



EightCAP, Inc.

Weatherization Assistance Program

**Request for Proposals: Mechanical Contractor Services
for Gratiot, Ionia, Isabella, Montcalm, and Kent Counties**

PROPOSALS AND INQUIRIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO:

**EightCAP, Inc.
Energy Programs Manager
3251 S. Derby Rd
Sidney, MI 48885**

**Proposal Acceptance Period: Proposals accepted on a
rolling basis until roster is full.**

1. INTRODUCTION

Purpose of this Request for Proposal

EightCAP, Inc. is soliciting proposals for Mechanical Contractors to perform work for the EightCAP, Inc. Weatherization Assistance Program.

Major Objectives of Request for Proposal

- Identify contractors that will provide inspections on residential heating units and water heaters whose occupants qualify for the Weatherization Assistance Program, as determined by EightCAP.
- To ensure that all contractors understand the inspection and reporting processes, as mandated by EightCAP Inc, the United States Department of Energy, and the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services.
- To ensure that all services are provided within the timeframe established by EightCAP Inc.

Overview of EightCAP, Inc. Weatherization Assistance Program

EightCAP, Inc. (“Agency”), is a non-profit organization that operates/administers the United States Department of Energy’s (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (“Weatherization”) in Gratiot, Ionia, Isabella, Montcalm, and Kent counties. EightCAP, Inc. is a private, nonprofit corporation and is exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Administrative Offices are located at 5827 Orleans Rd, Orleans, MI 48865.

The DOE Weatherization reduces energy costs for low-income households by increasing the energy efficiency of their single-family homes, multi-unit homes and/or mobile homes, and educating clients on energy-saving behaviors while ensuring their health and safety. The Agency’s program primarily focuses on providing services for single-family homes, mobile homes, and multi-family dwellings. Weatherization prioritizes services to the elderly, people with disabilities, and families with children. The Agency’s professionally trained Weatherization inspection crews use computerized energy audits and advanced diagnostic equipment to determine the most cost-effective measures appropriate for each home. Typical measures may include installing insulation, sealing ducts, tuning and repairing heating and cooling systems, mitigating air infiltration, and reducing electric base load consumption.

All prices are for weatherization measures installed according to industry and program standards and include labor, travel, material, permits, job site cleanup, overhead, and all other costs. Prices should reflect all costs associated with the contractor’s delivery, installation, and administration of the weatherization program. All prices for cellulose insulation materials shall meet Federal recycled materials specifications. Contractors must indicate a price for each item on the list. If any required items are left blank, the proposal will be considered incomplete, and the proposal may be rejected.

The prices submitted should be set at a rate which allows the contractor to install all measures to meet federal, state, county and local standards and specifications regardless of the techniques or methods used. A warranty must be provided on materials and labor for a period of eighteen (18) months from the date of the agency's acceptance of the work (the work has passed inspection).

Other materials may be substituted on a case-by-case basis with the Agency's prior written approval.

All prices submitted by awardees of this RFP will be accepted as listed. Contractor's pricing will remain individual and independent. All weatherization measures not specified on the Material/Labor Unit Price Lists may be negotiated with the contractor on a job-by-job basis (e.g., time and materials), or prices may be requested through a supplemental bid solicited from several qualified firms. The Agency reserves the right to delete any such measure if the price is deemed to be inappropriate or unreasonable.

2. CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE

The Agency expects contractors to complete jobs in a timely, professional manner, including all necessary paperwork. Any contract that results from this RFP will include criteria by which contractors may be evaluated. The Agency may use this information to determine whether it issues further jobs under the contract, whether to extend the contract, to identify training/technical assistance needs, to terminate the contract, to seek liquidated damages, and for other program-related uses.

3. OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT

The Agency's Energy Programs Manager will exercise Oversight and Management of the Agreement.

4. SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee will be chaired by the Energy Programs Manager and include the following staff members of the Agency:

- Energy Programs Manager
- Compliance Coordinator
- President

5. CONTRACTOR PROCUREMENT PROCESS

Key Dates

• Formal Advertising Period	February 3 rd , 2026
• Request for Proposals Issued	
• Inquiries due to EightCAP for questions/clarifications	Accepted at any time while the solicitation remains open

- Modifications to Request for Proposals, if applicable Issued as needed; any addenda will be posted on www.8cap.org
- Proposals due and opened Accepted on a rolling basis until the Agency determines a sufficient roster has been established to meet production needs.
- Proposal Evaluation/Selection Evaluations will occur within approximately two (2) weeks of receipt of a complete proposal.
- Agreement(s) Signed Within 30 days of selection or as mutually agreed upon.
- Roster Review and Renewal Conducted annually or as production needs require.

