



City of Tacoma, WA

**CITY OF TACOMA / LEGAL DEPARTMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

**BOND COUNSEL SERVICE**

**SPECIFICATION NO. LD22-0075F**



**City of Tacoma**

**Legal Department**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS LD22-0075F**

**Bond Counsel Service**

**Submittal Deadline: 11:00 a.m., Pacific Time, Tuesday, May 3, 2022**

Submittals must be received by the City's Procurement and Payables Division prior to 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time. For electronic submittals, the City of Tacoma will designate the time of receipt recorded by our email, [bids@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:bids@cityoftacoma.org), as the official time of receipt. This clock will be used as the official time of receipt of all parts of electronic bid submittals.

**Submittal Delivery:** Sealed submittals will be received as follows:

**By Email:**

[bids@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:bids@cityoftacoma.org)

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

**Bid Opening:** Held virtually each Tuesday at 11AM. Attend [via this link](#) or call 1 (253) 215 8782.

Submittals in response to a RFP will be recorded as received. As soon as possible, after 1:00 PM, on the day of submittal deadline, preliminary results will be posted to [www.TacomaPurchasing.org](http://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](http://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 [list of vendors registered for this solicitation](#).

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

**Project Scope:** Provide Bond Counsel services for the City of Tacoma and Tacoma Public Utilities.

**Estimate:** Approximately \$1,000,000 although this is only an estimate based on historical usage.

**Paid Sick Leave:** The City of Tacoma requires all employers to provide paid sick leave as set forth in Title 18 of the Tacoma Municipal Code. For more information, visit [our Minimum Employment Standards Paid Sick Leave webpage](#).

**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 [ghimes@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:ghimes@cityoftacoma.org), or by calling her collect at 253-591-5785.

**Title VI Information:**

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“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 Tad Carlson, Senior Buyer by email to [tcarlson@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:tcarlson@cityoftacoma.org)

**Protest Policy:** City of Tacoma [protest policy](#), located at [www.tacomapurchasing.org](http://www.tacomapurchasing.org), 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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## 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 Proposal page.

<b>The following items make up your submittal package:</b>	
Complete submittal package emailed to bids@cityoftacoma.org	
Signature Page (Appendix A)	
Information in Section 12	
<b>After award, the following documents will be executed:</b>	
Services Contract (See Appendix B)	
Certificate of Insurance and related endorsements (See Sample Contract)	

## **1. BACKGROUND**

The City of Tacoma is seeking proposals from Law firms to provide Bond Counsel services for the City (including Tacoma Public Utilities) for a three year period beginning in November 2022 with three one-year renewal options.

To learn more about the City of Tacoma, visit [www.cityoftacoma.org](http://www.cityoftacoma.org).

The City anticipates awarding one contract.

While it is impossible to predict the actual value of the resulting contract, the existing contract, covering years 2017 through the present has a contract value of \$1,100,000.

Submittals and/or the selected Consultant(s) may be used for projects of similar type and scope at the sole discretion of the City for up to one year.

## **2. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

All firms must have principals who have a minimum five years of municipal finance experience serving as Bond Counsel and disclosure counsel with respect to public finance transactions.

Mandatory qualifications of the firm include that the attorney acting as Bond Counsel is duly admitted to practice in the State of Washington.

Firm must be a nationally recognized Bond Counsel firm as defined in WAC 210-02-010.

## **3. SUMMARY OF SCOPE OF SERVICES AND DELIVERABLES**

**3.1.** It is the City's intent to select a consultant based on qualifications and abilities of the firm and key project individuals. Bond Counsel shall provide all legal services necessary to issue bonds, including but not limited to:

- 3.1.1. Providing an objective legal opinion with respect to the authorization and issuance of debt obligations and whether interest paid is tax-exempt under federal and/or state laws and regulations
- 3.1.2. Preparing authorizing documents and any other document needed in connection with the issuance of the bonds, including closing documents and transcripts;
- 3.1.3. Reviewing use of proceeds to ensure compliance with bond covenants, applicable state and/or federal law and regulation
- 3.1.4. Preparing all documents and materials necessary to comply with all applicable "continuing disclosure" requirements for transactions;
- 3.1.5. Participating, if requested, in activities associated with rating agency and/or bond insurer reviews;
- 3.1.6. offering continuing legal advice, as needed, on issues related to the sale of bonds or issuance of debt, any issues that arise post-sale, the trustee administration of obligations, and in particular, any actions necessary to ensure that interest will continue to be tax-exempt;
- 3.1.7. Providing other legal opinions or advice as required

**3.2.** The selected Bond Counsel will provide services including assembling all relevant materials into a Transcript of Proceedings, to be used as a permanent record or reference. The Transcript of Proceedings details all the steps in an issuance and the terms and conditions of the payment and security arrangements.

