



GREEN COMMUNITIES

2026 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

**FOR DEVELOPMENT OF
GREEN BUILDING TOOLS**

Released: October 27, 2025

Submissions Due: November 21, 2025

I. BACKGROUND

Green Communities

Every five years, the Green Communities Criteria is updated at Enterprise Community Partners. The Criteria sets the standard for high quality affordable housing design, construction, and operations across the country. Over the past twenty years, affordable housing developments have been certified to [Green Communities](#) in nearly every state, and more than 30 states require or incentivize certification to the Criteria as a condition for receiving financing. This year we have created the 2026 Criteria, focusing on three main themes, Resilience, Energy, and Health. We are seeking consultant/s to develop tools and templates to support projects with achieving Green Communities certification.

Since 2004, Green Communities has taken decisive action to integrate green practices into the affordable housing sector through policy, capital, and programmatic efforts. Enterprise has supported affordable housing organizations across the country in creating and rehabilitating more than 230,000 green, healthy homes; has invested over \$6 billion in the development and preservation of green and affordable homes; and has transformed policies at the state, local, and national level.

The Green Communities Criteria is the only national green building standard designed explicitly for the affordable housing sector. The Criteria was developed collaboratively by leading national organizations and experts for the purpose of providing a clear, cost-effective framework for improving the quality of all affordable housing development types. Since its inception, the Criteria has been updated on a regular cycle. The 2026 Criteria has been developed over the past year in collaboration with a technical working group of experts and input from partners, residents, advisors, and others.

Project Background

Green Communities is soliciting proposals for the development and delivery of relevant tools for affordable housing stakeholders pursuing principles included in the 2026 Green Communities Criteria (hereinafter "Criteria). Our objective is to develop useful aids that will drive affordable housing developers to finance, design, develop, construct, retrofit and maintain high performing green housing through effective, practical, best practice strategies. Note that while the 2026 Criteria will be released publicly in late December 2025, awardees will receive an advance copy.

II. SCOPE

Green Communities requests submissions for the development of the deliverables described below. Applicants may respond to one or several of these deliverables. Note that awards will be made separately for each area. Preference will be given to quality of each individual tool response rather than in relation to the ability of an applicant to carry out more than one deliverable.

Applicants should consider the audience for the tools described below as individuals within the affordable housing sector. Specific notes are made as to whether a specific tool is intended to address single-family or multifamily, homeownership or rental, and new or existing buildings. The development process of all tools should reflect that they are intended to be used by individuals that are pursuing projects in urban and/or rural locations. Note that all tools will be made publicly available and are intended for national distribution online and in-person; ease of use for all eventual end-users is a high priority. Enterprise will share our organizational brand guidelines with awardees to ensure that each deliverable reflects the Enterprise visual identity.

A. 2026 Criteria Cost Survey

A study comparing the cost of building affordable housing using standard construction materials and methods to that of building to the 2026 Enterprise Green Communities Criteria. Construction standards may be drawn from RS Means Data or similar industry accepted resources. The cost comparison must differentiate between different Green Communities project types (new construction and substantial rehabilitation and moderate rehabilitation; single family and multifamily), and, to the extent feasible, account for regional variances in labor and material costs. The Cost Survey should include documentation of all sources, references, and assumptions. This deliverable will primarily be used by project teams to determine an informed estimate of incremental total development cost to develop to the 2026 Criteria versus typical construction.

B. 2026 Criteria Single Family Specifications

A set of model specifications that can be used by affordable housing development and construction teams to integrate the 2026 Criteria into single family and low-rise multifamily rehabilitation projects. The intent of these specifications is to translate the full 2026 Criteria into a language and format that can be immediately used and understood by the appropriate contractors and trades involved in bidding on and building this type of housing. This tool should be formatted to match the MasterSpec format, include helpful recommendations, include specific references to the 2026 Criteria, and be delivered in an easily editable format for project teams (e.g. MS Word). An iteration of this tool currently exists in reference to the 2015 Criteria ([here](#)), and should be used as a basis for developing the 2026 Criteria Single Family Specifications.

C. 2026 Criteria Multifamily Specifications

A set of model specifications that can be used by affordable housing development and construction teams to integrate the 2026 Criteria into mid-rise and high-rise multifamily rehabilitation projects. The intent of these specifications is to translate the full 2026 Criteria into a language and format that can be immediately used and understood by the appropriate contractors and trades involved in bidding on and building this type of housing. This tool should be formatted to match the MasterSpec format, include helpful recommendations, include specific references to the 2026 Criteria, and be delivered in an easily editable format for project teams (e.g. MS Word). An iteration of this tool currently exists in reference to the 2015 Criteria ([here](#)), and should be used as a basis for developing the 2026 Criteria Multifamily Specifications.

D. Submittal Tool for Energy & Ventilation Verification

A certification compliance tool that will be used for verification of several energy and ventilation criteria. We would prefer this to be a single Excel workbook, to simplify the certification experience and improve accuracy for verification of the following criteria:

- 5.1 Energy Planning
- 5.2a Building Performance New Construction
- 5.2b Building Performance Rehabilitation
- 5.3 Advanced Building Performance
- 5.5 Peak Demand Control
- 5.7 Renewable Energy
- 7.5 Clean Air: Ventilation.