EightCAP, Inc. will conduct a continuous open procurement process for qualified Mechanical Contractors until program needs are met. Proposals will be reviewed in the order received and evaluated using the criteria published in this RFP. Qualified contractors may be added to the approved roster and offered a contract following review and scoring by the Selection Committee. Once the Agency determines that a sufficient roster has been established, the solicitation may be closed without further notice.

The Agency reserves the right to proceed under a modified version of this schedule.

Availability of Contractor Application/Quotation Proposal Packet

Proposal packets shall be made available to any interested party at the EightCAP, Inc. Weatherization Assistance Program office, 3251 S. Derby Rd, Sidney, MI 48885, or online at www.8cap.org. A packet can also be obtained by calling EightCAP at (616) 236-1039.

Solicitation Notices, at a minimum, will be posted at the EightCAP, Inc. Weatherization Office and on the EightCAP, Inc. website (www.8cap.org).

Acceptable Methods of Proposal(s) Submission

One copy of the completed Application/Proposal shall be submitted to:

Devin Cavendish, Energy Programs Manager
 EightCAP, Inc.
 3251 S. Derby Rd
 Sidney, MI 48885

Proposals shall be accepted on a rolling basis until the roster is full. Proposals may be submitted in person, by courier service, US Mail, or email. Faxed proposals will not be considered.

For email submissions, proposals must be submitted as a single PDF attachment that includes all required forms, price sheets, and supporting documentation. The subject line should read: "Mechanical Contractor RFP Submission – [Company Name]".

A confirmation email acknowledging receipt will be provided within three (3) business days. It is the sole responsibility of the Offeror to ensure their proposal is received by EightCAP, Inc. before the solicitation is closed. Proposals that are incomplete or unreadable will not be considered.

Postmarks or email timestamps will not be accepted as proof of timely submission. It is the Offeror's responsibility to verify receipt.

Inquiries Regarding Procurement Process

All inquiries concerning this Request for Proposals must be submitted in writing to:

Energy Programs Manager
EightCAP, Inc.
3251 S. Derby Rd
Sidney, MI 48885
Devinc@8cap.org

Inquiries will be accepted at any time while the solicitation remains open. Responses to questions that may affect potential Offerors will be issued in writing and, if necessary, posted as an addendum on the EightCAP, Inc. website at www.8cap.org.

During the procurement process, all communication regarding this solicitation must be directed only to the individual named above. Verbal communication shall not be binding; only written correspondence or formal addenda issued by EightCAP, Inc. are considered official and binding for purposes of this solicitation.

Only written communications shall be binding on the RFP.

RFP Modifications

The Agency may issue written modification(s) or addenda to this RFP at any time while the solicitation remains open. All modifications will be prepared by the Agency and formally issued to all parties on record as having received the RFP documents, as well as posted on the EightCAP, Inc. website, www.8cap.org.

Each addendum shall serve to amend or clarify the RFP as specified and shall become part of the solicitation and any resulting contract. Offerors are responsible for reviewing all posted addenda prior to submitting a proposal to ensure that their responses are complete and current.

Because proposals are accepted on a rolling basis, the Agency will evaluate submissions based on the version of the RFP and addenda in effect at the time of receipt.

Proposals may be judged nonresponsive and removed from further consideration if they are incomplete, fail to comply with the current requirements of the RFP and any issued addenda, or are received after the Proposal Deadline as noted above.

6. NUMBER OF CONTRACTS TO BE AWARDED

Proposals received under this solicitation will be accepted and evaluated on a rolling basis until the Agency determines that a sufficient number of qualified contractors have been awarded to meet production needs. The Selection Committee will review each complete proposal within two (2) weeks of receipt and assign scores using the published evaluation criteria. Contractors meeting the minimum qualifications and scoring at or above the threshold established by the Selection Committee may be added to the approved roster and offered a contract. The Agency reserves the right to suspend or close the solicitation once the roster is determined to be sufficient to meet program capacity.

The Agency prefers to award contracts to two contractors for each county that will perform mechanical contractor work in each of the counties within the Agency's WAP service area. If different contractors are awarded contracts in each county, then a separate roster will be maintained for each county. Offerors only need to submit one proposal even if they are submitting a proposal to accept jobs in multiple counties (so long as the Offeror is proposing the same services and prices for each county). However, if the Offeror is proposing different prices or services for different counties, then it needs to submit multiple price sheets.

7. SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

The Bid and Selection Process shall be conducted in a manner to provide, to the maximum extent, practical, open and free competition. Solicitation notices will be posted on the EightCAP Inc. website. The Contractor Application/RFP packet shall be sent to all applicable contractors listed with Agency as having expressed interest.

