

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR HYDROGEN TASK FORCE STUDY CONSULTANT

I. PURPOSE

The Connecticut Green Bank (“Green Bank”) seeks proposals from qualified consultants (“Contractor”) to support Green Bank’s role in a task force to study hydrogen power (“Hydrogen Task Force”) and to assist Green Bank to study the potential of hydrogen-fueled energy on the state's economy and energy infrastructure.

II. GREEN BANK BACKGROUND

The Green Bank was established by the Connecticut General Assembly in 2011. As the nation’s first green bank, it is leading 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 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. For more information about the Green Bank, please visit www.ctgreenbank.com.

III. PROGRAM BACKGROUND

With the passage of Special Act 22-8, the Hydrogen Task Force was created to study hydrogen-fueled energy in the state's economy and energy infrastructure. Not later than January 15, 2023, the Hydrogen Task Force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 15, 2023, whichever is later. See Exhibit A, Special Act 22-8.

The study will include, but need not be limited to:

- (1) A review of regulations and legislation needed to guide the development and achievement of economies of scale for the hydrogen ecosystem in the state*;
- (2) An examination of how to position the state to take advantage of competitive incentives and programs created by the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act;
- (3) Recommendations for workforce initiatives to prepare the state’s workforce for hydrogen-fueled energy-related jobs;

- (4) An examination of the sources of potential clean hydrogen, including, but not limited to, wind, solar, biogas and nuclear;
- (5) Recommendations for funding and tax preferences for building hydrogen-fueled energy facilities at brownfield sites through the Targeted Brownfield Development Loan Program*;
- (6) Recommendations regarding funding sources for developing hydrogen-fueled energy programs and infrastructure;
- (7) Recommendations for potential end uses of hydrogen-fueled energy; and,
- (8) Ability to identify other needs pursuant to the statute.

The statutory areas of study noted above could be sorted into four (4) broad categories: (1) policy and workforce development (i.e., 1 and 3), (2) funding (i.e., 2, 5, and 6), (3) hydrogen sources (i.e., 4), and (4) hydrogen end-uses (i.e., 7). The categories could be organized as working groups within the task force, each with co-chairs working with the contractor within this RFP to support the deliverable.

The selected consultant will be provided an opportunity to discuss their research, findings, and recommendations with the Task Force, with support from the working groups.

* With respect to task numbers (1) and (5) above, the Green Bank will provide legal counsel to support the contractor selected through this RFP in connection with such undertakings.

IV. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Through this RFP, as a member of the Hydrogen Task Force, the Green Bank seeks to retain a third-party company or consultant to support the efforts of the Task Force, and its Working Groups, by helping lead research functions associated with the undertaking of the numerated tasks above, and also providing support as needed to the administrative functions (e.g., notes, minutes, plans) of the Task Force, and its Working Groups. The Task Force is expected to meet monthly (i.e., second Tuesday or every month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST), and its Working Groups no more than twice a month.

V. REQUIREMENTS

1. PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

Each applicant must be an established company in good financial standing and must demonstrate to the Green Bank's satisfaction that they can meet the requirements specified in this RFP. Applicants must also demonstrate experience with hydrogen technology and provide evidence they can assemble the team needed to meet the responsibilities presented in this RFP.

2. 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 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 RFP-Responses@ctgreenbank.com. Green Bank shall respond to such

written requests in kind and may, if it so determines, disseminate such written responses to other prospective bidders.

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

Description	Date
RFP Issued	May 27, 2022
Due date for Applicant questions	June 13, 2022
Responses posted by the Green Bank	June 15, 2022
Applicant Submission Due Date	June 20, 2022
Green Bank Decision & Bidder(s) Notification	June 30, 2022
Professional Services Agreement Signature Due Date	By July 11, 2022
Second task force meeting (1 st for Contractor)	July 12, 2022
Final deliverable to legislature	January 15, 2023

- a. Proposals must be received no later than June 20, 2022. 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 the following email address: RFP-Responses@ctgreenbank.com. The subject line should be identified as: “Proposal for Hydrogen Task Force Consultant”.
- c. Contractors may be required to interview with Green Bank staff if deemed necessary.
- d. We will hold a Webinar to discuss the terms of this Request for Proposal for any interested Contractors June 8, 2022 to 3:30 pm. Please access the following link for registration purposes:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2167941584684501774>

3. 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 10 pages.

- a. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
 1. General background of Contractor, including history of the company, number of employees, clients and projects supported, including a description of the projects as relevant.
 2. Listing of three (3) clients for reference use for whom Contractor has performed similar services as those contemplated by this RFP, Please include the name and telephone number(s) of the contact person at each reference.