In addition, Bond Counsel will carry out the following tasks, among others:

- 3.2.1. Prepare and oversee bond proceedings ( may be required to co-ordinate the roles of underwriters) including preparation of authorizing documents and any other document needed in connection with the issuance of the bonds, including closing documents and transcripts, and all documents and materials necessary to comply with all applicable "continuing disclosure" requirements;
- 3.2.2. Obtain required government approval(s);
- 3.2.3. Ensure that the issuer meets all the legal requirements and authorization of a bond offering;
- 3.2.4. Disclose and analyze all relevant legal proceedings that may have a bearing on the validity of an offering;
- 3.2.5. Interpret relevant regulations and laws and assist in structuring an issue;
- 3.2.6. Prepare key financing documents including the bond opinion;
- 3.2.7. Ensure that the bonds are legal, valid and binding obligations of the issuer; and
- 3.2.8. Verify the tax status of the debt; under federal law (as well as state and local law as applicable) and provide an objective legal opinion with respect to the authorization and issuance of debt obligations and whether interest paid is tax-exempt under federal and/or state laws and regulations;
- 3.2.9. Review use of proceeds to ensure compliance with bond covenants, applicable state and/or federal law and regulations
- 3.2.10. Participate, if requested, in activities associated with rating agency and/or bond insurer reviews;
- 3.2.11. Provide continuing legal advice, as needed, on issues related to the sale of bonds, any issues that arise post-sale, the trustee administration of obligations, and any actions necessary to ensure that interest will continue to be tax-exempt;
- 3.2.12. Provide other legal opinions or advice as required;

#### **4. CONTRACT TERM**

The contract will be for a three-year period with the option to renew the contract three additional one-year terms. The City reserves the right to cancel the contract for any reason, by written notice, as stipulated in the contract.

#### **5. CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

This is a tentative schedule only and may be altered at the sole discretion of the City.

Contract may be issued after Public Utility Board and City Council approval.

The anticipated schedule of events concerning this RFP is as follows:

Publish and issue RFP:	<b>4/4/2022</b>
Pre-Submittal Questions:	<b>4/18/2022</b>
Response to Questions, on or about:	<b>4/22/2022</b>
Submittal Due Date:	<b>5/3/2022</b>
Submittal Evaluated:	<b>May 2022</b>
Interviews/presentations:	<b>May 2022</b>
Award Recommendation:	<b>May/June 2022</b>
Public Utility Board/City Council Approval:	<b>June/July 20202</b>

#### **6. INQUIRIES**

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- 6.1. Questions should be submitted to Tad Carlson, Senior Buyer via email to [tcarlson@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:tcarlson@cityoftacoma.org).  
Subject line to read:  
LD22-0075F – Bond Counsel Services– VENDOR NAME
- 6.2. Questions must be received by 3 pm Pacific on the date indicated in the Calendar of Events.
- 6.3. Questions marked confidential will not be answered or included.
- 6.4. The City reserves the discretion to group similar questions to provide a single answer or not to respond when the requested information is confidential.
- 6.5. The answers are not typically considered an addendum.
- 6.6. The City will not be responsible for unsuccessful submittal of questions.
- 6.7. Written answers to questions will be posted alongside these specifications at [tacomapurchasing.org](http://tacomapurchasing.org).

## 7. PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING

No pre-proposal meeting will be held; however, questions and request for clarifications of the specifications may be submitted as stated in the [inquiries](#) section.

## 8. DISCLAIMER

The City is not liable for any costs incurred by the Respondent for the preparation of materials or a submittal in response to this RFP, for conducting any presentations to the City, or any other activities related to responding to this RFP, or to any subsequent requirements of the contract negotiation process.

## 9. EVALUATION CRITERIA

A Selection Advisory Committee (SAC) will review and evaluate submittals. After the evaluation, the SAC may conduct interviews of the most qualified Respondents before final selection.

The relative weight of each scoring criteria is indicated in the table below.

Criteria	Max Points
Qualifications/Experience of Firm and Key Personnel	40
Examples of Projects	15
Client References	15
Fees and Charges / Method of Billing / Hourly Rates	20
Sustainability	5
Equity in Contracting	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

- 9.1. The SAC may select one or more respondent to provide the services required.
- 9.2. The SAC may use references to clarify information in the submittals and interviews, if conducted, which may affect the rating. The City reserves the right to contact references other than those included in the submittal.
- 9.3. A significant deficiency in any one criteria is grounds for rejection of the submittal as a whole.

## 10. INTERVIEWS / ORAL PRESENTATIONS

An invitation to interview may be extended to Respondents based on SAC review of the written submittals. The SAC reserves the right to adjust scoring based on additional information and/or clarifications provided during interviews.

The City reserves all rights to begin contract negotiations without conducting interviews.

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Respondents must be available to interview within three business days notice.

