

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Call for Weatherization Contractors

Ongoing solicitation for Contractor participation; requests being accepted

FOR QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL INSULATION AND AIR SEALING CONTRACTORS, ELECTRICIANS, PLUMBERS AND HVAC (HEATING SERVICE/REPAIR)

CONTRACTORS - INCLUDING WOMEN, MINORITY, AND VETERAN OWNED BUSINESSES

Project: LOW-INCOME WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM

For ongoing services in Douglas County

This project is supported by Federal grant funds that are administered by the Nebraska State Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program, Nebraska Department of Environment & Energy (NDEE). Points of view in this document are those of United Way of the Midlands (UWM) and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the State of Nebraska, NDEE or other funding sources. The anticipated funding for the 2024-2025 Weatherization Program for the tenure of this proposed contract is projected to be [enter total grant amounts]. The amount illustrated is an estimate, subject to change and fluctuate throughout the contract year. It is expressly understood that the amount of funding herein stated is for the aspects of the Weatherization Assistance Program. UWM will accept proposals from general contractors, independent contractors, and construction management organizations.

### Scope of Project

- To reduce structural heat loss and energy consumption by installing weatherization measures and related repairs which improve the thermal efficiency of the dwelling unit.
- To provide for the health and safety of the customer by utilizing the available advanced diagnostic testing equipment to test every unit
- To provide incidental plumbing, electrical and/or heating equipment service/repair within the scope of the project.

United Way of the Midlands (UWM) is a private, non-profit 501(C)3 agency that provides a variety of services to eligible households. UWM is seeking to establish and maintain a list of qualified contractors who can perform structural repairs and install weatherization measures in program eligible homes located in Douglas County. **While the primary submission deadline is prior to the start of each contract, UWM can accept eligible contractor applicants that meet the qualifications throughout the year. The Agency reserves the right to accept or reject additional contractors for the current contract year based on the number of active contractors already in its contractor pool.**

Participating insulation/air sealing contractors will be asked to submit a yearly price agreement per measure for the duration of the Weatherization Program Year. Professional Service contractors (electricians, plumbers, HVAC) will submit ANNUAL hourly billing rate in formation as part of the RFP. Evaluation and selection for work will be determined in a job-by-job cost estimate comparison as well as other criteria.

The duration of a contract awarded as a result of this Proposal will be for one (1) year. UWM reserves the right to extend the contract resulting from this RFP for a period of an additional year (with annual contractor information renewals required), with the same terms and conditions, or as emergent requirements dictate periodic amendments. Contractors that demonstrate qualifications and meet **all** the requirements as specified in the RFP will be considered a qualified contractor and may be eligible for a contract to provide weatherization services as required by United Way of the Midlands. Being on the contractor list and having an active contract **DOES NOT** guarantee any work.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CONSIDERATION:**

- It is strongly recommended that all perspective insulation and/or air seal contractors visit the following websites which provides guidance for the contractor of the required expectations and standards for participation in the weatherization assistance program. The website for certifications, please visit: <https://www.bpi.org> Also, the Standard Work Specifications may be found at: <https://sws.nrel.gov/> Contractors working this program will be held to the new standard requirements.
- All work performed under this contract will be subject to a stringent **Quality Control Inspection** by an independent BPI certified inspector and held to the standards set forth by the Nebraska Department of Environment & Energy and Standard Work Specifications as stated above. Each measure must pass the quality inspection prior to release of any payment for services rendered by the contractor.
- Any contractor who is found listed on the Federal Debarment List will not be allowed to participate.
- Once a contractor is accepted, they are subject to all the terms and conditions of the Federal and State grants of the Agency. Those terms and conditions become an addendum to the agency contract with the contractor and/or its subcontractor(s).

**Inquiries may be directed to the Director of Weatherization Program at the number below (phone only; electronic requests will not receive a response)**

Request for Proposal packets may be picked up **only** at our Weatherization office **by appointment**. We are located at **1229 Millwork Ave., Ste.402 Omaha, NE 68102 (no mail-out packets are allowed)**

Faxed or emailed proposals will not be accepted. All submitted Request for Proposals will become the exclusive property of United Way of the Midlands. **Questions regarding this notice, please call (531) 777-7965**