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**TACOMA PUBLIC UTILITIES/TACOMA POWER**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**ELECTRICAL SERVICES**

**SPECIFICATION NO. PS20-0288F**



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**Submittal Deadline:** 11:00 a.m., Pacific Time, Tuesday, February 23, 2021

**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 be held at 2:30pm Pacific Time Tuesday, February 9, 2021 via Zoom. Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85601229027>

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**Project Scope:** On-call Journeyman and Apprentice Electricians to augment and work alongside City employees to complete an array projects at TPU facilities, including construction, maintenance, repair, renovation, and other mutually agreed upon work. The contract(s) resulting from this RFP will also allow for material procurement as may be required by the City.

**Estimate:** \$450,000

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

**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA Information):** The City of Tacoma, in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), commits to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability, in all of its programs and activities. Specification materials can be made available in an alternate format by emailing Gail Himes at [ghimes@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:ghimes@cityoftacoma.org), or by calling her collect at 253-591-5785.

**Federal Title VI Information:**

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

**Additional Information:** Requests for information regarding the specifications may be obtained by contacting Tina Eide, Senior Buyer by email to [teide@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:teide@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.**

**CITY OF TACOMA  
FINANCE/PURCHASING DIVISION  
SPECIAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Public works and improvement projects for the City of Tacoma are subject to Washington state law and Tacoma Municipal Code, including, but not limited to the following:

**I. STATE OF WASHINGTON**

**A. RESPONSIBILITY CRITERIA – STATE OF WASHINGTON**

In order to be considered a responsible bidder the bidder must meet the following mandatory state responsibility criteria contained in RCW 39.04.350:

1. Have a current certificate of registration as a contractor in compliance with chapter 18.27 RCW, which must have been in effect **at the time of bid submittal**;
2. Have a current Washington Unified Business Identifier (UBI) number;
3. If applicable:
  - a. Have Industrial Insurance (workers' compensation) coverage for the bidder's employees working in Washington, as required in Title 51 RCW;
  - b. Have a Washington Employment Security Department number, as required in Title 50 RCW;
  - c. Have a Washington Department of Revenue state excise tax registration number, as required in Title 82 RCW and;
4. Not be disqualified from bidding on any public works contract under RCW 39.06.010 (unlicensed or unregistered contractors) or 39.12.065(3) (prevailing wage).
5. Have received training on the requirements related to public works and prevailing wage under this chapter and chapter 39.12 RCW and must designate a person or persons to be trained on these requirements. The training must be provided by the department of labor and industries or by a training provider whose curriculum is approved by the department. Bidders that have completed three or more public works projects and have had a valid business license in Washington for three or more years are exempt from this subsection.

**B. RECIPROCAL PREFERENCE FOR RESIDENT CONTRACTORS:**

Effective March 30, 2012, RCW 39.04.380 imposes a reciprocal preference for resident contractors. Any bid received from a non-resident contractor from a state that provides an in-state percentage bidding preference is subject application of a comparable percentage disadvantage.

A non-resident contractor from a state that provides an in-state percentage bidding preference means a contractor that:

1. Is from a state that provides a percentage bid preference to its resident contractors bidding on public works projects, and
2. Does not have a physical office located in Washington at the time of bidding on the City of Tacoma public works project.

The state of residence for a non-resident contractor is the state in which the contractor was incorporated, or if not a corporation, the state in which the contractor's business entity was formed.

The City of Tacoma will evaluate all non-resident contractors for an out of state bidder preference. If the state of the non-resident contractor provides an in state contractor preference, a comparable percentage disadvantage will be applied to the non-resident contractor's bid prior to contract award. The responsive and lowest and best responsible bidder after application of any non-resident disadvantage will be awarded the contract.

The reciprocal preference evaluation does not apply to public works procured pursuant to RCW 39.04.155, RCW 39.04.280, federally funded competitive solicitations where such agencies prohibit the application of bid preferences, or any other procurement exempt from competitive bidding.

Bidders must provide the City of Tacoma with their state of incorporation or the state in which the business entity was formed and include whether the bidder has a physical office located in Washington.

The bidder shall submit documentation demonstrating compliance with above criteria on the enclosed State Responsibility and Reciprocal Bidder Information form.

