



EXHIBIT A-1 – BIDDER CERTIFICATION

Competitive Solicitation:	No. 00318 Cooperative Purchasing Agreement Solicitation for Public Safety Communications Products, Services and Solutions		
Bidder:	Freedom Communication Technologies, Inc Type/print full legal name of Bidder		
Bidder's Address:	2000 Synergy Blvd. Suite 200, Kilgore, TX 75662 Type/print Bidder's Address		
Bidder Organization Type: Check appropriate box	Corporation:	Domestic	xForeign
	Limited Liability Company (LLC):	☐ Domestic	☐ Foreign
	Partnership:	☐ Domestic	☐ Foreign
	Sole Proprietorship:	☐	
State of Formation:	Delaware Type/print the state where the corporation, LLC, or partnership is formed – e.g., 'Washington' if domestic and the name of the state if 'Foreign' (i.e., not Washington)		

Bidder, through the duly authorized undersigned, makes this certification as a required element of submitting a responsive bid. Bidder certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that the following are true, complete, correct, and made in good faith:

1. **UNDERSTANDING.** Bidder certifies that Bidder has read, thoroughly examined, and fully understands all of the provisions in the Competitive Solicitation (including all exhibits) and the terms and conditions of the Cooperative Purchasing Master Agreement and any amendments or clarifications to the Competitive Solicitation, and agrees to abide by the same.
2. **ACCURACY.** Bidder certifies that Bidder has carefully prepared and reviewed its bid and fully supports the accuracy of the same. Bidder further understands and acknowledges that Enterprise Services shall not be responsible for any errors or omission on the part of Bidder in preparing its bid. Bidder certifies that the facts declared here are true and accurate. Bidder further understands and acknowledges that the continuing compliance with these statements and all requirements of the Competitive Solicitation are conditions precedent to the award or continuation of the resulting Cooperative Purchasing Master Agreement.
3. **NO COLLUSION OR ANTI-COMPETITIVE PRACTICES.** Bidder certifies that Bidder has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this Competitive Solicitation. Bidder certifies that Bidder's bid prices have been arrived at independently, without engaging in

collusion, bid rigging, or any other illegal activity, and without for the purpose of restricting competition any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other bidder or competitor relating to (a) those prices, (b) the intention to submit a bid, or (c) the methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered. Bidder certifies that Bidder has not been and will not knowingly disclose its bid prices, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder or competitor before award of a Cooperative Purchasing Master Agreement, unless otherwise required by law. Bidder certifies that Bidder has made no attempt and shall not make any attempt to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition. Bidder, however, freely may join with other persons or organizations for the purpose of presenting a bid.

4. **FIRM OFFER.** Bidder certifies that its bid, attached hereto, is a firm offer which cannot be withdrawn for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days from and after the bid due date specified in the Competitive Solicitation. Enterprise Services may accept such bid, with or without further negotiation, at any time within such period. In the event of a protest, Bidder's bid shall remain valid for such period or until the protest and any related court action is resolved, whichever is later.
5. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST.** Bidder certifies that, in preparing this bid, Bidder has not been assisted by any current or former employee of the States of Washington, Oregon, California, Alaska, Montana, Tennessee, Colorado, or Nevada whose duties relate (or did relate) to this Competitive Solicitation, the prospective Cooperative Purchasing Master Agreement, or the existing cooperative purchasing agreement for public safety communications equipment, and who was assisting in other than his or her official, public capacity.
6. **NO REIMBURSEMENT.** Bidder certifies that Bidder understands that the State of Washington will not reimburse Bidder for any costs incurred in the preparation of this bid. All bids become the property of the State of Washington, and Bidder claims no proprietary right to the ideas, writings, items, or samples unless so stated in the bid.
7. **PERFORMANCE.** Bidder certifies that Bidder understands that its submittal of a bid and execution of this Bidder's Certification certifies bidder's willingness to comply with the Cooperative Purchasing Master Agreement, if awarded such. By submitting this bid, Bidder hereby offers to furnish the goods and/or services solicited pursuant to this Competitive Solicitation in compliance with all terms, conditions, and performance requirements contained in this Competitive Solicitation and the resulting Cooperative Purchasing Master Agreement or, if applicable, as detailed on a Master Agreement Issues List, if permitted, in this Competitive Solicitation.
8. **INSURANCE.** Bidder certifies as follows (must check one):

BIDDER HAS REQUIRED INSURANCE. Bidder has attached a current, valid Certificate of Insurance with each and all of the required insurance coverages as specified in the Cooperative Purchasing Master Agreement (note: Bidder must attach the Insurance Certificate).

