



City of Tacoma Environmental Services/Solid Waste Management REQUEST FOR BIDS ES20-0233F

Solid Waste Management Plastic 20, 30, 45, 60, and 90-Gallon Containers with RFID Tags and Replacements Parts

Submittal Deadline: 11:00 a.m., Pacific Time, Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Submittal Delivery: Sealed submittals will be received as follows:

By Email:

bids@citvoftacoma.org

Maximum file size: 35 MB. Multiple emails may be sent for each

submittal

By Carrier:

City of Tacoma Procurement & Payables Division

Tacoma Public Utilities

3628 S 35th Street

Tacoma, WA 98409

In Person:

City of Tacoma Procurement & Payables Division

Tacoma Public Utilities Administration Building North

Guard House (east side of main building)

3628 S 35th Street

Tacoma, WA 98409

By Mail:

City of Tacoma Procurement & Payables Division

Tacoma Public Utilities

PO Box 11007

Tacoma, WA 98411-0007

Until further notice, public Bid Opening meetings have been cancelled.

Submittals in response to a RFB will be recorded as received. As soon as possible on the day of submittal deadline, preliminary results will be posted to www.tacomaPurchasing.org.

Solicitation Documents: An electronic copy of the complete solicitation documents may be viewed and obtained by accessing the City of Tacoma Purchasing website at www.TacomaPurchasing.org.

- Register for the Bid Holders List to receive notices of addenda, questions and answers and related updates.
- Click here to see a <u>list of vendors registered for this solicitation</u>.

Pre-Proposal Meeting: A pre-proposal meeting will not be held.

Project Scope: Purchase 20, 30, 45, 60, and 90-gallon plastic containers with RFID tags and replacements parts for Solid Waste Management garbage/waste, recycle, and yard/food waste/compost.

Estimate: \$3,182,490.00 Aggregate

Paid Leave and Minimum Wage: Effective February 1, 2016, the City of Tacoma requires all employers to provide paid leave and minimum wages, as set forth in Title 18 of the Tacoma Municipal Code. For more information visit www.cityoftacoma.org/employmentstandards.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA Information: The City of Tacoma, in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), commits to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability, in all of its programs and activities. Specification materials can be made available in an alternate format by emailing Gail Himes at <a href="mailto:ghitheology:ghitheo

Federal Title VI Information:

"The City of Tacoma" in accordance with provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. sections 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin in consideration of award.

Additional Information: Requests for information regarding the specifications may be obtained by contacting Samol Hefley, Senior Buyer by email to shefley@cityoftacoma.org

Protest Policy: City of Tacoma <u>protest policy</u>, located at <u>www.tacomapurchasing.org</u>, specifies procedures for protests submitted prior to and after submittal deadline.



Meeting sites are accessible to persons with disabilities. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities can be arranged with 48 hours advance notice by calling 253-502-8468.

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CITY OF TACOMA STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS **GOVERNS BOTH GOODS AND SERVICES AS APPLICABLE**

In the event of an award by the City, these Terms and Conditions stated herein, Additional Contract Documents if issued, Solicitation if issued, Purchase Orders if issued by City, and Supplier's Submittal, if provided, shall constitute the Contract between City and Supplier for the acquisition of goods, including materials, supplies, and equipment or for the provision of services and deliverables.

Said documents represent the entire Contract between the parties and supersede any prior oral statements, discussions, or understandings between the parties, and/or subsequent Supplier invoices. No modification of the Contract shall be effective unless mutually agreed in writing.

The specific terms and conditions of any Solicitation (Specification, Request for Bids, Request for Proposals, Requests for Qualifications, Requests for Quotations, Request for Information, bid documents, request to enter into negotiations, or other form of solicitation issued by City, including any general, special, or technical provisions associated with such Solicitations) are incorporated herein by reference and supersede these Terms and Conditions where there is conflict or inconsistency.

In the event Additional Contract Documents are negotiated and agreed to in writing between Supplier and City, the specific terms of such Additional Contract Documents are incorporated herein by reference and supersede all other terms and conditions where there is conflict or inconsistency.

These Terms and Conditions, Additional Contract Documents if issued, Solicitation if issued, City purchase order if issued, are controlling over Supplier's Submittal if a Submittal is provided. Submittals if provided are incorporated herein by reference.

1.01 SUPPLIER / CONTRACTOR

As used herein, "Supplier" or "Contractor" shall be the Supplier(s) entering a Contract with City, whether designated as a Supplier, Contractor, Vendor, Proposer, Bidder, Respondent, Seller, Merchant, Service Provider, or otherwise.

1.02 SUBMITTAL

Submittal means Bids, Proposals, Quotes, Qualifications or other information, content, records or documents submitted in response to a City Solicitation.

1.03 FORMS OF SUBMITTAL

Unless stated otherwise, all submittals must be in SAP Ariba and submitted exactly as specified or directed, and all required forms must be used.

1.04 COSTS TO PREPARE SUBMITTAL

The City is not liable for any costs incurred by Supplier for the preparation of materials or a Submittal provided in response to a solicitation, conducting presentations to the City, or any other activities related to responding to the City's Solicitation.

1.05 LICENSES/PERMITS

- A. Suppliers, if applicable, must have a Washington state business license at the time of Submittal and throughout the term of the Contract. Failure to include a Washington state business license may be grounds for rejection of the Submittal or cancellation of contract award. Information regarding Washington state business licenses may be obtained at http://bls.dor.wa.gov.
- B. Upon award, it is the responsibility of the Supplier to register with the City of Tacoma's Tax and License Division, 733 South Market Street, Room 21, Tacoma, WA 98402-3768, 253-591-5252, https://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/city_departments/finance/tax_and_license/. Supplier shall obtain a business license as is required by Tacoma Municipal Code Subtitle 6C.20.
- C. During the term of the Contract, Supplier, at its expense, shall obtain and keep in force any and all necessary licenses and permits.

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1.06 PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: PROPRIETARY OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

- A. Supplier Submittals, all documents and records comprising the Contract, and all other documents and records provided to the City by Supplier are deemed public records subject to disclosure under the Washington State Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW (Public Records Act). Thus, City may be required, upon request, to disclose the Contract and documents or records related to it unless an exemption under the Public Records Act or other laws applies. In the event CITY receives a request for such disclosure, determines in its legal judgment that no applicable exemption to disclosure applies. and Supplier has complied with the requirements to mark records considered confidential or proprietary as such requirements are stated below, City agrees to provide Supplier 10 days written notice of impending release. Should legal action thereafter be initiated by Supplier to enjoin or otherwise prevent such release, all expense of any such litigation shall be borne by Supplier, including any damages, attorneys' fees or costs awarded by reason of having opposed disclosure. City shall not be liable for any release where notice was provided and Supplier took no action to oppose the release of information.
- B. If Supplier provides City with records or information that Supplier considers confidential or proprietary, Supplier must mark all applicable pages or sections of said record(s) as "Confidential" or "Proprietary." Further, in the case of records or information submitted in response to a Request for Proposals, an index must be provided indicating the affected pages or sections and locations of all such material identified Confidential or Proprietary. Information not included in the required index will not be reviewed for confidentiality or as proprietary before release. If Supplier fails to so mark or index Submittals and related records, then the City, upon request, may release said record(s) without the need to satisfy the requirements of subsection A above; and Supplier expressly waives its right to allege any kind of civil action or claim against the City pertaining to the release of said record(s).
- C. Submission of materials in response to City's Solicitation shall constitute assent by Supplier to the foregoing procedure and Supplier shall have no claim against the City on account of actions taken pursuant to such procedure.

1.07 SUSTAINABILITY

- A. The City has interest in measures used by its contractors to ensure sustainable operations with minimal adverse impact on the environment. The City seeks to do business with vendors that value community and environmental stewardship that help us meet our sustainable purchasing goals.
- B. The City encourages the use of environmentally preferable products or services that help to minimize the environmental and human health impacts of City operations. Suppliers are encouraged to incorporate environmentally preferable products or services into Submittals wherever possible. "Environmentally preferable" means products or services that have a lesser or reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing products or services that serve the same purpose. This comparison may consider raw materials acquisition, production, manufacturing, packaging, distribution, reuse, operation, maintenance, or disposal of the product or service.
- C. Environmental Standards. The City seeks to ensure that all purchases comply with current environmental standards and product specifications. Where appropriate, third party independent certifiers such as Green Seal and USEPA Standards shall be a minimum specification for products to the City, unless specified otherwise herein.
- D. The City encourages the use of sustainability practices and desires any awarded Suppliers to assist in efforts to address such factors when feasible for:
 - 1. Pollutant releases
 - 2. Toxicity of materials used
 - 3. Waste generation
 - 4. Greenhouse gas emissions, including transportation of materials and services
 - 5. Recycle content
 - 6. Energy consumption
 - 7. Depletion of natural resources
 - 8. Potential impact on human health and the environment

1.08 ALTERATIONS NOT ALLOWED

Except as otherwise specifically provided in a Solicitation, Submittals that are incomplete or conditioned in any way, contain erasures, alternatives or items not called for, or not in conformity with law, may be rejected as being non-responsive. Any attempt to condition a Submittal by inserting exceptions to the Solicitation or any conditions, qualifications or additions that vary its terms may result in rejection of the Submittal. The City may reject any submittal containing a material deviation from the Solicitation.

1.09 CORRECTION OF AMBIGUITIES AND OBVIOUS ERRORS

- A. The City reserves the right to correct obvious errors in Supplier's Submittal. In this regard, if the unit price does not compute to the extended total price, the unit price shall govern.
- B. Supplier shall notify the City of Tacoma Procurement and Payables Division in writing of any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error in a Solicitation no later than five business days prior to the submittal deadline.
 - 1. For solicitations conducted in SAP Ariba, Supplier shall notify the City of Tacoma Procurement and Payables Division on the message board of the event.
 - 2. For all other solicitations, Supplier shall notify the contract person listed in the Solicitation.
- C. The City will make necessary modifications by addendum.
- D. Supplier is responsible for identifying ambiguities, conflicts, discrepancies, omissions or other errors in the Solicitation prior to providing its Submittal or the ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other error is waived. Any Submittal that includes assumed clarifications and/or corrections without the required authentication of the same is subject to rejection.

1.10 WARRANTIES/GUARANTEE

- A. Suppliers warrant that all items, including services, as applicable:
 - 1. Are merchantable.
 - 2. Comply with the City's latest drawings and specifications.
 - 3. Are fit for the City's intended use.
 - 4. Will be performed according to the skill and care required by customarily accepted good practices and procedures followed by service providers rendering the same or similar type of service.
 - 5. Are new and unused unless otherwise stated.
 - 6. Comply with all applicable safety and health standards established for such products by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act (WISHA) and/or Consumer Products Safety Act (CPSA), and all other applicable state and federal laws or agency regulations.
 - Are properly packaged and contain appropriate instructions or warnings, including applicable MSDS sheets.

1.11 PATENTS, TRADEMARKS AND COPYRIGHTS

Suppliers warrant that equipment and/or materials furnished, including software, do not infringe on any patent, trademark or copyright, and agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless, the City in the event of any infringement or claim thereof.

1.12 DELIVERY OF SUBMITTALS TO THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT AND PAYABLES DIVISION

- A. Submittal packages must be received by the City's Procurement and Payables Division in SAP Ariba (unless another form of delivery is stated), prior to the scheduled time and date stated in the Solicitation.
- B. Supplier is solely responsible for timely delivery of its Submittal.
- C. Submittals received after the time stated in the solicitation will not be accepted.
- D. For purposes of determining whether a Submittal has been timely received in SAP Ariba, the City's Procurement and Payables Division will rely on the submittal clock in SAP Ariba.

1.13 SUBMITTAL IS NON-COLLUSIVE

Supplier acknowledges that by its delivery of a Submittal to the City in response to a Solicitation, it represents that the prices in such Submittal are neither directly nor indirectly the result of any formal or informal agreement with another Supplier.

1.14 PARTNERSHIPS

The City will allow firms to partner in order to respond to a Solicitation. Multiple suppliers may team under a Prime Supplier's Submittal in order to provide responses to all sections in a single submission; however, each Supplier's participation must be clearly delineated by section. The Prime Supplier will be considered the responding vendor and the responsible party at contract award. All contract negotiations will be conducted only with the Prime Supplier. All contract payments will be made only to the Prime Supplier. Any agreements between the Prime Supplier and other companies will not be a part of the Contract between the City and the Prime Supplier. The City reserves the right to select more than one Prime Supplier.

1.15 WITHDRAWAL OF SUBMITTALS

- A. Prior to Submittal Deadline. Submittals may be withdrawn (including in SAP Ariba) prior to the scheduled submittal deadline.
- B. After Submittal Deadline. No Submittal can be withdrawn after having been opened before the actual award of the contract, unless the award is delayed more than 90 calendar days beyond the date of opening. If a delay of more than 90 calendar days does occur, Supplier must submit written notice to the City purchasing manager that Supplier is withdrawing its submittal.

1.16 ACCEPTANCE OF SUBMITTALS

- A. If the solicitation announcement so states, submittals, unless previously withdrawn, will be read aloud, irrespective of any irregularities or informalities in such submittal, at the time and place specified in the solicitation announcement.
- B. All submittals must remain open for acceptance by the City for a period of at least 90 calendar days from the submittal deadline.

1.17 RIGHT TO REJECT

A. The City of Tacoma reserves the right to reject any and all submittals, waive minor deviations or informalities, supplement, amend, reduce or otherwise modify the scope of work or cancel the solicitation, and if necessary, call for new submittals.

1.18 RESERVED RIGHTS

- A. By providing a submittal in response to a City solicitation, Supplier acknowledges and consents to the below City rights and conditions. With regard to this procurement process, the City reserves, holds without limitation, and may exercise, at its sole discretion, the following rights and conditions:
 - To terminate the procurement process or decide not to award a contract as a result thereof by written notice to the Suppliers for any reason whatsoever with or without substitution of another solicitation.
 - 2. To waive any defect, technicality, or any other minor informality or irregularity in any submittal, or any other response from Suppliers.
 - 3. To issue addenda for any purpose including:
 - To make minor or major changes or alterations to the evaluation, selection and/or performance schedule(s) for any events associated with a procurement.
 - b. To supplement, amend, reduce, cancel, or otherwise modify a Solicitation, including but not limited to modifications to the description of services and/or products contained in the solicitation, by omitting services/products and/or including services/products.
 - 4. To request clarifications, additional information, and/or revised Submittals from one or more Suppliers.
 - To conduct investigations with respect to the qualifications and experience of Supplier(s), including inspection of facilities and to request additional evidence to support any such information.