### **C. SUBCONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY**

1. The Contractor shall include the language of this subcontractor responsibility section in each of its first tier subcontracts, and shall require each of its subcontractors to include the same language of this section in each of their subcontracts, adjusting only as necessary the terms used for the contracting parties. The requirements of this section apply to all subcontractors regardless of tier.
2. At the time of subcontract execution, the Contractor shall verify that each of its first tier subcontractors meets the following bidder responsibility criteria:
  - a. Have a current certificate of registration as a contractor in compliance with chapter 18.27 RCW, which must have been in effect at the time of subcontract bid submittal;
  - b. Have a current Washington Unified Business Identifier (UBI) number;
  - c. If applicable, have:
    - a. Have Industrial Insurance (workers' compensation) coverage for the bidder's employees working in Washington, as required in Title 51 RCW;
    - b. A Washington Employment Security Department number, as required in Title 50 RCW;
    - c. A Washington Department of Revenue state excise tax registration number, as required in Title 82 RCW;
    - d. An electrical contractor license, if required by Chapter 19.28 RCW;
    - e. An elevator contractor license, if required by Chapter 70.87 RCW and;
3. Not be disqualified from bidding on any public works contract under RCW 39.06.010 (unlicensed or unregistered contractors) or 39.12.065(3) (prevailing wage).

## **II. CITY OF TACOMA**

### **A. SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY CRITERIA – CITY OF TACOMA:**

In order to be considered a responsible bidder, the prospective bidder shall have all of the following qualifications set forth in Tacoma Municipal Code 1.06.262:

1. Adequate financial resources or the ability to secure such resources;
2. The necessary experience, stability, organization and technical qualifications to perform the proposed contract;
3. The ability to comply with the required performance schedule, taking into consideration all existing business commitments;
4. A satisfactory record of performance, integrity, judgment and skills; and
5. Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.
  - a. Bidder Responsibility. Bidders shall not be in violation of 39.04.350 RCW Bidder Responsibility Criteria - Supplemental Criteria.

In addition to the mandatory bidder responsibility criteria listed immediately above, the City may, in addition to price, consider any or all of the following criteria contained in Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 1.06.262 in determining bidder responsibility:

1. The ability, capacity, experience, stability, technical qualifications and skill of the respondent to perform the contract;
2. Whether the respondent can perform the contract within the time specified, without delay or interference;
3. Integrity, reputation, character, judgment, experience, and efficiency of the respondents, including past compliance with the City's Ethics Code;
4. Quality of performance of previous contracts;
5. Previous and existing compliance with laws and ordinances relating to contracts or services;
6. Sufficiency of the respondent's financial resources;
7. Quality, availability, and adaptability of the supplies, purchased services or public works to the particular use required;
8. Ability of the respondent to provide future maintenance and service on a timely basis;
9. Payment terms and prompt pay discounts;
10. The number and scope of conditions attached to the submittal;
11. Compliance with all applicable City requirements, including but not limited to the City's Ethics Code and its Small Business Enterprise and Local Employment and Apprenticeship programs;
12. Other qualification criteria set forth in the specification or advertisement that the appropriate department or division head determines to be in the best interests of the City.

The City may require bidders to furnish information, sworn or certified to be true, to demonstrate compliance with the City responsibility criteria set forth above. If the city manager or director of utilities is not satisfied with the sufficiency of the information provided, or if the prospective respondent does not substantially meet all responsibility requirements, any submittal from such respondent must be disregarded.

## **B. ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL CRITERIA – NOT APPLICABLE**

## **C. MODIFICATIONS TO SUPPLEMENTAL CRITERIA**

Potential bidders may request modifications to the City's **supplemental criteria** by submitting a written request to the Purchasing Division via email to [bids@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:bids@cityoftacoma.org) no later than 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, three days prior to the submittal deadline. Please include the Specification No. and Title when submitting such requests. Requests must include justification for why certain criteria should be modified. Requests received after this date and time will not be considered.

The City will respond to a timely submitted request prior to the bid opening date. Changes to the supplemental criteria, if warranted, will be issued by addendum to the solicitation documents and posted to the City's website for the attention of all prospective bidders.