Across these criteria, there's a need to update the current calculator for projects to use, following the ASHRAE, ERI, and prescriptive certification pathway, as well as updating and incorporating the ASHRAE model cover sheet and our sampling protocol. The existing versions of these for the 2020 Criteria [are found here](#). Space for the documentation of renewable energy use for Criterion 5.7

should also be accommodated in this new tool as well as for test results of the criteria listed above. The certification tool should include space for performance and testing inputs for the above criteria at both the design stage (“Prebuild”) and post-construction stage (“Postbuild”). The tool/s should be clear, accessible, and easily understandable to project teams.

E. Submittal Tool for Material Screening (6.1) and Material Selection (6.4)

New templates will need to be created for 6.1 Material Screening and 6.4 Material Selection. These could be stand-alone templates, or different sheets within the same Excel workbook.

The 6.1 Materials Screening template should guide teams through material screening, steering users through the two themes required - health and carbon - and work across all the resources that are listed.

The existing 6.4 Material Selection template was developed for the 2020 Criteria requirements and should be updated for use with the 2026 Criteria. The new template may have similar functionality to the previous version (found [here](#)). Primarily, it should enable development teams to clearly document and track their project’s materials compliance with the specific standards and components of 2026 Criterion 6.4, as well as ensure clarity for verifying compliance by the Green Communities certification review team. The template should distinguish between optional and mandatory provisions, automatically indicate compliance and/or calibrate optional points for each criteria pathway based on inputs provided by the project team, and should conveniently reference the compliance standards in the Criteria to which each material is adhering.

F. Operations, Maintenance and Resident Engagement Tools

Each of the tools listed in this section are individual deliverables. Each tool would require separate timelines, budgets, and description of experience. Organizations may submit proposals for one or more of the deliverables.

Create editable template manuals and cover sheets to accompany criteria 8.1, 8.2, and 8.3.

Clearly indicate whether your proposal is in relation to one or more of:

1. Building Operations & Maintenance Manual
2. Emergency Management Manual
3. Resident Manual

[Manual templates](#) exist for the 2020 versions of Criterion 8.1, Operations and Maintenance Manual and Plan, and Criterion 8.3, Resident Manual. These manual templates are to be updated to reflect the new requirements in the 2026 Criteria. We also invite the creation of a template for documenting the requirements of 2026 Criterion 8.2, Emergency Management Manual. All new and updated tools or templates should enhance usability for developers and project teams who will be completing them, and will include sections from the [Enterprise Business Continuity Toolkit](#) as applicable.

In addition, for any manual created, create an editable cover sheet that summarizes the most critical aspects of the manual in question (for criteria 8.1, 8.2, or 8.3) for use by project owners that may already have an existing manual that covers the subject. The cover sheet should lift up all

critical features / topics required for the Green Communities manual related to that subject, be easy for development teams to complete, and serve as a supplement that owner/operators could seamlessly incorporate into their existing manuals to ensure and demonstrate the inclusion of the Green Communities requirements rather than creating a secondary manual.

III. AVAILABLE FUNDING

Enterprise has made up to \$250,000.00 available for this effort and plans to award 3-8 contracts (one for each of the deliverables listed above) for at least \$10,000.00. Awarded amounts will depend on the deliverables provided by each respondent.

Enterprise will establish a fee structure with the selected applicant based on an agreed scope of work and schedule. Formal scopes-of-work, schedules, and budgets will be negotiated with selected applicants.

IV. TIMELINE AND NOTIFICATION OF SELECTION

- Applications are open from **October 27, 2025 to November 21, 2025.**
- Questions should be submitted no later than Friday, November 7th (More information in Section X)
- Decisions will be made by December 15th.
- Period of Performance is estimated to start by January 15th and not extend past June 2026.

V. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Interested parties are encouraged to submit a response to this RFP by the date given below. Applications must be submitted through Slideroom and include answers to the questions below. Please apply here: <https://enterprisedesign.slideroom.com/#/permalink/program/87045>

Applicant Information

- A. Organization name
- B. Mailing address
- C. Web address
- D. Age of organization
- E. Contact name
- F. Contact phone number
- G. Contact email address

Deliverables Proposed

Responses to the below should be submitted in full on Slideroom for **each** tool (A, B, C, D, E, F1, F2, and/or F3) the applicant is proposing to develop.

- A. Describe the process your firm has previously used to successfully develop a tool with a similar intent. Include how the tool was developed, for whom it was intended, how the effectiveness of the tool was gauged, and contact information for at least one reference.
- B. Describe your general approach to developing the tool in question for this RFP. Include:
 - a. Description of general approach

- b. Identification of key personnel to be assigned to the project. Include name, title, and project role.
- c. Detailed list of sub-consultants (if appropriate)
- d. Approach to project management / communication of project status
- e. Approach to quality assurance
- C. Describe your budget and timeframe for completing this deliverable, including key milestones.
- D. Outline of proposed content

VI. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Complete and timely proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- A. Comprehensiveness – The thoroughness of the proposal and its basis in best practice for delivering the intended outcomes of the tool in question. (10%)
- B. Demonstrated expertise of the applicant in previously developing effective tools relevant to the subject of this RFP (15%)
- C. Ease of use of proposed tool and anticipated impact – How well the intended audience needs are considered as part of the proposed development process, knowing that end-users may be faced with a variety of building systems, construction methodologies, climate regions, and levels of expertise. (25%)
- D. Sound science - The soundness of the technical content (20%)
- E. Organizational capacity and approach to quality assurance (10%)
- F. Reasonable timeline and milestones (10%)
- G. Financial responsibility (10%)

VII. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Any materials produced pursuant to a scope of work or contract will be the property of Enterprise.

