will:

- Review the results of the website audit and website wireframes which outline the scope, scale and functionality required for the new website.
- Design the overall look and feel of the new website based on Green Bank's Brand Guidelines and the approved Homepage design (to be provided by Green Bank).
- Extend this look and feel to create a cohesive brand identity across all pages, sections and product lines.
- Build the new www.ctgreenbank.com website property in WordPress.
- Assist the Green Bank Marketing team with content editing and coordination to combine/condense existing web properties.
- Develop a tool to assist users to Find a Contractor leveraging Green Bank's existing database of providers. The tool will encompass multiple Green Bank products and contractors. The tool will need to have filters that work across multiple attributes such as their industry, services and technologies provided, the financing or incentive products they are eligible to offer, geographic location, etc. Tool will need to be easy to update on the backend by Green Bank staff and allow for bulk updates when necessary.
- Create opportunities throughout the website for data capture that integrates with Green Bank's CRM.
- Create a development environment where the new website will be staged during its development. This environment should allow members of the Green Bank team and select vendors access.
- Implement all integrations with third-party marketing tools (Salesforce, Pardot, Form Assembly, Calendly), Google Analytics, and search engine optimization plugins.
- Present options for the integration of existing data tools (MAYA, PowerBI, SQL Server) to create interactive data that can be accessible, downloadable in various formats by site visitors.
- Work with existing third-party vendors throughout the process, as necessary, in the development of content and additional functionality required for the website.
- Collaborate with our media partner to remap all landing pages and apply provided media tracking tags to ensure a seamless continuation of our advertising campaigns.
- Define a launch strategy that accounts for domain and page redirects, SEO and page mapping.
- Define and meet accessibility requirements for the website.

- Conduct thorough QA/QC to ensure the website functions properly across desktop, mobile and tablet devices.
- Create user roles and provide training sessions for Green Bank staff to help facilitate the daily maintenance the site.
- Provide a plan and pricing for quarterly preventative maintenance and security enhancements on the website and its environment, as well as a plan and pricing for regular back-ups of the site.
- Provide a plan and costs for hosting of the site.
- Establish a timeline/plan for development, review, completion and launch of the new site based on the recommended timeline below.
- Schedule and lead regular check-in meetings/calls to update the team on progress.
- Suggest metrics on site traffic, engagement, etc., that can be used to measure the site's impact.

Budget: we have budgeted less than \$100,000 for this engagement.

V. TIMELINE

Jan. 7, 2022	RFP Posted
Jan. 21, 2022	Questions due
Jan. 28, 2022	RFP deadline
Feb. 4, 2022	Contractor selected
July 1, 2022	Website completed and launched

VI. PROPOSAL PROCESS

Each bidder shall carefully examine the RFP and any and all amendments, exhibits, revisions, and other data and materials provided with respect to this RFP process. Bidders should familiarize themselves with all proposal requirements, including audit documents and plans, prior to submitting their proposal.

Should the bidder note any discrepancies, require clarifications or wish to request interpretations of any kind, the bidder shall submit a written request to rudysturk@ctgreenbank.com by noon on Jan. 21, 2022. Green Bank shall respond to such written requests in kind and may, if it so determines, post answers on the website at <https://www.ctgreenbank.com/about-us/open-rfps/> and disseminate such written responses to other prospective bidders.

If Contractor is interested in submitting a proposal, the following requirements should be observed:

- a. Proposals must be received no later than Jan. 28, 2022, at 5 pm. Proposals received after the aforementioned date and time may not be considered in Green Bank's sole discretion.
- b. Proposals shall be submitted electronically to Rudy Sturk at the following email address: rudy.sturk@ctgreenbank.com. The subject line should be identified as: "Proposal for Website Build."
- c. Contractors may be required to interview with Green Bank staff (virtually or in-person).