## **D. DETERMINATION OF BIDDER RESPONSIBILITY**

If the City determines the bidder does not meet the criteria above and is therefore not a responsible bidder, the City shall notify the bidder in writing with the reasons for its determination. If the bidder disagrees, the bidder may appeal the determination in a manner consistent with the City's Protest Policy. Appeals are coordinated by the Purchasing Division heard by the Procurement and Payables Division manager for contracts less than or equal to \$500,000 and by Contracts and Awards Board for contracts greater than \$500,000.

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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 Proposals page.

<b>The following items make up your submittal package:</b>	
One electronic copy of your complete submittal package	
City of Tacoma Signature Page	
Information in Section 14 (Content To Be Submitted)	
Bid Bond	
State Responsibility Form	
Certification of compliance with Wage Payment Statutes	
EIC Utilization Form	
<b>After award, the following documents will be executed:</b>	
Services Contract	
Certificate of Insurance and related endorsements	
Performance Bond	
Payment Bond	

## **1 BACKGROUND**

Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU) is a municipally owned utility serving the people of Tacoma, WA and surrounding areas with power and water, along with short-line freight rail services to and from the Port of Tacoma. TPU maintains a vast network of facilities including hydroelectric generation facilities, power substations, fisheries facilities, water filtration facilities, water pump stations, railroad facilities, office buildings, data centers, warehouses, craft shops, and more. These facilities are located in Pierce, King, Thurston, Lewis, Mason, and Grays Harbor Counties. TPU is governed by a five-member Public Utility Board.

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

The City anticipates awarding a single contract or multiple contracts to qualified electrical contracting companies for the primary purpose of providing Journeyman and Apprentice Electricians to augment and work alongside City employees to complete an array projects at TPU facilities, including construction, maintenance, repair, renovation, and other mutually agreed upon work. The contract(s) resulting from this RFP will also allow for material procurement as may be required by the City.

The electrical contractor will provide labor, tools, personal protective equipment, transportation, equipment and materials not furnished by the City, and permits/fees for routine and emergency call-out electrical services.

It is the City's intent to award by March 31, 2021, a three (3) year contract resulting from this RFP, to begin on May 1, 2021, with two (2) one-year options to extend the term if mutually agreed upon, but this shall not be deemed to create any obligation by the City.

TPU has utilized this style of contract services for over 20-years. It is not uncommon to have at least one (1) journeyman electrician on call for extended periods of time. The rate of use of these services is largely dictated by the amount of work identified and thus is not guaranteed. All work assignments must be approved by the City prior to work commencing. The contract estimate for these services is budgeted at \$450,000 and the anticipated completion date is April 30, 2024.

Proposals submitted and/or the selected Contractor(s) may also be used for other projects of similar type and scope at the sole discretion of the City for the term of the contract.

## **2 SCOPE OF SERVICES AND DELIVERABLES**

### **A. SCOPE OF SERVICES**

The selected electrical contractor will work with and supplement City staff in maintaining, repairing and renovating TPU facilities and equipment.

Work includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. New installations of facility electrical systems.
2. Major and minor repairs, and maintenance tasks for facility electrical systems.
3. Support services, such as material purchasing and equipment rental.
4. Provide other services as required by the City and as mutually agreed upon.

## B. WORK PLAN

The primary purpose of this contract is to provide supplemental electrical services for TPU facilities.

Tacoma Power will assign an Electrical Services Coordinator who will manage work with the electrical contractor. The Electrical Services Coordinator will be responsible for setting clear definitions of duties and organization of the work to be completed. The selected contractor will assist in developing project schedules and timelines, as required, and assign electricians to augment the City's staffing needs.

The following sections describe the services that the selected Contractor will be requested to provide. The following generally defines the work involved in each task.

### 1. WORK ASSIGNMENT

The contractor will receive service requests for projects and tasks as needed by TPU. These requests may stipulate the number of qualified personnel to be assigned to a job, or may request the contractor to provide estimates prior to commencement, and will include a preliminary scope of work and appropriate staff contacts. TPU will work collectively with the Contractor to develop a final scope of work, design scheme, schedule, personnel and equipment needs, and cost estimates.