Evaluations will be conducted consistently using the same scoring rubric for all proposals, regardless of submission date. All scoring sheets and supporting documentation will be retained to ensure transparency and compliance with applicable procurement requirements.

Contractors must comply and perform all work in accordance with the State of Michigan and DOE rules, regulations, and policies related to the WAP.

Failure to meet and/or provide the Agency with any one of the following will result in the contractor's proposal being disqualified. Failure to provide the Agency with proof of the respondent's qualifications will also be grounds for disqualification.

Any firm that is debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded or ineligible for participation in Federal Assistance Programs or activities is not eligible to participate in the WAP and will be disqualified.

Minimum Qualifications (mandatory)

- A. General liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$2,000,000. Contractors shall name EightCAP Inc., its directors, agents, employees, and volunteers as “additional insured” parties to address application and equipment damage that occurs during agreement or service operations.
- B. Worker’s compensation insurance.
- C. Proof of Michigan Mechanical Contractor’s license as issued by Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA)
- D. Signed “Acknowledgement of Dignity of Low-Income Clients and Non-Solicitation Agreement”
- E. Contractor must furnish all tools and equipment necessary to complete jobs under the WAP. Contractor must have vehicle(s) sufficient for the transport of tools, equipment, and personnel to job sites.

All applicants will be notified in writing of the Agency’s determination. Contractors selected for approval will receive written notice confirming their acceptance to the approved roster and outlining next steps for contract execution. Applicants who are not selected will receive written notice of non-selection; which will include general information regarding the basis for the decision and the opportunity to reapply under future or ongoing solicitations, if applicable. .

8. REQUIRED COMPONENTS OF OFFEROR APPLICATION PACKET

- A. The following documents must be submitted by each Offeror in response to the RFP. Failure to provide any of the following may result in their proposal being judged as nonresponsive.
 - 1) Completed EightCAP, Inc., Weatherization Mechanical Contractor Application Form including Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and other Responsibility Matters (Attachment A)
 - 2) EightCAP, Inc. Weatherization Mechanical Contractor Price Proposal Form (Attachment B) – All proposed prices must include installation of measures according to industry and program standards and include labor, delivery, material, permits, job site cleanup, overhead and all other costs Prices reflect all costs associated with the delivery and installation.
 - 3) EightCAP, Inc. Appeal Process (Offeror shall return a signed and dated copy to acknowledge receipt.) (Attachment D)
 - 4) Acknowledgement of Dignity of Low-Income Clients and Non-solicitation Agreement (Attachment E)

- 5) DHHS Background check form
- B. The following supporting documentation must also be submitted as part of each Offeror's submittal:
 - 1) Minimum of two letters of professional business references related to applicant's professionalism (i.e. materials supplier, mechanical contractor, etc.) **dated within the last 12 months**;
 - 2) Minimum of two letters of client references related to quality of work and reliability **dated within the last 12 months**;
 - 3) Description of applicant company policies regarding employee conduct on job sites;
 - 4) Information regarding capacity to perform work and meet reporting requirements under the WAP including:
 - size of business, number of employees;
 - legal ownership (i.e. sole proprietorship, LLC, corporation, etc.);
 - educational background of contractor-applicant (principle applicant, employees and other relevant persons); and
 - other information the offeror wishes to submit as evidence of its capacity.
 - 5) Small Businesses, Minority-Owned Firms, Women's Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area Firms:

Efforts will be made by the Agency to utilize small businesses, minority-owned firms, women's business enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area Firms.

- 6) An indication of number of Weatherization jobs, contractor-applicant is willing to accept and feels capable of completing per month.

9. SCOPE OF WORK

Contractor shall furnish all supervision, travel, technical personnel, labor, machinery, tools, equipment, material, and services; and perform all work required in accordance with the minimum standards of the Weatherization Assistance Program as set forth by U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") and the State of Michigan - Bureau of Community Action and Economic Opportunity ("BCAEO"); these standards may change from time to time, but contractors are required to comply with any changes as they become effective, even if during the term of the contract.

The property(ies) to be contracted for will be included in the Inspection Orders, issued by the Agency as the property(ies) is (are) determined eligible for service. No work shall begin until the Agency issues a written Work Order, to the Contractor. The Proceed Order will identify the property(ies) that was (were) inspected. All jobs must be completed and returned to Agency within 45 days of being issued. Time is

of the essence in this contract. Contractor agrees to install said items in a good and workmanlike manner at such times and such places as designated by the Agency.

10. TYPE OF AGREEMENT

All contracts awarded under this solicitation will be fixed-price agreements based on the established unit price approved through the solicitation. Prices shall remain firm for the duration of the agreement unless adjusted in writing by mutual consent of both parties due to material cost fluctuations or regulatory changes.

