APPENDIX E: INDEPENDENT PROPOSAL CERTIFICATION FORM

I, the undersigned, in submitting the enclosed proposal (hereinafter “Proposal”) and, as applicable, alternative option(s) (hereinafter “Alternative Option(s)”) to:

**Issuing Authority**

For:

Request for Proposals Number 2023-09

for the Establishment and Operation of Receiving Facilities

for City of Toronto Districts

(hereinafter “RFP”)

do hereby make the following statements that I certify, on behalf of Click or tap here to enter text. (hereinafter “Proponent”), to be true and complete in every respect:

1. I have read and I understand the contents of this Independent Proposal Certification Form;
2. I understand that the enclosed Proposal and any Alternative Option(s) shall be disqualified if this Independent Proposal Certification Form is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
3. I am authorized by the Proponent to sign this Independent Proposal Certification Form, and to submit the enclosed Proposal and any Alternative Option(s), on behalf of the Proponent;
4. Each Person whose signature appears on the enclosed Proposal and any Alternative Option(s) has been authorized by the Proponent to determine the terms of, and to sign, the Proposal and any Alternative Option(s), on behalf of the Proponent;
5. For the purposes of this Independent Proposal Certification Form and the enclosed Proposal and any Alternative Option(s), I understand that the word “competitor” shall include any Person, other than the Proponent, whether or not affiliated with the Proponent, who:
   1. has been requested to submit a Proposal or an Alternative Option in response to the RFP; or
   2. could potentially submit a Proposal or an Alternative Option in response to the RFP, based on their qualifications, abilities, or experience.
6. The Proponent discloses that it has prepared its Proposal and any Alternative Option(s) either:
   1. independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement, or arrangement with, any competitor; or
   2. if based on consultations, communications, agreements, or arrangements with one or more competitors regarding this RFP, the Proponent discloses, in the attached document(s), complete details thereof, including the names of the competitors and the nature of, and reasons for, such consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements.
7. The Proponent confirms that in no event has there been consultation, communication, agreement, or arrangement with any competitor regarding:
   1. prices;
   2. methods, factors, or formulas used to calculate prices;
   3. the intention or decision to submit, or not to submit, a Proposal or any Alternative Option; or
   4. the submission of a Proposal or any Alternative Option which does not meet the requirements of the RFP.
8. In addition, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement, or arrangement with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this RFP relates, except as specifically authorized by the Issuing Authority or as specifically disclosed pursuant to paragraph (6)(b) above;
9. The terms of the enclosed Proposal and any Alternative Option(s) have not been, and shall not be, knowingly disclosed by the Proponent, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the Proposal Closing Time unless otherwise required by law or as specifically disclosed pursuant to paragraph (6)(b) above.

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| Name: | Click or tap here to enter text. |  |
| Title: | Authorized Signing Officer |  |
| Date: | Click or tap to enter a date. |  |
|  | I have the authority to bind the Proponent. |  |