

Exhibit M 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 Commissioner of Administration will award a 12% 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 (OEP) as being a veteran-owned or service-disabled veteran-owned small business.

or

2. The principal place of business is in Minnesota **and** the US Small Business Administration 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 13, part 128.

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 (OEP) 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 US Small Business Administration verifies my company as being a veteran-owned or service-disabled veteran-owned small business.

Name of company _____

Date: _____

Authorized signature _____

Telephone: _____

Printed name: _____

Title: _____

Sign and return this form with your solicitation response to claim the veteran-owned preference.