If interviews are conducted, the SAC will schedule the interviews with the contact person provided in the SOQs. Additional interview information will be provided at the time of invitation. At this time, it is anticipated that the main objective of the interview will be for the SAC to meet the project manager and key personnel that will have direct involvement with the project and hear about their relevant experience and expertise. The City does not intend to meet with firm officials unless they are to be directly involved with the project.

Following interviews, submittals will be rescored using the same criteria as in Section 9 above.

## **11. RESPONSIVENESS**

Respondents agree their submittal is valid until a contract(s) has been executed.

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

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

## **12. CONTENT TO BE SUBMITTED – This section represents 100% of the possible scoring criteria.**

Proposals should be formatted as 8 ½" x 11". A "page" is defined as one single-side of a document that has written text or graphics. The font should be Times New Roman or Arial with font size no smaller than 11 and the margins shall be 0.75" or greater.

A full and complete response to each of the "CONTENT TO BE SUBMITTED" items is expected in a single location; do not cross reference to another section in your submittal.

Information that is confidential must be clearly marked and provide an index identifying the affected page number(s) and location(s) of such identified materials.

Respondents are to provide complete and detailed responses to all items below. Submittals that are incomplete or conditioned in any way that contain alternatives or items not called for in this RFP, or not in conformity with law, may be rejected as being non-responsive. The City will not accept any submittal containing a substantial deviation from the requirements outlined in this RFP.

Submittals should present information in a straightforward and concise manner, while ensuring complete and detailed descriptions of the respondent's/team's abilities to meet the requirement of this RFP. Emphasis will be on completeness of content. The written submittals should be prepared in the sequential order as outlined below.

The City reserves the right to request clarification of any aspect of a firm's submittal, or request additional information that might be required to properly evaluate the submittal. A firm's failure to respond to such a request may result in rejection of the firm's submittal. Firms are required to provide responses to any request clarification within two (2) business days.

Requests for clarification or additional information shall be made at the sole discretion of the City. The City's retention of this right shall no way diminish a Proposer's responsibility to submit a submittal that is current, clear, complete and accurate

### **12.1. Qualifications/Experience of Firm and Key Personnel**

State the qualifications of the firm including a description of experience as Bond Counsel and, disclosure counsel, and the nature of public finance transaction involvement.

Include a statement that your firm and key professionals do not have or anticipate having a potential conflict of interest with the issuer. Include a statement by a person or persons authorized by your firm clearly indicating that this Statement of Qualifications is binding.

Please list any pending claims or disputes relating to prior opinions as counsel in any municipal finance transaction. The issuer reserves the right to request references after submission of the Response.

### **12.2. Examples of Projects**

Describe three projects similar in scope and complexity to this project's scope of work.

### **12.3. Client References**

Provide three issuer references for which the attorney(s) who will provide services provided approving opinions within the past two years

### **12.4. Fees and Charges / Method of Billing / Hourly Rates**

Briefly submit a price proposal that will describe the basis for Bond Counsel compensation for an issue and for other legal advice as provided. It is requested that the Price Proposal be as short as possible, preferably no more than one page. The Price Proposal may be based on the size and type of the issue, hourly rates, "blended" hourly rates of the several lawyers to be involved (if applicable), or a set maximum fee. In addition, respondents have the option of including a discussion of any methods of compensation or budgeting they have employed in the past with other similar issuers.

### **12.5. Sustainability**

Provide information on your company's commitment to the environment. Include your sustainability statement and current practices.

### **12.6. Equity in Contracting**

Identify any certification with Washington State Office of Minority and Women Business Enterprises. Confirmation of any of the below certifications will result in all the points for this criteria.

Combination Business Enterprise (CBE)

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)

Minority/Women Business Enterprise (MWBE)

Small Business Enterprise (SBE)

Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (SEDBE)

Women Business Enterprise (WBE)

### **12.7. Contract Exceptions**

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If you take exceptions to any of the City of Tacoma's Standard Terms and Conditions or any other part of these specifications, please list the sections and provide any suggested replacement language.

### **13. ACCEPTANCE / REJECTION OF SUBMITTALS**

Respondents are advised that the City reserves the right to cancel award of this 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 submitting a Submittal, Respondents agree that the City is not liable for any costs or damages for the cancellation of an award.

The City reserves the right and holds at its discretion the following rights and options:

- To waive any or all informalities
- To award one or more contracts
- To not award a contract
- To issue subsequent solicitation

### **14. ACCEPTANCE OF SUBMITTAL CONTENTS**

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

### **15. CONTRACT OBLIGATION**

The selected Respondent(s) will be expected to execute a contract with the City. As part of the negotiation process, Respondents may propose amendments to the contract, but the City, at its sole option, will decide whether to open discussion on each proposed amendment and determine the final contract to be used. At a minimum, any contract will incorporate the terms and conditions contained herein.