- 6. To eliminate any Supplier that submits an incomplete or inadequate response, or is non-responsive to the requirements of a Solicitation, or is otherwise deemed to be unqualified during any stage of the procurement process.
- 7. To select and interview a single finalist or multiple finalists to further the City's evaluation of Submittals provided in response to a Solicitation. The City may, in its sole and exclusive discretion as to what is in the City's best interest, elect not to conduct interviews of any or all Suppliers in connection with a solicitation process.
- 8. Except in the case of Requests for Bids, to negotiate any rate/fee offered by a Supplier. The City shall have the sole right to make the final rate/fee offer during contract negotiations. If the selected Supplier does not accept the City's final offer, the City may, in its sole discretion discontinue contract negotiations and commence negotiations with another Supplier, except as otherwise provided in Chapter 39.80, RCW.
- To select and enter into a Contract with one or more Suppliers whose Submittal best satisfies the interests of the City and is most responsive, in the sole judgment of the City, to the requirements of a Solicitation.
- 10. To award by line item or group of line items.
- 11. To not award one or more items.
- 12. To issue additional or subsequent solicitations.
- 13. To seek partnerships between one or more Suppliers.
- 14. Request additional related products and services from the selected Supplier(s) as necessary throughout the term of the Contract.
- 15. Negotiate costs or fees in the event of new legislation or regulatory changes, or issuance of related compliance guidance, technology enhancements, and innovative solutions.
- 16. In the event the City receives questions concerning a Solicitation from one or more Suppliers prior to the deadline for response, the City reserves the right to provide such questions, and the City's responses, if any, to all Suppliers.
- 17. If an award is made and, prior to entering into a contract, subsequent information indicates that such award is not in the best interest of the City, the City may rescind the award without prior notice to Supplier and either award to another Supplier or reject all submittals or cancel this solicitation.
- 18. To cancel award of a contract at any time before execution of the Contract by both parties if cancellation is deemed to be in the City's best interest. In providing a submittal, Suppliers agree that the City is not liable for any costs or damages for the cancellation of an award. Supplier assumes the sole risk and responsibility for all expenses connected with the preparation of its submittal.
- 19. To add additional City departments or divisions to the Contract or develop a separate Contract with the Supplier subject to all terms, conditions and pricing of the original Contract
- 20. To take any other action affecting a Solicitation or a procurement process that is determined to be in the City's best interests.

1.19 SUBMITTAL CLARIFICATION

Suppliers may be asked to clarify their Submittal. This action shall not be construed as negotiations or any indication of intentions to award. If called upon, Supplier must respond to such requests within two business days or the timeframe set forth by the City in its request for clarification. Supplier's failure to respond to such a request may result in rejection of its Submittal.

1.20 EVALUATION OF SUBMITTALS

A. The City of Tacoma reserves the right to award to the lowest and best responsible Supplier(s) delivering a Submittal in compliance with the Solicitation, provided such Submittals are reasonable and are in the best interest of the City to accept. The City may use a number of criteria for determining award, including evaluation factors set forth in Municipal Code Section 1.06.262. Suppliers who are inexperienced or who fail to properly perform other contracts may have their submittal rejected for such cause.

- 1. Evaluation Factors. In addition to the factors set forth in Municipal Code Section 1.06.262, the following may be used by the City in determining the lowest and best responsible Submittal:
 - a. Compliance with a Solicitation and with applicable City requirements, including by not limited to, the City's Ethics Code and its Small Business Enterprise and Local Employment and Apprenticeship programs.
 - b. Submittal prices, listed separately if requested, as well as a lump sum total (if the unit price does not compute to the extended total price, the unit price shall govern).
 - c. The total cost to the City, including all applicable taxes, may be the basis for contract award.
 - d. Time of delivery and/or completion of performance (delivery date(s) offered).
 - e. Warranty terms.
 - f. Quality of performance of previous contracts or services, including safety requirements and past compliance with the City's Ethics Code.
 - g. Previous and existing compliance with laws and ordinances relating to contracts or services.
 - h. Sufficiency of financial resources.
 - i. Quality, availability, and adaptability of the supplies or services to the particular use required.
 - j. Ability to provide future maintenance and service on a timely basis.
 - k. Location of nearest factory authorized warranty repair facility or parts dealership.
 - I. Ability, capacity, experience, stability, reputation, integrity, character, judgment, technical qualifications, and skill to perform the contract or provide the services required.
- 2. Prompt Payment Discount. Payment discount periods of 20 calendar days or more, if offered in the submittal, will be considered in determining the apparent lowest responsible submittal. Discounts will be analyzed in context of their overall cumulative effect.
 - a. ePayable/Credit Card Acceptance. Submittals offering ePayable/Credit card acceptance may be compared against submittals offering a prompt payment discount to evaluate the overall cumulative effect of the discount against the advantage to the City of the ePayable/Credit card acceptance, and may be considered in determining the apparent lowest responsible submittal.
- All other elements or factors, whether or not specifically provided for in a Solicitation, which would
 affect the final cost to, and the benefits to be derived by, the City, may be considered in
 determining the award of a Contract. The final award decision will be based on the best interests of
 the City.

1.21 CONTRACT OBLIGATION

- A. The Submittal contents of the successful Supplier will become contractual obligations if a Contract ensues.
- B. In the event the City of Tacoma determines to award a Contract, the selected Supplier(s) may be requested to execute Additional Contract Documents.
- C. Supplier shall register with the City of Tacoma on the SAP Ariba Network and be enabled for transactions upon request by the City.
- D. Suppliers may propose amendments to City's Contract documents or to these Terms and Conditions, but the City retains the right to accept or reject proposed amendments.
- E. No costs chargeable for work under the proposed Contract may be incurred before mutual acceptance and execution as directed.

1.22 AWARD

The City reserves the right to award Contracts for any or all items to one or more Suppliers in the best interests of the City.

1.23 SUPPLIER'S REFUSAL TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT

Any Supplier who refuses to enter into a Contract after it has been awarded to the Supplier will be in breach of the agreement to enter the Contract, and Supplier's certified or cashier's check or bid bond, if any, shall be forfeited.

1.24 LEGAL HOLIDAYS

A. The City of Tacoma observes the following holidays, which shall apply to performance of all contracts:

New Year's Day January 1

Martin Luther King's Birthday 3rd Monday in January

Washington's Birthday
Memorial Day

3rd Monday in February
Last Monday in May

Independence Day July 4

Labor Day 1st Monday in September

Veteran's Day November 11

Thanksgiving Day 4th Thursday of November Day after Thanksgiving 4th Friday of November

Christmas Day December 25

B. When any of these holidays occur on Saturday or Sunday, the preceding Friday or the following Monday, respectively, is a legal holiday for the City of Tacoma.

1.25 CONTRACT TERM

All services shall be satisfactorily completed and all deliverables provided by the termination date stated, and the Contract shall expire on said date unless mutually extended in writing by the parties.

1.26 EXTENSION OF CONTRACT

Contracts shall be subject to extension at City's sole discretion.

1.27 TERMINATION AND SUSPENSION

- A. Supplies. The City reserves the right to terminate a Contract at any time upon prior written notice to Supplier. Upon the effective date of termination specified in such notice, and payment by the City, all conforming supplies, materials, or equipment previously furnished hereunder shall become its property.
- B. Services. The City may terminate a Contract at any time, with or without cause, by giving 10 business days written notice to Supplier. In the event of termination, all finished and unfinished work prepared by Supplier pursuant to the Contract shall be provided to the City. In the event City terminates the Contract due to the City's own reasons and without cause due to Supplier's actions or omissions, the City shall pay Supplier the amount due for actual work and services necessarily performed under the Contract up to the effective date of termination, not to exceed the total compensation set forth in the Contract.
- C. Suspension. For either services or supplies, the City may suspend a Contract, at its sole discretion, upon three business days' written notice to Supplier. Such notice shall indicate the anticipated period of suspension. Any reimbursement for expenses incurred due to the suspension shall be limited to Supplier's actual expenses and shall be subject to verification. Supplier shall resume performance of services under the Contract without delay when the suspension period ends.
- D. Termination or suspension of a Contract by City shall not constitute a waiver of any claims or remaining rights the City may have against Supplier relative to performance under a Contract.

1.28 DEFAULT/BREACH

In the event of material default or breach by Supplier on any of the conditions of a Contract, Supplier agrees that the City may, at its election, procure the goods or services from other sources, and may deduct from the unpaid balance due Supplier, or collect against the bond or security (if any), or may invoice and recover from Supplier all costs paid in excess of the price(s) set forth in the Contract.

- A. Supplies. The City at any time by written change order or other form of written contract amendment may make reasonable changes in the place of delivery, installation, or inspection, the method of shipment or packing, identification and ancillary matters that Supplier may accommodate without substantial additional expense.
- B. Services. The City shall have the right to make changes within the general scope of services and/or deliverables upon execution in writing of a change order or other written form of contract amendment. If the changes will result in additional work effort by Supplier the City agrees to reasonably compensate Supplier for such additional effort up to the maximum amount specified in the Contract or as otherwise provided by Tacoma Municipal Code. Any new services accepted by the City may be added to the Contract and/or substituted for discontinued services. New services shall meet or exceed all requirements of original award.
- C. Expansion Clause. A Contract may be further expanded in writing to include other related services or products normally offered by Supplier, as long as the price of such additional services or products have a profit margin equal to or less than that in place at the time of original submittal. Such additions and prices will be established in writing. New items not meeting these criteria will not be added to the Contract. Supplier profit margins are not to increase as a result any such expansion.

1.29 SCOPE OF SERVICES

Supplier agrees to diligently and completely perform the services required by a Contract.

1.30 SERVICES DO NOT INCLUDE PUBLIC WORK

Unless otherwise stated, the services and/or work contracted for herein exclude public work and improvements as defined in RCW 39.04, as that statute may hereafter be amended.

1.31 PREVAILING WAGES

- A. If federal, state, local, or any applicable law requires Supplier to pay prevailing wages in connection with a Contract, and Supplier is so notified by the City, then Supplier shall pay applicable prevailing wages.
- B. If applicable, a Schedule of Prevailing Wage Rates for the locality or localities where the Contract will be performed is attached and made of part of the Contract by this reference. If prevailing wages do apply to the Contract, Supplier and its subcontractors shall:
 - Be bound by the provisions of Chapter 39.12 RCW, as amended, relating to prevailing wages and usual fringe benefits,
 - 2. Ensure that no worker, laborer or mechanic employed in the performance of any part of the Contract shall be paid less than the prevailing rate of wage specified on that Schedule, and
 - 3. Immediately upon award of the Contract, contact the Department of Labor and Industries, Prevailing Wages section, Olympia, Washington, to obtain full information, forms and procedures relating to these matters. Per such procedures, a Statement of Intent to Pay Prevailing Wages must be submitted by Contractor and its subcontractors to the City, in the manner requested by the City, prior to any payment by the City hereunder, and an Affidavit of Wages Paid must be received or verified by the City prior to final Contract payment.

1.32 CONTRACT PRICING

- A. Submitted prices shall include costs of submittal preparation, servicing of the account, all contractual requirements during contract period such as transportation, permits, insurance costs, bonds, labor, wages, materials, tools, components, equipment, and appurtenances necessary to complete the work, which shall conform to the best practice known to the trade in design, quality, material, and workmanship.
- B. Surcharges of any type will not be paid.
- C. If applicable, related additional products and corresponding services of benefit to the City not specifically required in a solicitation, but which Supplier offers to provide, may be included with the submittal. Supplier may request to add new products if the City approves them and Supplier can demonstrate the pricing is from the same pricing structure/profit margin.
- D. Unless specifically stated otherwise, only firm prices will be accepted and all prices shall remain firm during the term of a Contract.
- E. Price increases may at City's discretion be passed along during a contract period if the increase is mandated by statute, or the result of a tariff.
- F. By submitting prices, Supplier warrants prices equal to or better than the equivalent prices, terms, and benefits offered by Supplier to any other government unit or commercial customer.
- G. Should Supplier, during the term of a Contract, enter into any other contract, agreement or arrangement that provides lower prices, more favorable terms or greater benefits to any other government unit or commercial customer, the Contract with the City shall thereupon be deemed amended to provide the same price or prices, terms and benefits to the City. This provision applies to comparable products and purchase volumes by the City that are not less than the purchase volumes of the government unit or commercial customer that has received the lower prices, greater benefits, or more favorable terms.
- H. If at any time during the term of the Contract, Supplier reduces prices to other buyers purchasing approximately the same quantities stated on the Contract, Supplier will immediately notify the City purchasing manager of such fact, and the price(s) for future orders under the Contract shall be reduced accordingly.
- I. The City is entitled to any promotional pricing during the Contract period.
- J. Price decreases shall be immediately passed on to the City.

K. The City reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantities of any item awarded pursuant to the Contract and pay according to the unit prices quoted in the submittal with no adjustments for anticipated profit.

1.33 APPROVED EQUALS WHEN ALTERNATES ARE ALLOWED

- A. Unless an item is indicated as "no substitute," special brands, when named, are intended to describe the standard of quality, performance, or use desired. Equal items will be considered by the City, provided that Supplier specifies the brand and model, and provides all descriptive literature, independent test results, specification sheets, schematic drawings, photographs, product samples, local servicing, parts availability, etc., to enable the City to evaluate the proposed equal. Performance testing in the field may be required.
- B. The decision of the City as to what items are equal shall be final and conclusive. If the City elects to purchase a brand represented by Supplier to be an "equal," the City's acceptance of the item is conditioned on the City's inspection and testing after receipt. If, in the sole judgment of the City, the item is determined not to be an equal, the item shall be returned at Supplier's expense.
- C. When a brand name or level of quality is not stated in Supplier's submittal, it is understood Supplier's submittal shall exactly confirm with those required in the Contract. If more than one brand name is stated in a Solicitation, Supplier(s) must indicate the brand and model/part number to be supplied.

1.34 RISK OF LOSS, SHIPPING AND DELIVERY

- A. Shipping. Prices must be quoted FOB destination (the place of destination as defined in RCW 62A.2-319, as that statute may hereafter be amended), with freight prepaid and allowed (shipping costs included in unit prices), and risk of loss remaining with Supplier until delivery is tendered.
- B. Delivery. Delivery will be to the designated addresses set forth in a Solicitation or as otherwise stated in the Contract. Deliveries shall be between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday only, except Legal Holidays. Failure to make timely delivery shall be cause for termination of the contract or order and return of all or part of the items at Supplier's expense except in the case of force majeure.

1.35 DELIVERY OF PRODUCTS AND PROVISION OF SERVICES - IDLING PROHIBITED

- A. The City of Tacoma has a commitment to reduction of unnecessary fuel emissions and improving air quality by reducing unnecessary air pollution from idling vehicles. Limiting car and truck idling supports cleaner air, healthier work environments, the efficient use of city resources, the public's enjoyment of City properties and programs, conservation of natural resources, and good stewardship practices.
- B. Vehicles and/or diesel fuel trucks shall not idle at the time and location of the delivery to the City of Tacoma for more than three minutes. The City requires contractors to utilize practices that reduce fuel consumption and emission discharge, including turning off trucks and vehicles during delivery of products to the City. Exceptions to this requirement include when associated power is necessary to make a delivery or provide the service, when the engine is used to provide power to another device, and when a running engine is required for proper warm-up and cool-down of the engine.