PROPOSAL FORMAT

The following format should be followed in order to provide Green Bank with a working basis on which to compare one proposal with another. Each of the elements within this outline is expected to be addressed in any submitted proposal. However, additions may be made where necessary for purposes of clarification or amplification. Please limit proposals to no more than ten (10) pages.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. General background of Contractor, including history of the company, number of employees, clients and examples of key projects.
2. List at least three (3) clients for reference use for whom Contractor has performed similar services as those contemplated by this RFP. Please include the name, email address, links to websites, and telephone number(s) of the contact person at each reference.
3. Include examples of work and summaries of Contractor's involvement. Examples in financing, renewable energy and energy efficiency, or related fields should be emphasized when available.
4. Description of any litigation, pending judgments, etc., which could affect the proposer's ability to enter into an agreement with Green Bank. A description of the circumstances involved in any defaults by the proposer. If you have been subjected to any outside audits in the past three years, state by whom the audit was performed, for whom, the facility involved, and the results of the audit.
5. Include in the proposal any other information you may deem relevant or helpful in Green Bank's evaluation of Contractor or proposal.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

All proposals which comply with submittal requirements will:

1. Describe your overall approach, plans, and qualifications for accomplishing the scope of work described above. Please include project timeline.

2. Provide the names of the employees in your company who would be assigned to this project, give a description of each person's experience and qualifications, indicate probable areas of responsibility.

COST OF SERVICES

1. **Please be as specific as possible in the breakout of phase costs so we can best compare responses.** Also include billing rates and titles for any individuals or employees who would be involved with respect to each service you are proposing to provide. Cost estimates will be considered as "not to exceed" quotations, except to the extent that the assumed scope is changed by mutual agreement in writing.
2. If Contractor has discounted rates for governmental entities such as Green Bank, then please provide such rates.

VII. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

If Contractor elects to respond to this RFP, submission of your proposal assumes the acceptance of the following understandings:

- a. Green Bank reserves the right to reject proposals received after the time and date set forth above. All proposals shall remain open for one hundred twenty (120) days after the RFP due date. Green Bank intends to select one or more contractor from among those that submit proposals to this RFP to provide the above-stated categories of marketing services as requested by Green Bank for a period of up to three (3) years. Green Bank, however, will reserve the right to utilize the services or retain the services of any other contractors related to any ongoing Green Bank related matters in its sole discretion.
- b. Green Bank reserves the right to reject any or all of the proposals received in response to the RFP, to waive irregularities or to cancel or modify the RFP in any way, and at any Green Bank chooses, in its sole discretion, if Green Bank determines that it is in the interest of Green Bank.
- c. Proposals will be opened at Green Bank's convenience on or after the RFP due date. Note that all the information submitted in response to this RFP is subject to Connecticut's Freedom of Information Act.
- c. Green Bank further reserves the right to make awards under this RFP without discussion of the proposals received. Proposals should be submitted on the most favorable terms from a technical, qualifications, and price standpoint. Green Bank reserves the right not to accept the lowest priced proposal.
- d. Proposals must be signed by an authorized officer of the Contractor. Proposals must also provide name, title, address and telephone number for individuals with authority to negotiate and contractually bind Contractor, and for those who may be contacted for the purpose of clarifying or supporting the information provided in the proposal.
- e. Green Bank will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any proposer in conjunction with the preparation or presentation of any proposal with respect to this RFP.
- f. Green Bank's selection of a Contractor through this RFP is not an offer and Green Bank reserves the right to continue negotiations with the selected Contractor until the parties reach a mutual agreement.
- g. Contractor will execute a Professional Service Agreement (PSA) as set forth in the attached Exhibit A. **If the Contractor does not agree with any of the specific terms set forth in the PSA, the Contractor must set forth such terms and rationale in your response to this RFP.**

GREEN BANK IS SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED IN SECTIONS 16-245N OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES. GREEN BANK SHALL HAVE NO LIABILITY OR OBLIGATION OF ANY SORT HEREUNDER, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, IF FOR ANY REASON OR NO REASON A BINDING AGREEMENT IS NOT ENTERED INTO WITH ANY PROPOSER. IN MAKING ITS SELECTION OF A SUCCESSFUL BIDDER, GREEN BANK MAY CONSIDER ANY AND ALL FACTORS AND CONSIDERATIONS WHICH GREEN BANK, IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION, DEEMS RELEVANT, THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF WHICH SHALL BE IN THE SOLE DISCRETION OF GREEN BANK.

