

STATE OF MINNESOTA

VETERAN-OWNED PREFERENCE FORM

In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 16C.16, subd. 6a, (a) Except when mandated by the federal government as a condition of receiving federal funds, the commissioner shall award up to a six percent preference in the amount bid on state procurement to **certified small businesses** that are **majority-owned and operated by:**

(1) recently separated veterans who have served in active military service, at any time on or after September 11, 2001, and who have been discharged under honorable conditions from active service, as indicated by the person's United States Department of Defense form DD-214 or by the commissioner of veterans affairs;

(2) veterans with service-connected disabilities, as determined at any time by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; or

(3) any other veteran-owned small businesses certified under section 16C.19, paragraph (d).

In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 16C.19 (d), a veteran-owned small business, the principal place of business of which is in Minnesota, is certified if it has been verified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as being either a veteran-owned small business or a service disabled veteran-owned small business, in accordance with Public Law 109-461 and Code of Federal Regulations, title 38, part 74.

To receive a preference the veteran-owned small business must meet the statutory requirements above by the solicitation opening date and time. When responding to a Request for Bid (RFB), the preference is applied only to the first \$500,000 of the response. When responding to a Request for Proposal (RFP), the preference is applied as detailed in the RFP.

If you are claiming the veteran-owned preference, **attach documentation, sign and return this form with your response to the solicitation.** Only eligible veteran-owned small businesses that meet the statutory requirements and provide adequate documentation will be given the preference.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FIRM LISTED BELOW:

My firm is a certified small business and it is majority-owned and operated by an eligible person as defined by Minn. Stat. § 16C.16, subd. 6a.

Yes **No** (must check yes or no) **State the type of documentation attached:** _____

DOCUMENTATION MUST BE PROVIDED FOR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

___ (1) recently separated veterans who have served in active military service, at any time on or after September 11, 2001, and who have been discharged under honorable conditions from active service, as indicated by the person's United States Department of Defense form DD-214 or by the commissioner of veterans affairs;

State the type of documentation attached: _____

___ (2) veterans with service-connected disabilities, as determined at any time by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;

State the type of documentation attached: _____

___ (3) any other veteran-owned small businesses certified under Minnesota Statute Section 16C.19, paragraph (d).

State the type of documentation attached: _____

Name of Company: _____ Date: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Telephone: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

IF YOU ARE CLAIMING THE VETERAN-OWNED PREFERENCE, ATTACH DOCUMENTATION, SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR RESPONSE TO THE SOLICITATION.