



## **REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS – ON-CALL GREEN BANK INSPECTORS**

### **1. PURPOSE**

The Connecticut Green Bank (“Green Bank” or “CGB”) seek proposals from qualified energy and energy efficiency professionals (“Contractors”) to inspect residential energy and energy efficiency installations and upgrades. The chosen Contractor(s) will perform routine inspections throughout the state of Connecticut as part of the Smart-E Loan program. Inspectors will be required to visit residential sites to ensure that these installations and upgrades, financed through Green Bank’s residential financing programs, are installed properly, safely and to specification. A working knowledge of some, but not all, of the technologies attached to the “Application – Inspector Qualification Form” (“Application” - separate document) is required. Contractors may be asked if they could perform inspections for other Green Bank projects, if needed.

### **2. GREEN BANK BACKGROUND**

Green Bank was established by Connecticut’s General Assembly in 2011. The Green Bank’s vision is a world empowered by the renewable energy of community. The Green Bank’s mission is to confront climate change and provide all of society a healthier and more prosperous future by increasing and accelerating the flow of private capital into markets that energize the green economy. As the nation’s first green bank, Green Bank leverages public and private funds to drive investment and scale-up clean energy deployment in Connecticut. For more information about Green Bank, please visit [www.ctgreenbank.com](http://www.ctgreenbank.com).

In addition to its incentive programs, such as the Residential Solar Investment Program, the Green Bank provides financing for residential energy and energy efficiency projects through our Smart-E Loan program.

### **3. SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Experience with and/or ability to perform the following:

- Site visits to residential energy and energy efficiency installations and upgrades throughout the state of CT.
- Communicate professionally and in a timely manner with installers, homeowners and Green Bank staff

- A working knowledge of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), and all other applicable CT state building codes, particularly HVAC and electrical codes. Knowledge of ASME standards is a plus.
- Knowledge of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards, such as requirements for emissions, is preferred, but not required.
- Previous experience in designing, installing, and / or inspecting at least some of the attached technologies is required (see application for the list of technologies).
- Previous coursework with at least some of these technologies is preferred
- Knowledge of technology components. (For example, if the Contractor has experience with furnaces and boilers, then this would be applicable during any biomass inspections).
- Appropriate certification(s) from recognized professional associations, agencies or institutions

#### **4. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS**

Please provide all required information on the Application. All proposals which comply with submittal requirements will:

1. Set forth Contractor's areas of expertise from the description above.
2. Describe your overall approach, plans, and qualifications for accomplishing the specific services described above.
3. Provide the names of the employees in your company who would be assigned to project(s), give a description of each person's experience and qualifications, and indicate probable areas of responsibility (Attachment A of the Application).
4. Provide at least five (5) customer references who can attest to your work (or your staff member's work) as a designer, installer, or inspector of any applicable eligible technologies (Attachment B of the Application).
5. Check off any of the technologies on Attachment C of the Application with which you (or relevant staff members) have had inspection, installation, or design experience.

NOTE: Green Bank expects that staff members with experience in an eligible technology will be present during each respective inspection.

## 5. Terms and Conditions of RFQ Participation

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 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.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. Green Bank will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any applicant in conjunction with the preparation or presentation of any proposal with respect to this RFP.
- e. 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.
- f. 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 APPLICANT. IN MAKING ITS SELECTION OF A SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT, 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.**

**EXHIBIT A**

**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. 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  
845 Brook Street  
Rocky Hill, CT 06067  
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, gender identity or expression, status as a veteran, intellectual disability, 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 ensure 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, gender identity or expression, status as a veteran, intellectual disability, 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 C.G.S. Sections 4a-60, 46a-68e and 46a-68f and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said commission pursuant to C.G.S. Sections 46a-56, 46a-68e, 46a-68f and 46a-86; and

(5) The contractor agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (the "commission") 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 C.G.S. Sections 4a-60 and 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 C.G.S. Section 4a-60a, 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 C.G.S. Section 4a-60a and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said commission pursuant to C.G.S. 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 C.G.S. Sections 4a-60a and 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.

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.

**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. Non-impairment and Assessment.** As a further inducement for the Consultant to enter into this Agreement, subsection (h) of section 16-245n of the Conn. General Statutes is incorporated into this Agreement.

**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**  
**NONDISCRIMINATION CERTIFICATION – Representation**  
**By Individual**  
**For All Contract Types Regardless of Value**

*Written representation that complies with the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties under Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4a-60(a)(1) and 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended*

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

For use by an individual who is not an entity (corporation, limited liability company, or partnership) when entering into any contract type with the State of Connecticut, regardless of contract value. Submit to the awarding State agency prior to contract execution.

**REPRESENTATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_,  
Signatory Business Address

represent that I will comply with the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties of Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4a-60(a)(1) and 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signatory

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**

**NONDISCRIMINATION CERTIFICATION – Representation**

**By Entity**

**For Contracts Valued at Less Than \$50,000**

*Written representation that complies with the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties under Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4a-60(a)(1) and 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended*

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

For use by an entity (corporation, limited liability company, or partnership) when entering into any contract type with the State of Connecticut valued at less than \$50,000 for each year of the contract. Complete all sections of the form. Submit to the awarding State agency prior to contract execution.

**REPRESENTATION OF AN ENTITY:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_,  
Authorized Signatory Title Name of Entity

an entity duly formed and existing under the laws of \_\_\_\_\_,  
Name of State or Commonwealth

represent that I am authorized to execute and deliver this representation on behalf of

\_\_\_\_\_ and that \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Entity Name of Entity

has a policy in place that complies with the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties of Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4a-60(a)(1) and 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signatory

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name