The Contractor shall provide the requested number of qualified personnel at the specified start date, with a minimum 24-hour notice.

### 2. WORK MANAGEMENT

Schedules, timelines, and priority of work will be coordinated with the Electrical Services Coordinator.

### 3. TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

The Contractor shall provide a work vehicle, personal hand tools, a cell phone, and all required personal protective equipment, including flame resistant and arc flash rated clothing when required.

Tools and equipment owned or rented by the City may be made available for use by the Contractor. Any tools and equipment purchased by the City shall remain property of the City.

#### **4. COMPLETION OF WORK AND INSPECTION**

The Contractor shall provide journeyman and apprentice electricians to complete assigned projects in a safe and workman-like manner as directed by TPU, in accordance with the technical plans and specifications, and in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local codes, regulations, and permits, as well as industry codes and standards. These shall include, but are not limited to:

1. National Electrical Code (NEC)
2. National Electrical Safety Code (NESC)
3. Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act (WISHA)/Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA)
4. Washington State RCW 19.28 (Electricians and Electrical Installations)

The electrical contractor will be responsible for the actions of its employees causing any contamination or spill of hazardous materials, including, but not limited to, spill reporting, containment, and cleanup. The City will be responsible for actions or directions of its employees.

TPU intends to provide initial direction and guidance, and perform day-to-day inspections as necessary.

#### **3 SCOPE OF SERVICE CHANGES**

TPU may, at any time during performance of the services, by written or verbal order, change the services that are planned or underway. These may include changes to the (1) the plans, specifications and drawings, (2) the method or manner of performance of the services, (3) City-furnished equipment, materials, services or site, or (4) the performance period for the services. Since this contract is based on reimbursement for time and materials, no additional compensation will be due the contractor.

#### **4 WORK AND SAFETY RULES**

The Contractor shall comply with work site conditions and work rules established by the City and shall cooperate with the City in enforcing work site conditions and work rules which directly affect the performance of the services, including but not limited to, starting and quitting times, smoking regulations, check-in and check-out procedures, and worksite safety and clearance procedures. Without limiting the foregoing, the Contractor will use good faith efforts to properly train its employees about proper and safe work methods and work site safety and will provide notice to the City (if reasonably necessary) of work safety issues.

The Contractor shall, in connection with performance of this Contract, create no hazard to the City's employees and invitees and shall coordinate and cooperate with the City to protect the life and health of all persons working at or visiting the premises.

Prior to commencement of work hereunder, all of the Contractor's workers engaged in the work shall be protected under applicable Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Acts of Washington State. The Contractor shall furnish to the City evidence of the Contractor's compliance with said Acts, in form acceptable to the City, and during the effective period of this Contract shall not modify such methods of compliance without the consent of the City.

#### **SPECIAL COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS:**

The Contractor agrees herein to comply, and shall require that its subcontractors and supplies comply with any and all federal, state and local regulations, including but not limited to Proclamations pertaining to the current pandemic referred to as COVID-19, and shall apply all reasonable measures to protect, not only its employees, but all individuals on the work site(s). It is further agreed and understood that a determination by any governmental official of non-compliance with this provision, shall be conclusive on the issue of compliance.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) safety protocol shall be in effect until the City mandates otherwise.

### **5 ACCIDENT PREVENTION**

The Contractor shall comply with all fire, health and safety standards and accident prevention regulations promulgated by federal, state or local authorities having jurisdiction and will take or cause to be taken such additional measures as reasonably necessary to protect the life and health of all employees engaged in the performance of this Contract and services required hereunder. Failure of the Contractor to comply with any said standards or regulations shall be deemed just cause for the suspension of the work until such hazardous or unsafe conditions are eliminated. None of the above provisions will act in any way to relieve the Contractor of its responsibility, under law, for any injury or damage caused by or arising out of the performance of services under this contract.

The Contractor shall comply with all rules, regulations and record keeping responsibilities required under the Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act and any amendment or revisions thereto, and U.S. Department of Labor regulations, as may apply during the performance of the services under this Contract. The safety of all persons employed by the Contractor and its subcontractors on the City's premises, or any other person who enters upon the City's premises at the Contractor's direction for reasons relating to this Contract, shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor. The Contractor may use the resources of the City and its safety officer(s) to achieve these means. However, the Contractor is fully responsible to ensure that all personnel are appropriately trained for the tasks assigned.