1.36 PACKING SLIPS AND INVOICES

- A. Each invoice shall show City of Tacoma purchase order number, release number if applicable, quantity, unit of measure, item description, unit price and extended price for each line if applicable, services and deliverables provided if applicable. Line totals shall be summed to give a grand total to which sales tax shall be added, if applicable.
 - 1. For transactions conducted in SAP Ariba, invoices shall be submitted through Ariba.
 - 2. For invoices paid by ACH or by check, unless stated otherwise, invoices shall be electronically submitted by email with corresponding PO number listed in the subject line to accountspayable@cityoftacoma.org.
 - 3. For invoices paid by credit card, invoices shall also display the last name of the cardholder and last four digits (only) of the card number (e.g., Jones/6311). Unless stated otherwise, invoices shall be electronically submitted by email with corresponding PO number listed in the subject line to (do not combine different POs into one invoice or charge) to pcardadmin@cityoftacoma.org.
- B. Any terms, provisions or language in Supplier's invoice(s) that conflict with the terms of the Contract are superseded and shall not apply to the Contract unless expressly accepted in writing by the City.
- C. Packing slips and shipping notices shall be sent to the specific City Division or Department receiving the item(s) at the address stated in City's Solicitation or as otherwise stated in the Contract and include

- complete description of items, contents of items if crated or cased, quantity, shipping point, carrier, bill of lading number and City of Tacoma purchase order.
- D. Supplier shall package orders, preferably in environmental friendly packaging such as reduced packaging and recyclable packing materials.

1.37 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

The Washington State Interlocal Cooperation Act RCW 39.34 provides that other governmental agencies may purchase goods and services based on the Contract with the City in accordance with the terms and prices of the Contract if all parties are agreeable. Each public agency shall formulate a separate contract with Supplier, incorporating the terms and conditions of the Contract with the City of Tacoma. The City shall incur no liability in connection with such contracts or purchases by other public agencies thereunder. It will be Supplier's responsibility to inform such public agencies of the Contract with the City. Supplier shall invoice such public agencies as separate entities.

1.38 TAXES

- A. Unless otherwise stated, applicable federal, state, City, and local taxes shall be included in the submittal and in contract as indicated below. As used herein, the term "taxes" shall include any and all taxes, assessments, fees, charges, interest, penalties, and/or fines imposed by applicable laws and regulations in connection with the procurement of goods and/or services hereunder.
 - Federal Excise Tax. The City of Tacoma is exempt from federal excise tax. The City will furnish a Federal Excise Tax Exemption certificate, if required. If Supplier fails to include any applicable tax in its submittal, then Supplier shall be solely responsible for the payment of said tax.
 - State and Local Sales Tax. The City of Tacoma is subject to Washington state sales tax. It is Supplier's obligation to state the correct sales tax percentage and include the applicable Washington state, city and local sales tax as a separate line item(s) in the submittal.
 - 3. City of Tacoma Business and Occupation Tax. It is Supplier's obligation to include City of Tacoma Business and Occupation tax in the unit and/or lump sum prices submitted; it shall not be shown separately on the submittal. Per Sub-Title 6A of the City of Tacoma Municipal Code, transactions with the City of Tacoma may be subject to the City's Business and Occupation Tax.
- B. Any or All Other Taxes. Any or all other taxes are the responsibility of Supplier unless otherwise required by law. Except for state sales tax, Supplier acknowledges that it is responsible for the payment of all taxes applicable to the Contract and Supplier agrees to comply with all applicable laws regarding the reporting of income, maintenance of records, and all other requirements and obligations imposed pursuant to applicable law.
- C. If the City is assessed, made liable, or responsible in any manner for taxes contrary to the provisions of the Contract, Supplier agrees to hold the City harmless from such costs, including attorney's fees. In the event Supplier fails to pay any taxes, assessments, penalties, or fees imposed by any governmental body, including a court of law, other than those taxes the City is required to pay, then Supplier authorizes the City to deduct and withhold or pay over to the appropriate governmental body those unpaid amounts upon demand by the governmental body. It is agreed that this provision shall apply to taxes and fees imposed by City ordinance. Any such payments shall be deducted from Supplier's total compensation.

1.39 COMPENSATION

- A. The City shall compensate Supplier in accordance with the Contract. Said compensation shall be the total compensation for Supplier's performance hereunder including, but not limited to, all work, services, deliverables, materials, supplies, equipment, subcontractor's fees and all reimbursable travel and miscellaneous or incidental expenses to be incurred by Supplier. Unless stated otherwise the total stated compensation may not be changed without a written change order or other form of contract
- B. Payment(s) made in accordance with the Contract shall fully compensate Supplier for all risk, loss, damages or expense of whatever nature, and acceptance of payment shall constitute a waiver of all claims submitted by Supplier.

1.40 PAYMENT TERMS

A. Payment shall be made through the City's ordinary payment process, and shall be considered timely if made within 30 days of receipt of a properly completed invoice. All payments shall be subject to adjustment for any amounts, upon audit or otherwise, determined to have been improperly invoiced.

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- The City may withhold payment to Supplier for any services or deliverables not performed as required hereunder until such time as Supplier modifies such services or deliverables to the satisfaction of the City.
- B. Invoices will not be processed for payment, nor will the period of cash discount commence, until all invoiced items are received and satisfactory performance of the Contract has been attained. Upon CITY'S request, Supplier shall submit necessary and appropriate documentation, as determined by the CITY, for all invoiced services and deliverables. If an adjustment in payment is necessary due to damage or dispute, the cash discount period shall commence on the date final approval for payment is authorized.

1.41 PAYMENT METHOD - EPAYABLES - CREDIT CARD ACCEPTANCE - EFT/ACH ACCEPTANCE

- A. Payment methods include:
 - EPayables (Payment Plus). This is payment made via a virtual, single use VISA card number provided by the City's commercial card provider. Suppliers accepting this option will receive "due immediately" payment terms. Two options for acceptance are available to suppliers. Both are accompanied by an emailed advice containing complete payment details:
 - Straight-through processing (buyer initiated). Immediate, exact payments directly deposited to supplier accounts by the City's provider bank; the supplier does not need to know card account details.
 - b. Supplier retrieves card account through the secure, on-line portal provided via email notifications sent by the City's commercial card provider.
 - Credit card. Tacoma's VISA procurement card program is supported by standard bank credit suppliers and requires that merchants abide by the VISA merchant operating rules. It provides "due immediately" payment terms.
 - Suppliers must be PCI-DSS compliant (secure credit card data management) and federal FACTA (sensitive card data display) compliant.
 - b. Suppliers must be set up by their card processing equipment provider (merchant acquirer) as a minimum of a Level II merchant with the ability to pass along tax, shipping and merchant references information.
 - 3. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) by Automated Clearing House (ACH). Standard terms are net 30 for this payment method.
 - 4. Check or other cash equivalent. Standard terms are net 30 for this payment method.
- B. The City's preferred method of payment is by ePayables (Payment Plus) followed by credit card (aka procurement card). Suppliers may be required to have the capability of accepting the City's ePayables or credit card methods of payment. The City of Tacoma will not accept price changes or pay additional fees when ePayables (Payment Plus) or credit card is used.
- C. The City, in its sole discretion, will determine the method of payment for goods and/or services as part of the Contract.

1.42 NOTICES

Unless otherwise specified, except for routine operational communications, which may be delivered personally or transmitted by electronic mail, all notices required by the Contract shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally or mailed first-class mail, postage prepaid, to Supplier's registered agent and to the applicable City department representative.

1.43 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS

A. Supplier is considered an independent contractor who shall at all times perform his/her duties and responsibilities and carry out all services as an independent contractor and shall never represent or construe his/her status to be that of an agent or employee of the City, nor shall Supplier be eligible for any employee benefits. No payroll or employment taxes or contributions of any kind shall be withheld or paid by the City with respect to payments to Supplier. Supplier shall be solely responsible for all said payroll or employment taxes and/or contributions including, but not limited to, FICA, FUTA, federal income tax, state personal income tax, state disability insurance tax and state unemployment insurance tax. If the City is assessed, made liable or responsible in any manner for such taxes or contributions, Supplier agrees to indemnify and hold the City harmless from all costs incurred, including attorney fees.

B. Unless otherwise specified in writing, Supplier shall provide at its sole expense all materials, working space, and other necessities and instruments to perform its duties under the Contract. Supplier, at its sole expense, shall obtain and keep in force any and all applicable licenses, permits and tax certificates necessary to perform the Contract.

1.44 NONDISCRIMINATION

Supplier agrees to take all steps necessary to comply with all federal, state, and City laws and policies regarding non-discrimination and equal employment opportunities. Supplier shall not discriminate in any employment action because of race, religion, color, national origin or ancestry, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, marital status, familial status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical handicap. In the event of non-compliance by Supplier with any of the non-discrimination provisions of the Contract, the City shall be deemed to have cause to terminate the Contract, in whole or in part.

1.45 FEDERAL, STATE, AND MUNICIPAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Supplier shall comply with all federal, state, municipal, and/or local laws and regulations in the performance of all terms and conditions of the Contract. Supplier shall be solely responsible for all violations of the law from any cause in connection with its performance of work under the Contract.

1.46 FEDERAL AID PROJECTS

"The City of Tacoma" in accordance with provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. sections 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin in consideration for an award.

1.47 REPORTS, RIGHT TO AUDIT, PERSONNEL

- A. Reports. Supplier shall, at such times and in such form as the City may reasonably require, furnish the City with periodic status reports pertaining to the services undertaken or goods provided pursuant to the Contract.
- B. Right to Audit. Upon City's request, Supplier shall make available to City all accounts, records and documents related to the scope of work for City's inspection, auditing, or evaluation during normal business hours as reasonably needed by City to assess performance, compliance and/or quality assurance under the Contract or in satisfaction of City's public disclosure obligations as applicable.
- C. Personnel. If before, during, or after the execution of a Contract, Supplier has represented or represents to the City that certain personnel would or will be responsible for performing services pursuant to the Contract, then Supplier is obligated to ensure that said personnel perform said Contract services to the maximum extent permitted by law. Substantial organizational or personnel changes within Supplier's firm are expected to be communicated to City immediately. Failure to do so could result in termination of the Contract. This provision shall only be waived by written authorization by the City, and on a case-by-case basis.

1.48 INSURANCE

- A. During the course and performance of a Contract, Supplier will provide proof and maintain the insurance coverage in the amounts and in the manner specified in the City of Tacoma Insurance Requirements as is applicable to the services, products, and deliverables provided under the Contract. The City of Tacoma Insurance Requirements document, if issued, is fully incorporated into the Contract by reference.
- B. Failure by City to identify a deficiency in the insurance documentation provided by Contractor or failure of City to demand verification of coverage or compliance by Contractor with these insurance requirements shall not be construed as a waiver of Contractor's obligation to maintain such insurance.

1.49 INDEMNIFICATION - HOLD HARMLESS

A. Supplier agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City of Tacoma, its officers, agents and employees, from and against any and all liability which may accrue to or be sustained by the City of Tacoma for any claim, suit or legal action made or brought against the City for the death of or injury to persons (including Supplier's or subcontractor's employees), or damage to property involving Supplier or subcontractor(s) and their employees or agents, or for any other cause arising out of and in connection with or incident to the performance of the Contract, except for injuries or damages caused by the sole negligence of the City. In this regard, Supplier recognizes it is waiving immunity under

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Industrial Insurance Law, Title 51 RCW. This indemnification includes attorney's fees and the cost of establishing the right to indemnification hereunder in favor of the City of Tacoma. By Supplier's acceptance of this order, he/she agrees that this subsection has been mutually negotiated.

B. These indemnifications shall survive the termination of a Contract.

1.50 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officer, employee, or agent of the City, nor any member of the immediate family of any such officer, employee or agent as defined by City ordinance, shall have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in a Contract, either in fact or in appearance. Supplier shall comply with all federal, state, and City conflict of interest laws, statutes, and regulations. Supplier represents that Supplier presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, in the program to which the Contract pertains that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of Supplier's services and obligations hereunder. Supplier further covenants that, in performance of a Contract, no person having any such interest shall be employed. Supplier also agrees that its violation of the City's Code of Ethics contained in Chapter 1.46 of the Tacoma Municipal Code shall constitute a breach of Contract subjecting the Contract to termination.

1.51 CITY OWNERSHIP OF WORK/RIGHTS IN DATA/PUBLICATIONS

- A. To the extent that Supplier creates any work subject to the protections of the Copyright Act (Title 17 U.S.C.) in its performance of a Contract, Supplier agrees to the following: The work has been specially ordered and commissioned by the City. Supplier agrees that the work is a "work made for hire" for copyright purposes, with all copyrights in the work owned by City. To the extent that the work does not qualify as a work made for hire under applicable law, and to the extent that the work includes material subject to copyright, Supplier hereby assigns to City, its successors and assigns, all right, title and interest in and to the work, including but not limited to, all copyrights, patent, trade secret and other proprietary rights, and all rights, title and interest in and to any inventions and designs embodied in the work or developed during the course of Supplier's creation of the work.
- B. Supplier shall be solely responsible for obtaining releases and/or licenses for the reproduction, distribution, creation of derivative works, performance, display, or other use of copyrighted materials. Should Supplier fail to obtain said releases and/or licenses, Supplier shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City for any claim resulting there from.

1.52 DUTY OF CONFIDENTIALITY

Supplier acknowledges that unauthorized disclosure of information or documentation concerning the Scope of Work hereunder may cause substantial economic loss or harm to the City. Except for disclosure of information and documents to Supplier's employees, agents, or subcontractors who have a substantial need to know such information in connection with Supplier's performance of obligations under the Contract, Supplier shall <u>not</u> without prior written authorization by the City allow the release, dissemination, distribution, sharing, or other publication or disclosure of information or documentation obtained, discovered, shared or produced pursuant to a Contract.

1.53 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

In the event of a dispute pertaining to ta Contract, the parties agree to attempt to negotiate in good faith an acceptable resolution. If a resolution cannot be negotiated, then the parties agree to submit the dispute to voluntary non-binding mediation before pursuing other remedies. This provision does not limit the City's right to terminate.

1.54 GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

- A. Washington law shall govern the interpretation of the Contract. The state or federal courts located in Pierce County Washington shall be the sole venue of any mediation, arbitration, or litigation arising out of the Contract.
- B. Respondents providing submittals from outside the legal jurisdiction of the United States of America will be subject to Tacoma's City Attorney's Office (CAO) opinion as to the viability of possible litigation pursuant to a contract resulting from this Specification. If it is the opinion of the CAO that any possible litigation would be beyond reasonable cost and/or enforcement, the submittal may be excluded from evaluation.