### **16. STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

City of Tacoma Standard Terms and Conditions apply. See Appendix C.

### **17. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Successful proposer will provide proof and maintain the insurance coverage in the amounts and in the manner specified in the Sample Contract. See Appendix B.

### **18. PAID LEAVE**

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

### **19. PARTNERSHIPS**

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

## 20. COMMITMENT OF FIRM KEY PERSONNEL

The Respondent agrees that key personnel identified in its submittal or during contract negotiations as committed to this project will, in fact, be the key personnel to perform during the life of this contract. The City of Tacoma Standard Terms and Conditions provides detail should key personnel become unavailable for any reason.

## 21. AWARD

After the Respondent(s) is selected by the SAC and prior to award, all other Respondents will be notified via email by the Purchasing Division.

Once a finalist (or finalists) has been selected by the Selection Advisory Committee, contract negotiations with that finalist will begin, and if a contract is successfully negotiated, it will, if required, be submitted for final approval by the Public Utility Board and/or City Council.

## 22. ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PROCUREMENT

In accordance with the City's Sustainable Procurement Policy, it is the policy of the City of Tacoma to encourage the use of products or services that help to minimize the environmental and human health impacts of City Operations. Respondents are encouraged to incorporate environmentally preferable 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, products, manufacturing, packaging, distribution reuse, operation, maintenance or disposal of the product or service.

The City of Tacoma encourages the use of sustainability practices and desires any awarded contractor(s) to assist in efforts to address such factors when feasible for:

- Reduction of pollutant releases
- Toxicity of materials used
- Waste generation
- Greenhouse gas emissions, including transportation of materials and services
- Recycle content
- Comprehensive energy conservation measures
- Waste manage reduction plans
- Potential impact on human health and the environment

## 23. EQUITY IN CONTRACTING

The City of Tacoma is committed to encouraging firms certified through the [Washington State Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprise](#) to participate in City contracting opportunities. See the **TMC 1.07 Equity in Contracting Policy** at the City's [Equity in Contracting Program website](#).

## 24. PROPRIETARY OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

The Washington State Public Disclosure Act ([RCW 42.56 et seq.](#)) requires public agencies in Washington make public records available for inspection and copying unless they fall within the specified exemptions contained in the Act, or are otherwise privileged. Documents submitted under this RFP shall be considered public records and, with limited exceptions, will be made available for inspection and copying by the public. See Standard Terms and Conditions for additional information on Confidential Information.

## 25. ADDENDUMS

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In the event it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFP, an addendum will be posted alongside these specifications at [tacomapurchasing.org](http://tacomapurchasing.org). Failure to acknowledge addendum(s) on the required Signature Page may result in a submittal being deemed non-responsive by the City.

## **APPENDIX A**

Signature Page

## SIGNATURE PAGE

### **CITY OF TACOMA LEGAL DEPARTMENT**

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 Proposals 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 PROPOSALS SPECIFICATION NO. LD22-0075F BOND COUNSEL SERVICES**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signatory E-Mail Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
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.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address for Communications

Addendum acknowledgement #1\_\_\_\_\_ #2\_\_\_\_\_ #3\_\_\_\_\_ #4\_\_\_\_\_ #5\_\_\_\_\_

***THIS PAGE MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED WITH SUBMITTAL.***

## **APPENDIX B**

### Sample Contract



## AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made and entered into as of this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 (Effective Date), by and between the CITY OF TACOMA, acting by and through its City Attorney, hereinafter referred to as the "City," and \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter referred to as the "Law Firm."

**WHEREAS** the City has need of expert legal services in connection with the issuance of bonds for a variety of City projects, and

**WHEREAS** the Law Firm has expertise in this practice area to provide advice and representation to the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed as follows:

### 1. Legal Services

A. The Law Firm agrees to provide legal services in connection with the issuance of bonds for a variety of City projects, all as more specifically set forth in the attached Exhibit "A." The Law Firm will use its best efforts to expedite the City's legal matters promptly and efficiently according to the highest legal and ethical standards.

B. Changes To Scope of Legal Services. The City shall have the right to make changes to the general scope of legal services and/or deliverables upon execution, in writing, of a change order or amendment hereto.

### 2. Term

This Agreement shall be for a three-year period to commence effective \_\_\_\_\_, 2022. At the sole option of the City, the term of this agreement may be extended for three additional one-year periods, for a maximum of six (6) years, at the same prices, terms, and conditions. Written notice of intent to exercise this option must be provided at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the then-existing term, and an amendment extending the Agreement must be mutually executed.

### 3. Fees

The total amount to be paid by the City for the Law Firm's full and complete performance of the Scope of Work hereunder shall be calculated in accordance with the formula as set forth in the attached Exhibit "B." The parties agree that the Law Firm shall be paid out of the bond proceeds at the time of closing, and that if the bonds are not issued, no compensation shall be due the Law Firm. The maximum compensation associated with this Agreement shall not exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the maximum six-year period without further prior authorization by the City.