The initial term of each agreement will be two (2) years, with the option to extend for one (1) additional year at the discretion of EightCAP Inc., contingent upon continued program funding, satisfactory contractor performance, and ongoing production needs.

Because this is a continuous, open selection, multiple contractors may be awarded under this RFP, and contracts may be executed at different times during the solicitation period. Each contract executed will be considered a stand-alone agreement subject to the same general terms and conditions of this RFP.

The Agency reserves the right to modify, renew, or terminate any agreement in whole or in part if the program requirements, funding, or regulatory guidance change, or if contractor performance does not meet Agency standards.

11. INVOICE REQUIREMENTS FOR SELECTED CONTRACTORS

Contractors shall submit invoices to the Agency upon completion of each assigned job, or as otherwise specified in their executed agreement. All invoices must include:

- The Agency-assigned job number,
- The address of the serviced property,
- An itemized list of all weatherization measures completed with the corresponding fixed-price line items,
- Applicable permits or inspection documentation, and
- The signature of the subcontractor or authorized representative verifying completion of the work. .

Invoices will be reviewed against the approved Work Order and inspection reports prior to payment. Payment will be made only after the Agency has verified that all work has passed inspection and has been accepted as complete.

The Agency reserves the right to withhold payment for incomplete, unsatisfactory, or unauthorized work, or for invoices submitted without the required supporting documentation. All invoices must be submitted within 10 days of job completion unless authorized in writing.

12. ECONOMY OF PRESENTATION

Proposals must address the specific RFP requirements. All items requested by the RFP should be answered clearly and concisely. Additional promotional materials that are not responsive to a specific requirement shall not be considered as part of the proposal response package.

13. COSTS FOR PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS

No payments shall be made to cover costs incurred by any Offeror in the preparation or submission of the proposals, nor any other associated costs.

14. BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR CONTRACTORS AND THEIR PERSONNEL

Contractors and each of their employees or subcontractors intending to work on a WAP job or have access to the Agency's client data must submit to a criminal background check, in accordance with the *EightCAP, Inc. Criminal History Background Checks Policy for Contractors and Contractor Employees*. Such checks, including any components thereof, will be conducted by the Agency using truthful and complete information provided by the contractor and its employees. The contract will also require that any conviction of felony or serious misdemeanor subsequent to the criminal background check must be disclosed to the Agency; this disclosure is mandatory. The Agency will make a determination as to whether the contractor or any of its individual employees are, or are not, allowed to work on jobs that are awarded under the WAP contract; the Agency has final and complete authority to make this determination in order to ensure the integrity of the program. Failure to disclose or disallow an employee will result in disqualification of contractor and may be considered a material breach of the entire contract that results in damages (or other remedies to be determined at the sole discretion of the Agency).

Contractor agrees to submit all required information to the Agency for the purpose of conducting background checks on each of its employees prior to that individual being assigned to work on any aspect of any job that is awarded under the contract, including having access to or handling client information or entering the Agency's clients' homes to perform work related to the WAP.

15. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES FOR CERTAIN BREACHES OF CONTRACT

A contractor may be in breach of contract for many reasons including, but not limited to, (1) failure to install a measure identified by the Agency, (2) using inadequate, substandard, or used material or supplies to complete a measure identified by the Agency, or (3) installation quality of measures that fail inspection of the Agency ("Unacceptable Measures"). This is not an exhaustive list of what constitutes a breach of contract; any violation or infraction of the contract whether by neglect, intentional refusal, resistance, or inaction, in whole or in part, constitutes a breach. If any of these events occur, the remedy shall be liquidated damages, not as a penalty, but as a means of recouping a reasonable amount in relation to the injury suffered by the Agency. The Agency also reserves the right to withhold payment indefinitely to the contractor that performed the Unacceptable Measure.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE with any contract issued by Agency for the Weatherization Assistance Program. If a contractor does not complete a job within the specified time period the remedy shall be liquidated damages, not as a penalty, but as a means of recouping a reasonable amount in relation to the injury suffered by the Agency.

16. APPARENT OR ACTUAL CONFLICTS BETWEEN RFP AND CONTRACT

If there is any apparent or actual conflict between this RFP and any contract that is entered into, the language in the contract shall supersede and control. For a SAMPLE contract, contact the Energy Programs Manager (see page 3). The contract is subject to change prior to it being executed pending the results of negotiations between the Agency, preferred qualified firms, and input from the State of Michigan.