1.55 ASSIGNMENT

Supplier shall not assign, subcontract, delegate or transfer any obligation, interest or claim to or under the Contract without the prior written consent of the City.

1.56 WAIVER

A waiver or failure by either party to enforce any provision of the contract shall not be construed as a continuing waiver of such provisions, nor shall the same constitute a waiver of any other provision of the Contract.

1.57 SEVERABILITY AND SURVIVAL

If any term, condition or provision herein or incorporated by reference is declared void or unenforceable or limited in its application or effect, such event shall not affect any other provisions hereof and all other provisions shall remain fully enforceable. The provisions of the Contract, which by their sense and context are reasonably intended to survive the completion, expiration or cancellation of the Contract, shall survive termination of the Contract.

1.58 NO CITY LIABILITY

Neither the City, its officials, staff, agents, employees, representatives, or consultants will be liable for any claims or damages resulting from any aspect of this procurement process.

A signed copy of Submittals, Contract documents, including but not limited to contract amendments, contract exhibits, task orders, statements of work and other such Contract related documents, delivered by email or other means of electronic transmission including by using a third party service, which service is provided primarily for the electronic execution of electronic records, shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy.

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SUBMITTAL CHECK LIST

This checklist identifies items to be included with your submittal. Any submittal received without these required items may be deemed non-responsive and not be considered for award.

Submittals must be received by the City of Tacoma Purchasing Division by the date and time specified in the Request for Bids page.

The following items make up your submittal package:	
Signature Page	
Price Proposal Form	
After award, the following documents will be executed:	
Supplies Services Contract	
Certificate of Insurance and related endorsements	

SECTION 3 - PROJECT INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

A. PROJECT OVERVIEW

Background-City of Tacoma Solid Waste Management is a publicly owned utility providing solid waste collection, recycling, and disposal to approximately 58,000 residential and 5,000 commercial customers residing in the City of Tacoma. Residential customers and small quantity waste generating commercial customers utilize plastic containers provided by Solid Waste Management for waste collection. Currently more than 250,000 plastic waste containers ranging from 20-gallon to 90-gallon in size are distributed to Solid Waste Management customers. The provided containers will be distributed to new and existing customers when current supplies reach the end of their lifecycle and/or become unusable.

B. INQUIRIES TO RFB

No Pre-proposal conference is being held; however, questions and request for clarifications of the specifications may be submitted in writing by **3:00 p.m.**, **Pacific Time**, **Thursday**, **January 14, 2021**, to Samol Hefley, Purchasing Division, via email to shefley@cityoftacoma.org. No further questions will be accepted after this date and time. The City will not be responsible for unsuccessful submittal of questions.

Written answers to all questions submitted will be posted on the Purchasing website at www.TacomaPurchasing.org on or about **Wednesday**, **January 20**, **2021**. The City reserves the discretion to group similar questions to provide a single answer or not to respond when the requested information is confidential. The answers are not typically considered an addendum.

C. RFB REVISIONS

In the event it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFB, addenda will be issued to all registered planholders and posted on the Purchasing website. Answers in response to RFB inquiries (see Section 3. C. above) are not typically provided as an addendum.

D. CONTRACT TERM

The contract will be for two (2) years with the option to renew the contract three additional oneyear terms. The City reserves the right to cancel the contract for any reason, by written notice, as stipulated in the contract.

E. RESPONSIVENESS

Respondents agree to provide up to 60 days for acceptance from the submittal deadline.

All submittals will be reviewed by the City to determine compliance with the requirements and instructions specified in this RFB. The Respondent is specifically notified that failure to comply with any part of this RFB may result in rejection of the submittal as non-responsive. The City reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to waive irregularities deemed to be immaterial.

The final selection, if any, will be that proposal which, after review of submissions and potential interviews, in the sole judgement of the City, best meets the requirements set forth in this RFB.

F. COSTS TO PREPARE SUBMITTAL

The City is not liable for any costs incurred by the Respondent for the preparation of materials or a proposal submitted in response to this RFB, for conducting any presentations to the City, or any other activities related to responding to this RFB.

G. ACCEPTANCE OF BID CONTENTS

The Bid Submittal contents of the successful Respondent will become contractual obligations if a contract ensues.

H. CONTRACT OBLIGATION

The selected Respondent(s) will be expected to execute the Contract (Appendix A).

I. PRICE REVISIONS

Prices shall remain firm for the duration of the initial 12 months of the contract period

J. PRICE ESCALATION / DE-ESCALATION CLAUSE

The City intends this contract to run for up to four (4) years from date of contract award. Bid submittal prices shall be firm for the initial 12 month contract period and will establish a base price against which the Contractor may request price adjustments for the second, third and fourth 12 month contract periods. Only one price increase shall be accepted for each contract year. Requests for price adjustments shall be in writing and shall be submitted 45 days prior to each 12 month contract period per the requirements contained in this section.

Requests for price adjustments shall be mailed directly to:

City of Tacoma, Purchasing Division Attention: Samol Hefley, Senior Buyer 3628 South 35th Street Tacoma, WA 98409

Email: shefley@cityoftacoma.org

The contractor shall utilize a copy of their original proposal pages, when submitting their request, drawing a line through the original unit or lump sum bid price and writing in the requested price next to the line-out (original) price. All requests for price adjustments must be supported by written documentation. Requests for adjustments due to changes in materials costs must be supported by written documentation from the manufacturer or supplier. Manufacturer/supplier contact information must be included for verification purposes. Requests for price adjustments may be evaluated against various market conditions, including but not limited to the Consumer Price Index for Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, applicable Producer Price Indexes, and the WA State Prevailing Wage Rates for Pierce County.

K. GUARANTEE / WARRANTY

- A. All products furnished under these specifications shall be guaranteed/warranted for a period of not less than seven years, against, any imperfections in material and workmanship.
- B. Bidder must attach its guarantee/warranty for all items to its offer submission
- C. All work under this contract shall be guaranteed against failure due to defective workmanship for a period of 7 years, after acceptance. Vendor shall correct any deficiencies found by the City within 10 days after being informed of the defects.
- D. Maintenance and repair services included in 7 years full warranty. Annual inspections, repairs, replacements should be provided by the vendor, including any repair found by the City during routine inspections, all without additional costs to the City.
- E. Repairs on units outside of the warranty period the required repairs and maintenance will include but is not limited to the following;
- F. Replacement parts and technical support for all defects and issues that are not the result of accidental damage, vandalism, and misuse, excluding batteries.
- G. The unit cost for regular repair service labor performed will be billed as regular time, hourly rate, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. excluding nights, Saturdays, Sundays and any Holidays. Overtime rates will not be billed for repairs and/or service performed outside of regular time hourly rate. The selected vendor must not perform any work outside the regular working hours without prior authorization from the City.

L. TRIAL PERIOD

A 180-day trial period shall apply to contract(s) awarded as a result of this solicitation. During the trial period, the vendor must perform in accordance with all terms and conditions of the contract. Failure to perform during this trial period may result in the immediate cancellation of the contract. In the event of dispute or discrepancy as to the acceptability of product or service, the City's decision shall prevail. The City agrees to pay only for authorized orders received up to the date of termination. If the contract is terminated within the trial period, the City reserves the option to award the contract to the next highest ranking bidder by mutual agreement with such bidder. Any new award will be for the remainder of the contract and will also be subject to this trial period.

M. PAYMENT

ADMINISTRATION

The project lead in coordination with the contractor shall make all measurements and determine all quantities and amounts of work done for payments under the contract. Should a specific project extend past 30 days, progress payments may be made to the contractor with prior written approval of the requesting Department. The project lead shall make an estimate of the work completed or done by the contractor. The project leads determination of progress payments shall be conclusive. The City will not pay for material not under City control.

Invoices shall be mailed to the attention of:

Soild Waste Management ATTN: Desirée Odegard 3510 S. Mullen Street Tacoma, WA 98409-2200

UNIT QUANTITIES SPECIFICED

Quantities indicated in the proposal are for bidding and contract purposes only. Quantities and measurements supplied or placed in the work and verified by the project manager and contractor determine payment.

The City reserves the right to delete any bid item from the contract by notifying the contractor in writing of its intent. In the event of deleted work, the contractor's sole compensation shall be the money due the contractor for materials that had been purchased and obtained by the contractor prior to the deletion of the work.

CONTRACT PRICE

The lump sum and unit bid prices shall be full and complete compensation for the contract work stated, together with all appurtenances incidental thereto, including materials, equipment, tools, labor, and all the costs to the contractor for completing the contract in accordance with the plans, specifications, and instructions of the project lead.

All work not specifically described or mentioned in these specifications, but are required to be constructed to achieve complete and operable systems, structures or amenities shall be considered incidental items of work, not separately compensable, and its price included in items of work specified in the specifications.

N. PROJECT COORDINATION

Project manager for this project with whom the contractor shall coordinate all their activities will be Joe Breer, jbreer@cityoftacoma.org once the notice to commence work is issued. Any changes to these specifications shall be approved by this project manager prior to commencing any work.

Bidder inquiries, regarding technical specifications, may be directed to Ms. Sam Hefley, Buyer Finance/Purchasing at shefley@cityoftacoma.org

O. INSURANCE

In addition to the requirements in Section 1.48 of the Standard Terms an Conditions and the attached City of Tacoma Certificate Requirements, the successful bidder shall deliver, with their Certificate of Liability Insurance, an endorsement naming the City as an additional insured and stating that coverage under such policy is primary over and noncontributory with any insurance the City may maintain.

P. DELIVERY

The contractor will deliver and stage all trash stations to the Solid Waste Management (SWM) Recovery and Transfer Center (RTC) on a mutually agreed upon schedule.

The SWM RTC is located at:

3510 S. Mullen Street Tacoma, WA 98409-2200

SECTION 4 - TECHNICAL PROVISIONS

General Information and Technical Specifications Solid Waste Plastic Containers Specification No. ES20-0233F

DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL

Background-City of Tacoma Solid Waste Management is a publicly owned utility providing solid waste collection, recycling, and disposal to approximately 58,000 residential and 5,000 commercial customers residing in the City of Tacoma. Residential customers and small quantity waste generating commercial customers utilize plastic containers provided by Solid Waste Management for waste collection. Currently more than 250,000 plastic waste containers ranging from 20-gallon to 90-gallon in size are distributed to Solid Waste Management customers. The provided containers will be distributed to new and existing customers when current supplies reach the end of their lifecycle and/or become unusable.

A. Purpose – The City of Tacoma (City), Environmental Services Department, Solid Waste Management (SWM) Division is soliciting bids from qualified firms to furnish automated (universal) plastic containers in sizes 20-gallon, 30-gallon, 45-gallon, 60-gallon and 90-gallon for a two-year period, with three (3) one-year options to renew. These plastic containers will be utilized by the City's Solid Waste Management (SWM) Division for the collection of solid waste, recyclables and organic waste.

It is anticipated that this contract will be awarded to a single vendor to provide all products identified in this bid specification, however the City reserves the right to award the contract to multiple vendors. The City intends to purchase the following estimated quantity of containers during the first two years of the contract. Additional containers may be purchased, as needed, during the third, fourth and fifth year of the contract, if the option(s) to renew is exercised. Delivery of the containers may start with the award to the successful bidder.

<u>200</u>
<u>3,600</u>
2,000
<u>5,600</u>
18,000

The size specified shall be in U.S. liquid gallons and identified in the body portion of the container only. Wherever these specifications requests a specific container volume, it is acceptable to offer slight variations that are described in section 7 under container dimension details. The actual size quoted must be noted on the proposal page.

Wherever in these specifications a manufacturer's name, brand, method of manufacturer or model is mentioned, it is understood that the phrase "or approved equal" shall be assumed to meet design and quality standards described in the container specifications. Any vendor electing to bid must supply the SWM representative sample containers prior to the bid opening. The samples should be clearly labeled, preferably on the lid, with

"Test Sample", company name, and container size by **January 14, 2021**. The sample containers will be supplied at the vendor's expense. Bidders shall contact Joe Breer at (253) 594-7816 for delivery arrangements of sample containers.

Failure to provide samples prior to bid opening may result in your bid being rejected.

- B. <u>Quantities</u> The City reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities under the contract and pay according to the unit prices quoted in the proposal. The quantities shown are estimates only and not a guarantee of any particular dollar or unit volume.
- C. <u>Certification</u> The containers herein described are intended to be utilized by the City for the collection of solid waste, recyclables and organic waste. Each vendor shall provide certification that the two-wheeled containers to be provided to the City meet the requirements set forth in ANSI Z245.30-2008 and ANSI Z245.60-2008. Vendors shall supply certified copies of the results of each test set forth in the Testing Requirements section of ANSI Z245.30-2008 and ANSI Z245.60-2008 with the bid. Failure to provide this information may result in rejection of the vendor's bid. Wherever a certification of an ANSI standard is required in this bid document, that certification must be provided by a party qualified and officially recognized to perform such analysis. This specification generally describes those attributes sought by the City. The City relies upon the ANSI standards and the skill and judgment of the Seller to propose a suitable produce that will meet the City's needs described herein.
- D. Pricing/Price Adjustments Bidder proposals must include the weight of the resin in the body and lid only of each size container and the cost of the resin per pound on which this quotation is based. If resin costs are proprietary information, they can be supplied in a separate sealed envelope marked "Resin Costs, Confidential: to remain confidential. Escalation/de-escalation will be allowed only on the cost of the resin relative to the weight of the container. For bidding and Price Increase/Decrease purposes resin prices shall be based on published prices, as posted weekly, in Plastic News under HDPE Injection Molding-General Purpose (GP). For the purpose of evaluating submittals, resin prices shall be based on the published price in effect on the Request for Bids posting date.

All pricing shall be FOB destination; freight pre-paid and allowed, 3510 S. Mullen Street, Tacoma, WA, 98409-2200. Surcharges are not allowed.

- E. <u>Price Increases/Decreases</u> The City will consider price increase/decrease adjustments at each twelve (12) month contract period under the following conditions.
 - a. Pricing 'per container' may be adjusted at each twelve (12) month contract period based on the published price as posted in Plastic New under HDPE Injection
 Molding-General Purpose (GP) at the time of request. Written documentation must be received forty five (45) days prior to each twelve (12) month contract period from date of contract award throughout the life of the contract. Any proposed increase/decrease in price to contract line items must be beyond the control of the vendor and may not be for the purpose of increased profit margin. Any potential price increase/decrease must be approved by the City's Purchasing Division.
 - b. The City reserves the right to accept or reject all such increases/decreases.

- c. If no request for price increase is received within the specified time period the vendor waives its right to price increase for the time period.
- d. The City is entitled to any promotional pricing during the contract period which is lower than our standard pricing as provided in bid.