While the assigned attorney will be the primary attorney handling these matters, the Law Firm may, from time to time, with the City's consent, assign other attorneys to work on them.

#### **4. Billing Procedures**

A. Billings should be submitted on a monthly basis. The City will be charged for services rendered on an hourly basis and billings will be reflected in increments of one-tenth of an hour. Each billing statement should set forth for each date services were performed:

- (1) A brief summary of the services provided;
- (2) The number of hours, or fractions of hours, spent by each provider;
- (3) The hourly rates of each of the providers; and
- (4) Expenses and disbursements in detail.

B. Billings from experts or consultants retained by the Law Firm should be provided in substantially similar format as outlined above.

C. The Law Firm has been retained because of its expertise. The City should not be billed for basic general legal or technical research without advance City approval. The City should not be billed for time spent in preparing or reviewing the Law Firm's billings to the City or in internal firm quality control procedures.

D. The Law Firm will keep the City fully informed of time used for conferences, telephone calls, drafting documents, research, court time, and necessary travel time. Travel time between the Law Firm's office and the City of Tacoma will not be billed.

E. Payment shall not be made until the City is fully satisfied with the services performed for the previous month. 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.

F. All payments shall be subject to adjustment for any amounts, upon audit or otherwise, determined to have been improperly invoiced. In no event shall the total of the City's payment pursuant to this Agreement exceed the amount set forth hereinabove.

#### **5. Interaction with City**

A. The Law Firm will keep the City well informed of all matters it handles on the City's behalf. The Law Firm shall send the City copies of all material papers coming in or going out of its offices to or from third parties. The Law Firm, at such times and in such form as the City may require, shall furnish the City with periodic reports pertaining to the work and services undertaken pursuant to this

Agreement. The City's files at the Law Firm and its progress shall be open to the City for inspection at any time.

B. The City's Legal Department should be given advance notice of any significant decisions in order to be able to participate fully in making such decisions.

C. The City's Legal Department shall fully participate in all deliberations and decisions regarding possible settlement of a case.

D. Any extensive legal research proposed by Law Firm should be discussed in advance with the City's Legal Department.

E. The City shall participate in the selection of all consultants or experts.

## **6. Independent Contractor Status**

A. The services and deliverables shall be furnished by the Law Firm as an independent contractor, and nothing herein contained shall be construed to create a relationship of employer/employee or master/servant. No payroll or employment taxes of any kind shall be withheld or paid by the City with respect to payments to Law Firm. The payroll or employment taxes that are the subject of this paragraph include, but are not limited to, FICA, FUTA, federal income tax, state personal income tax, state disability insurance tax, and state unemployment insurance tax. By reason of Law Firm's status as an independent contractor hereunder, no workers' compensation insurance has been or will be obtained by the City on account of Law Firm. The Law Firm may be required to provide the City proof of payment of these said taxes and benefits. If the City is assessed or deemed liable in any manner for those charges or taxes, the Law Firm agrees to hold the City harmless from those costs, including attorney's fees.

B. The Law Firm shall provide, at its sole expense, all materials, office space, and other necessities to perform its duties under this Agreement, unless otherwise specified in writing herein.

## **7. Professional Services Warranty**

In the performance of services under this Agreement, the Law Firm and its employees agree to exercise the degree of skill and care required by customarily accepted good practices and procedures followed by attorneys rendering the same or similar type of service. All obligations and services of the Law Firm hereunder shall be performed diligently and completely according to such professional standards.

## **8. Contract Administration and Right to Audit**

A. The City Attorney's Office for the City shall have primary responsibility for contract administration and approval of services to be performed by the Law Firm, and shall coordinate all communications between the Law Firm and the City.

B. The Law Firm 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 pursuant to this Agreement.

C. Upon the City's request, the Law Firm shall make available to the City all accounts, records, and documents related to the legal services provided hereunder for the City's inspection, auditing, or evaluation during normal business hours as reasonably needed by City to assess performance, compliance, and/or quality assurance under this Agreement.

D. Personnel. If before, during, or after the execution of this Agreement, the Law Firm has represented or represents to the City that certain personnel would or will be responsible for performing services pursuant to this Agreement, then the Law Firm is obligated to ensure that said personnel perform said Agreement services to the maximum extent permitted by law. This Agreement provision may only be waived by written authorization by the City, and on a case-by-case basis.