### **6 PROTECTION OF PROPERTY**

The Contractor shall continuously protect the work and the City's property, including materials, facilities and equipment furnished by the City, from damage and loss. The Contractor shall maintain all passageways, perimeters, lights and other facilities used by its personnel for the protection required by public authority.

Tacoma Power is required to meet federally mandated standards for the protection of bulk electric system assets. As such, the Contractor shall comply with access and escort requirements as directed by Tacoma Power when working in applicable facilities.

## **7 CONTRACT LEAD**

Tacoma Power will assign a Contract Lead who will coordinate contractual items throughout the contract period with the selected electrical contractor(s).

## **8 SERVICE LOCATIONS**

The bulk of work is expected to be located at the TPU Administration Complex. However, work may also be performed at any and/or all TPU facilities including, but not limited to, the Cowlitz River Project, the Cushman Hydroelectric Project, the Nisqually River Project, the Wynoochee Hydroelectric Project, the Green River Operations Center, the McMillin Reservoir, the Tacoma Rail headquarters, and various operational facilities. Tacoma Power is also required to perform work associated with fish collection at the Cowlitz Falls Hydroelectric Project owned by the Lewis County Public Utility District. As such, some of the work associated with this Contract could occur at that facility. In the interest of job efficiency, the Contractor may be required to report directly to any TPU facility.

Work performed under the scope of this contract may be located at, but not limited to, the following Tacoma Public Utilities facilities:

Facilities within Pierce and King Counties:

Tacoma Public Utilities Administration Complex. Site Address: 3628 South 35th Street, Tacoma, WA 98409.

Tacoma Rail Headquarters. Site Address: 2601 SR 509 North Frontage Road, Tacoma, WA 98421.

Tacoma Power South Service Center. Site address: 3002 224th Street E, Spanaway, WA 98387.

Tacoma Power Nisqually River Project. Site address: 46502 Mountain Highway E, LaGrande, WA 98348.

Tacoma Water McMillin Reservoir. Site address: 13004 Reservoir Road E, Puyallup, WA 98374.

Tacoma Water Green River Operations Center. Site address: 36932 SE Green River Headworks Road, Ravensdale, WA 98051.

Facilities outside Pierce and King Counties:

Tacoma Power Cowlitz River Project. Site address: 253 Hydro Lane, Silver Creek, WA 98585.

Tacoma Power Cowlitz Falls Fish Collection Facility. Site Address: 1379 Falls Rd, Randle, WA 98377.

Tacoma Power Cushman Hydroelectric Project. Site address: 21451 N Highway 101, Shelton, WA 98584.

Tacoma Power Wynoochee River Project. Site address: 5120 Wynoochee Valley Road, Montesano, WA 98563.

This work is located in Lewis County (Cowlitz and Cowlitz Falls), Mason County (Cushman), and Grays Harbor County (Wynoochee).

## **9 BILLING REQUIREMENTS**

All work shall be billed on a unit price basis or as agreed to as part of the final contract. It is the City's preference that invoices be submitted on a monthly basis. Unless specified otherwise, all prices shall be fixed through December 31, 2021. Effective January 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, or as agreed to as part of the contract, all pricing may be escalated/de-escalated to reflect changes, if any, in material and labor costs. The Contractor must request this pricing adjustment, in writing 45 days prior to contract renewal, and the City must approve, in writing, before any pricing is changed, unless the pricing is tied to revisions to the published prevailing wages and uses simple multipliers for indirect and overhead in the Fees and Charges section of their proposal. The following defines the change request terms.