3. 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.

Include in the proposal any other information you may deem relevant or helpful in Green Bank's evaluation of Contractor or proposal.

b. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

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 this project, give a description of each person's experience and qualifications, indicate probable areas of responsibility.

c. COST OF SERVICES

1. Please provide your proposed costs for the completion of this project in its entirety. 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.

VI. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

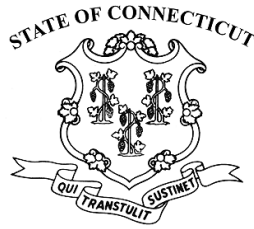
If Contractor elects to respond to this RFP, submission of your proposal assumes the acceptance of the following understandings:

- a. Green Bank reserves the right to reject 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 proposer 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 B**. **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.

EXHIBIT A



Substitute House Bill No. 5200

Special Act No. 22-8

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY HYDROGEN POWER.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to study hydrogen-fueled energy in the state's economy and energy infrastructure. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) A review of regulations and legislation needed to guide the development and achievement of economies of scale for the hydrogen ecosystem in the state, (2) an examination of how to position the state to take advantage of competitive incentives and programs created by the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, (3) recommendations for workforce initiatives to prepare the state's workforce for hydrogen-fueled energy-related jobs, (4) an examination of the sources of potential clean hydrogen, including, but not limited to, wind, solar, biogas and nuclear, (5) recommendations for funding and tax preferences for building hydrogen-fueled energy facilities at brownfield sites through the Targeted Brownfield Development Loan Program, (6) recommendations regarding funding sources for developing hydrogen-fueled energy programs and infrastructure, and (7) recommendations for potential end uses of hydrogen-fueled energy.

(b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

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(1) The president of the Connecticut Green Bank, who shall be the chairperson of the task force;

(2) Two representatives from the electricity division of an electric distribution company that has a service area of eighteen or more cities and towns, one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives and one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives;

(3) Two representatives from the electricity division of an electric distribution company that has a service area of not more than seventeen cities and towns, one of whom shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate and one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

(4) A representative from the gas division of an electric distribution company that has a service area of eighteen or more cities and towns, who shall be appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives;

(5) A representative from the gas division of an electric distribution company that has a service area of not more than seventeen cities and towns, who shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

(6) A representative from an eligible nuclear power generating facility, as defined in section 16a-3m of the general statutes, who shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives;

(7) A representative of the building trades, who shall be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

(8) Three representatives of Connecticut manufacturers of hydrogen-fueled energy technology, one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate and one of whom

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shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives;

(9) Three representatives of environmental organizations that advocate for renewable energy, one of whom shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives and one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

(10) Two members of the Connecticut Hydrogen-Fuel Cell Coalition, one of whom shall be appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives and one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

(11) The chairperson of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, or the chairperson's designee;

(12) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or the commissioner's designee;

(13) The president of The University of Connecticut, or the president's designee; and

(14) The director of energy initiative at the Connecticut Center of Advanced Technology.

(c) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority, as applicable.

(d) The chairperson of the task force shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

(e) Not later than January 15, 2023, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of

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the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 15, 2023, whichever is later.

EXHIBIT B

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 75 Charter Oak Avenue, Suite 1-103, Hartford, CT 06106, 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 Avenue
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. Non-Discrimination.

- a. For purposes of this Section, "Contractor", "contractor" and "Consultant" shall have the same meaning, "Contract", "contract" and "Agreement" shall have the same meaning and other otherwise undefined terms have the meaning ascribed to them in Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-60g.
- b. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-60:
 1. The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the Performance of this 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 of 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 of a veteran, intellectual disability, mental disability or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by the 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 on Human Rights and Opportunities (the "Commission");
 3. the Contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which the Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which the 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 Connecticut General Statutes §§ 46a-68e and 46a-68f and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said Commission pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 46a-56, 46a-68e and 46a-68f; and

5. the Contractor agrees to provide 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 this Section and Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56.

c. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-60a:

1. The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of this 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 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 Contract 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;
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 Connecticut General Statutes §46a-56; and
4. the Contractor agrees to provide 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 which relate to the provisions of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes §46a-56.