VIII. CONTRACTING METHOD

For each of the eight activities described in Section II Scope above, a contract will be issued. If one organization is selected for more than one of the scope activities, multiple contracts will be issued to that one organization. This work will be conducted under the terms of Enterprise’s standard contract for services.

IX. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Applications are open from **October 27, 2025 to November 21, 2025.**

Inquiries regarding this RFP should be directed to Shivali Gowda, sgowda@enterprisecommunity.org. Responses to this RFP must be submitted through Slideroom: <https://enterprisedesign.slideroom.com/#/permalink/program/87045>

Late responses, and responses submitted by other means (eg. US Mail), will not be considered. All costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFP are the responsibility of the applicant and will not be reimbursed by Enterprise Community Partners, Inc.

By submitting a proposal, applicant commits to the terms and conditions outlined in this RFP. Requests for exception to any terms or conditions must be submitted with the proposal. Enterprise reserves the right to deny requests for exception to any terms and conditions. Requested exceptions will be factored into Enterprise's consideration of award.

X. QUESTIONS

If you have any questions concerning this RFP, please contact Shivali Gowda at sgowda@enterprisecommunity.org by no later than 5 P.M. ET on Friday, November 7th. Only written questions submitted to the provided email address will be entertained, and responses will be received in writing.

When relevant, questions and answers (with the questioner's identity removed) will be posted on our website by Friday, November 14th, for transparency and timely communication.

XI. RIGHT TO REJECT

Enterprise reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any and all responses received in response to this RFP. A contract for the accepted response will be based upon the factors described in this RFP.

XII. CONFIDENTIALITY

If the applicant deems any materials submitted to be proprietary or confidential, the applicant must indicate as such in the relevant section(s) of the response.

XIII. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The applicant must disclose, in an attachment to the proposal, any possible conflicts of interest that may result from the award of the contract or the services provided under the contract. Except as otherwise disclosed in the proposal, the applicant affirms that to the best of its knowledge there exists no actual or potential conflict between the applicant, the applicant's employees or their families' business or financial interests ("interests") and the services provided under the contract. In the event of any change in either interests or the services provided under the contract, the applicant will inform Enterprise regarding possible conflicts of interest, which may arise as a result of such change and agrees that all conflicts shall be resolved to Enterprise's satisfaction or the applicant may be disqualified from consideration under this RFP. "Conflict of interest" shall include, but not be limited to the following:

1. Giving or offering a gratuity, kickback, money, gift, or anything of value to an Enterprise official, officer, or employee with the intent of receiving a contract from Enterprise or favorable treatment under a contract;
2. Having or acquiring at any point during the RFP process or during the term of the contract,

any contractual, financial, business, or other interest, direct or indirect, that would conflict in any manner or degree with applicant's performance of its duties and responsibilities to Enterprise under the contract or otherwise create the appearance of impropriety with respect to the award or performance of the contract; or

3. Currently possessing or accepting during the RFP process or the term of the contract anything of value based on an understanding that the actions of the applicant or its affiliates or interests on behalf of Enterprise will be influenced.

XIV. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Enterprise Standard Terms & Conditions

Attachment 2: Contractor Insurance Requirements

ATTACHMENT 1

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All capitalized terms used herein, unless otherwise specifically defined in these Standard Terms and Conditions, shall have the meanings ascribed to them elsewhere in the Contract (e.g., on the face sheet).

Conditions to Contracting. As a condition to this Contract being effective, Enterprise must have received (a) a completed and signed W-9 form with a Contractor name that matches the Contractor name on this Contract, (b) ACH or other payment information with an account or payee name that matches the Contractor name on this Contract, (c) a certificate of insurance (ACORD 25) evidencing that Contractor has the insurance coverage required in Attachment 2 (unless otherwise approved in writing by Enterprise), and (d) this Contract signed by all parties.

1. **W-9 Form / Federal Tax Identification Number / Name Change.**
 - a. Contractor certifies that the W-9 form submitted to Enterprise for this Contract is the current W-9 form for Contractor. Payment will be made payable to the Contractor

name and Federal Tax Identification number on the W-9 form. Contractor hereby agrees to notify Enterprise immediately upon any change of information on Contractor's W-9 form.

- b. In the event Contractor desires a name change for this Contract or for any payment method because of Contractor's name change, merger, or other circumstance, Contractor must promptly notify Enterprise in writing of the name change. Enterprise will then work with Contractor to obtain the applicable documentation needed by Enterprise to make the change for this Contract. Any name change will be implemented through a Contract amendment signed by Enterprise and Contractor. No payments will be made in a different name without the name change process being completed, including the Contract amendment. If Contractor desires to assign this Contract, see the Section on "Delegation; Assignment" in these Standard Terms and Conditions.