1. The Contractor will be required to submit any proposed price adjustment in writing at least 45 days prior to end of each 12-month contract period. Written requests for price adjustments shall be directed to the Contract Lead.
2. Requests received after the 12-month period will not be accepted until 45 days prior to the next 12-month contract period.
3. Any proposed price increase to contract line items must be beyond the control of the Contractor and supported by written documentation from the manufacturer or wholesale distributor, indicating new higher cost adjustments in effect.
4. Price increases will be adjusted only to the amount of cost increase to the Contractor. Supporting documentation must be included with each request for price adjustment.
5. No adjustment will be made for Contractor profit margin.
6. The City is entitled to any promotional pricing during the contract period which is lower than pricing provided in the bid.
7. Price decreases shall be immediately passed on to the City.
8. Prices shall remain firm for each 12-month contract period, however, nothing in this contract will prevent the Contractor from charging a lower than quoted price.

9. Price increases may be passed along during a contract period if the increase is due to federally mandated regulations.
10. The City reserves the right to accept or reject all such price adjustments.

NOTE: Work may be performed in various tax jurisdictions and as such, invoices will have to be submitted in a manner to reflect these different tax zones.

## **10 QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS**

Only qualified bidders with management, employees, and staff experienced in the type of work required by this specification, and with a record of successful completion of projects of similar scope, complexity, and overall cost will be considered. The City will be the sole judge of the bidder's ability to meet the requirements of this paragraph. The bidder's past work will be judged in complexity of job, time of completion, organization, and other factors that may indicate the abilities of the firm.

## **11 CONTRACT TERM**

The contract will be for one (1) three-year period with the option to renew the contract for two (2) additional one-year terms. The City reserves the right to cancel the contract for any reason, by written notice, as stipulated in the contract.

## **12 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 SAC may select one or more Respondents to provide the services required.

Submittals will be evaluated based on the criteria outlined in this RFP.

The SAC may use references to clarify information in the submittals and interviews, and reserves the right to adjust scoring based on additional information and/or clarifications provided from references or during interviews. The SAC may determine additional scoring criteria for the interviews following evaluation of written submittals. The City reserves the right to contact references other than those included in the submittal.

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

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

### **13 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

A contract may be issued after Public Utility Board and/or City Council approval.

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

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

**13.1 Virtual Pre-Proposal Meeting 2:30pm: 2/9/2021**

**13.2 Pre-Proposal Questions 3:00pm: 2/12/2021**

**13.3 Response to Questions: 2/17/2021**

**13.4 Submittal Due Date: 2/23/2021**

**13.5 Submittal Evaluated: 3/5/2021**

**13.6 Interviews/presentations (if needed), conducted the week of: 3/15/2021**

**13.7 Contract Award: 3/31/2021**

Proposals 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 proposals should be prepared in the sequential order as outlined below.

Information that is confidential must be clearly marked and provide an index identifying the affected page number(s) and locations(s) of such identified materials. See Standard Terms and Conditions - Solicitation for Public Disclosure requirements and for Proprietary or Confidential Design Information.

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

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 proposal containing a substantial deviation from the requirements outlined in this RFP.

Confidential information must be marked as directed in the standard terms and conditions.

#### **14.1 Qualifications/Experience of Firm – 20 points**

Describe your company's ability to provide qualified journeyman and apprentice electrician services, including personnel and the tools and equipment required within this RFP.

#### **14.2 Examples of Projects – 10 points**

Provide descriptions of three contracts or projects of similar scope and complexity to this contract's scope of work.

**14.2.1** Contract/Project 1

**14.2.2** Contract/Project 2

**14.2.3** Contract/Project 3

#### **14.3 Reporting Capabilities – 5 points**

Describe your company's ability to meet contractual reporting requirements, including documentation of work, invoicing, and meeting the State's prevailing wage requirements.

#### **14.4 Client References – 10 points**

Provide three client references able to verify your firm's overall electrical services expertise. The references must have worked with your firm within the last two years. Provide complete information such as name of company, contact person, address, phone number, and email address.

**14.4.1** Reference 1

**14.4.2** Reference 2

**14.4.3** Reference 3

#### **14.5 Fees and Charges / Method of Billing / Hourly Rates – 20 points**

##### **A. Hourly Labor Rates**

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

Billing rates for the electricians shall start when they arrive at an assigned project/work site to begin their shift, and billing shall stop after the electricians have completed their shift at an assigned project/work site. Commute time and/or call-out fees will not be accepted.