F. Patents

- a. Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officials, officers, agents and employees from and shall defend, at its sole expense, any and all claims, demands, damages, suits at law or at equity, losses, judgments, liens and costs arising out of or occasioned by the actual or alleged infringement of any patent, trademark, copyright or similar claims. In the event of recovery due to the aforementioned circumstances, the vendor shall pay any judgment or lien arising there from, including any and all costs, including attorney fees, as part thereof.
- Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the buyer from any and all license, royalty and proprietary fees or costs, including legal costs, which may arise out of the buyer's purchase and use of plastic containers supplied by Contractor.
- c. It is expressly agree by Contractor that these covenants are irrevocable and perpetual.

G. Warranty

- a. The warranty for these plastic containers shall be submitted and made a part of the bid.
- b. When the word "container" is used in this specification, it is defined as a complete unit including a full lid and wheel assembly. All containers furnished shall be warranted to be fully functional, in the opinion of the City, for a period of seven (7) years. Defects which may breach this warranty include, but are not limited to, the following: cracking, chipping, peeling, distortion, failures at attachment point for lids, hinges, wheels, other points of attachment, weathering degradation, defective or insufficient material, poor material workmanship on the part of the manufacturer and lower ultraviolet resistance to aging in the process or normal operational use. Defective container tubs which are replaced under the warranty provision shall be replaced with all associated hardware. However, if any portion other than the tub should fail, then only that portion shall be replaced; such as, if the lid should fail, then only the lid shall be replaced.
- c. The Contractor shall not be responsible for damage or destruction caused by fire, vandalism, abuse, neglect or force majeure after the containers have been delivered and accepted.
- d. Containers and hardware, which the Seller is obligated to replace under the warranty provision, shall be promptly replaced within thirty (30) calendar days after notice from the City.

- e. If the Contractor fails to remove all containers or container parts, which were found defective under warranty, within thirty (30) calendar days, Buyer will consider them abandoned and dispose of them.
- f. Contractor shall provide a warranty against infringement as set forth in Section 62A.2-312(3), of the Revised Code of Washington, and the submittal of a bid shall constitute an express warranty by the Seller that the goods are to be delivered free of any patent, trademark, copyright or similar claims. Seller further agrees that the specifications furnished herein shall not abrogate Seller's warranty.
- H. <u>Quality Assurance</u> A certificate of material compliance shall be submitted with each production shipment. This certificate shall adequately identify each material used and the raw material lot number by the resin manufacturer. The tubs shall have the month and year manufactured and a manufactured material identification code molded into the tub.

Design Specifications

I. Container shall meet the standards set forth in ANSI Z245.30-2008 and ANSI Z245.60-2008. The containers shall be designed to be picked up and dumped by a gripping device that applies a compressive radial force of 200 pounds without damaging the container at a point below the top edge (fully automated) or attached to a tipping device (semi-automated). Container shall be capable of being lifted and dumped from any angle. Every container must be capable of being emptied with fully-automated or semi-automated equipment utilized by the City. Container and lid shall be able to go through a 32" opening. Container shall be designed to regularly receive and dump the following weight relative to the size of the container.

20 – gallon containers:70 lbs.30 – gallon containers:112 lbs.45 – gallon containers:160 lbs.60 – gallon containers:220 lbs.90 – gallon containers:330 lbs.

- J. <u>Fabrication</u> The containers shall be manufactured from first quality 100% virgin medium or high-density polyethylene from a nationally-recognized supplier (e.g. Phillips, Dow, Dupont, etc.). Containers will have a minimum of 15% by weight of post-consumer regrind (PCR) polyethylene. Virgin and post-consumer regrind polyethylene will contain a minimum of one-half of 1% by weight, ultraviolet stabilized to protect against physical and color deterioration. Container body below the lid shall be one piece and either rotationally or injection molded. The lid will be manufactured of the same material as the body and be of the same molding process as the body. PRC polyethylene and ultraviolet stabilized will be hot melt compounded into base material. The container will have a minimum wall thickness of 0.125 inches.
- K. <u>Stability</u> The container shall be stable and self-balancing when in the upright position, when either loaded or empty. When the container is sitting on a surface, it shall sit flat to the surface. The wheels shall be off the ground slightly so as to not make the container unstable. Containers, when empty, shall be capable of maintaining its upright position in

sustained or gusting winds u to 25 miles per hour as applied from any direction. The container shall remain in the upright position when the lid is being opened and/or in the open position.

L. <u>Compressive Force</u> - Each container shall be capable of withstanding a compressive force of 200 pounds in the lifting and dumping process without permanent damage, deformation or structural failure.

M. Finish

- a. Interior surfaces shall have a high-gloss finish. Exterior surfaces shall be non-slip for easier pickup and not hinder the container being picked up by a mechanical arm.
- b. The plastic containers shall be hot stamped in contrasting color with a unique alpha numeric consecutive serial number on the front or side of the container. The City will provide serial number sequence at the time of request. The City of Tacoma Logo and the words "City of Tacoma" shall be hot stamped in contrasting color on both sides of the container.
- c. Container color options shall include green, blue, brown and gray.
 - 1. 20 Gallon Green
 - 2. 30 Gallon Blue, Brown, Green
 - 3. 45 Gallon Green
 - 4. 60 Gallon Blue, Brown, Green, Gray
 - 5. 90 Gallon Blue, Brown, Green
- N. Radio Frequency Identification Tags (RFID) Each container shall be installed with a passive, not requiring a power source, Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tag meeting EPC global Ultra High Frequency (UHF) Class 1 Gen 2 (ISO 18000-6C) standard. The tag shall allow operations within frequencies compliant with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations and permit reading with a universal non-proprietary RFID reader. The RFID tag shall be fully encapsulated within the container or handle in a tamper resistant way, which does not allow the removal of the tag unless the container is physically manipulated and/or taken apart. The RFID tag shall not be in direct contact with the contents of the container at any time. Alternative RFID tag locations shall be approved in writing prior to procurement, order or delivery. Tag EPC shall provide unique and customizable City provided EPC matching the associated serial number and container combination.

O. Container Dimensions

- d. 20 Gallon Container
 - 1. 20 through 25 U.S. liquid gallons accepted (no larger)
 - 2. 40" maximum height
 - 3. 16" to 20" hip or gripping surface diameter
 - 4. 24" maximum bottom diameter
 - 5. 29" maximum width

e. 30 – Gallon Container

- 1. 30 through 35 U.S. liquid gallons accepted (no larger)
- 2. 40" maximum height
- 3. 16" to 20" hip or gripping surface diameter
- 4. 24" maximum bottom diameter
- 5. 29" maximum width

f. 45 – Gallon Container

- 1. 45 through 48 U.S. liquid gallons accepted (no larger)
- 2. 40" maximum height
- 3. 16" to 20" hip or gripping surface diameter
- 4. 24" maximum bottom diameter
- 5. 29" maximum width

g. 60 – Gallon Container

- 1. 60 through 65 U.S. liquid gallons accepted (no larger)
- 2. 42" maximum height
- 3. 26" to 28" hip or gripping surface diameter
- 4. 24" maximum bottom diameter
- 5. 29" maximum width

h. 90 – Gallon Container

- 1. 90 through 96 U.S. liquid gallons accepted (no larger)
- 2. 47" maximum height
- 3. 26" to 28" hip or gripping surface diameter
- 4. 24" maximum bottom diameter
- 5. 29" maximum width
- P. Compatibility The City urges the bidder to examine existing containers and collection equipment to ensure compatibility. The existing containers and collection equipment may be viewed at the Tacoma Recovery and Transfer Center between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, contact Joe Breer at (253) 594-7816. Prior to final Award of Bid, the City will test each container for performance and compatibility with existing collection equipment.

Q. Lid

i. Each container shall have a lid molded from the same material and color as the container unless otherwise specified by SWM, which continuously overlaps and comes in contact with the container body or otherwise causes an interface with the container body that simultaneously prevents the inclusion of rainwater, rodents, birds and insects and the emission of odors. The lid design shall be convex to provide drainage. The lid shall be designed so that it will not warp, slump or distort to such and extend that it no longer fits the container properly or becomes otherwise unserviceable. The lid size for a 20-, 30-, 45-, 60- and 90-gallon container shall not be wider than 30", so it will pass through a 32" gate or

door unhindered. The City may request to purchase lids molded from the same material but with a different color than the container.

- j. The handle shall be an integrally-molded part of the container body and shall not rotate on its own axis. The lid must be designed in such a manner to ensure that the container will be watertight and be permanently attached with a hinge of polyethylene to the container without the use of a metal hinge, metal bar, PVC, plastic glued connections or any hidden bar. The hinges shall allow the lid to open by the force of its own weight upon dumping to the degree required. Each lid shall have operating instructions describing the "safe use" and be molded into the back portion of the lid so it can be easily read while pushing the unit.
 - 1. Each garbage (green) container lid shall state (molded on top of the lid) the following information:

"Do not use for" "Use for"

"Rocks, Sod, Dirt, Sand or Concrete" "Normal Trash or Garbage"

"Hazardous Materials: Paints, Solvents Gasoline, Oil or Hot Ashes"

Do not push container with lid open

2. Each recycle (blue) container lid shall state (molded on top of the lid) the following information:

"Do not use for" "Use for"

"Household garbage" "Accepted Recyclables Only"

"Yard and Garden Waste"

"Hazardous Materials: Paints, Solvents Gasoline, Oil or Hot Ashes"

Remove from the curb/alley when empty

Opening to Street

Do not push container with lid open

3. Each 30-gallon and 90-gallon yard/food waste (brown) container lid shall state (molded on top of the lid) the following information:

"Do not use for" "Use for"

"Household garbage" "Yard/Food Waste Only"

"Rocks, Dirt, Sod or Animal Waste"

"Hazardous Materials: Paints, Solvents Gasoline, Oil or Hot Ashes"

Remove from the curb/alley when empty

Opening to Street

Do not push container with lid open

4. Each 60-gallon commercial food waste (brown) container lid shall state (molded on top of the lid) the following information:

"Do not use for"

"Use for"

"Garbage"

"Food Waste Only"

"Rocks, Dirt, Sod or Animal Waste"

"Hazardous Materials: Paints, Solvents Gasoline, Oil or Hot Ashes"

Remove from the curb/alley when empty

Opening to Street

Do not push container with lid open

- k. Each lid or body shall also have molded into the front section of the lid or the body the City of Tacoma Logo.
- I. Containers shall contain an area that will accept an instruction sticker that is of adequate size and finish that will accept an adhesive-backed sticker that can be easily read. The City will work with the vendor to determine the final type and arrangement of container markings. Also, see Item E (b) under Design Specifications regarding sequential numbering.
- R. <u>Axle</u> Each container shall have a 5/8" solid steel axle (minimum) that has been electro statically coated to prevent rust. It shall be attached to the container by means of a molded-in axle sleeve, pop rivets or piano hinges are not acceptable. The axle shall be amply supported to minimize stress and prevent bending of the axle, and can be easily replaced in the field.
- S. Wheels Minimum sizes for wheels are to be 8" (inches) for 20-, 30-gallon containers, 10" (inches) for 45-, 60-gallon containers and 12" (inches) for 90-gallon containers. The width of the wheels for all containers will be 2" to 2¾" wide (2¾ preferred). The wheels must extend beyond the width of the base of the container. Recessed wheels are not acceptable. Wheels must be easily removed with a simple vendor provided tool to facilitate maintenance in the field. Wheel will be one piece and can be rotationally molded, blow molded or injection molded. Wheels may be molded from first quality 100% virgin polyethylene or post-consumer recycled material.
- T. <u>Grab Bar</u> The grab bar will be constructed of tubular steel, plastic or molded plastic. The grab bar must be compatible with all domestic lifting devices. Metal grab bars will be

constructed of galvanized steel and have a minimum of 1" outside diameter. Metal and plastic grab bars must be easily replaceable in the field.

U. Replacement Parts

- m. The successful bidder will provide 100 sets of replacement parts with initial order, which will fit each of the 20-, 30-, 45-, 60- and 90-gallon containers. Each set shall include a lid, two wheels, an axle, a handle, grab bar and all installation hardware. The cost of such replacement parts shall be incidental to the contract.
- n. The City shall have the option of ordering sets of replacement parts or individual replacement parts under the agreement. Replacement parts may be included as part of a container order or a stand-alone order. Bidder shall include a price list for the purchase of additional replacement parts. The price list shall include pricing for sets of replacement parts and individual parts.

V. Delivery

- o. Seller must arrange for all deliveries to the Tacoma Recovery and Transfer Center (RTC). Delivery will be between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. SWM personnel will be available to assist in the unloading as long as arrangements are made with SWM two (2) days prior to delivery.
- p. The vendor will be required to make the initial delivery of containers over a period of six (6) weeks, unless otherwise agreed upon by SWM. The successful bidder will be required to deliver containers and all associated parts in an organized manner. The vendor will be required to provide the container serial numbers at the time of order and will be denoted on the packing slip and invoice.
- q. The vendor is required to have the merchandise delivered within five (5) weeks of the confirmed order for all subsequent deliveries after the initial. SWM has the option to impose a \$100.00 per day charge to the vendor for failure to deliver in the required time period. The vendor shall not, however, be responsible for delays in delivery due to acts beyond the manufacturer's reasonable control, or due to act of god, fire, strikes, epidemics, war, riots, unavoidable delay in transportation or rail car/transport shortages, or documented unavoidable material shortages, provided the City is notified in writing by the vendor of such pending or actual delay and the reasons therefore. If deemed excusable, the City shall authorize an extension of time. In the event of such an excusable delay, the date of delivery shall be extended for a period equal to the time lost due to the reason for delay. Any damage assessment or extensions of time are to be authorized by written purchase order changes issued by the City of Tacoma.
- r. Contractor is responsible for all parts, materials and other necessary equipment for containers until acceptance. Acceptance will be determined after being inspected by City personnel. Any defective containers or parts, which are rejected for any reason, shall be removed from the site. The Seller has thirty (30) days to remove such defective material.

- W. Container Recycling The City of Tacoma promotes the acquisition of goods and services in a manner that is consistent with the principles of environmental stewardship. The Solid Waste Management Division reserves the right to select a vendor that not only uses recycled content in their product containers but also recycle used and/or damaged "City of Tacoma" plastic containers. As an option to this contract, bidders are requested to provide a quote for recycling of damaged containers. The containers will be picked up and transported by the vendor at no cost to the City.
- X. <u>Contact</u> For questions pertaining to the technical requirements of this specification please contact Samol Hefley at shefley@cityoftacoma.org.

APPENDIX A

Signature Page
Price Proposal Form
Certificate of Insurance Requirement
Sample Contract

SIGNATURE PAGE

CITY OF TACOMA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES/SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

All submittals must be in ink or typewritten, executed by a duly authorized officer or representative of the bidding/proposing entity, and received and time stamped as directed in the **Request for Bids page near the beginning of the specification**. If the bidder/proposer is a subsidiary or doing business on behalf of another entity, so state, and provide the firm name under which business is hereby transacted.