2. Scope of Work and Contractor's Performance.

- a. Contractor's performance must be in accordance with the Scope of Work. Contractor shall render its services in accordance with generally accepted professional standards and practices utilized by persons engaged in providing services of a like nature and complexity and as otherwise required by the deliverables set forth in the Scope of Work (the "Deliverables") and standards set by this Contract. If the performance of the Scope of Work or the quality of the Deliverables does not meet the obligations contained in this Contract, Enterprise reserves the right to avail itself of all administrative, contractual, legal and equitable remedies. In the instance of poor performance or lack of quality of Deliverable, Enterprise will make good faith efforts to resolve issues with the Contractor prior to proceeding with termination rights or exercising other remedies.
- b. Unless otherwise explicitly approved by Enterprise, Contractor may not engage in lobbying or political activities under this Contract. Generally, lobbying is defined as communications with a legislator or an employee of a legislative body for the purpose of influencing legislation, and the communication refers to a specific piece of legislation and expresses a view on that legislation. Lobbying is further defined as any attempt to influence specific legislation by encouraging the public to contact legislators about that legislation. See Treasury Regulations § 56.4911-2. Political activities are defined as participating or intervening in any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office. See Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

3. Benefits/Insurance. Enterprise is not responsible for any fringe benefits or insurance, including, but not limited to, social security, workers' compensation, state unemployment, federal and state income tax withholdings, retirement, leave benefits, commercial general liability and other insurance coverage, for Contractor or employees of Contractor. Contractor assumes full responsibility for the provision of all such insurances and fringe benefits for Contractor and all of Contractor's employees. Contractor maintains, and must maintain throughout the term of this Contract, the insurance coverages as set forth on Attachment 2 (unless otherwise approved in writing by Enterprise).

4. Ownership of Deliverables. Contractor hereby agrees and acknowledges that all Deliverables and other documents generated, developed or produced by Contractor under the Scope of Work of this Contract and the copyrights thereto, are the sole and exclusive property of Enterprise (collectively, the Deliverables and other documents, the "Work Products"). Contractor must not reproduce, publish or otherwise use the Work Products or any portion thereof, or allow others to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the Work Products or any portion thereof, without the prior written consent of Enterprise. Contractor retains all rights of ownership and use over any form documents, models or training materials that are developed independently by Contractor in the normal course of its business and are adapted by Contractor to create the Work Products.
5. Use of Enterprise's Intellectual Property. Contractor shall not use Enterprise's name, logo, trademarks, or any other Enterprise-owned intellectual property for any reason, without the prior written consent of Enterprise.
6. Confidential Information.
 - a. "Confidential Information" is information which a party (the "Disclosing Party"), has identified as confidential or that reasonably should be understood to be confidential given the name of the information and circumstances of disclosure, including, but not limited to: borrower, grantee, subcontractor/contractor or client/customer information; information regarding the Disclosing Party's financial and strategic planning; Personally Identifiable Information (as defined herein); information regarding the Disclosing Party's staffing; and other data, files, and/or other material, whether such information is both tangible and intangible, in writing or orally imparted. The other party (the "Receiving Party") hereby agrees that it will not disclose or divulge the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information or any part thereof to any other person or entity (except to its employees, officers, directors or others who need to have access to the Confidential Information to complete the Scope of Work (each, a "Receiving Party's Representative") or use any Confidential Information for its pecuniary benefit or for any other purpose without the prior written consent of the Disclosing Party. In the event of disclosure to the Receiving Party's Representative, the Receiving Party is responsible for any breach of confidentiality by the Receiving Party's Representative.
 - b. Upon the request of the Disclosing Party or upon the expiration, cancellation or termination of this Contract, the Receiving Party shall promptly deliver to the Disclosing Party all documents or other materials in the Receiving Party's possession, and all copies thereof, constituting or containing Confidential Information.
 - c. For purposes of this Contract, "Confidential Information" shall not include the following: (1) information which is or becomes publicly available without fault on the part of the Receiving Party disclosing such information; (2) information which is already in the Receiving Party's possession prior to the effective date of this Contract and is not otherwise Confidential Information; (3) is independently developed by the Receiving Party outside the scope of this Contract and without references to Confidential Information; (4) is rightfully obtained by the Receiving Party (and not

through the Disclosing Party) from third parties who are not known to the Receiving Party to be subject to a confidentiality obligation and does not otherwise constitute Personally Identifiable Information; or (5) is demanded by a valid court order or subpoena or disclosure of which is required under applicable law or regulation, provided, however, that the party served ("Party Served") with any interrogatory, request for information or documents, subpoena, deposition, civil investigative demand or other process will provide the other party with prompt notice of the requested disclosure, if counsel for the Party Served determines that such notice is permitted by law, so that the other party may seek an appropriate protective order or waive compliance with the provisions of this Contract.

d. This Section will survive completion, expiration, cancellation or termination of this Contract.

7. Personally Identifiable Information. Contractor represents, warrants and covenants that, as of the date of this Contract and for the duration of the Period of Performance, Contractor has implemented and maintains reasonable security procedures and practices that are: (i) appropriate to the nature of the Personally Identifiable Information (as defined herein), if any, disclosed under this Contract; and (ii) reasonably designed to help protect the Personally Identifiable Information from unauthorized access, use, modification, disclosure, or destruction; and (iii) compliant with any applicable state and territory regulations.