SAMPLE STANDARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Standard Professional Services Agreement (“Agreement”) is made on **INSERT DATE** (“Effective Date”), by and between the CONNECTICUT GREEN BANK (“Green Bank”), a quasi-public agency of the State of Connecticut, having its business address at 845 Brook Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067, and **INSERT NAME** (“Consultant”), having its business address at **INSERT ADDRESS**. Green Bank and Consultant together are the Parties and each individually is a Party to this Agreement.

WHEREAS, INSERT SUMMARY LANGUAGE AS NECESSARY; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, Green Bank and Consultant, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

1. **Scope of Services.** Consultant shall provide Green Bank with professional consulting services (“Work”) as detailed in Consultant’s proposal in Attachment A, which is incorporated into this Agreement. **In the event of a conflict between the terms and conditions in this Agreement and the terms and conditions in the Proposal, this Agreement shall control.**

[INSTEAD OF AN ATTACHMENT, YOU MAY DROP-IN THE SCOPE OF SERVICES.]

2. **Period of Performance.** Green Bank agrees to retain Consultant, and Consultant agrees to perform the Work under this Agreement, beginning on the Effective Date and ending twelve (12) months from the Effective Date (“Period of Performance”), unless earlier terminated in accordance with Section 8 of this Agreement. The Parties can extend the Period of Performance only by a written amendment to this Agreement signed and dated by Green Bank and Consultant.

3. **Payment.** Green Bank agrees to pay Consultant for the Work performed within the Scope of Services of this Agreement, but in an amount not-to-exceed **INSERT AMOUNT** inclusive of hourly fees and any other expenses. The person(s), and their title and their hourly rate, performing the Work under this Agreement are as follows:

INSERT NAME(S) AND TITLE(S)

INSERT HOURLY RATE

THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF THIS AGREEMENT CAN BE MODIFIED BY THE PARTIES ONLY BY A WRITTEN AMENDMENT SIGNED AND DATED BY GREEN BANK AND CONSULTANT PRIOR TO ANY WORK TO BE PERFORMED BY CONSULTANT WHICH WOULD RESULT IN PAYMENTS IN EXCESS OF THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF THIS AGREEMENT.

4. **Invoices.** Consultant shall submit itemized monthly invoices with detailed accounting for hourly fees **and expenses.** **Out of pocket expenses shall be billed at cost**

with receipt. Expenses above \$75.00 are subject to the Green Bank's prior written approval [only if applicable, otherwise remove]. All invoices shall be subject to Green Bank's approval for conformity with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. For approved invoices, Green Bank will pay Consultant within thirty (30) days of receipt by Green Bank of an invoice. Consultant agrees to include the PSA #, which can be found at the top of this Agreement, on all invoices submitted to Green Bank in connection with Work performed under this Agreement. Invoices shall be submitted to:

Connecticut Green Bank
75 Charter Oak Ave., Suite 1 - 103
Hartford, CT 06106
Attn: Accounts Payable Department

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL GREEN BANK ACCEPT INVOICE(S) SUBMITTED BY CONSULTANT WHICH THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE INVOICE(S) EXCEEDS THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF THIS AGREEMENT.

5. Subcontracting or Assignment. Consultant shall not subcontract, assign, or delegate any portions of the Work under this Agreement to any other person or entity not identified in Section 3, above, without prior written approval from Green Bank.

6. Independent Contractor. Consultant understands that it is acting as an independent contractor and shall not hold itself out as representing or acting in any manner on behalf of Green Bank except within the Scope of Work of this Agreement or any other active agreements between Green Bank and Consultant.

7. Disclosure of Information. Consultant agrees to disclose to Green Bank any information discovered or derived in the performance of the Work required under this Agreement. Consultant shall not disclose to others any such information, any information received or derived in performance of this Agreement, or any information relating to Green Bank without the prior written permission of Green Bank, unless such information is otherwise available in the public domain.

8. Termination. (a) This Agreement may be terminated by either Party giving ten (10) business days prior written notice to the other Party. In the event of such termination, Green Bank shall be liable only for payment in accordance with the payment provisions of the Agreement for the Work actually performed prior to the date of termination.