REQUEST FOR BIDS SPECIFICATION NO. ES20-0233F Plastic 20, 30, 45, 60 & 90-Gallon Containers with RFID Tags and Replacement Parts

The undersigned bidder/proposer hereby agrees to execute the proposed contract and furnish all materials, labor, tools, equipment and all other facilities and services in accordance with these specifications.

The bidder/proposer agrees, by submitting a bid/proposal under these specifications, that in the event any litigation should arise concerning the submission of bids/proposals or the award of contract under this specification, Request for Bids, Request for Proposals or Request for Qualifications, the venue of such action or litigation shall be in the Superior Court of the State of Washington, in and for the County of Pierce.

Non-Collusion Declaration

The undersigned bidder/proposer hereby certifies under penalty of perjury that this bid/proposal is genuine and not a sham or collusive bid/proposal, or made in the interests or on behalf of any person or entity not herein named; and that said bidder/proposer has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any contractor or supplier on the above work to put in a sham bid/proposal or any person or entity to refrain from submitting a bid/proposal; and that said bidder/proposer has not, in any manner, sought by collusion to secure to itself an advantage over any other contractor(s) or person(s).

Bidder/Proposer's Registered Name		Signature of Person Authorized to Enter Date into Contracts for Bidder/Proposer
Address		Printed Name and Title
City, State, Zip		(Area Code) Telephone Number / Fax Number
E-Mail Address		(Area Code) Telephone Number / Lax Number
FIN. /		State Business License Number in WA, also known as UBI (Unified Business Identifier) Number
E.I.No. / Federal Social Security Number Used on Quarterly Federal Tax Return, U.S. Treasury Dept. Form 941		
		State Contractor's License Number (See Ch. 18.27, R.C.W.)
Addendum acknowledgement #1	#2_	#3 #4 #5

THIS PAGE MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED WITH SUBMITTAL.

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CITY OF TACOMA BID PROPOSAL SHEET (Page 1) SPECIFICATION No. ES20-0233F

Name o	of Bidder:
A.	Provide list of customers currently using the quoted containers: (Include company name, contact person, email and telephone)
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В.	Specify the material of which the containers are made:
C.	Specify the percentage of recycled content:
D.	Specify body size of containers offered, based on ANSI A245.30-2008 standards for measuring volumetric loading capacity, in U.S. liquid gallons:
	20 – gallon:; 30 – gallon:; 45 – gallon:;
	60 – gallon:; 90 – gallon:;
E.	Weight of resin, body and lid only, to establish basis for price escalation / de-escalation:
	20 – gallon:; 30 – gallon:; 45 – gallon:;
	60 – gallon:; 90 – gallon:;
F.	Cost of resin per pound on which this quotation is based, to establish basis for escalation / de-escalation,pound.
G.	Provide describe all exceptions that do comply with general requirements and technical specifications described in this request for bids:
Н.	Bidder has attached manufacturer's complete container specifications (yes/no)
l.	Bidder has provided certified copies of ANSI test results (yes/no)

CITY OF TACOMA BID PROPOSAL SHEET (Page 2) SPECIFICATION NO. ES20-0233F

Name of Bidder:

We the undersigned, hereby agree to furnish the following per the specification, F.O.B. Destination 3510 S. Mullen St, Tacoma, WA, 98409-2200, freight prepaid and allowed.

Bidder shall submit one original bid and one copy. If bidder wishes to submit alternate bids, copy the appropriate bid pages and submit any alternate bids in a separate envelope.

The unit bid price and total price must be shown in the spaces provided. Total price shall be determined by multiplying the unit price by the estimated quantity. Unit prices shall be FOB destination freight prepaid and allowed. Surcharges are not allowed. Bidders are requested to provide the unit cost for all line items included in the Bid Proposal Document. Items without estimated quantities shall be sold separately and are not to be included in the total cost proposal.

Failure to comply may result in your bid being declared unresponsive and rejected.

ITEM NO.	EST. QTY	DESCRIPTION	BID <u>UNIT</u>	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
1.	200	20-Gallon Plastic Container – Assembled	<u>EA</u>	\$	\$
		1a. 20-Gallon Plastic Container – Assembled with different colored lid	<u>EA</u>	\$	\$
		1b. 20-Gallon Plastic Lid	<u>EA</u>	\$	\$
ITEM NO.	EST. QTY	DESCRIPTION	BID <u>UNIT</u>	UNIT <u>PRICE</u>	TOTAL PRICE
2.	3,600	30-Gallon Plastic Container – Assembled	<u>EA</u>	\$	\$
		2a. 30-Gallon Plastic Container – Assembled with different colored lid 2b. 30-Gallon Plastic Lid	<u>EA</u> EA	\$ \$	\$ \$
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ITEM NO.	EST. <u>QTY</u>	DESCRIPTION	BID <u>UNIT</u>	UNIT <u>PRICE</u>	TOTAL <u>PRICE</u>
3.	2,000	45-Gallon Plastic Container – Assembled	<u>EA</u>	\$	\$
		3a. 45-Gallon Plastic Container – Assembled with different colored lid	<u>EA</u>	\$	\$
		3b. 45-Gallon Plastic Lid	<u>EA</u>	\$	\$

CITY OF TACOMA BID PROPOSAL SHEET (Page 3) SPECIFICATION NO. ES20-0233F

Name of Bidder:	

NO.	EST. <u>QTY</u>	DESCRIPTION	BID <u>UNIT</u>	UNIT <u>PRICE</u>	TOTAL <u>PRICE</u>
4.	5,600	60-Gallon Plastic Container – Assembled	<u>EA</u>	\$	\$
		4a. 60-Gallon Plastic Container – Assembled with different colored lid	<u>EA</u>	\$	\$
		4b. 60-Gallon Plastic Lid	<u>EA</u>	\$	\$
ITEM NO.	EST. QTY	DESCRIPTION	BID <u>UNIT</u>	UNIT <u>PRICE</u>	TOTAL PRICE
5.	16,000	90-Gallon Plastic Container – Assembled	<u>EA</u>	\$	\$
		5a. 90-Gallon Plastic Container – Assembled with different colored lid	<u>EA</u>	\$	\$
		5b. 90-Gallon Plastic Lid	<u>EA</u>	\$	\$
ITEM NO.	EST. QTY	DESCRIPTION	BID <u>UNIT</u>	UNIT <u>PRICE</u>	TOTAL PRICE
6.		Lid Assembly Rod with RFID Tag	<u>EA</u>	\$	\$
7.		Grab Bar	<u>EA</u>	\$	\$
ITEM NO.	EST. QTY	DESCRIPTION	BID <u>UNIT</u>	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
		SUB TOTAL (Items 1 – 5)			\$
		Applicable Sales Tax at%			\$
		TOTAL (Items 1 – 5 including sales tax)			\$

The Contractor (Contractor) shall maintain at least the minimum insurance set forth below. By requiring such minimum insurance, the City of Tacoma shall not be deemed or construed to have assessed the risk that may be applicable to Contractor under this Contract. Contractor shall assess its own risks and, if it deems appropriate and/or prudent, maintain greater limits and/or broader coverage.

1. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The following General Requirements apply to Contractor and to Subcontractor(s) of every tier performing services and/or activities pursuant to the terms of this Contract. Contractor acknowledges and agrees to the following insurance requirements applicable to Contractor and Contractor's Subcontractor(s):

- 1.1. City of Tacoma reserves the right to approve or reject the insurance provided based upon the insurer, terms and coverage, the Certificate of Insurance, and/or endorsements.
- 1.2. Contractor shall not begin work under the Contract until the required insurance has been obtained and approved by City of Tacoma.
- 1.3. Contractor shall keep this insurance in force during the entire term of the Contract and for Thirty (30) calendar days after completion of all work required by the Contract, unless otherwise provided herein.
- 1.4. Insurance policies required under this Contract that name "City of Tacoma" as Additional Insured shall:
 - 1.4.1. Be considered primary and non-contributory for all claims.
 - 1.4.2. Contain a "Separation of Insured provision and a "Waiver of Subrogation" clause in favor of City of Tacoma.
- 1.5. Section 1.4 above does not apply to contracts for purchasing supplies only.
- 1.6. Verification of coverage shall include:
 - 1.6.1. An ACORD certificate or equivalent.
 - 1.6.2. Copies of all endorsements naming the City of Tacoma as additional insured and showing the policy number.
 - 1.6.3. A notation of coverage enhancements on the Certificate of Insurance shall not satisfy these requirements actual endorsements must be submitted.
- 1.7. Liability insurance policies, with the exception of Professional Liability and Workers' Compensation, shall name the City of Tacoma and its officers, elected officials, employees, agents, and authorized volunteers as additional insured.
 - 1.7.1. No specific person or department should be identified as the additional insured.
 - 1.7.2. All references on certificates of insurance and endorsements shall be listed as "City of Tacoma".
 - 1.7.3. The City of Tacoma shall be additional insured for both ongoing and completed operations using Insurance Services Office (ISO) form CG 20 10 04 13 and CG 20

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37 04 13 or the equivalent for the full available limits of liability maintained by the Contractor irrespective of whether such limits maintained by the Contractor are greater than those required by this Contract and irrespective of whether the Certificate of Insurance describes limits lower than those maintained by the Contractor.

- 1.8. Contractor shall provide a Certificate of Insurance for each policy of insurance meeting the requirements set forth herein when Contractor provides the signed Contract for the work to City of Tacoma. Contractor shall provide copies of any applicable Additional Insured, Waiver of Subrogation, and Primary and Non-contributory endorsements. Contract or Permit number and the City Department must be shown on the Certificate of Insurance.
- 1.9. Insurance limits shown below may be written with an excess policy that follows the form of an underlying primary liability policy or an excess policy providing the required limit.
- 1.10. Liability insurance policies shall be written on an "occurrence" form, except for Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions, Pollution Liability, and Cyber/Privacy and Security
- 1.11. If coverage is approved and purchased on a "Claims-Made" basis, Contractor warrants continuation of coverage, either through policy renewals or by the purchase of an extended reporting period endorsement as set forth below.
- 1.12. The insurance must be written by companies licensed or authorized in the State of Washington pursuant to RCW 48 with an (A-) VII or higher in the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide www.ambest.com.
- 1.13. Contractor shall provide City of Tacoma notice of any cancellation or non-renewal of this required insurance within Thirty (30) calendar days.
- 1.14. Contractor shall not allow any insurance to be cancelled or lapse during any term of this Contract, otherwise it shall constitute a material breach of the Contract, upon which City of Tacoma may, after giving Five (5) business day notice to Contractor to correct the breach, immediately terminate the Contract or, at its discretion, procure or renew such insurance and pay any and all premiums in connection therewith; with any sums so expended to be repaid to City of Tacoma by Contractor upon demand, or at the sole discretion of City of Tacoma, offset against funds due Contractor from City of Tacoma.
- 1.15. Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of all premiums, deductibles and self-insured retentions, and shall indemnify and hold the City of Tacoma harmless to the extent such a deductible or self-insured retained limit may apply to the City of Tacoma as an additional insured. Any deductible or self-insured retained limits in excess of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) must be disclosed and approved by City of Tacoma Risk Manager and shown on the Certificate of Insurance.
- 1.16. City of Tacoma reserves the right to review insurance requirements during any term of the Contract and to require that Contractor make reasonable adjustments when the scope of services has changed.

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- 1.17. All costs for insurance shall be incidental to and included in the unit or lump sum prices of the Contract and no additional payment will be made by City of Tacoma to Contractor.
- 1.18. Insurance coverages specified in this Contract are not intended and will not be interpreted to limit the responsibility or liability of Contractor or Subcontractor(s).
- 1.19. Failure by City of Tacoma to identify a deficiency in the insurance documentation provided by Contractor or failure of City of Tacoma to demand verification of coverage or compliance by Contractor with these insurance requirements shall not be construed as a waiver of Contractor's obligation to maintain such insurance.
- 1.20. If Contractor is a State of Washington or local government and is self-insured for any of the above insurance requirements, a certification of self-insurance shall be attached hereto and be incorporated by reference and shall constitute compliance with this Section.

2. CONTRACTOR

As used herein, "Contractor" shall be the Supplier(s) entering a Contract with City of Tacoma, whether designated as a Supplier, Contractor, Vendor, Proposer, Bidder, Respondent, Seller, Merchant, Service Provider, or otherwise.

3. SUBCONTRACTORS

It is Contractor's responsibility to ensure that each subcontractor obtain and maintain adequate liability insurance coverage. Contractor shall provide evidence of such insurance upon City of Tacoma's request.

4. REQUIRED INSURANCE AND LIMITS

The insurance policies shall provide the minimum coverages and limits set forth below. Providing coverage in these stated minimum limits shall not be construed to relieve Contractor from liability in excess of such limits.

4.1 Commercial General Liability Insurance

Contractor shall maintain Commercial General Liability Insurance policy with limits not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) each occurrence and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) annual aggregate. The Commercial General Liability Insurance policy shall be written on an Insurance Services Office form CG 00 01 04 13 or its equivalent. Products and Completed Operations shall be maintained for a period of three years following Substantial Completion of the Work related to performing construction services.

This policy shall include product liability especially when a Contract solely is for purchasing supplies. The Commercial General Liability policy shall be endorsed to include:

4.1.1 A per project aggregate policy limit, using ISO form CG 25 03 05 09 or an equivalent endorsement.

4.2 Commercial (Business) Automobile Liability Insurance

Contractor shall maintain Commercial Automobile Liability policy with limits not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) each accident for bodily injury and property damage and bodily injury and property damage coverage for owned (if any), non-owned, hired, or leased vehicles. Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance shall be written using ISO form CA 00 01 or

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equivalent. Contractor must also maintain an MCS 90 endorsement or equivalent and a CA 99 48 endorsement or equivalent if "Pollutants" are to be transported.

4.3 Workers' Compensation

4.3.1 Contractor shall comply with Workers' Compensation coverage as required by the Industrial Insurance laws of the State of Washington, as well as any other similar coverage required for this work by applicable federal laws of other states. The Contractor must comply with their domicile State Industrial Insurance laws if it is outside the State of Washington.

4.4 Employers' Liability Insurance

Contractor shall maintain Employers' Liability coverage with limits not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) each employee, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) each accident, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) policy limit.

4.5 Excess or Umbrella Liability Insurance

Contractor shall provide Excess or Umbrella Liability Insurance with limits not less than Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) per occurrence and in the aggregate. This coverage shall apply, at a minimum, in excess of primary underlying Commercial General Liability, Employer's Liability, Pollution Liability, Marine General Liability, Protection and Indemnity, and Automobile Liability if required herein.

4.6 Other Insurance

Other insurance may be deemed appropriate to cover risks and exposures related to the scope of work or changes to the scope of work required by City of Tacoma. The costs of such necessary and appropriate Insurance coverage shall be borne by Contractor.

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CONTRACT

Resolution No. Contract No.