OR

XBIDDER WILL OBTAIN REQUIRED INSURANCE. Bidder does not have a current, valid Certificate of Insurance with each and all of the required insurance coverages as specified in the Cooperative Purchasing Master Agreement but, if designated as the Apparent Successful Bidder, Bidder will provide such a Certificate of Insurance, without exception of any kind, to Enterprise Services within seventy-two (72) hours of such designation or notification by Enterprise Services or be deemed a nonresponsive bid.

OR

- ☐ *BIDDER DOES NOT HAVE REQUIRED INSURANCE.* As detailed on the attached explanation (Bidder to provide), Bidder does not have a current, valid Certificate of Insurance with each and all of the required insurance coverages as specified in the Cooperative Purchasing Master Agreement and, if designated as the Apparent Successful Bidder would not be able to provide such a Certificate of Insurance to Enterprise Services within seventy-two (72) hours of such designation.

9. DEBARMENT. Bidder certifies as follows (must check one):

☒ *NO DEBARMENT.* Bidder and/or its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from contracting with any federal, state, or local governmental entity.

OR

- ☐ *DEBARRED.* As detailed on the attached explanation (Bidder to provide), Bidder and/or its principals presently are debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from contracting with a federal, state, or local governmental entity.

10. CRIMINAL OFFENSE. Bidder certifies as follows (must check one):

☒ *NO CRIMINAL OFFENSE.* Bidder has not, within the three (3) year period preceding the date of this Competitive Solicitation, been convicted or had a civil judgment rendered against Bidder for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a governmental contract; violation of any federal or state antitrust statute; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property. Bidder further certifies that it is not presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in this paragraph.

OR

- ☐ *CRIMINAL OFFENSE.* As detailed on the attached explanation (Bidder to provide), within the three (3) year period preceding the date of this Competitive Solicitation, Bidder has been convicted or had a civil judgment rendered against Bidder for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a governmental contract; violation of any federal or state antitrust statute; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property.

11. WASHINGTON WAGE THEFT PREVENTION. Bidder certifies as follows (must check one):

☒ *NO WAGE VIOLATIONS.* Bidder has NOT been determined by a final and binding citation and notice of assessment issued by the Washington Department of Labor and Industries or through a civil judgment entered by a court of limited or general jurisdiction to have willfully violated, as defined in [RCW 49.48.082](#), any provision of RCW chapters [49.46](#), [49.48](#), or [49.52](#) within three (3) years prior to the date of the above-referenced Competitive Solicitation date.

OR

- ☐ *VIOLATIONS OF WAGE LAWS.* Bidder has been determined by a final and binding citation

and notice of assessment issued by the Washington Department of Labor and Industries or through a civil judgment entered by a court of limited or general jurisdiction to have willfully violated, as defined in [RCW 49.48.082](#), a provision of RCW chapters [49.46](#), [49.48](#), or [49.52](#) within three (3) years prior to the date of the above-referenced Competitive Solicitation date.

12. PAY EQUALITY. Bidder certifies as follows (must check one):

☒ *PAY EQUALITY FOR SIMILARLY EMPLOYED WORKERS.* Bidder's similarly employed individuals are compensated as equals. For purposes of this provision, employees are similarly employed if the individuals work for the same employer, the performance of the job requires comparable skill, effort, and responsibility, and the jobs are performed under similar working conditions. Job titles alone are not determinative of whether employees are similarly employed. Bidder may allow differentials in compensation for its workers based in good faith on any of the following: a seniority system; a merit system; a system that measures earnings by quantity or quality of production; a bona fide job-related factor or factors; or a bona fide regional difference in compensation levels. A bona fide job-related factor or factors may include, but not be limited to, education, training, or experience that is: consistent with business necessity; not based on or derived from a gender-based differential; and accounts for the entire differential. A bona fide regional difference in compensation level must be consistent with business necessity; not based on or derived from a gender-based differential; and account for the entire differential.

