The Contractor must document “good faith efforts” to provide meaningful participation by New York State Certified M/WBE subcontractors or suppliers in the performance of the State Contract.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she has taken the following actions on behalf of the Contractor to demonstrate the aforesaid good faith efforts [check actions as applicable]:

(a) The Contractor attended any pre-bid meetings that were scheduled by the Department or the NYS Department of Economic Development or its designee to inform minority and women business enterprises of contracting and subcontracting opportunities available on the project;

(b) The Contractor identified economically feasible units of the project that could be contracted or subcontracted to minority and women small business enterprises in order to increase the likelihood of participation by such enterprises;

(c) The Contractor advertised in general circulation, trade association, and trade-oriented, minority and women-focused publications, if any, concerning the contracting or subcontracting opportunity;

(d) The Contractor solicited and provided written notice to a reasonable number of minority and women business enterprises identified from current certified lists of such business enterprises provided or maintained by the NYS Empire State Development’s Division of Minority and Women Owned Business Development, or its designee, of the contracting or subcontracting opportunity in sufficient time to allow the enterprises to participate effectively;

(e) The Contractor followed up initial solicitations by contacting the enterprises to determine whether the enterprises were interested in such contracting or subcontracting opportunity;

(f) The Contractor provided interested minority and women business enterprises with adequate information about the plans, specifications and requirements for the contracting or subcontracting opportunity;

(g) The Contractor used the services of community organizations, contractor groups, state and federal business assistance offices and other organizations identified by the NYS Department of Economic Development or its designee that provide assistance in the recruitment and placement of minority and women business enterprises; and

(h) The Contractor negotiated in good faith with minority and women business enterprises submitting bids, proposals, or quotations and did not, without justifiable reason, reject as unsatisfactory any bids, proposals or quotations prepared by any minority or women business. "Good faith" negotiating means engaging in good faith discussions with minority or women businesses about the nature of the work, scheduling, requirements for special equipment, opportunities for dividing of work among the bidders, proposers, and various subcontractors and the bids of the minority or women businesses, including sharing with them any cost estimates from the request for proposal or invitation to bid documents, if available.

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Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of 20\_\_\_\_\_\_

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