EXHIBIT A

CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

I/we make the following certifications and assurances as a required element of the Application 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 Application are true and correct.
2. The prices and/or cost data have been determined independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement with others for the purpose of restricting competition. However, I/we may freely join with other persons or organizations for the purpose of presenting a single Application.
3. The attached Application is a firm offer for a period of 60 days following receipt, and it may be accepted by COMMERCE without further negotiation (except where obviously required by lack of certainty in key terms) at any time within the 60-day period.
4. In preparing this Application, 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 Application 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.
5. I/we understand that COMMERCE will not reimburse me/us for any costs incurred in the preparation of this Application. All Applications become the property of COMMERCE, and I/we claim no proprietary right to the ideas, writings, items, or samples unless so stated in this Application.
6. Unless otherwise required by law, the prices and/or cost data which have been submitted have not been knowingly disclosed by the Applicant and will not be knowingly disclosed by him/her prior to opening, directly or indirectly, to any other Applicant or to any competitor.
7. I/we agree that submission of the attached Application constitutes acceptance of the solicitation contents and the attached sample contract and general terms and conditions. If there are any exceptions to these terms, I/we have described those exceptions in detail on a page attached to this document.
8. No attempt has been made or will be made by the Applicant to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit an Application for the purpose of restricting competition.
9. I/we grant COMMERCE the right to contact references and others who may have pertinent information regarding the ability of the Applicant and the lead staff person to perform the services contemplated by this RFA.
10. 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.

We (*check one*):

 are submitting proposed Contract exceptions. (See Section 2.12, Contract and General Terms and Conditions.) If Contract exceptions are being submitted, I/we have attached them to this form.

 are not submitting proposed Contract exceptions (*default if neither are checked*).

On behalf of the Applicant submitting this Application, my signature below attests to the accuracy of the above statement as well as my authority to bind the submitting organization.

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| Signature of Applicant Date |
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|  Printed Name  |  Title |