## 9. Notices

Except for routine operational communications, which may be delivered personally or transmitted by electronic mail, all notices required hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally or mailed first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the parties at the following addresses:

CITY	LAW FIRM
William Fosbre City Attorney 747 Market Street, Rm. 1120 Tacoma, WA 98402	
Phone: (253) 591-5632	Phone:
bill.fosbre@ci.tacoma.wa.us	

## 10. Termination and Suspension

A. The City may terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without cause, by giving ten (10) days' written notice to the Law Firm. In the event of termination, all finished and unfinished work prepared by the Law Firm pursuant to this Agreement shall be provided to the City. In the event the City terminates this Agreement due to the City's own reasons and without cause due to the Law Firm's actions or omissions, the City shall pay the Law Firm the amount due for

actual work and services necessarily performed under this Agreement up to the effective date of termination, not to exceed the total compensation set forth herein.

B. The City may suspend this Agreement, at its sole discretion, upon seven (7) days' written notice to the Law Firm. Such notice shall indicate the anticipated period of suspension. The Law Firm shall resume performance of services under this Agreement without delay when the suspension period ends.

C. Termination or suspension of this Agreement by the City shall not constitute a waiver of any claims or remaining rights the City may have against Law Firm relative to performance hereunder.

## **11. Taxes, Licenses and Permits**

A. The Law Firm acknowledges that it is responsible for the payment of all charges and taxes applicable to the services performed under this Agreement, and the Law Firm 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. If the City is assessed, made liable, or responsible in any manner for such charges or taxes, the Law Firm agrees to hold the City harmless from such costs, including attorney's fees.

B. In the event the Law Firm fails to pay any taxes, assessments, penalties, or fees imposed by any governmental body, including a court of law, then the Law Firm 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 the Law Firm's total compensation.

C. The Law Firm, at its expense, shall obtain and keep in force any and all necessary licenses and permits. The Law Firm shall obtain a business license as required by Tacoma Municipal Code Subtitle 6B.20 and shall pay business and occupation taxes as required by Tacoma Municipal Code Subtitle 6A.30.

## **12. Indemnification**

A. The Law Firm shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City, its officials, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers, from any and all claims, demands, damages, lawsuits, liabilities, losses, liens, expenses and costs to the extent caused by the negligent acts or omissions of the Law Firm arising out of the performance of this Agreement; provided that this provision shall not apply to the extent that damage or injury results from the fault of the City, or its officers, agents, or employees. The term "fault," as used herein, shall have the same

meaning as set forth in RCW 4.22.015, as that statute may hereafter be amended.

B. The Law Firm specifically assumes potential liability for actions brought by the Law Firm's own employees against the City and, solely for the purpose of this indemnification and defense, the Law Firm specifically waives any immunity under the state industrial insurance law, Title 51 RCW. THE LAW FIRM RECOGNIZES THAT THIS WAIVER WAS THE SUBJECT OF MUTUAL NEGOTIATION.

C. This indemnification shall extend to and include attorneys' fees and the cost of establishing the right of indemnification hereunder in favor of the City. This indemnification shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

### **13. Insurance**

During the course and performance of the services herein specified, Law Firm will maintain the insurance coverage consisting of minimum coverage of one million dollars per occurrence and two million dollars aggregate to include each of the following coverages:

- A. Commercial General Liability Insurance;
- B. Workers' Compensation coverage as required by the Industrial Insurance laws of the State of Washington, applicable federal or other state laws;
- C. Employers' Liability coverage for each employee and each accident;
- D. Professional Liability or Errors and Omissions covering acts, errors and omissions arising out of the professional services under this Agreement.

Failure by City to identify a deficiency in the insurance documentation provided by Law Firm or failure of City to demand verification of coverage or compliance by Law Firm with these insurance requirements shall not be construed as a waiver of Law Firm's obligation to maintain such insurance.

Certificates of the above insurance coverage shall be delivered, within ten (10) days of the Effective Date of this Agreement, to the City by Law Firm's insurance carrier or agent certifying the above insurance coverage items are in effect and will not be cancelled or materially changed without 30 days' written notice given to the City.

### **14. Nondiscrimination**

The Law Firm agrees to take all steps necessary to comply with all federal, state, and City laws and policies regarding non-discrimination and equal employment opportunities. The Law Firm 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 the Law Firm with any of the non-discrimination provisions of this Agreement, the City shall be deemed to have cause to terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part.

#### **15. 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 this Agreement, either in fact or in appearance. In addition to Rules of Professional Conduct 1.7, the Law Firm shall comply with all federal, state, and City conflict of interest laws, statutes and regulations. The Law Firm represents that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, in the program to which this Agreement pertains which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of the Law Firm's services and obligations hereunder. The Law Firm 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 this Agreement, subjecting the Agreement to termination.

#### **16. Public Disclosure**

This Agreement and records or documents provided to the City or created by the Law Firm on behalf of the City are deemed public records subject to disclosure under the Washington State Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW (Public Records Act). Thus, the City may be required, upon request, to disclose this Agreement and records or documents related to it unless an exemption under the Public Records Act or other laws applies.