17. SELECTION PROCEDURE

- A. All proposals received by the Agency shall be date and time-stamped upon receipt and logged by the Energy Programs Manager or designee. Proposals remain confidential until the formal evaluation process begins.
- B. Because this solicitation is open and continuous, there will not be a public bid opening. Proposals will be reviewed in the order received by the Selection Committee. Proposal contents, including pricing, shall remain confidential and are not subject to public inspection except as required by law.
- C. Each proposal shall be reviewed for completeness and compliance with all requirements of this RFP. Proposals deemed completed will be referred to the Selection Committee for scoring and evaluation based on the published criteria. Incomplete proposals or those missing mandatory documentation may be deemed non-responsive and disqualified from further consideration.

18. SELECTION CRITERIA

The Selection Committee shall evaluate and select Mechanical contractors for hire on the following point system.

CRITERION	POINTS POSSIBLE
Pricing	40
Capacity for completion of accurate work within allotted time frames (i.e. number of employees, appropriate equipment/tools, vehicles for transport)	20
Experience relevant to HVAC repair/installation	20
Maintenance of required licenses, certifications, and insurances	5
Business references related to professionalism	5
Client references related to quality of work and reliability	5
Small Business, Minority-Owned Business, Women's Business Enterprise, or a Labor Surplus Area Firm	5
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS	100

The Agency may, at its discretion, request additional information from contractor-applicant(s) to clarify and/or modify application/proposal.

In-person interviews may be used to allocate 1-75 points to determine contractor-applicant's qualifications as best suited for addition to the approved sub-contractor list based on the following point system.

Applicant's relevant field experience	25
Applicant's understanding of Weatherization/Energy conservation-related repair practices	25
Ability to accurately collect information and identify health & safety related concerns, per Agency, DOE, and MDHHS regulations	25

19. PREFERENCES

Efforts will be made by the Agency to utilize small businesses, minority-owned business firms, women's business enterprises, or a Labor Surplus Area Firm.

An Offeror qualifies as a small business firm if it meets the definition of "small business" as established by the Small Business Administration (13 CFR 121.201).

20. FINAL ESTABLISHMENT OF PRICING AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

Agency will compare all submitted proposals from selected contractor/applicants for itemized measures and prepare a list of acceptable costs based on the overall average of proposals submitted.

The Agency may periodically re-evaluate average pricing to ensure cost reasonableness. Contractors added after initial awards will be required to accept the established average pricing or submit justification for review. Adjustments to average pricing may occur annually or upon significant market fluctuation, changes in program regulations and requirements, with notice to all approved contractors.

21. CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION

By submission of a response to this RFP, the Offeror certifies that in connection with this procurement:

- Prices in the proposals have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any competitor.

Any offer made in the submitted proposals and any clarifications to the proposals shall be signed by an officer of the offering firm or a designated agent empowered to bind the firm in an agreement.

22. PROPOSALS' EVALUATION AND AWARD(S) PROCESS

All proposals submitted shall be evaluated in accordance with EightCAP, Inc. criteria. The Agency will evaluate this RFP and determine the best offer(s). Proposals must meet all the mandatory criteria in order for the proposals to be evaluated. Proposals that are incomplete or contain significant inconsistencies or inaccuracies may be rejected by the Agency without further discussion.

At its option, the Agency may accept an RFP package as written by issuing an agreement that refers to this RFP document and the RFP response package as written. Because the Agency may use this option, the Offeror shall include in their written RFP response package all requirements, terms or conditions it may have, and shall not assume an opportunity will exist to add such matters after the RFP response package has been submitted.

The Agency anticipates awarding multiple contracts from this solicitation. Awards may occur in phases as proposals are reviewed. Contracts will be effective upon execution and remain in effect through the stated term unless terminated in accordance with Agency policies or program requirements. Contractors may be removed from the roster for failure to maintain required licenses, insurance, or performance standards.

23. MISCELLANEOUS

The Agency reserves the right to accept or reject any part of any proposals, and to accept or reject any or all proposals without penalty. The Agency reserves the right to waive minor deficiencies and informalities if, in the judgment of the Agency, the best interests of the Agency shall be served.

The Agency reserves the right to suspend acceptance of proposals temporarily or permanently at any time, based on program needs, available funding, or completion of a qualified roster.

Submission of a signed proposal(s) is acknowledgment and acceptance of all terms and conditions of the solicitation. The Agency reserves the right to reject all proposals. Offeror agrees to be bound by the contents of its proposal for 90 days or until a contract is entered into with the Agency, whichever is later.

