

Exhibit A – Certifications and Assurances

I/we make the following certifications and assurances as a required element of the Proposal to which it is attached, understanding that the truthfulness of the facts affirmed here and the continuing compliance with these requirements are conditions precedent to the award or continuation of the related Contract:

1. I/we declare that all answers and statements made in the Proposal are true and correct.
2. The attached Proposal is a firm offer for a period of 180 Days following receipt, and it may be accepted by HCA without further negotiation (except where obviously required by lack of certainty in key terms) at any time within the 180-Day period.
3. In preparing this Proposal, I/we have not been assisted by any current or former employee of the state of Washington whose duties relate (or did relate) to this Proposal or prospective contract, and who was assisting in other than his or her official, public capacity. If there are exceptions to these assurances, I/we have described them in full detail on a separate page attached to this document.
4. I/we understand that HCA will not reimburse me/us for any costs incurred in the preparation of this Proposal. All proposals become the property of HCA, and I/we claim no proprietary right to the ideas, writings, items, or samples, unless so stated in this Proposal.
5. I/we agree that submission of the attached Proposal constitutes acceptance of the solicitation contents and the attached Draft Contract (Exhibit L). If there are any exceptions to these terms, I/we have described those exceptions in detail as required by the RFP.
6. No attempt has been made or will be made by the Bidder to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit a proposal for the purpose of restricting competition.
7. I/we grant HCA the right to contact references and other, who may have pertinent information regarding the ability of the Bidder and the lead staff person to perform the services contemplated by this RFP.
8. If any staff member(s) who will perform work on this Contract has retired from the State of Washington under the provisions of the 2008 Early Retirement Factors legislation, his/her name(s) is noted on a separately attached page.

On behalf of the Bidder submitting this Proposal, my name below attests to the accuracy of the above statement. *If electronic, also include: We are submitting a scanned signature of this form with our Proposal.*

Signature of Bidder

Title

Date