(b) If this Agreement is not renewed at the end of this term, or is terminated for any reason, the Contractor must provide for a reasonable, mutually agreed period of time after the expiration or termination of this Agreement, all reasonable transition assistance requested by Green Bank, to allow for the expired or terminated portion of the services to continue without interruption or adverse effect, and to facilitate the orderly transfer of such services to Green Bank or its designees. Such transition assistance will be deemed by the Parties to be governed by the terms and conditions of this Agreement, except for those terms or conditions that do not reasonably apply to such transition assistance. Green Bank will pay

the Contractor for any resources utilized in performing such transition assistance at the most current rates provided by this Agreement. If there are no established contract rates, then the rate shall be mutually agreed upon. If Green Bank terminates this Agreement for cause, then Green Bank will be entitled to offset the cost of paying the Contractor for the additional resources the Contractor utilized in providing transition assistance with any damages Green Bank may have otherwise accrued as a result of said termination.

9. Indemnification and Limitation of Liability. Consultant agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to indemnify and hold harmless Green Bank, its officers, directors, and employees against all damages, liabilities, or costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and defense costs, to the extent caused by the Consultant's negligent performance of professional services under this Agreement and that of its sub-consultants or anyone for whom the Consultant is legally liable.

Neither Party shall be liable to the other Party for indirect, incidental, punitive, special, or consequential damages arising out of this Agreement, even if the Party has been informed of the possibility of such damages, including but not limited to, loss of profits, loss of revenues, failure to realize expected savings, loss of data, loss of business opportunity, or similar losses of any kind. However, this limitation shall not apply to damages of any kind related to criminal, intentional, reckless, or grossly negligent conduct or omissions on the part of either Party.

10. Quality of Service. Consultant shall perform the Work with care, skill, and diligence in accordance with the applicable professional standards currently recognized by his/her profession, and shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, completeness, and coordination of all work product and/or Work furnished under this Agreement. If Consultant fails to meet applicable professional standards, Consultant shall, without additional compensation, correct or revise any errors or deficiencies in any work product and/or Work furnished under this Agreement.

11. Severability. In the event that any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, then such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of this Agreement, and all other provisions shall remain in full force and effect. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be excessively broad, then that provision shall be reformed and construed by limiting and reducing it to be enforceable to the maximum extent permitted by law.

12. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties hereto, and supersedes any previous agreement or understanding. This Agreement may not be modified or extended except in writing executed by the Parties.

13. Governing Law. The validity, interpretation, and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Connecticut. All disputes which arise in connection with, or in relation to, this Agreement or any claimed breach thereof shall be resolved, if not sooner settled, by litigation only in Connecticut or the Federal Court

otherwise having subject matter jurisdiction over the dispute and not elsewhere, subject only to the authority of the Court in question to order changes of venue. To this end, Consultant waives any rights it may have to insist that litigation related to this Agreement to which Consultant is a party be had in any venue other than the above court, and covenants not to sue Green Bank in court other than the above courts with respect to any dispute related to this Agreement.

14. State Contracting Obligations. Consultant understands and agrees that Green Bank will comply with Conn. Gen. Stat. Sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a. Consultant agrees to comply for the Period of Performance with the state contracting obligations in this Section 14. For purposes of this Section 14, Contractor and Consultant shall have the same meaning and Contract and Agreement shall have the same meaning.

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4a-60(a):

“Every contract to which the state or any political subdivision of the state other than a municipality is a party shall contain the following provisions:

(1) The contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the contract such contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, mental retardation, mental disability or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the state of Connecticut; and the contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to insure that applicants with job-related qualifications are employed and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, mental retardation, mental disability or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved;

(2) The contractor agrees, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, to state that it is an "affirmative action-equal opportunity employer" in accordance with regulations adopted by the commission;

(3) The contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which such contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which such contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the commission advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this section, and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment;

(4) The contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this section and sections 46a-68e and 46a-68f and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said commission pursuant to sections 46a-56, 46a-68e and 46a-68f; and

(5) The contractor agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the contractor as relate to the provisions of this section and section 46a-56.”

