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Re: Request for Sealed Proposal (RFP) #E194-79435, Unmanned Aerial System Services

Dear Mr. Fritzingler:

The North Carolina Society of Surveyors (NCSS) is the statewide professional society of licensed land surveyors. NCSS was made aware of your recent Request for Sealed Proposal (RFP) #E194-79435, Unmanned Aerial System Services, and wishes to add our deep concern to those of our fellow professionals in the Virginia Association of Surveyors (VAS) and National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS).

While the RFP does not specifically include North Carolina now, it presents an opportunity to open the services within a zone shared by the Commonwealth of Virginia, other surrounding states, and across the country to California. Since the RFP as issued contains specific language that includes the practice of land surveying, and surveying-photogrammetry, and has no language to address these professional services pertaining to licensure, we would ask that you reconsider this solicitation as written and withdraw or amend it. The protection of the public health, safety and welfare is at risk as well as enticing a person or persons without a license to practice land surveying which may subject them to civil or criminal penalties for the respective jurisdiction which the services are performed. North Carolina shares with Virginia and the other 48 states, as well as all U.S. territories and possessions, specific requirements that license land surveyors. All have a common duty of practice to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

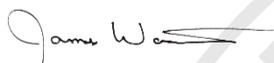
We support the request of VAS to amend the RFP to require the contractor awarded work that falls within the Virginia state law definition of the practice of land surveying to employ a Virginia licensed land surveyor or surveyor-photogrammetrist, as applicable pursuant to the Code of Virginia and Virginia Administrative Code. A similar provision would need to be included for every state that is a party to this contract or other derivative contracts that would be issued from this one with regard to their respective surveying licensure statutes.

Additionally, since the RFP is for services that fall within the “practice of land surveying,” we agree with VAS that contracts should be awarded for professional services by “competitive negotiation” under Virginia Code. This RFP creates a violation of this Code and similar “Mini-Brooks Acts” in numerous other states.

We would respectfully urge the withdrawal of RFP #E194-79435 and its re-issuance with a requirement for a Virginia licensed land surveyor or surveyor-photogrammetrist, using the qualification based competitive negotiation process for professional services, and for performance by a licensed professional surveyor pursuant to the laws of other participating states.

On behalf of the NCSS Board of Directors, thank you for your attention to this matter. If NCSS can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

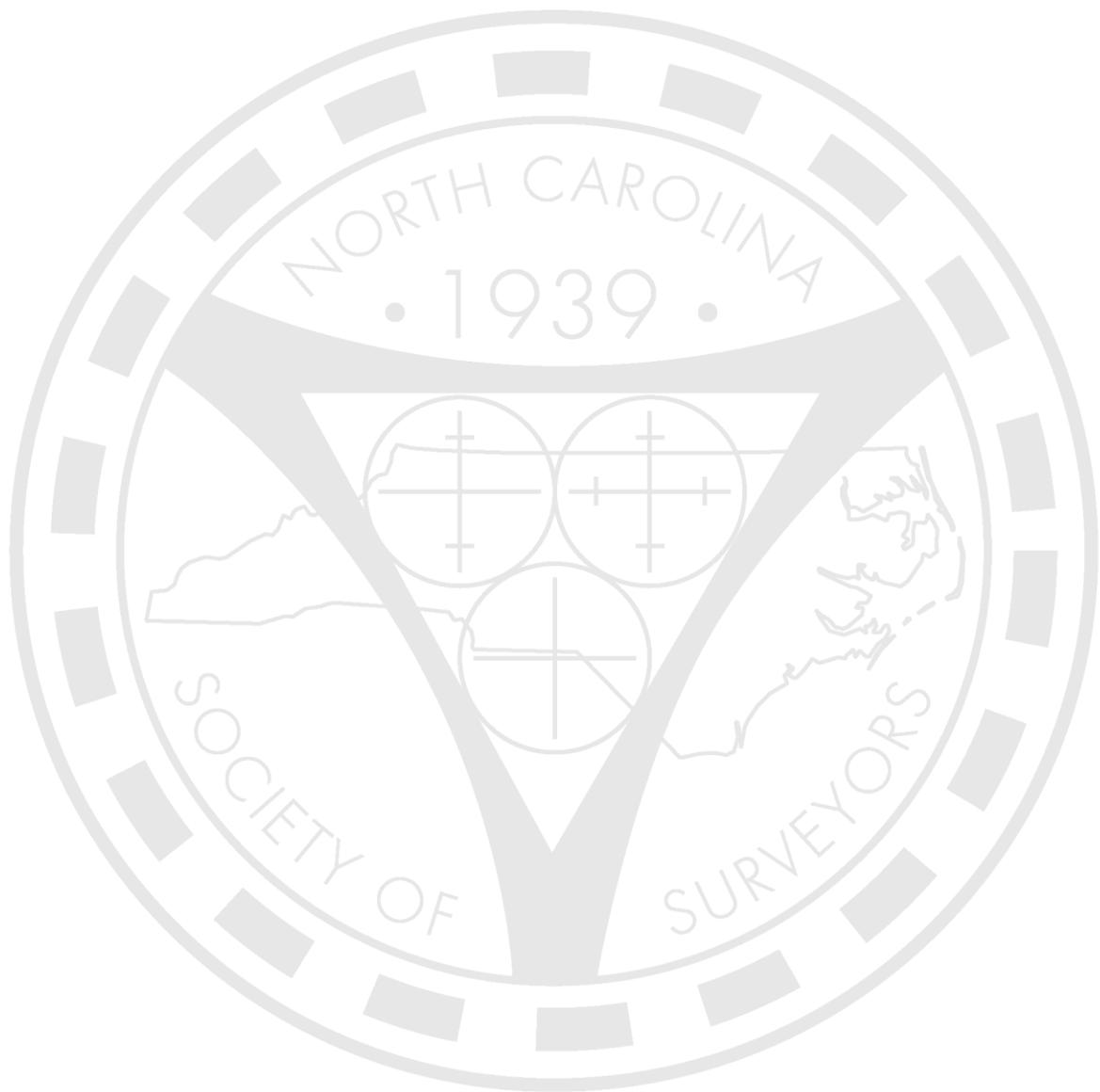
Respectfully,



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