- d. Pursuant to subsection (c) of section 4a-60 and subsection (b) of section 4a-60a of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Contractor, for itself and its authorized signatory of this Contract, affirms that it understands the obligations of this section and that it will maintain a policy for the duration of the Contract to assure that the Contract will be performed in compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of such sections. The Contractor and its authorized signatory of this Contract demonstrate their understanding of this obligation by either (A) having provided an affirmative response in the required online bid or response to a proposal question which asks if the contractor understands its obligations under such sections, or (B) initialing this nondiscrimination affirmation in the following box:

15. Consulting Agreements Representation. Pursuant to section 4a-81 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Consultant and its authorized signatory represents that Consultant:

[select response below by initialing]

_____has NOT entered into any consulting agreements in connection with this Agreement.

_____has entered into consulting agreement(s) in connection with this Agreement, as described in the Consulting Agreement Representation attached hereto.

The undersigned, being the person signing the Agreement, swears that the representation in this Section of the Agreement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and is subject to the penalties of false statement.

"Consulting agreement" means any written or oral agreement to retain the services, for a fee, of a consultant for the purposes of (A) providing counsel to a contractor, vendor, consultant or other entity seeking to conduct, or conducting, business with the state, (B) contacting, whether in writing or orally, any executive, judicial, or administrative office of the state, including any department, institution, bureau, board, commission, authority, official or employee for the purpose of solicitation, dispute resolution, introduction, requests for information, or (C) any other similar activity related to such contracts.

"Consulting agreement" does not include any agreements entered into with a consultant who is registered under the provisions of chapter 10 of the Connecticut General Statutes as of the date such contract is executed in accordance with the provisions of section 4a-81 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

16. Campaign Contribution Restriction and Certification. For all state contracts, defined in section 9-612 of the Connecticut General Statutes as 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 represents that they have received 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 https://seec.ct.gov/Portal/data/forms/ContrForms/seec_form_10_final.pdf. The Consultant makes the representations set forth in the Campaign Contribution Certification (OPM Form 1) attached hereto.

17. 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.

18. Large State Contract Representation for Contractor. Pursuant to section 4-252 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Acting Governor Susan Bysiewicz Executive Order No. 21-2, promulgated July 1, 2021, the Consultant, for itself and on behalf of all of its principals or key personnel who submitted a bid or proposal, represents:

- a. That no gifts were made by (A) the Consultant, (B) any principals and key personnel of the Consultant, who participate substantially in preparing bids, proposals or negotiating State contracts, or (C) any agent of the Consultant or principals and 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 requests 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;
- b. That no such principals and key personnel of the Consultant, or agent of the Consultant or of such principals and key personnel, knows of any action by the Consultant to circumvent such prohibition on gifts by providing for any other principals and key personnel, official, employee or agent of the Consultant to provide a gift to any such public official or State employee; and
- c. That the Consultant is submitting bids or proposals without fraud or collusion with any person.

19. Large State Contract Representation for Official or Employee of Quasi-Public Agency. Pursuant to section 4-252 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Acting Governor Susan Bysiewicz Executive Order No. 21-2, promulgated July 1, 2021, the Green Bank official or employee represents that the selection of the most qualified or highest ranked person, firm or corporation 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.

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

21. 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.

22. 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.

23. 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 CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION CERTIFICATION

Written or electronic certification to accompany a bid or proposal or a non-competitive contract with a value of \$50,000 or more, pursuant to C.G.S. § 9-612.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Complete all sections of the form. Attach additional pages, if necessary, to provide full disclosure about any 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 submission of your bid or proposal (if no bid or proposal— submit this completed form with the earliest submittal of any document to the state or quasi-public agency prior to the execution of the contract), 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.

Check One:

- Initial Certification**
- Updated Certification because of change of information contained in the most recently filed certification**

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION CERTIFICATION:

I certify that neither the contractor or prospective state contractor, nor any of its principals, have made any contributions to, or solicited any contributions on behalf of, any party committee, exploratory committee, candidate for state-wide office or for the General Assembly, or political committee authorized to make contributions to or expenditures to or for, the benefit of such candidates, in the previous four years, that were determined by the State Elections Enforcement Commission to be in violation of subparagraph (A) or (B) of subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of Section 9-612 of the General Statutes, without mitigating circumstances having been found to exist concerning such violation. Each such certification shall be sworn as true to the best knowledge and belief of the person signing the certification, subject to the penalties of false statement. If there is any change in the information contained in the most recently filed certification, such person shall submit an updated certification not later than thirty days after the effective date of any such change or upon the submittal of any new bid or proposal for a state contract, whichever is earlier.

All Campaign Contributions on behalf of any party committee, exploratory committee, candidate for state-wide office or for the General Assembly, or political committee authorized to make contributions to or expenditures to or for, the benefit of such candidate, for a period of four years prior to signing the contract or date of the response to the bid, whichever is longer, include:

Contribution
Date

Name of Contributor

Recipient

Value

Description

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