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4a-60a(a):

“Every contract to which the state or any political subdivision of the state other than a municipality is a party shall contain the following provisions:

(1) The contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the contract such contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of sexual orientation, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the state of Connecticut, and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their sexual orientation;

(2) The contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which such contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which such contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this section, and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment;

(3) The contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this section and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said commission pursuant to section 46a-56; and

(4) The contractor agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the contractor which relate to the provisions of this section and section 46a-56.”

Nondiscrimination Certification. Consultant represents and warrants that, prior to entering into this Agreement, Consultant has provided Green Bank with documentation evidencing Consultant's support of the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties of the statutory nondiscrimination sections, above. A form of the Nondiscrimination Certification to be signed by the Consultant is attached.

Campaign Contribution Restrictions. For all state contracts, as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 9-612(g)(1)(C), having a value in a calendar year of \$50,000 or more or a combination or series of such agreements or contracts having a value of \$100,000 or more, the authorized signatory to this Agreement expressly acknowledges receipt of the State Elections Enforcement Commission's notice advising state contractors of state campaign contribution and solicitation prohibitions, and will inform its principals of the contents of the notice. See <http://www.ct.gov/dpw/lib/dpw/Form11SEEC.pdf>.

Occupational Safety and Health Act Compliance. Consultant certifies it (1) has not been cited for three or more willful or serious violations of any occupational safety and health act or of any standard, order or regulation promulgated pursuant to such act, during the three-year period preceding the date of the Agreement, provided such violations were cited in accordance with the provisions of any state occupational safety and health act or the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, and not abated within the time fixed by the citation and such citation has not been set aside following appeal to the appropriate agency or court having jurisdiction or (2) has not received one or more criminal convictions related to the injury or death of any employee in the three-year period preceding the date of the Agreement.

Consulting Agreements. Consultant hereby swears and attests as true to the best knowledge and belief that no consulting agreement, as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4a-81, has been entered into in connection with this Agreement. Contractor agrees to amend this representation if and when any consulting agreement is entered into during the term of the Contract. See Affidavit Regarding Consulting Agreements, attached.

15. Limitation on Recourse. All liabilities and obligations of Green Bank under this Agreement are subject and limited to the funding available under Connecticut law.

16. Available Funding. Green Bank shall not be obligated to provide payment or any portion of the payment under this Agreement if there are insufficient funds for such purpose because of any legislative or regulatory action expressly curtailing, reducing, or eliminating Green Bank funding.

17. Freedom of Information Act. Green Bank is a "public agency" for purposes of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"). This Agreement and information received pursuant to this Agreement will be considered public records and will be subject to disclosure under the FOIA, except for information falling within one of the exemptions in Conn. Gen. Stat. Sections § 1-210(b) and § 16-245n(d).

Because only the particular information falling within one of these exemptions can be withheld by Green Bank pursuant to an FOIA request, Consultant should specifically and in writing identify to Green Bank the information that Consultant claims to be exempt.

Consultant should further provide a statement stating the basis for each claim of exemption. It will not be sufficient to state generally that the information is proprietary or confidential in nature and not, therefore, subject to release to third parties. A convincing explanation and rationale sufficient to justify each exemption consistent with General Statutes §1-210(b) and § 16-245n(d) must be provided.

Consultant acknowledges that (1) Green Bank has no obligation to notify Consultant of any FOIA request it receives, (2) Green Bank may disclose materials claimed by Consultant to be exempt if in its judgment such materials do not appear to fall within a statutory exemption, (3) Green Bank may in its discretion notify Consultant of FOIA requests and/or of complaints made to the Freedom of Information Commission concerning items for which an exemption has been claimed, but Green Bank has no obligation to initiate, prosecute, or defend any legal proceeding, or to seek to secure any protective order or other relief to prevent disclosure of any information pursuant to an FOIA request, (4) Consultant will have the burden of establishing the availability of any FOIA exemption in any such legal proceeding, and (5) in no event shall Green Bank or any of its officers, directors, or employees have any liability for the disclosure of documents or information in Green Bank's possession where Green Bank, or such officer, director, or employee, in good faith believes the disclosure to be required under the FOIA or other law.