Personally Identifiable Information shall be defined as any information pertaining to an individual that can be used to distinguish or trace a person's identity such as name, email address, home address and phone number. Personally Identifiable Information includes the following, it being understood that this list is not exhaustive and may be defined otherwise under the laws of the applicable jurisdiction:

- Social Security Number—inclusive of the entire number of the last 4 digits;
- Driver's License Number or State ID Number;
- Passport Number;
- Alien Registration Number;
- Financial account numbers;
- Email addresses;
- Phone numbers;
- Image;
- IP address;
- Mother's maiden name; and/or
- Any such information as would reasonably be expected to have the same protection as the foregoing examples in Contractor's industry.

Contractor agrees to keep all Personally Identifiable Information physically within the borders of the United States and the United States Territories. In the event Contractor stores its data outside of the United States and the United State Territories, Contractor (1) must notify Enterprise in writing of such data storage arrangement, including the country, territory or jurisdiction where stored; and (2) represents, warrants and covenants that Contractor (and its data storage contractor(s), if any) is compliant, and shall remain compliant during the Period

of Performance, with the Global Data Protection Regulation or any other international privacy laws for data protection that are in force in the country, territory or jurisdiction in which the data is stored. Contractor shall remain liable to Enterprise for the full performance of all obligations under this Section, notwithstanding any arrangement with a data storage contractor.

Contractor shall notify Enterprise of any discovery of a breach of any Personally Identifiable Information security procedures as quickly as possible without unreasonable delay and in no event later than thirty (30) days from the discovery of the breach.

This Section will survive completion, expiration, cancellation or termination of the Contract.

8. Information Security and Audits. Contractor certifies that it is in compliance with industry-recognized standards for information security that are applicable for Contractor's line of business and the tasks associated with the Scope of Work. Contractor shall conduct, at its own expense, regular audits of its information security program in accordance with such standards. In addition, upon request of Enterprise, and no more than once per calendar year unless a security incident has occurred, Contractor shall provide Enterprise with a copy of its most recent independent information security audit report, including, if Enterprise requests, a SOC2 (Service Organization Control Type 2) or equivalent report. If Contractor is not required by law or industry regulations to obtain and maintain an independent information security audit report, Enterprise in its sole discretion can request either: (i) an internal self-assessment audit report based on recognized industry standards; or (ii) a completed Enterprise Third-Party Vendor Management Questionnaire. Enterprise will treat the copy of any such audit as Contractor's "Confidential Information" as defined by the Standard Terms and Conditions and will hold it in accordance with the confidentiality provisions of the Standard Terms and Conditions.
9. Return of Documents. Upon Enterprise's request upon the completion, expiration, cancellation, or termination of this Contract, subject to payment of all rightfully due compensation, Contractor must deliver or, with Enterprise's consent, destroy all records, notes, data, memoranda, models and equipment, of any nature, that are in Contractor's possession or under Contractor's control and that are Enterprise's property or relate to Enterprise's business (the "Enterprise Materials") and destroy any Enterprise Materials that cannot be delivered back to Enterprise, including, without limitation, Personally Identifiable Information. Contractor may retain Enterprise Materials if required by applicable law, regulation or documented Contractor archival policy or as otherwise authorized or instructed by Enterprise. Upon request of Enterprise, Contractor shall deliver to Enterprise a certificate executed by an officer of Contractor certifying that all Enterprise Materials have been delivered to Enterprise, destroyed or otherwise managed in accordance with this Contract.
10. Right to Audit/Record Retention. Contractor must keep for a minimum of three (3) years from the end date of the Period of Performance (a) accurate documentation in connection with the Scope of Work to be performed herein, and (b) a legible set of books of account in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. To the extent allowed by law, Contractor's documentation and books of account shall be open for inspection by Enterprise or its auditors with reasonable prior notice to Contractor to assure that the work has been properly performed and that funds are being paid in the proper manner for the work performed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the instance of a fixed price contract, books of account will

not be audited.

11. Compliance with Laws. Contractor shall comply with the requirements of all laws, rules, regulations and orders of any governmental authority applicable to it or the services being provided under this Contract, including without limitation, the data privacy laws of any state in which Contractor shall be providing such services. Contractor shall not take any action in violation of any applicable legal requirement that could result in liability being imposed on Enterprise.
12. Non-Discrimination. Enterprise and Contractor and all Contractor's subcontractors shall abide by regulations that prohibit discrimination against qualified individuals based on their status as protected veterans or individuals with disabilities, and, prohibit discrimination against all individuals based on their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin.
13. Compliance with Premises Rules, Practices and Policies. When Contractor or its subcontractor or other agent or representative is physically present on any property of Enterprise in the performance of the Scope of Work, Contractor shall make reasonable efforts to cause its employees, subcontractors or other agents or representatives to become aware of, and be in full compliance with, the property owner's rules, practices, and policies. For example, each person must comply with all applicable rules regarding Covid-19 or other health-related protocols, safety, smoking, noise, access restrictions, parking, security, and consideration for minors (persons under age 18). Contractor is responsible for any breach of this Section by its employees, subcontractors or other agents or representatives.
14. Representations; Warranties; Covenants. Contractor represents, warrants and covenants that:
 - a. Contractor, if it is an entity, is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization or incorporation; if Contractor is an entity and is performing work in a state that is different than the state in which Contractor was organized (the "Foreign State"), Contractor is qualified as a foreign entity to perform work in the Foreign State;
 - b. Contractor has full power, authority and legal right to execute, deliver and perform the obligations of this Contract;
 - c. All authorizations, consents, approvals and licenses of, and filings and registrations with, any governmental authority required under applicable law or regulations for Contractor to perform this Contract have been obtained and are, and will remain during the Period of Performance, in full force and effect and are available to Enterprise upon request;
 - d. This Contract constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable against Contractor in accordance with its terms;
 - e. Contractor has no direct or indirect interest, whether said interest be personal or financial, that would conflict in any manner or degree with the awarding of or performance of this Contract; that no trustee, director, officer or staff member of