This Contract is made and entered into effective this _____ day of ,20 , ("Effective Date") by and between the City of Tacoma, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Washington ("City"), and legal name of Supplier including type of business entity ("Contractor").

That in consideration of the mutual promises and obligations hereinafter set forth the Parties hereto agree as follows:

- I. Contractor shall fully execute and diligently and completely perform all work and provide all services and deliverables described herein and in the items listed below each of which are fully incorporated herein and which collectively are referred to as "Contract Documents":
 - 1. Specification No. Enter Spec Number Enter Spec Title together with all authorized addenda.
 - 2. Contractor's submittal (or specifically described portions thereof) dated Enter Submittal Date submitted in response to Specification No. Enter Spec Number Enter Spec Title.
 - 3. Describe with specific detail and list separately any other documents that will make up the contract (fee schedule, work schedule, authorized personnel, etc.) or any other additional items mutually intended to be binding upon the parties.

Delete this highlighted sentence, paragraph II and sub-bullets #1 and #2 if there are no additional attachments to the contract (attachments would be things other than a specific, contract, or bonds).

- II. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between the terms and conditions contained in this document entitled Contract and any terms and conditions contained the above referenced Contract Documents the following order of precedence applies with the first listed item being the most controlling and the last listed item the least controlling:
 - 1. Contract
 - 2. List remaining Contract Documents in applicable controlling order.
- III. The Contract terminates on xxxxx. [May remove if not applicable]
- IV. The total price to be paid by City for Contracts full and complete performance hereunder may not exceed:
 - \$, plus any applicable taxes.
- V. Contractor agrees to accept as full payment hereunder the amounts specified herein and in Contract Documents, and the City agrees to make payments at the times and in the manner and upon the terms and conditions specified. Except as may be otherwise provided herein or in Contract Documents Contractor shall provide and bear the expense of all equipment, work and labor of any sort whatsoever that may be required for the transfer of materials and for constructing and completing the work and providing the services and deliverables required by this Contract.
- VI. The City's preferred method of payment is by ePayables (Payment Plus), followed by credit card (aka procurement card), then Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) by Automated Clearing House (ACH), then check or other cash equivalent. CONTRACTOR may be required to have the capability of accepting the City's ePayables or credit card methods of payment. The City of Tacoma will not accept price changes or pay additional fees when ePayables (Payment Plus) or credit card is used. The City, in its sole discretion, will determine the method of payment for this Contract.
- VII. Failure by City to identify a deficiency in the insurance documentation provided by Contractor or failure of City to demand verification of coverage or compliance by Contractor with these insurance requirements shall not be construed as a waiver of Contractor's obligation to maintain such insurance.
- VIII. Contractor acknowledges, and by signing this Contract agrees, that the Indemnification provisions set forth in the controlling Contract Documents, including the Industrial Insurance immunity waiver (if applicable), are totally and fully part of this Contract and, within the context of the competitive bidding laws, have been mutually negotiated by the Parties hereto.

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- IX. Contractor and for its heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, does hereby agree to the full performance of all the requirements contained herein and in Contract Documents.
- X. It is further provided that no liability shall attach to City by reason of entering into this Contract, except as expressly provided herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have accepted and executed, as of the Effective Date stated above, which shall be Effective Date for bonding purposes as applicable.

CITY OF TACOMA:	CONTRACTOR:
Ву:	Ву:

(City of Tacoma use only - blank lines are intentional)

Director of Finance:
City Attorney (approved as to form):
Approved By:
Approved By:
Approved By:

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APPENDIX B

Contractor and Vendor Environmental and Sustainability Management System

Equity in Contracting TMC



Contractor and Vendor Environmental and Sustainability Management System Information Sheet

Welcome. The City of Tacoma Solid Waste Management Division (SWM) operates under an ISO 14001 Environmental and Sustainability Management System (ESMS). An ESMS is a process with procedures that will allow the SWM to operate legally, safely, and efficiently while reducing the environmental impacts of our activities. All contractors and vendors are required to comply with the ESMS and Environmental Policy published on the other side of this document. As part of the ESMS the SWM has identified the following three Significant Environmental Aspects:

- Air Emissions: Reduce air emissions from collection trucks
- Potential Spills: Reduce the number of spills
- Resource Consumption: Reduce annual number of trailer fires

Contractors and vendors must ensure that their activities do not negatively affect the Significant Environmental Aspects.

All contractors and vendors are required to adhere to the following safety rules and requirements:

GENERAL SAFETY RULES

- Restricted Access: Contractors and vendors shall stay within the designated areas.
- Smoking: Smoking is prohibited in the building and within 25 feet of windows and doors
- **Eye and Hearing Protection:** Eye and Hearing protection is required in designated areas. Designated hearing protection areas are marked with appropriate signs.
- Accidents, near misses, and first aid: Contractors, truck drivers and visitors are required to report all accidents, near misses, and first aid incidents to a City employee.
- Drugs and Alcohol: Alcoholic beverages and illicit drugs are prohibited on City property.
- **Guns:** Contractors are prohibited from carrying guns on City property.
- **Emergency Procedures:** Follow directions announced over Public Address system or from SWM employees. To report a fire or emergency, contact any SWM employee.
- Vehicle Safety: Be aware and cautious of vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS

Contractors are expected to understand and comply with all federal, state and local safety regulations and work practices applicable to the activities they perform. These include, but are not limited to:

- Storage, handling and use of flammable liquids and hazardous materials and hazardous wastes
- Periodic safety inspections and housekeeping.
- Use of fall protection while working at heights.
- Following electrical safety practices and lock out /tag out procedures.
- Proper use of Personal Protective Equipment.
- Proper maintenance and use of ladders and other equipment.
- Contractors are responsible for removing and the proper disposal of any hazardous materials or hazardous wastes utilized or generated while on-site at the SWM.
- Contractors may not dispose of any chemical or waste on-site.
- Contractors must notify the Project Manager immediately of any spills or leaks.
- Requirements outlined in the signed contract or agreement to perform the contracted work.

Agreements acknowledging you have read and understood this information must be signed prior to starting work. It is the responsibility of the contracting company to ensure anyone working for or on their behalf adhere to these requirements.



ESMS Policy - 5.2-2 Environmental Policy

The City of Tacoma, Environmental Services Department believes that everything we do supports healthy neighborhoods and a thriving Puget Sound, leaving a better Tacoma for all.

As such, the Environmental Policy serves as written communication of the department's intent to implement sustainable, innovative solutions that measure and improve our environmental performance through a formal Environmental and Sustainability Management System (ESMS).

Through this policy the City of Tacoma, Environmental Services Department commits to:

- Environmental protection and sustainability in the planning stages of new programs, construction, and in all work conducted;
- Compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal regulations and policies verified and supported by regularly-scheduled internal reviews;
- Minimization of significant environmental impacts identified in the ESMS by establishing environmental and sustainability objectives, targets, and programs;
- Evaluation of the effectiveness of the environmental performance to ensure that established objectives, targets, and programs are met;
- Provide necessary education and tools to all staff and those working on their behalf in order to successfully carry out this policy in their daily responsibilities and work functions; and
- Strive for continuous improvements in sustainability through life cycle thinking, environmental consciousness, and pollution prevention.

The City of Tacoma, Environmental Services Department's Environmental Policy will be communicated to all staff and those working on their behalf, including all contractors and vendors, and will be made available to the public via the City of Tacoma, Environmental Service Department's website. In order to fulfill the commitments made in this policy, all staff and those working on their behalf are responsible for incorporating this policy into their plans and work.

Michael P. Slevin III, P.E.

Environmental Services Director

Date

Contractor/Vendor Acknowledgement and Agreement

Company Name:	
	ste Management Division, Environment and). We further acknowledge having the ersonnel who will be working on the property. Intal regulations and policies whenever on the as evidence that the ESMS training has be upon request. The Project Manager, or designee will communicate applicable
Contractor/Vendor Training Acknowledgme	nt
Primary Company Contact:	
Title:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Secondary Company Contact:	
Title:	
Phone:	
Email:	-
Signature	 Date
For questions or additional information cont in the contract.	act the designated City contact as outlined
Return the completed signed copy to the Ci	ity of Tacoma staff contact.
For City use only:	
Project Manager/Project Lead	Date

Retain a copy of the completed agreement with the contract and submit a copy to the Tacoma ESMS team email.

CHAPTER 1.07 EQUITY IN CONTRACTING

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1.07.010 Policy and purpose.

It is the policy of the City of Tacoma that citizens be afforded an opportunity for full participation in our free enterprise system and that historically underutilized business enterprises shall have an equitable opportunity to participate in the performance of City contracts. The City finds that in its contracting for supplies, services and public works, there has been historical underutilization of small and minority-owned businesses located in certain geographically and economically disfavored locations and that this underutilization has had a deleterious impact on the economic well-being of the City. The purpose of this chapter is to remedy the effects of such underutilization through use of narrowly tailored contracting requirements to increase opportunities for historically underutilized businesses to participate in City contracts. It is the goal of this chapter to facilitate a substantial procurement, education, and mentorship program designed to promote equitable participation by historically underutilized businesses in the provision of supplies, services, and public works to the City. It is not the purpose of this chapter to provide any person or entity with any right, privilege, or claim, not shared by the public, generally, and this chapter shall not be construed to do so. This chapter is adopted in accordance with Chapter 35.22 RCW and RCW 49.60.400.

(Ord. 28625 Ex. A; passed Nov. 5, 2019: Ord. 27867 Ex. A; passed Dec. 15, 2009)

1.07.020 Definitions.

Terms used in this chapter shall have the following meanings unless defined elsewhere in the Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC"), or unless the context in which they are used clearly indicates a different meaning.

A. "Bid" means an offer submitted by a Respondent to furnish Supplies, Services, and/or Public Works in conformity with the Specifications and any other written terms and conditions included in a City request for such offer.

- B. "Bidder" means an entity or individual who submits a Bid, Proposal or Quote. See also "Respondent."
- C. "City" means all Departments, Divisions and agencies of the City of Tacoma.
- D. "Contract" means any type of legally binding agreement regardless of form or title that governs the terms and conditions for procurement of Public Works and Improvements and/or Non-Public Works and Improvements Supplies and Services. Contracts include the terms and conditions found in Specifications, Bidder or Respondent Submittals, and purchase orders issued by the City. A "Contract" as used in this chapter shall include an agreement between the City and a non-profit entity to perform construction-related services for Public Works. A "Contract" does not include: (1) awards made by the City with federal/state grant or City general funds monies to a non-profit entity where the City offers assistance, guidance, or supervision on a project or program, and the recipient of the grant awards uses the grant moneys to provide services to the community; (2) sales transactions where the City sells its personal or real property; (3) a loan transaction where the City is acting as a debtor or a creditor; (4) lease, franchise; (5) agreements to use City real property (such as Licenses, Permits and Easements) and, (6) banking and other financial or investment services.
- E. "Contractor" means any Person that presents a Submittal to the City, enters into a Contract with the City, and/or performs all or any part of a Contract awarded by the City, for the provision of Public Works, or Non-Public Works and Improvements, Supplies or Services.

- F. "Goals" means the annual level of participation by MWBEs and SBEs in City Contracts as established in this chapter, the Program Regulations, or as necessary to comply with applicable federal and state nondiscrimination laws and regulations. Goals for individual Contracts may be adjusted as provided for in this chapter and shall not be construed as a minimum for any particular Contract or for any particular geographical area.
- G. "MWBE Certified business" (or "MWBEs") means a business that meets the criteria set forth in Section 1.07.050 of this chapter and has been certified as meeting that criteria by the Community and Economic Development Department Program Manager.
- H. "SBE Certified Business" (or "SBEs") means a business that meets the criteria set forth in Section 1.07.050 of this chapter and has been certified as meeting that criteria by the Community and Economic Development Department-SBE Program Manager.
- I. "SBE Program Manager" means the individual appointed, from time to time, by the City's Community and Economic Development Director to administer the Program Regulations.
- J. "Program Regulations" shall mean the written regulations and procedures adopted pursuant to this chapter for procurement of Supplies, Services and Public Works.
- K. "Non-Public Works and Improvements" means all competitively solicited procurement of Supplies and/or Services by the City not solicited as Public Works.
- L. "Person" means individuals, companies, corporations, partnerships, associations, cooperatives, any other legally recognized business entity, legal representative, trustee, or receivers.
- M. "Proposal" means a written offer to furnish Supplies or Services in response to a Request for Proposals. This term may be further defined in the Purchasing Policy Manual and/or in competitive solicitations issued by the City.
- N. "Public Works (or "Public Works and Improvements)" means all work, construction, alteration, repair, or improvement other than ordinary maintenance, executed at the cost of the City, or that is by law a lien or charge on any property therein. This term includes all Supplies, materials, tools, and equipment to be furnished in accordance with the Contract for such work, construction, alteration, repair, or improvement.
- O. "Quote" means a competitively solicited written offer to furnish Supplies or Services by a method of procurement that is less formalized than a Bid or a Proposal. This term may be further defined in the Purchasing Policy Manual.
- P. "Respondent" means any entity or Person, other than a City employee, that provides a Submittal in response to a request for Bids, Request for Proposals, Request for Qualifications, request for quotes or other request for information, as such terms are defined in Section 1.06.251 TMC. This term includes any such entity or Person whether designated as a supplier, seller, vendor, proposer, Bidder, Contractor, consultant, merchant, or service provider that; (1) assumes a contractual responsibility to the City for provision of Supplies, Services, and/or Public Works; (2) is recognized by its industry as a provider of such Supplies, Services, and/or Public works; (3) has facilities similar to those commonly used by Persons engaged in the same or similar business; and/or (4) distributes, delivers, sells, or services a product or performs a Commercially Useful Function.
- Q. "Services" means non-Public Works and Improvements services and includes professional services, personal services, and purchased services, as such terms are defined in Section 1.06.251 TMC and/or the City's Purchasing Policy Manual.
- R. "Submittal" means Bids, Proposals, Quotes, qualifications or other information submitted in response to requests for Bids, Requests for Proposals, Requests for Qualifications, requests for Quotations, or other City requests for information, as such terms are defined in Section 1.06.251 TMC.
- S. "Supplies" means materials, Supplies, and other products that are procured by the City through a competitive process for either Public Works procurement or Non-Public Works and Improvements procurement unless an approved waiver has been granted by the appropriate authority.
- T. "Tacoma Public Utilities Service Area" means any ZIP code in which Tacoma Public Utilities maintains infrastructure or provides retail services.
- (Ord. 28625 Ex. A; passed Nov. 5, 2019: Ord. 28274 Ex. A; passed Dec. 16, 2014: Ord. 28141 Ex. A; passed Mar. 26, 2013: Ord. 27867 Ex. A; passed Dec. 15, 2009)

1.07.030 Discrimination prohibited.

A. No person that is engaged in the construction of public works for the City, engaged in the furnishing of laborers or craftspeople for public works of the City, or is engaged for compensation in the provision of non-public works and improvements supplies and/or services to the City, shall discriminate against any other person on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin or ancestry, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, marital status, familial status, or the presence of

any sensory, mental or physical disability in employment. Such discrimination includes the unfair treatment or denial of normal privileges to a person as manifested in employment upgrades, demotions, transfers, layoffs, termination, rates of pay, recruitment of employees, or advertisement for employment.