18. Execution and Facsimile. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts (including those delivered by facsimile or other electronic means), and each of such counterparts shall for all purposes be deemed to be an original; and all such counterparts, shall together constitute but one and the same agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

CONNECTICUT GREEN BANK

By: _____
Bryan T. Garcia, President and CEO

CONSULTANT

By: _____
INSERT NAME
INSERT TITLE



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
 CERTIFICATION OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE
 AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE CONTRACT**

Certification to accompany a State contract, having a value of \$50,000 or more, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4-250 and 4-252(b), and Governor Dannel P. Malloy's Executive Order 49.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Complete all sections of the form. Sign and date in the presence of a Commissioner of the Superior Court or Notary Public. Submit to the awarding State agency at the time of contract execution.

CERTIFICATION:

I, the undersigned State agency official or State employee, certify that (1) I am authorized to execute the attached contract on behalf of the State agency named below, and (2) the selection of the contractor named below was not the result of collusion, the giving of a gift or the promise of a gift, compensation, fraud or inappropriate influence from any person.

Sworn as true to the best of my knowledge and belief, subject to the penalties of false statement.

 Contractor Name

Connecticut Green Bank
 Awarding State Agency

 State Agency Official or Employee Signature

 Date

 Printed Name

 Title

Sworn and subscribed before me on this day of , 20

**Commissioner of the Superior Court
 or Notary Public**

My Commission Expires



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
GIFT AND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION CERTIFICATION**

Written or electronic certification to accompany a State contract with a value of \$50,000 or more, pursuant to C.G.S. §§ 4-250, 4-252(c) and 9-612(f)(2) and Governor Dannel P. Malloy's Executive Order 49.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Complete all sections of the form. Attach additional pages, if necessary, to provide full disclosure about any lawful campaign contributions made to campaigns of candidates for statewide public office or the General Assembly, as described herein. Sign and date the form, under oath, in the presence of a Commissioner of the Superior Court or Notary Public. Submit the completed form to the awarding State agency at the time of initial contract execution and if there is a change in the information contained in the most recently filed certification, such person shall submit an updated certification either (i) not later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of such change or (ii) upon the submittal of any new bid or proposal for a contract, whichever is earlier. Such person shall also submit an accurate, updated certification not later than fourteen days after the twelve-month anniversary of the most recently filed certification or updated certification.

- CHECK ONE:** Initial Certification 12 Month Anniversary Update (Multi-year contracts only.)
- Updated Certification because of change of information contained in the most recently filed certification or twelve-month anniversary update.

As used in this certification, the following terms have the meaning set forth below:

- 1) "Contract" means that contract between the State of Connecticut (and/or one or more of its agencies or instrumentalities) and the Contractor, attached hereto, or as otherwise described by the awarding State agency below;
- 2) If this is an Initial Certification, "Execution Date" means the date the Contract is fully executed by, and becomes effective between, the parties; if this is a twelve-month anniversary update, "Execution Date" means the date this certification is signed by the Contractor;
- 3) "Contractor" means the person, firm or corporation named as the contractor below;
- 4) "Applicable Public Official or State Employee" means any public official or state employee described in C.G.S. §4-252(c)(1)(i) or (ii);
- 5) "**Gift**" has the same meaning given that term in C.G.S. § 4-250(1);
- 6) "Principals or Key Personnel" means and refers to those principals and key personnel of the Contractor, and its or their agents, as described in C.G.S. §§ 4-250(5) and 4-252(c)(1)(B) and (C).

I, the undersigned, am a Principal or Key Personnel of the person, firm or corporation authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the Contractor. I hereby certify that, no gifts were made by (A) such person, firm, corporation, (B) any principals and key personnel of the person firm or corporation who participate substantially in preparing bids, proposals or negotiating state contracts or (C) any agent of such, firm, corporation, or principals or key personnel who participates substantially in preparing bids, proposals or negotiating state contracts, to (i) any public official or state employee of the state agency or quasi-public agency soliciting bids or proposals for state contracts who participates substantially in the preparation of bid solicitations or request for proposals for state contracts or the negotiation or award of state contracts or (ii) any public official or state employee of any other state agency, who has supervisory or appointing authority over such state agency or quasi-public agency.

