

LOUISIANA PREFERENCE

NOTE TO BIDDER: In order for preference to be considered, bidder MUST provide this document with the bid response/prior to bid opening.

PREFERENCE OF PRODUCTS PRODUCED, MANUFACTURED, OR ASSEMBLED IN LOUISIANA

In accordance with the provisions of Louisiana R.S. 39:1604(H) & (I), each procurement officer, purchasing agent, or similar official who procures or purchases materials, supplies, products, provisions, or equipment under the provision of this Chapter may purchase such materials, supplies, products, provisions, or equipment which are produced, manufactured or assembled in Louisiana, as defined above, and which are equal in quality to other materials, supplies, products, provisions, or equipment, provided that all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The cost of such items does not exceed the cost of other items which are manufactured, processed, produced, or assembled outside the state by more than ten percent.
- (2) The vendor of such Louisiana items agrees to sell the items at the same price as the lowest bid offered on such items.

In cases where more than one bidder offers Louisiana items which are within ten percent of the lowest bid, the bidder offering the lowest bid on Louisiana items is entitled to accept the price of the lowest bid made on such items.

For the purposes of this preference, in accordance with R.S. 38:2251(A) the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) "Assembled" means the process of putting together all component parts of an item of equipment by the manufacturer when the assembly plant is located within the territorial borders of the state of Louisiana. "Assembled" shall not mean the process of reassembling parts packed for shipping purposes.
- (2) "Louisiana products" means products which are manufactured, processed, produced or assembled in Louisiana.
- (3) "Manufactured" means the process of making a product suitable for use from raw materials by hand or by machinery. "Manufactured" shall not mean the process of assembling component parts.
- (4) "Processed" means the alteration of any raw product altered from its original state to enhance its value or render it suitable for further refinement or marketing.
- (5) "Produced" means the process of manufacturing, planting cultivating, growing, or harvesting.

Do you claim the ten percent (10%) Louisiana preference? YES: _____ NO: X

If claiming LA preference, specify the line item(s) you are claiming by either marking the ALL box if this preference applies to all line items within the bid or list the Line Item Number(s) if this preference applies only to a specific line item(s).

ALL: _____ / ITEM NUMBER(S): _____

If claiming LA preference, specify the location within Louisiana where the product(s) is produced, manufactured, or assembled.

LOCATION: _____

LA preference shall apply only to bidders whose Louisiana business workforce is comprised of a minimum of fifty percent Louisiana residents. Louisiana vendors claiming this preference should complete the following certificate:

_____ (Vendor Name) hereby certifies that fifty percent (50%) or more of the business workforce is comprised of Louisiana residents. (Proof of certification may be required.)

YES: _____ **NO:** _____