B. The violation of the terms of RCW 49.60 or Chapter 1.29 TMC by any person that is engaged in the construction of public works for the City, is engaged in the furnishing of laborers or craftspeople for public works of the City, or is engaged for compensation in the provision of non-public works and improvements supplies and/or services shall result in the rebuttable presumption that the terms of this chapter have also been violated. Such violation may result in termination of any City contract the violator may have with the City and/or the violator's ineligibility for further City Contracts.

(Ord. 27867 Ex. A; passed Dec. 15, 2009)

1.07.040 Program administration.

A. The Community and Economic Development Director, or their designated Program Manager, shall be responsible for administering this chapter and obtaining compliance with respect to contracts entered into by the City and/or its contractors. It shall be the duty of the Director to pursue the objectives of this chapter by conference, conciliation, persuasion, investigation, or enforcement action, as may be necessary under the circumstances. The Director is authorized to implement an administrative and compliance program to meet these responsibilities and objectives.

B. The Director is hereby authorized to adopt and to amend administrative rules and regulations known as the Program Regulations, to properly implement and administer the provisions of this chapter. The Program Regulations shall be in conformance with City of Tacoma policies and state and federal laws and be designed to encourage achievement of the MWBE and SBE goals set forth herein. The Program Regulations shall become effective following public notice and an opportunity to comment by the public.

C. The Program Regulations adopted pursuant to this section are for the administrative and procedural guidance of the officers and employees of the City and are further expressions of the public policy of the City. The Program Regulations, when adopted, shall not confer an independent cause of action or claim for relief cognizable in the courts of the state of Washington or the United States of America to any third parties, and such provisions shall not be used as the basis for a lawsuit in any court of competent jurisdiction challenging the award of any contract by the City.

(Ord. 28141 Ex. A; passed Mar. 26, 2013: Ord. 28110 Ex. B; passed Dec. 4, 2012: Ord. 27867 Ex. A; passed Dec. 15, 2009)

1.07.050 Certification.

- A. The Program Manager shall approve a business as a Certified Business if all of the following criteria are satisfied:
- 1. The business is certified as a SBE, MBE, WBE, or MWBE through the state of Washington's Office of Minority & Women Business Enterprises; and
- 2. The company can demonstrate that it also meets at least one of the following additional requirements:
- a. The personal residence of the owner is located within the City of Tacoma or Tacoma Public Utilities Service Area, or
- b. The company's business offices are located in any county of the Tacoma Public Utilities Service Area or any county adjacent to Pierce County, or
- c. When the work is performed outside of Pierce County, the company's business offices may be located in an adjacent county in which the work is performed, or
- d. Such additional information as the Program Manager or designee may require.

When another governmental entity has an equivalent business classification process, the City may enter into an interlocal cooperative agreement for mutual recognition of certifications.

B. Appeals. The applicant may appeal any certification determination by the Program Manager under this chapter to the Director. The appeal must be made in writing and must set forth the specific reasons for the appeal. The Director shall make a decision on the appeal request within a reasonable time, which decision shall be final unless further appeal is made to the Hearing Examiner. In that event, the Hearing Examiner Rules of Procedure for Hearings, Chapter 1.23 TMC, shall be applicable to that appeal proceeding.

(Ord. 28625 Ex. A; passed Nov. 5, 2019: Ord. 28274 Ex. A; passed Dec. 16, 2014: Ord. 28147 Ex. A; passed May 7,2013: Ord. 28141 Ex. A; passed Mar. 26, 2013: Ord. 28110 Ex. B; passed Dec. 4, 2012: Ord. 27867 Ex. A; passed Dec. 15, 2009)

1.07.060 Program requirements.

- A. The program shall meet the following requirements:
- 1. Establishment of Annual Goals. The Program Regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter shall state reasonably achievable cumulative annual goals for utilization of MWBEs and SBEs in the provision of supplies, services, and public works procured by the City. Cumulative annual goals for the participation of MWBEs and SBEs in City contracts shall be based on the number of qualified MWBEs and SBEs operating within the Tacoma Public Utilities Service Area. The dollar value of all contracts awarded by the City to MWBEs and SBEs in the procurement of supplies, services, and public works shall be counted toward the accomplishment of the applicable goal.
- 2. Application of Annual Goals to Contracts. The Program Manager shall consult with City departments/divisions to establish department/division specific goals for competitively solicited contracts in accordance with this chapter and the Program Regulations.
- B. Waivers. City departments/divisions or the Program Manager may request to waive one or more of the requirements of this chapter as they apply to a particular contract or contracts. Waivers may be granted in any one or more of the following circumstances:
- 1. Emergency: The supplies, services and/or public works must be provided with such immediacy that neither the City nor the contractor can comply with the requirements herein. Such emergency and waiver must be documented by the department/division awarding the contract.
- 2. Not Practicable: Compliance with the requirements of this chapter would impose an unwarranted economic burden or risk to the City after consideration of existing budgetary approvals.
- 3. Sole source: The supplies, services, and/or public works are available from only one source, and subcontracting possibilities do not reasonably exist as determined by the finance purchasing manager.
- 4. Government purchasing. The City is a party to or included in a federal, state or inter-local government purchasing agreement as approved by the finance purchasing manager.
- 5. Lack of certified contractors: An insufficient number of qualified contractors exist to create utilization opportunities.
- 6. Best interests of the City: Waiver of goals is in the best interests of the City due to unforeseen circumstances, provided that said circumstances are set forth in writing by the requestor.
- C. Review of Waivers. A waiver determination by the finance purchasing manager may be reviewed by the Board of Contracts and Awards (C&A Board). The C&A Board may also review a request to reduce or waive the utilization requirements based on Not Practicable or Best Interests of the City circumstances. The C&A Board shalldetermine whether compliance with such requirements would impose unwarranted economic burden on, or risk to, the City of Tacoma as compared with the degree to which the purposes and policies of this chapter would be furthered by requiring compliance. If the determination of the C&A Board does not resolve the matter, a final determination shall be made by the City Council or Public Utility Board, as the case may be.

(Ord. 28625 Ex. A; passed Nov. 5, 2019: Ord. 28141 Ex. A; passed Mar. 26, 2013: Ord. 27867 Ex. A; passed Dec. 15, 2009)

1.07.070 Evaluation of submittals.

A. All submittals for a supplies, services, or public works and improvements contracts shall be evaluated for attainment of the MWBE and SBE requirements established for that contract in accordance with this chapter and the Program Regulations.

- B. The determination of MWBE and SBE usage and the calculation of MWBE or SBE requirements per this section shall include the following considerations:
- 1. General. The dollar value of the contract awarded by the City to a MWBE or SBE in the procurement of supplies, services, or public works shall be counted toward achievement of the respective goal.
- 2. Supplies. A public works and improvements contractor may receive credit toward attainment of the MWBE and/or SBE requirement(s) for expenditures for supplies obtained from an MWBE or SBE; provided such MWBE or SBE assumes the actual and contractual responsibility for delivering the supplies with its resources. The contractor may also receive credit toward attainment of the MWBE or SBE goal for the amount of the commission paid to a MWBE or SBE resulting from a supplies contract with the City; provided the MWBE or SBE performs a commercially useful function in the process.
- 3. Services and Public Works subcontracts. Any bid by a certified MWBE and/or SBE or a bidder that utilizes a certified MWBE and/or SBE shall receive credit toward requirement attainment based on the percentage of MWBE and/or SBE usage demonstrated in the bid. A contractor that utilizes an MWBE and/or SBE subcontractor to provide services or public works

shall receive a credit toward the contractor's attainment of the respective requirement based on the value of the subcontract with that firm.

- 4. Brokers, Fronts, or Similar Pass-Through Arrangements. MWBEs and/or SBEs acting as brokers, fronts, or similar pass-through arrangements (as such terms are defined in the Program Regulations) shall not count toward the requirement attainment unless the activity reflects normal industry practices and the broker performs a commercially useful function.
- C. Evaluation of competitively solicited submittals for public works and improvements and for services when a requirement has been established for the contract to be awarded shall be as follows:
- 1. When contract award is based on price. The lowest priced bid submitted by a responsive and responsible bidder will be reviewed to determine if it meets the requirement. An MWBE and/or SBE firm may self-count utilization on such bids if they will perform the work for the scope the requirement is based upon.
- a. If the low bidder meets the requirements, the bid shall be presumed the lowest and best responsible bid for contract award.
- b. any bidder that does not meet the MWBE and/or SBE requirements shall be considered a non-responsible bidder unless the bidder receives a waiver from the Program Manager or C&A Board.
- 2. When contract award is based on qualifications or other performance criteria in addition to price. Solicitations shall utilize a scoring system that promotes participation by certified contractors. The Program Regulations may establish further requirements and procedures for final selection and contract award, including:
- a. Evaluation of solicitations for Architectural and Engineering (A&E) services;
- b. Evaluation and selection of submittals in response to requests for proposals; and
- c. Selection of contractors from pre-qualified roster(s).

(Ord. 28625 Ex. A; passed Nov. 5, 2019: Ord. 28141 Ex. A; passed Mar. 26, 2013: Ord. 27867 Ex. A; passed Dec. 15, 2009)

1.07.080 Contract compliance.

- A. The contractor awarded a contract based on MWBE or SBE participation shall, during the term of the contract, comply with the requirements established in said contract. To ensure compliance with this requirement following contract award, the following provisions apply:
- 1. Any substitutions for or failure to utilize MWBE or SBEs projected to be used must be approved in advance by the Program Manager. Substitution of one MWBE or SBE with another shall be allowed where there has been a refusal to execute necessary agreements by the original MWBE or SBE, a default on agreements previously made or other reasonable excuse; provided that the substitution does not increase the dollar amount of the bid.
- 2. Where it is shown that no other MWBE or SBE is available as a substitute and that failure to secure participation by the MWBE or SBE identified in the solicitation is not the fault of the respondent, substitution with a non-MWBE or non-SBE shall be allowed; provided, that, the substitution does not increase the dollar amount of the bid.
- 3. If the Program Manager determines that the contractor has not reasonably and actively pursued the use of replacement MWBEs or SBEs, such contractor shall be deemed to be in non-compliance.
- B. Record Keeping. All contracts shall require contractors to maintain relevant records and information necessary to document compliance with this chapter and the contractor's utilization of MWBEs or SBEs, and shall include the right of the City to inspect such records.

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1.07.090 Program monitoring.

A. An Advisory Committee shall monitor compliance with all provisions of this chapter and the related Regulations. The Program Manager shall establish procedures to collect data and monitor the effect of the provisions of this chapter to assure, insofar as is practical, that the remedies set forth herein do not disproportionately favor one or more racial, gender, ethnic, or other protected groups, and that the remedies do not remain in effect beyond the point that they are required to eliminate the effects of under utilization in City contracting, unless such provisions are supported by a Disparity Study. The Program Manager shall have the authority to obtain from City departments/divisions, respondents, and contractors such relevant records, documents, and other information as is reasonably necessary to determine compliance.

B. The Program Manager shall submit an annual report to the Community and Economic Development Director, Director of Utilities, and the City Manager detailing performance of the program. The report shall document MWBE and SBE utilization

levels, waivers, proposed modifications to the program, and such other matters as may be specified in the Program Regulations.

(Ord. 28625 Ex. A; passed Nov. 5, 2019: Ord. 28141 Ex. A; passed Mar. 26, 2013: Ord. 28110 Ex. B; passed Dec. 4, 2012: Ord. 27867 Ex. A; passed Dec. 15, 2009)

1.07.100 Enforcement.

The Director, or designee, may investigate the employment practices of contractors to determine whether or not the requirements of this chapter have been violated. Such investigation shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures established in the Program Regulations.

(Ord. 28625 Ex. A; passed Nov. 5, 2019: Ord. 28141 Ex. A; passed Mar. 26, 2013: Ord. 28110 Ex. B; passed Dec. 4, 2012: Ord. 27867 Ex. A; passed Dec. 15, 2009)

1.07.110 Remedies.

A. Upon receipt of a determination of contractor violation by the Program Manager, the City Manager or Director of Utilities, as appropriate, may take the following actions, singly or together, as appropriate:

- 1. Forfeit the contractor's bid bond and/or performance bond;
- 2. Publish notice of the contractor's noncompliance;
- 3. Cancel, terminate, or suspend the contractor's contract, or portion thereof;
- 4. Withhold funds due contractor until compliance is achieved; and/or
- 5. Recommend appropriate action including, but not limited to, disqualification of eligibility for future contract awards by the City (debarment) per Section 1.06.279 TMC;
- B. Prior to exercise of any of the foregoing remedies, the City shall provide written notice to the contractor specifying the violation and the City's intent to exercise such remedy or remedies. The notice shall provide that each specified remedy becomes effective within ten business days of receipt unless the contractor appeals said action to the Hearing Examiner pursuant to Chapter 1.23 TMC.
- C. When non-compliance with this chapter or the Program Regulations has occurred, the Program Manager and the department/division responsible for enforcement of the contract may allow continuation of the contract upon the contractor's development of a plan for compliance acceptable to the Director.

(Ord. 28625 Ex. A; passed Nov. 5, 2019: Ord. 28141 Ex. A; passed Mar. 26, 2013: Ord. 28110 Ex. B; passed Dec. 4, 2012: Ord. 27867 Ex. A; passed Dec. 15, 2009)

1.07.120 Unlawful acts.

It shall be unlawful for any Person to willfully prevent or attempt to prevent, by intimidation, threats, coercion, or otherwise, any Person from complying with the provisions of this chapter.

(Ord. 27867 Ex. A; passed Dec. 15, 2009)

1.07.130 Severability.

If any section of this chapter or its application to any Person or circumstance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the remaining sections of this chapter, or the application of the provisions to other Persons or circumstances, shall not be affected.

(Ord. 27867 Ex. A; passed Dec. 15, 2009)

1.07.140 Review of program.

This chapter shall be in effect through and until December 31, 2024, unless the City Council shall determine at an earlier date that the requirements of this chapter are no longer necessary. If this chapter has not been repealed by July 1, 2024, the City Council shall determine by the end of that year whether substantial effects or lack of opportunity of MWBEs and/or SBEs remain true in the relevant market and whether, and for how long, some or all of the requirements of this chapter should remain in effect.

(Ord. 28625 Ex. A; passed Nov. 5, 2019: Ord. 28274 Ex. A; passed Dec. 16, 2014: Ord. 28141 Ex. A; passed Mar. 26, 2013: Ord. 27867 Ex. A; passed Dec. 15, 2009)