#### **17. Duty of Confidentiality**

The following obligations are additional to the Law Firm and each attorney's duty of confidentiality to the City as prescribed by all applicable rules of professional conduct:

A. The Law Firm acknowledges that unauthorized disclosure of information or documentation concerning the legal services provided hereunder may cause substantial economic loss or harm to the City.

B. Except for disclosure of information and documents to the Law Firm's employees, agents, or subcontractors who have a substantial need to know such information in connection with Law Firm's performance of obligations under this Agreement, the Law Firm shall not, 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 this Agreement.

C. The Law Firm shall inform its employees, agents, and subcontractors of the confidentiality obligations under this Agreement and instruct them so as to ensure such obligations are met. If so requested by the City, the Law Firm further agrees to require all individuals and entities performing services pursuant to this Agreement to execute a Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement in a form acceptable to the City.

D. The Law Firm shall not release any information or documentation concerning the work under this Agreement or any part thereof for marketing, advertising, or other commercial activities or publication including, but not limited to, news releases or professional articles, without the prior written approval of the City. Any and all news releases, professional articles, marketing, advertising, publicity, or other commercial activities that describe or discuss the Agreement and work hereunder shall be reviewed and approved by the City prior to publication, disclosure and/or distribution.

E. This Section shall survive for six (6) years after the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

F. The Law Firm shall ensure that the text of this section is included in each subcontractor's contract for work on the project.

## **18. Dispute Resolution**

In the event of a dispute pertaining to this Agreement, 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 authorized by this Agreement.

## **19. Miscellaneous Provisions**

A. Governing Law and Venue. Washington law shall govern the interpretation of this Agreement. Pierce County shall be the venue of any mediation, arbitration or litigation arising out of this Agreement.

B. Assignment. The Law Firm shall not assign, subcontract, delegate, or transfer any obligation, interest or claim to or under this Agreement or for any of the compensation due hereunder without the prior written consent of the City.

C. No Third Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement shall be for the sole benefit of the parties hereto, and nothing contained herein shall create a contractual relationship with, or create a cause of action in favor of, a third party against either party hereto.



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

E. Severability and Survival. If any term, condition, or provision of this Agreement 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 this Agreement, which by their sense and context are reasonably intended to survive the completion, expiration, or cancellation of this Agreement, shall survive termination of this Agreement.

F. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties as to the services to be rendered hereunder. All previous and contemporaneous agreements, representations or promises and conditions relating to the subject matter of this Agreement are superseded hereby. The Parties hereto mutually acknowledge, understand and agree that the terms and conditions set forth herein shall control and prevail over any conflicting terms and conditions stated in any attachments hereto.

G. Modification. No modification or amendment of this Agreement shall be effective unless set forth in writing and signed by the Parties.

H. Authority to enter into this Agreement. The undersigned Law Firm representative, by his signature below, represents and warrants that he is duly authorized to execute this legally binding Agreement for and on behalf of the Law Firm.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the Effective Date first written above.

**CITY OF TACOMA**

**[LAW FIRM]**

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

Director of Finance: \_\_\_\_\_

City Attorney (approved as to form): \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **EXHIBIT "A"**

### **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

The Law Firm shall provide all necessary legal services necessary to issue Bonds, including, but not limited to:

- (1) Providing an objective legal opinion with respect to the authorization and issuance of debt obligations and whether interest paid is tax-exempt under federal and/or state laws and regulations;
- (2) Preparing authorizing documents and any other document needed in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, including closing documents and transcripts;
- (3) Reviewing use of proceeds to ensure compliance with applicable state and/or federal law and regulations;
- (4) Preparing all documents and materials necessary to comply with all applicable "continuing disclosure" requirements for transactions;
- (5) Participating, if requested, in activities associated with rating agency and/or bond insurer reviews;
- (6) Offering continuing legal advice, as needed, on issues related to the sale of Bonds, any issues that arise post-sale, the trustee administration of obligations, and in particular, any actions necessary to ensure that interest will continue to be tax-exempt;
- (7) Providing other legal opinions or advice as required; and
- (8) The bond counsel services the Law Firm will provide extend beyond the closing dates of particular bond issues. The Law Firm will respond to questions from City staff, review rebate calculations, advise the bond registrar about closed issues, and assist City staff in policy development and interpretation between issues without additional charge.

**EXHIBIT “B”**

**FEE SCHEDULE**

This fee schedule will be applicable for the maximum term of the agreement. Fees are payable only upon closing of the bonds. The Law Firm will not charge for incremental costs.

<b>Issue Size</b>	<b>General Obligation</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Local Improvement District</b>
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## **APPENDIX C**

### City of Tacoma Standard Terms and Conditions

**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/](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.

#### **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.
  - 7. 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**

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:
  - 1. 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:
    - a. 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.
  - 5. 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.
9. 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.
    - l. 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.
  3. 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	3rd Monday in February
Memorial Day	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. Termination for Convenience

1. Supplies. The City may terminate a Contract for supplies 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.
2. Services. The City may terminate a Contract for services 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.