Provide the hourly labor rate for the following:

**14.5.1 Journeyman Electrician Hourly Rate**

**14.5.2 Apprentice Electrician Hourly Rate**

**B. Equipment and Material Mark-Up**

Materials shall be measured by the invoice cost of materials plus mark-up percentage (Cost plus Percent) for the supply of equipment, parts and materials required to perform work as ordered that are not incidental or required by the Contract. Bid items are provided with a set based amount by the Contractor and shall include material costs, ordering, handling and delivery of material. Costs for overhead, transportation or storage shall be incidental to the contract. Before purchase, the Contract Lead or designee may require the Contractor to provide a written quote for the material to be utilized for review and approval.

Provide mark-up for equipment and materials purchased at the request of the City in order to complete specific projects and/or tasks.

**14.5.3 Cost plus Percentage Mark-Up**

**C. Mobilization and Demobilization**

Electricians may be required to report to work sites outside of Pierce and King Counties. Section 8 of this RFP provides a sampling of these locations. When this occurs, provide the cost, if any, of mobilizing to and from job sites outside of Pierce and King Counties:

**14.5.4 Cost of Mobilization and Demobilization**

**14.6 Qualifications / Experience of Key Personnel – 25 points**

List key personnel that will handle the contract. The personnel listed must be committed to this contract for the expected term of the agreement. Include a brief bio or resume outlining the experience of the key personnel that will be involved, specifically including the resume of your firm's Master Electrician or Administrator meeting the requirements of Washington State RCW 19.28.061.

**14.7 Sustainability – 5 points**

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

## **14.8 Equity in Contracting (EIC) – 5 points**

### **14.8.1 EIC Forms (Appendix A)**

## **14.9 Credit Card Acceptance – 0 points**

Provide a statement regarding your ability to meet the City's credit card requirements (below) as well as identifying your reporting capabilities (Level I, II, or III). This information is not a consideration in the evaluation process.

## **14.10 Contract Exceptions – 0 points**

Do you take exceptions to any of the City of Tacoma's Standard Terms and Conditions?

## **15 BID BOND**

The attached Bid Bond must be executed by the person legally authorized to sign the bid, and must be properly signed by representatives of the surety company unless the bid is accompanied by a certified check or cashier's check.

If a Bid Bond is used, the form furnished by the City must be followed; no variations from the language thereof will be accepted. The amount of the Bid Bond must be not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the project estimate; and, if shown in dollars and cents, the amount of said Bid Bond must be not less than the required five percent; or in lieu of dollars and cents, the bond may be completed by inserting therein, "five percent of the amount of the accompanying proposal." Bid Bonds will not be returned unless all proposals are rejected. If a certified or cashier's check is provided by the successful Respondent(s), the amount of their check will be refunded after award of the Contract, City's receipt of the signed Contract, and acceptance of the Performance Bond, if applicable. Unsuccessful Respondents providing certified checks will be refunded the amount of their check upon award of the Contract.

If submitting your bid electronically, a scanned version of the original bid bond must accompany your electronic bid submittal. The original bid bond shall be sent to the Contracting Agency and postmarked no later than the day of bid opening. **Original bid bonds will be delivered to:**

**City of Tacoma Procurement & Payables Division  
Tacoma Public Utilities  
P.O. Box 11007  
Tacoma, WA 98411-0007**

## **16 PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING**

All proposers are invited to attend a virtual pre-proposal meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 2:30pm Pacific Time via Zoom via the link in the Request for Proposals Page.

Attendance is not required to submit a bid. Questions and requests for clarifications of the specifications may be submitted in writing to Tina Eide, Procurement and Payables Division, via email to [teide@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:teide@cityoftacoma.org) by the deadline stated in the Calendar of Events section

(Section 13). In your message subject line, reference the specification number and title. It is preferred that all questions be in the body of the message rather than in an attachment.

The City reserves the discretion to group similar questions to provide a single answer or not to respond when the requested information is confidential.

The answers are not typically considered an addendum.

The City will not be responsible for unsuccessful submittal of questions.

Written answers to all questions submitted will be posted on the Procurement and Payables website at [www.TacomaPurchasing.org](http://www.TacomaPurchasing.org) on or about February 10, 2021.