Enterprise has any actual or potential involvement, interest or relationship in Contractor, either directly or indirectly, , whether said interest be personal or financial, and whether such interest arises by way of a corporate entity, partnership, or otherwise; and Contractor shall immediately notify Enterprise in writing of any potential conflict of interest or any relationship or actions that might give the appearance that a conflict of interest exists.

- f. Contractor represents that it has not knowingly employed individuals or contributed funds to organizations that support terrorism or that are found on any terrorist-related list promulgated by the U.S. Government, the United Nations, or the European Union, including the U.S. Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control Specially Designated Nationals List. Contractor will not use funds provided under this Contract, directly or indirectly, in support of activities (i) prohibited by U.S. laws related to combatting terrorism; (ii) with or related to parties on the List of Specially Designated Nationals or (iii) with or related to countries against which the U.S. maintains a comprehensive embargo, unless such activities are fully authorized by the U.S. government under applicable law and specifically approved by Enterprise in its sole and absolute discretion. Further, Contractor represents that it is not the target of economic or trade sanctions, and Contractor will immediately inform Enterprise if Contractor becomes the target of economic or trade sanctions, including any ownership or control of Contractor by one or more persons on the List of Specially Designated Nationals.

15. Termination.

- a. Termination by Mutual Agreement. This Contract may be terminated at any time by mutual written agreement of Enterprise and Contractor. Such agreement shall specify the termination details including, but not limited to, the termination date, process for submission of completed or unfinished Deliverables, process for return or other disposition of Enterprise Materials, the amount of any mutually-negotiated payment, and, if applicable, the return of amounts advanced to Contractor prior to the termination date for future performance rendered impracticable by termination of this Contract. All obligations which were to be performed as of the termination date are discharged but any right based on prior breach of performance survives.
- b. Termination for Cause. If one or more of the events set forth in this subsection occurs, Enterprise may suspend or withhold payment to Contractor or terminate this Contract and Enterprise may proceed to protect its rights hereunder and seek to compel compliance by Contractor with the terms herein by suit at law or in equity for specific performance of any covenant, term or condition hereof:
 - i. Contractor fails to complete the Scope of Work by the end of the Period of Performance;
 - ii. Contractor fails to deliver any Deliverable or other report required under this Contract when such Deliverable or report is due and such failure continues unremedied for a period of thirty (30) days after Contractor has received written notice from Enterprise specifying such failure; and/or
 - iii. Contractor fails to observe or perform any other material term, covenant or condition contained in this Contract and such failure continues unremedied

for a period of thirty (30) days after Contractor has received written notice from Enterprise specifying such default and requiring it to be remedied or, if such failure is not reasonably capable of being remedied within such 30-day period, Contractor has not commenced remedial action and is not proceeding with diligent efforts to remedy such failure.

16. Force Majeure.

- a. No party shall be liable hereunder for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations under this Contract if such failure or delay is on account of a Force Majeure Event. A Force Majeure Event shall mean any causes beyond a party's reasonable control, including labor disputes, civil commotion, war, riots, fires, floods, earthquakes, inclement weather, governmental regulations or controls, pandemics, epidemics, local disease outbreaks, public health emergencies, quarantines, casualty, strikes, the unavailability of labor or materials to the extent beyond the control of the party affected, embargoes, civil strife, acts of terrorism, or acts of God, in addition to any and all other events, regardless of their dissimilarity to the foregoing, deemed to render performance of this Contract impracticable or impossible under the law, in which event the nonperforming party shall be excused from its obligations for the period of the delay.
- b. Each party maintains an express duty to minimize the disruption caused by Force Majeure, and shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, give notice to the other party of the nature and impact of the Force Majeure. Should Force Majeure events delay Contractor's completion of the Deliverables and performance commitments, Contractor may be entitled to an extension for the time for completion subject to any supporting funding requirements. Any extension must be approved in writing by Enterprise. Should a Force Majeure event prevent Contractor from completing Deliverables or performing commitments under this Contract, the completion or performance shall be suspended only for the time and to the extent commercially practicable to restore normal operations. Further, Contractor and Enterprise shall endeavor to continue to perform their contractual obligations to the extent reasonably practicable and will work to adjust Deliverables or performance commitments as needed to continue the provision of services during the Force Majeure event.

17. Use of Subcontractors. If Contractor retains a subcontractor to perform any portion of the Scope of Work, Contractor must first request written approval from Enterprise, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Any such subcontractors must agree in writing to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Contract that apply to the subcontractor's scope of work and deliverables, including but not limited to, Confidentiality, Personally Identifiable Information, Return of Documents, Right to Audit/Record Retention, Non-Discrimination, Compliance with All Laws, and Compliance with Premises Rules, Practices and Policies.

