

ADDENDUM 2 to RFP
Targeted Housing for High Risk Individuals Transitioning from Prison to Hennepin & Ramsey Counties
Answers to Questions Received the final (3rd) week of the Solicitation

• **ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY 10.1.20**

1. **QUESTION:** I'm a grant writer working at a Veteran-led 501c3 nonprofit whose President/CEO is a Veteran and whose staff is disproportionately qualified as Veterans. Does this qualify us as a Veteran-owned small business for the purposes of this grant?

ANSWER: In order to qualify as a veteran-owned business, you must be certified by either the Office of State Procurement, or the US CVE, then you are required to submit a Veteran's Preference form (and related documentation) with your response to the RFP. An example of this form is an attachment to this addendum.

Eligible veteran-owned small businesses must be either certified as such by the Office of State Procurement or currently verified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Center for Veterans Enterprise (US CVE) prior to the solicitation opening date and time to receive the preference. You can find more information at the following link to the MN Department of Administration's Office of State Procurement:

<http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/veterans.htm>

2. **QUESTION:** We are interested in the RFP and are wondering about our eligibility as a faith-based organization.

ANSWER: Faith-based organizations are eligible and encouraged to submit a response to this RFP.

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**STATE OF MINNESOTA
VETERAN-OWNED PREFERENCE FORM**

Unless a greater preference is applicable and allowed by law, in accordance with Minn. Stat. §16C.16, subd. 6a, the State will award a 6% preference on State procurement to certified small businesses that are majority owned and operated by veterans.

Veteran-Owned Preference Requirements - See Minn. Stat. § 16C.19(d):

- 1) The business has been certified by the Office of Equity in Procurement as being a veteran-owned or service-disabled veteran-owned small business.

or

- 2) The principal place of business is in Minnesota AND the United States Department of Veterans Affairs verifies the business as being a veteran-owned or service-disabled veteran-owned small business under Public Law 109-461 and Code of Federal Regulations, title 38, part 74 (Supported By Documentation).

Statutory requirements and appropriate documentation must be met **by the solicitation response due date and time** to be awarded the veteran-owned preference.

Claim the Preference

By signing below, I confirm that:

My company is claiming the veteran-owned preference afforded by Minn. Stat. § 16C.16, subd. 6a. By making this claim, I verify that:

- The business has been certified by the Office of Equity in Procurement as being a veteran-owned or service-disabled veteran-owned small business.

or

- My company's principal place of business is in Minnesota **and** the United States Department of Veteran's Affairs verifies my company as being a veteran-owned or service-disabled veteran-owned small business (Supported By Attached Documentation)

Name of Company: _____ Date: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Telephone: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

Attach documentation, sign, and return this form with your solicitation response to claim the veteran-owned preference.