B. Termination for Cause. The City may terminate a Contract for either services or supplies in the event of any material breach of any of the terms and conditions of the Contract if the Supplier's breach continues in effect after written notice of breach and 30 days to cure such breach and fails to cure such breach.

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.

### **1.29 SCOPE OF SERVICES/CONTRACT MODIFICATION**

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

### **1.30 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.

### **1.31 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 and/or the current prevailing wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor 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:
  - 1. Be bound by and perform all transactions regarding the Contract relating to prevailing wages and the usual fringe benefits in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 39.12 RCW, as amended, the Washington State Prevailing Wage Act and/or the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141- 3144, and 3146-3148) and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 5 as may be applicable, including the federal requirement to pay wages not less than once a week,
  - 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/or specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor (unless specifically preempted by federal law, the higher of the Washington state prevailing wage or federal Davis-Bacon rate of wage must be paid)and Additionally, in compliance with applicable federal law, contractors are required to pay wages not less than once a week.
  - 3. Immediately upon award of the Contract, contact the Department of Labor and Industries, Prevailing Wages section, Olympia, Washington and/or the federal Department of Labor, to obtain full information, forms and procedures relating to these matters. Per such procedures, a Statement of Intent to Pay Prevailing Wages and/or other or additional documentation required by applicable federal law, 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 and/or other or additional documentation required by federal law must be received or verified by the City prior to final Contract payment.

### **1.32 COPELAND ANTI-KICKBACK ACT**

For contracts subject to Davis Bacon Act the following clauses will be incorporated into the Contract:

1. Contractor. The contractor shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this contract.
2. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clause above and such other clauses as FEMA may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all of these contract clauses.
3. Breach. A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12.

### **1.33 FEDERAL AID PROJECTS**

The City of Tacoma, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, part 21, nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises as defined at 49 CFR, part 26, will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex in consideration for an award.

### **1.34 FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

If federal funds, including FEMA financial assistance to the City of Tacoma, will be used to fund, pay or reimburse all or a portion of the Contract, Contractor will comply with all applicable Federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA policies, procedures, and directives and the following clauses will be incorporated into the Contract:

- A. **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.** During the performance of this Contract, Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following:
1. Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
  2. The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor; state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
  3. The Contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the Contractor's legal duty to furnish information.
  4. The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

5. The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
6. The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
7. In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this Contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this Contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
8. The Contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance:

Provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

#### B. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT

1. Overtime requirements. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.
2. Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (B)(1) of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (B)(1) of this section, in the sum of \$27 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.
3. Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The City shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (B)(2) of this section.
4. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (B)(1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (B)(1) through (4) of this section.

C. CLEAN AIR ACT

1. Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.
2. Contractor agrees to report each violation to the City and understands and agrees that the City will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
3. Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

D. FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

1. Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.
2. Contractor agrees to report each violation to the City and understands and agrees that the City will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
3. Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

E. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

1. This Contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such, the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor's principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995) or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).
2. Contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.
3. This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by the City. If it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to (insert name of recipient/subrecipient/applicant), the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.
4. Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

F. BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT

1. Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification with City. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient who in turn will forward the certification(s) to the City.



2. If applicable, Contractor must sign and submit to the City the following certification:

**APPENDIX A, 44 C.F.R. PART 18 – CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING**  
**Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements**

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The Contractor, \_\_\_\_\_, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. Chap.38, Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements, apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

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Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## G. PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS

1. In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired:
  - a. Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
  - b. Meeting contract performance requirements; or
  - c. At a reasonable price.
2. Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA- designated items, is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program>.
3. Contractor also agrees to comply with all other applicable requirements of Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act.

### 1.35 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.

### **1.36 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.

### **1.37 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.

### **1.38 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.

### **1.39 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

#### **1.40 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.

#### **1.41 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.
  - 1. 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.
  - 2. 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.

#### **1.42 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 amendment.
- 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.

#### 1.43 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. 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.

#### 1.44 PAYMENT METHOD – EPAYABLES – CREDIT CARD ACCEPTANCE – EFT/ACH ACCEPTANCE

- A. Payment methods include:
  - 1. 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:
    - a. 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.
  - 2. 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.
    - a. 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.

#### 1.45 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.

#### **1.46 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.

#### **1.47 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.

#### **1.48 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.

#### **1.49 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.

#### **1.50 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 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.

#### **1.51 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.

#### **1.52 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.

#### **1.53 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 not, 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.

#### **1.54 DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

In the event of a dispute pertaining to a 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.

#### **1.55 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.

#### **1.56 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.

#### **1.57 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.

#### **1.58 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.

#### **1.59 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.

#### **1.60 SIGNATURES**

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.