OR

☐ *NO PAY EQUALITY FOR SIMILARLY EMPLOYED WORKERS.* Bidder's similarly employed individuals are NOT compensated as equals.

13. WORKERS' RIGHTS (EXECUTIVE ORDER 18-03). Bidder certifies as follows (must check one):

☒ *NO MANDATORY INDIVIDUAL ARBITRATION CLAUSES AND CLASS OR COLLECTIVE ACTION WAIVERS FOR EMPLOYEES.* Bidder does NOT require its employees, as a condition of employment, to sign or agree to mandatory individual arbitration clauses or class or collective action waivers.

OR

☐ *MANDATORY INDIVIDUAL ARBITRATION CLAUSES AND CLASS OR COLLECTIVE ACTION WAIVERS FOR EMPLOYEES.* Bidder requires its employees, as a condition of employment, to sign or agree to mandatory individual arbitration clauses or class or collective action waivers.

14. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT OR CAUSE. Bidder certifies as follows (must check one):

☒ *NO TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT OR CAUSE.* Bidder has not, within the three (3) year period preceding the date of this Competitive Solicitation, had one (1) or more federal, state, or local governmental contracts terminated for cause or default.

OR

☐ *TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT OR CAUSE.* As detailed on the attached explanation (Bidder to provide), within the three (3) year period preceding the date of this Competitive Solicitation, Bidder has had one (1) or more federal, state, or local governmental contracts terminated for cause or default.

15. TAXES. Bidder certifies as follows (must check one):

☒ *TAXES PAID.* Except as validly contested, Bidder is not delinquent and has paid or has arranged for payment of all taxes due to the State of Washington and has filed all required returns and reports as applicable.

OR

☐ *DELINQUENT TAXES.* As detailed on the attached explanation (Bidder to provide), Bidder has not paid or arranged for payment of all taxes due to the State of Washington and/or has not timely filed all required returns and reports as applicable.

16. *LAWFUL REGISTRATION.* Bidder, if conducting business other than as a sole proprietorship (e.g., Bidder is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership) certifies as follows (must check one):

☒ *CURRENT LAWFUL REGISTRATION.* Bidder is in good standing in the State of Washington and the jurisdiction where Bidder is organized, including having timely filed all required annual reports.

OR

☐ *DELINQUENT REGISTRATION.* As detailed on the attached explanation (Bidder to provide), Bidder currently is not in good standing in the State of Washington and/or the jurisdiction where Bidder is organized.

17. *SUBCONTRACTORS.* Bidder certifies as follows (must check one):

☒ *NO SUBCONTRACTORS.* If awarded a Cooperative Purchasing Master Agreement, Bidder will not utilize subcontractors to provide the goods and/or services subject to this Competitive Solicitation.

OR

☐ *SUBCONTRACTORS.* As detailed on the attached explanation (Bidder to provide), If awarded a Cooperative Purchasing Master Agreement, Bidder will utilize subcontractors to provide the goods and/or services subject to this Competitive Solicitation. In such event, Bidder certifies that, as to the State, Bidder shall retain responsibility for its subcontractors, including, without limitation, liability for any subcontractor's acts or omissions. Note: Bidder must provide the precise legal name (including state of organization), business address, and federal tax identification number (TIN) for each subcontractor (do NOT provide any social security numbers in whole or in part).

Bidder further certifies that it shall provide immediate written notice to Enterprise Services if, at any time prior to a contract award, Bidder learns that any of its certifications set forth herein were erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, that the certifications herein are true and correct and that I am duly authorized to make these certifications on behalf of the Bidder listed herein.

BIDDER NAME: FREEDOM COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Print Name of Bidder – Print full legal entity name of the firm submitting the Bid

By: Ed Mick
Signature of Bidder's authorized person

Ed Mick
Print Name of person making certifications for Bidder

Title: General Manager, Freedom Communication Technologies
Title of person signing certificate

Place: Kilgore, Texas
Print city and state where signed

Date: August 24, 2021

Return this Bidder's Certification to Procurement Coordinator 00318 at:

DESContractsTeamCypress@des.wa.gov