18. Indemnification.

- a. Each party (the "Indemnifying Party") will indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other party and its affiliates, officers, directors, employees and agents (the

“Indemnified Parties”) from and against any and all liability to third parties (including, without limit, all related damage, third party claims, demands, costs, judgments, fees, reasonable attorney’s fees or loss), relating to or arising out of any third party claims resulting from (a) any breach or alleged breach of any representation or warranty contained in this Contract, (b) any breach or alleged breach of any covenant or other obligation or duty of the Indemnifying Party under this Contract or under applicable law, (c) any infringement of intellectual property, or (d) the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Indemnifying Party, its affiliates, officers, directors, employees, and agents.

- b. The Indemnified Party (i) must make good faith efforts to provide timely written notice to the Indemnifying Party of any claim for which indemnification is sought, (ii) permits the Indemnifying Party to fully control the defense of any such claim, provided, however, the selection of counsel requires the Indemnified Party’s written consent, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld; (iii) permits the Indemnifying Party to negotiate a settlement, provided, however, to the extent any settlement does not release the Indemnified Party from any and all liability, or admits liability, guilt or fault on the part of the Indemnified Party requires the Indemnified Party’s written consent, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, and (iv) provide reasonable assistance, at the Indemnifying Party’s expense, in the defense of such claim as requested.
- c. The obligations of this Section shall survive the completion, expiration, cancellation or termination of this Contract.

19. Limitation of Liability.

- a. Limitation on Liability by Type. Neither party will be liable to the other party for any indirect damages (including incidental, special or consequential) or punitive damages unless said liability arises from (i) the Confidentiality provisions set forth in this Contract; (ii) the Personally Identifiable Information provisions set forth in this Contract; (c) the Indemnification provisions set forth in this Contract; or (d) a party’s gross negligence or willful misconduct.
- b. Limitation on Liability Amount. Except for liability arising from (i) the Confidentiality provisions set forth in this Contract; (ii) the Personally Identifiable Information provisions set forth in this Contract; (iii) the Indemnification provisions set forth in this Contract or (iv) a party’s gross negligence or willful misconduct, the aggregate liability of any Party arising in connection with this Contract, however caused, and on any theory of liability, including without limitation contract, strict liability, negligence and/or other tort, shall in no event exceed the Contract Amount.

20. Nonwaiver. The failure of either party in any instance to insist upon a strict performance of the terms of this Contract or to exercise any option hereunder must not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment for the future performance of such term or option.

21. Relationship of the Parties. Contractor is not an employee, partner, agent of or joint venturer with Enterprise for any purpose. Contractor is and will remain an independent contractor in its relationship to Enterprise pursuant to this Contract.

22. No Third-Party Beneficiaries. Nothing in this Contract, expressed or implied, is intended to confer upon any person other than the parties hereto or their respective successors, any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities under or by reason of this Contract.
23. Amendment. Any Amendment to the provisions of this Contract must be in writing and executed by both parties. In the event an administrative change or correction that does not affect the rights and obligations of Contractor is needed by Enterprise or Contractor (e.g., change in contact information, address or other corrections) (an "Administrative Change"), Enterprise or Contractor, as applicable, will provide notice in writing (email sufficient) to the other party of such Administrative Change.
24. Delegation; Assignment. Contractor shall not delegate any duties or assign any rights under this Contract without the prior written approval of Enterprise, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed. In the event Contractor desires an assignment of this Contract, Contractor must send a written request to Enterprise and provide background information to support the request. If the assignment is approved, Contractor shall submit to Enterprise all information and documents required by Enterprise, including full legal name of assignee, updated W-9 and ACH/payment information for assignee, any internal assignment documents, or other applicable items. Upon assignment approval and receipt of all required documentation, this Contract will be deemed assigned. No payments will be made to an assignee without the approval and documentation process being completed.
25. Severability. If any provision of this Contract or application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity will not affect other provisions of this Contract that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the other provisions are deemed to be severable.
26. Parties Bound. The terms and provisions of this Contract are binding upon the parties hereto, their legal representatives, successors and assigns.
27. Notice. Any notice which either party desires to provide the other party under this Contract must be sufficiently given, in writing and delivered to the party's address in this Contract or such other address as a party may specify in writing by (a) hand-delivery, (b) electronic mail, return receipt requested, (c) overnight courier, or (d) certified or registered first class mail, return receipt requested and postage prepaid. The notice shall be deemed to have been received: (a) if hand delivery, on the date of delivery if delivered during business hours on a business day (otherwise on the next business day), (b) if by electronic mail, on the date of delivery as stated on the return receipt; (c) if by overnight courier, the next business day; (d) if by mail, three (3) business days after mailing.
28. Entire Contract. No statement, promises or inducements made by any party hereto, or agent of either party hereto, which is not contained in this Contract, will be valid or binding; and this Contract may not be enlarged, modified or altered except in writing and signed by the parties, except for Administrative Changes.
29. Governing Law; Venue. This Contract must be construed and enforced in accordance with, and the rights of the parties shall be governed by, the laws of the State of Maryland exclusive of its conflicts of law rules. Contractor agrees that any litigation must be brought and prosecuted

in any District or Circuit Court of Maryland, as appropriate, or Federal District Court, with venue in the United States Court for the District of Maryland, Baltimore Division and Contractor consents to the *in personam* jurisdiction of such courts. Contractor irrevocably waives any objection to, and any right of immunity from, the jurisdiction of such courts or the execution of judgments resulting therefrom, on the grounds of venue or the convenience of the forum.