ATTACHMENT A

EightCAP, Inc.
Weatherization Assistance Program

MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR APPLICATION

Including

**Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and
Other Responsibility Matters**

CONTRACTOR APPLICATION

Name of Contractor/Applicant: _____

Company/Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

State of MI License (LARA) #: _____ Expires: _____

Employer Tax ID#: _____

Are you registered with a Minority/Women's Business Enterprise Program or
Labor Surplus Area: Yes No

Company Legal Configuration (i.e. sole proprietorship, partnership, LLC, corporation,
etc.): _____

Company Principal Officer: _____

Number of Years in Business: _____

What is the smallest value job you have done? \$ _____

What is the largest value job you have done? \$ _____

Type of Residential work performed over the last two (2) years:

<input type="checkbox"/> New Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Home Remodeling
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Repair/Retrofit	<input type="checkbox"/> Weatherization

Counties contractor would be willing to accept jobs in (check all that apply):

Gratiot Ionia Isabella Montcalm Kent

Applicant's education: _____

List any relevant training or certifications (attach proof of same): _____

Describe Experience in weatherization or energy-related repairs: (attach extra sheets if needed): _____

List work for any rehab programs/municipalities/etc.: _____

Describe company/business management/office staff: (i.e. number of employees, office staff, data entry capabilities, etc.): _____

Describe company/business construction crews/staff: (i.e. number of employees, crew managers, subcontractors, etc.): _____

Describe company/business equipment/tools relevant to residential inspections:

Number and type of company vehicles: _____

List of specialty equipment/tools: (i.e. gas detectors, pressure gauges, and cast testing equipment, etc.): _____

Describe (or attach copy of) company/business policies regarding employee conduct on job sites: _____

How many jobs are you willing and able to accept per month? _____

List two (2) major suppliers from whom you purchase most of your materials/supplies: _____

List two (2) financial institutions with which you have established credit: _____

Additional comments: _____

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proof of Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulations Affairs (LARA) License required for your trade
2. Proof of General Liability Insurance (min. \$2,000,000.00 coverage)

3. Proof of Worker's Compensation Insurance (or statement showing proof of exemption)
4. Minimum of two (2) letters of business references related to professionalism
5. Minimum of two (2) letters of client references related to quality of work and reliability
6. Minority/Women Owned Business Certification (if applicable)
7. Proof of any special certifications/training as listed in application
8. W-9

By submitting my application/proposal for the EightCAP Inc. Weatherization Assistance Program, I hereby exhibit my willingness to adhere to State of Michigan Weatherization Assistance Program Standards as set forth in the Technical Weatherization Policies in addition to EightCAP, Inc. Weatherization Assistance Program policies and procedures.

I also hereby certify all information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that any falsification of information provided shall result in rejection of my application.

Further, I certify that I have authority to make this proposal on behalf of my organization including any prices being offered herein, and that I have not participated in, and shall not participate in, any action contrary to the requirements of this document.

Further, I affirm that I, nor anyone employed by the Offeror, have not given any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to an EightCAP Inc. member in connection with the submitted quotations. Failure to sign the proposal, or signing it with a false statement, shall void the submitted quotations or any resulting agreements, and the Offeror shall be removed from all supplier/contractor lists.

I also hereby certify all information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that any falsification of information provided shall result in rejection of my application.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Full Name Printed: _____

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING
DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY
MATTERS**

PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTIONS

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 29 CFR Part 98, Section 98.510, Participants' responsibilities. The regulations were published as Part VII of the May 26, 1988 Federal Register (pages 19160-19211).

(Before Signing Certification, Read Attached Instruction)

1. The prospective contractor certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
 - a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
 - b. Have not within a three (3) year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or Local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (Federal, State or Local) with commission of any of the offense enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
 - d. Have not within a three (3) year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or Local) terminated for cause or default.
2. Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Full Name (printed)	Title
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Signature	Date
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ATTACHMENT B

EightCAP, Inc.
Weatherization Assistance Program

Mechanical Contractor
Price Proposal Form

Name: _____

EightCAP, Inc.
Weatherization Assistance Program
Mechanical Contractor Price Proposal Form

Weatherization Measure: FURNACES	Manufacturer	Model Number	Material Cost	Labor Cost	Total Cost For Measure
59K and below BTUH input 95% AFUE or greater					
60K-79K BTUH input 95% AFUE or greater					
80K-99K BTUH input 95% AFUE or greater					
100K-120K BTUH input 95% AFUE or greater					
Weatherization Measure: MOBILE FURNACES	Manufacturer	Model Number	Material Cost	Labor Cost	Total Cost For Measure
95% mobile home furnace 45Kbtu					
95% mobile home furnace 60Kbtu					
95% mobile home furnace 72Kbtu					
If unit has central air, remove and recover Freon					
LP conversion for furnaces (does not apply to HUD furnaces)					
Weatherization Measure: LINERS	Manufacturer	Model Number	Material Cost	Labor Cost	Total Cost For Measure
Decommission Gas Unvented Space Heater; Cap Line					
3"X35' Chimney Liner, Method 1					
4"X25' Chimney Liner, Method 1					
4"X35' Chimney Liner, Method 1					
3"X25' Chimney Liner, Method 2					
3"X35' Chimney Liner, Method 2					
4"X25' Chimney Liner, Method 2					
4"X35' Chimney Liner, Method 2					