I further certify that no Principals or Key Personnel know of any action by the Contractor to circumvent (or which would result in the circumvention of) the above certification regarding **Gifts** by providing for any other Principals, Key Personnel, officials, or employees of the Contractor, or its or their agents, to make a **Gift** to any Applicable Public Official or State Employee. I further certify that the Contractor made the bid or proposal for the Contract without fraud or collusion with any person.

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION CERTIFICATION:

I further certify that, on or after January 1, 2011, neither the Contractor nor any of its principals, as defined in C.G.S. § 9-612(f)(1), has made any **campaign contributions** to, or solicited any contributions on behalf of, any exploratory committee, candidate committee, political committee, or party committee established by, or supporting or authorized to support, any candidate for statewide public office, in violation of C.G.S. § 9-612(f)(2)(A). I further certify that **all lawful campaign contributions** that have been made on or after January 1, 2011 by the Contractor or any of its principals, as defined in C.G.S. § 9-612(f)(1), to, or solicited on behalf of, any exploratory committee, candidate committee, political committee, or party committee established by, or supporting or authorized to support any candidates for statewide public office or the General Assembly, are listed below:

Lawful Campaign Contributions to Candidates for Statewide Public Office:

<u>Contribution Date</u>	<u>Name of Contributor</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Description</u>

Lawful Campaign Contributions to Candidates for the General Assembly:

<u>Contribution Date</u>	<u>Name of Contributor</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Description</u>

Sworn as true to the best of my knowledge and belief, subject to the penalties of false statement.

Printed Contractor Name

Printed Name of Authorized Official

Signature of Authorized Official

Subscribed and acknowledged before me this day of , 20

Commissioner of the Superior Court (or Notary Public)

My Commission Expires

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONSULTING AGREEMENT AFFIDAVIT

Affidavit to accompany a bid or proposal for the purchase of goods and services with a value of \$50,000 or more in a calendar or fiscal year, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4a-81(a) and 4a-81(b). For sole source or no bid contracts the form is submitted at time of contract execution.

INSTRUCTIONS:

If the bidder or vendor has entered into a consulting agreement, as defined by Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-81(b)(1): Complete all sections of the form. If the bidder or contractor has entered into more than one such consulting agreement, use a separate form for each agreement. Sign and date the form in the presence of a Commissioner of the Superior Court or Notary Public. **If the bidder or contractor has not entered into a consulting agreement, as defined by Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-81(b)(1):** Complete only the shaded section of the form. Sign and date the form in the presence of a Commissioner of the Superior Court or Notary Public.

Submit completed form to the awarding State agency with bid or proposal. For a sole source award, submit completed form to the awarding State agency at the time of contract execution.

This affidavit must be amended if there is any change in the information contained in the most recently filed affidavit not later than (i) thirty days after the effective date of any such change or (ii) upon the submittal of any new bid or proposal, whichever is earlier.

AFFIDAVIT: [Number of Affidavits Sworn and Subscribed On This Day: _____]

I, the undersigned, hereby swear that I am a principal or key personnel of the bidder or contractor awarded a contract, as described in Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-81(b), or that I am the individual awarded such a contract who is authorized to execute such contract. I further swear that I have not entered into any consulting agreement in connection with such contract, **except for the agreement listed below:**

Consultant's Name and Title

Name of Firm (if applicable)

Start Date

End Date

Cost

Description of Services Provided: _____

Is the consultant a former State employee or former public official? YES NO

If YES: _____
Name of Former State Agency

Termination Date of Employment

Sworn as true to the best of my knowledge and belief, subject to the penalties of false statement.

Printed Name of Bidder or Contractor

Signature of Principal or Key Personnel

Date

Printed Name (of above)

Awarding State Agency

Sworn and subscribed before me on this _____ day of _____, 20__.

**Commissioner of the Superior Court
or Notary Public**

My Commission Expires