30. Waiver of Jury Trial. CONTRACTOR HEREBY EXPRESSLY WAIVES ANY RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY OF ANY CLAIM, DEMAND, ACTION OR CAUSE OF ACTION AS MAY BE SET FORTH IN THIS CONTRACT.
31. Counterparts. This Contract may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
32. Electronic Signature. The use of an electronic signature (“E-Signature”) by any party in executing this Contract shall constitute the legal equivalent of a manual or handwritten signature as if the party signed this Contract in writing. No certification authority or other third-party verification shall be required to validate the party’s E-Signature, and the lack of such certification or third-party verification will not in any way affect the enforceability of the E-Signature/s or this Contract.

ATTACHMENT 2 - STANDARD INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

If Contractor is not certain about the insurance requirements, Enterprise suggests that Contractor provide this information directly to Contractor’s insurance provider to ensure exact coverage.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL INSURANCE:

- Carrier must be rated “A-” or higher in the AM Best Guide with a Financial Size Category of at least VI
- Named Insured must be Contractor’s full legal name
- Policy must be current, not expired, and include all endorsements
- ACORD 25 or other similar certificate must be signed by an authorized representative of the insurance carrier
- **Certificate Holder and Additional Insured (as required below) must appear as:**

**ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY PARTNERS, INC. (“Enterprise”)
11000 Broken Land Parkway, Suite 700**

Columbia, MD 21044
Ref: [use contract number]

REQUIRED FOR ALL CONTRACTS

Certificate of Insurance (ACORD 25) evidencing Contractor's **Commercial General Liability Insurance**

- in amounts not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the annual aggregate
- naming Enterprise as an Additional Insured as listed above

Certificate of Insurance (ACORD 25 or other state issued certificate) evidencing Contractor's **Worker's Compensation Insurance**

- a minimum of \$500,000 Employers' Liability Limit or consistent with state statute
- OR
- Sole Proprietors may provide their state authorized exemption form

Certificates evidencing such insurance must also be submitted to Enterprise as policies renew during the term of this Contract. Upon completion or termination of the Contract, Contractor should notify its insurance provider that it may cease sending evidence of such insurance to Enterprise.

**SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE(S) TO ADD
BASED ON CONTRACTOR'S SCOPE OF WORK / SERVICES /ACCESS TO FACILITIES, STAFF, OR
SYSTEMS**

Professional Liability

WHEN REQUIRED: Required for all contractors operating under a professional license (Examples may include attorneys, engineers, architects, environmental consultants, insurance or other counselors and consultants, accountants, real estate agents, health/medical advisors) and all contractors engaged in public or private presentations, workshops, or trainings or provide technical assistance or produce content that Enterprise publishes to the public.

Certificate of Insurance (ACORD 25) evidencing Contractor's **Professional Liability** (also known as Errors and Omissions coverage)

- in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per claim and \$1,000,000 in annual aggregate

Auto Insurance

WHEN REQUIRED: If auto is used in performance of services, one or more of the following policies will be applicable

Certificate of Insurance (ACORD 25) evidencing Contractor's **Auto Insurance**

- Commercial Auto Insurance in amounts not less than \$1,000,000 for combined liability/physical damage for all owned, non-owned and hired automobiles;
OR
- If no owned autos, Commercial General Liability may be substituted by coverage extended from the Commercial General Liability Hired/Non-Owned Auto in amounts not less than \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit
OR
- SOLE PROPRIETORS ONLY: Personal Auto Insurance in amounts of not less than \$100,000 per person and \$300,000 per accident Bodily Injury Liability and \$100,000 per accident in Property Damage Liability
- naming Enterprise as an Additional Insured as listed above

Cyber Insurance

WHEN REQUIRED: Required for contractors who have access to Enterprise's Information Technology systems or hardware, where they have access to Confidential or Restricted data defined by the Data Classification Policy or they have access to or collect Personally Identifiable Information (PII) as defined by the PII Policy.

Certificate of Insurance (ACORD 25) evidencing Contractor's **Cyber Insurance**

- in amounts not less than \$1,000,000 per claim with third party coverage
- naming Enterprise as an Additional Insured as listed above

Sexual Abuse and Molestation

WHEN REQUIRED: Required when contractors (or their employees) will come into contact with vulnerable individuals or minor children as part of the services provided under the contract.

Certificate of Insurance (ACORD 25) evidencing Contractor's **Sexual Abuse and Molestation**

- in amounts not less than \$1,000,000 per claim
- naming Enterprise as an Additional Insured as listed above

Crime

WHEN REQUIRED: Required where a contractor (or their employees) have access to Enterprise facilities that contain property that could be stolen.

Certificate of Insurance (ACORD 25) evidencing Contractor's Crime

- in amounts not less than \$500,000 per claim with third party coverage
- naming Enterprise as an Additional Insured as listed above