Weatherization Measure: PROGRAMMABLE TSTATS	Manufacturer	Model Number	Material Cost	Labor Cost	Total Cost For Measure
Installed during another repair					
Installed as only repair					
Weatherization Measure: FURNACE TUNE-UP	Manufacturer	Model Number	Material Cost	Labor Cost	Total Cost For Measure
LP or Natural Gas					
Fuel Oil					
Weatherization Measure: MISCELLANEOUS	Manufacturer	Model Number	Material Cost	Labor Cost	Total Cost For Measure
Whole house fan 100 cfm/timer					
Condensate Pump					
Coil Cabinet					
Additional 3/4" PVC Drain/ft					
Additional 2" PVC Drain/ft					
Additional 3" PVC Drain/ft					
Weatherization Measure: WATER HEATERS	Manufacturer	Model Number	Material Cost	Labor Cost	Total Cost For Measure
Gas Tank Atmospheric 40 Gallon					
Gas Tank Atmospheric 50 Gallon					
Gas Tank Power-vent 40 Gallon					
Gas Tank Power-vent 50 Gallon					
HUD Gas Direct Vent 30 Gallon					
HUD Gas Direct Vent 40 Gallon					
Electric Tank 40 Gallon					
Electric Tank 50 Gallon					
HUD Electric 40 Gallon					

Weatherization Measure: MISCELLANEOUS REPAIRS	Manufacturer	Model Number	Material Cost	Labor Cost	Total Cost For Measure
Per Hour					
Central Air Installation					
Weatherization Measure: DUCTWORK	Manufacturer	Model Number	Material Cost	Labor Cost	Total Cost For Measure
New Ductwork (supply) p/ft					
New Ductwork (return) p/ft					
Ductwork (repair) p/ft					
Weatherization Measure: HEAT PUMP	Manufacturer	Model Number	Material Cost	Labor Cost	Total Cost For Measure
Condenser Unit					
Head Unit					
Wall Head					
Line Sets					
Wired Wall Mount Controllers					
Electrician (if required)					
Weatherization Measure: BOILER	Manufacturer	Model Number	Material Cost	Labor Cost	Total Cost For Measure
High Efficiency Boiler					
Trip Charge					
Mechanical Permit Fee					
Plumbing Permit Fee					

Business Name: _____

Contractor Name: _____

Contractor Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Proposal should be prepared using information supplied in attached Mechanical Contractor Guidelines and Specifications (Attachment C).

ATTACHMENT C

EightCAP, Inc.
Weatherization Assistance Program

Mechanical Contractor Guidelines and Specifications

EightCAP, Inc.

Weatherization Assistance Program

Mechanical Standards and Definitions

- A Preliminary Health & Safety Inspection of home shall be conducted.
 - All gas lines will be examined for leaks.
- Furnace/heating appliances will be inspected:
 - CO levels
 - Efficiency levels
 - Data plate information
 - Flue gas analysis
 - Venting
 - Normal Operating Conditions
 - Ductwork
- Programmable Thermostat (materials supplied by Agency)
 - Installed based on client's needs & equipment specifications
- Domestic Water Heater
 - Data Label information
 - Health & safety inspection
 - Clearances
 - Gas Leaks
 - Water Leaks
 - Shut off and Pressure valves
 - Water temperature
- Additional details on the Technical Weatherization Policies are available for download.
 - TWP link as follows

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dhs/Technical_Weatherization_Policies_Manual_215832_7.pdf

EightCAP Inc. licensed mechanical inspection staff will specify sizes of equipment through the use of an audit program powered by Manual "J". EightCAP Inc. will specify the size of furnaces to be installed depending on the type of weatherization measures being performed.

ATTACHMENT D

EightCAP, Inc.

APPEAL PROCESS

APPEAL POLICY

Purpose

The purpose of the EightCAP, Inc. Appeal Policy (“Policy”) is to establish a process that provides the opportunity to appeal any of the following decisions made by EightCAP staff members regarding contracts or services that are funded through the State of Michigan – Department of Health and Human Services – Bureau of Community Action and Economic Opportunity (“BCAEO”):

- A. An application for a low-income service if there has been a partial or complete denial of assistance and if all of the following provisions have been satisfied:
 - 1) The services denied are specific, tangible benefits for which BCAEO provides funding.
 - 2) Funds are currently available.
 - 3) The grantee has authority to provide or disburse funds.
 - 4) The applicant has completed a formal, written application for such services.
 - 5) The applicant falls within the program guidelines or believes that he or she can prove that he or she falls within the program guidelines.
- B. A service provider's contract that has been suspended, terminated, or not renewed.
- C. A contractor's or potential contractor's application or proposal to provide services that has been denied.
- D. The Agency has determined that a Weatherization Assistance Program job must be deferred.
- E. An administrative action that limits, or imposes requirements on, the contractor or service provider.

Appeal Procedure

- A. Within 20 days of an action listed in Section 1, parts A-E above, EightCAP Inc. shall provide the affected party with a written notice. The written notice shall include:
 - 1) Information or criteria on which EightCAP Inc.'s action was based and a statement that such information/criteria is available for review by affected parties.
 - 2) All appeals shall be requested on the “Appeal Request Form” (see Attachment A), to be completed and returned to EightCAP by the affected

party or parties within 10 days of the written notice being provided by the Agency. The form must be thoroughly completed.

- 3) The person making the appeal must be the affected party.
- 4) The affected party making the appeal may provide documentation to supplement the information that he or she provides on the "Appeal Request Form."

B. Upon the receipt of an "Appeal Request Form," an administrative review of the facts and circumstances surrounding the denial shall be conducted by the President of EightCAP, Inc. or his/her designee. This review will be completed within 10 days of receiving the completed "Appeal Request Form."

C. If it is determined that a meeting of the Appeals Committee is necessary in order for a final determination on the appeal, then:

- 1) The Appeals Committee of the EightCAP, Inc. Governing Board shall meet to make a determination on the appeal. The decision will be made within 30 days of EightCAP, Inc. having received a completed "Appeal Request Form."
- 2) Notice of the Appeals Committee meeting at which their appeal will be considered shall be sent to the affected party or parties. This notice shall indicate:
 - a) The time, date, and location of the meeting.
 - b) That the appellant may appear in person or through a designated representative to appeal EightCAP Inc.'s denial.
- 3) A record of the meeting, including relevant facts, shall be maintained and a determination shall be rendered, in writing, by the Appeals Committee.
- 4) The decision rendered by the Appeals Committee shall be final at the Agency level.
- 5) Written notice of the decision shall be provided, in writing, to the affected party or parties within 30 days of the appeal filing date. This notice shall include a statement that appellants may appeal the decision to the BCAEO within 10 days of the written notice and that BCAEO shall review and act on the appeal pursuant to the provisions of its Administrative Rule No. R400.19201(5).

Denial of a Request for Appeal Hearing

A request for an appeal hearing may be denied if the appellant fails to comply with the appeal procedures required by this Policy or due to lack of standing by the appellant.

APPEAL REQUEST FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

County: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Denial, Termination of Contract, or Other Applicable EightCAP, Inc. Action: _____

Benefit/Service/Contract Denied: _____

Statement of Applicant's reasons for appeal (use back of sheet if necessary; attach additional information and documentation as appropriate): _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date of Administrative Review:

Reviewer's Name and Title:

Denial Upheld

Denial Overturned

Date of Appeals Committee Hearing (if applicable):

Bylaws and Appeals Committee

The Bylaws and Appeals Committee meets as needed to review bylaws and recommend changes to either the organization's practices or its bylaws. This Committee may also hear appeals from individuals who are denied services or contracts from the organization and decide whether corrective action is needed.

Representation	Members
Public Sector Representative	Jennifer Cook Rondy
Private Sector Representative	Doug McFadden
Consumer Representative	Rebecca Terry
Alternate	Jim Moreno

ATTACHMENT E

Acknowledgement of Dignity of Low-Income Clients

and

Non-solicitation Agreement

Acknowledgement of Dignity of Low-Income Clients and Non-solicitation Agreement

On behalf of _____ (insert firm/individual name), I do affirm my (our) understanding that the households being served by the EightCAP Inc. Weatherization Assistance Program have qualified for the program, in part, because of their status as "low-income", and that the individuals receiving services and their property are to be treated with dignity and respect.

Further, if a contract is awarded to _____ (insert firm/individual's name), it is understood that solicitations for any Weatherization Assistant Program—qualified measures on the clients' homes are strictly prohibited until the time the Weatherization Assistance Program has completed work on the residence, the file is closed out, and written clearance has been requested and received by the CONTRACTOR.

Reports to EightCAP Inc. of a breach of any of the provisions outlined herein are grounds for action up to and including rescission of any contracts awarded to the CONTRACTOR.

_____ (signature of authorized official)

_____ (date)

_____ (printed name)

_____ (witness)