## **17 RFP REVISIONS**

In the event it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFP, addenda will be issued.

## **18 RESPONSIVENESS**

Respondents agree their proposal 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 proposal which, after review of submissions and potential interviews, in the sole judgement of the City, best meets the requirements set forth in this RFP.

## **19 COSTS TO PREPARE SUBMITTAL**

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

## **20 ACCEPTANCE/ REJECTION OF PROPOSALS**

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 Proposal, Respondents agree that the City is not liable for any costs or damages for the cancellation of an award. The Respondent assumes the sole risk and responsibility for all expenses connected with the preparation of this submittal.

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

## **21 ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL CONTENTS**

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

## **22 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.

## **23 STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**23.1** City of Tacoma standard terms and conditions apply. (Appendix B)

## **24 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

**24.1** Successful proposer shall provide and keep current insurance as specified in the attached document. (Appendix B)

## **25 PREVAILING WAGE**

This project requires prevailing wages under chapter 39.12 RCW. Any worker, laborer, or mechanic employed in the performance of any part of the work shall be paid not less than the applicable prevailing rate of wage.

The contract work sites are located in Pierce, Lewis, Mason, and Grays Harbor Counties.

The effective date for prevailing wages on this project will be the submittal deadline with these exceptions:

1. If the project is not awarded within six months of the submittal deadline, the award date is the effective date.
2. If the project is not awarded pursuant to a competitive solicitation, the date the contract is executed is the effective date.
3. Janitorial contracts follow WAC 296-127-023.

Except for janitorial contracts, these rates shall apply for the duration of the contract unless otherwise noted in the solicitation.

Look up prevailing rates of pay, benefits, and overtime codes from this link:  
<http://www.lni.wa.gov/TradesLicensing/PrevWage/WageRates/default.asp>

Contractor shall comply with Washington law regarding prevailing wages. Contractor shall pay and require any contractors and subcontractors to pay prevailing wages in accordance with the provisions of 39.12 RCW, as amended, relating to prevailing wages and fringe benefits. These rules apply to any contractor doing business with the City, including owner/operators.

When work is conducted within Tacoma city limits, State of Washington prevailing wages or City of Tacoma minimum wage rates, whichever are higher, must be paid. If City of Tacoma minimum wage rates are higher than state of Washington prevailing wage rates, City of Tacoma rates must be paid.

A Statement of Intent to Pay Prevailing Wages must be filed with the Washington Department of Labor & Industries upon award of contract. Affidavits of Wages Paid must be filed with the Washington Department of Labor & Industries upon job completion. Payments will not be made by the City until certification of these filings are received.

Additional information regarding these requirements can be obtained by contacting the Department of Labor & Industries, Prevailing Wage at 360-902-5335 or visiting their website at <http://www.lni.wa.gov/TradesLicensing/PrevailingWage/default.asp>.

## **26 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>.

## **27 PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BOND**

A payment and performance bond, including power of attorney, for this project is required in the amount of 25 percent of the Contract total.

1. The City's payment and performance bond forms must be used.
2. The payment and performance bonds must be executed by a surety company licensed to do business in the state of Washington.
3. The cost of a payment and performance bonds must be included in submittal prices. Bonds will not be paid as a separate line item.

The initial two-year term of this Contract shall be divided into two separate one-year phases. The total Contract value shall be pro-rated according to one-year phases. Prior to start of work, the Contractor shall furnish a payment and performance bonds for 25 percent of the value of the first year of the Contract. On or before the start of the second year, the Contractor will be required to execute a Contract amendment and shall furnish a payment and performance bonds securing 25 percent of the value assigned to the second year phase of the Contract. Said payment and performance bonds shall be for the purpose of ensuring the Contractor's full and faithful performance of its obligations under this Contract during each annual phase and payment of all labor, material suppliers, labor benefits, and related taxes.

Extensions may be considered upon mutual agreement of both parties. In the event that the Contract is extended, the Contractor will be required to execute a Contract amendment and shall furnish a payment and performance bonds securing 25 percent of the value assigned to each year extended.

## **28 RETAINAGE**

The city shall withhold retainage in accordance with 60.28 RCW.

## **29 CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT**

The selected Respondents will be expected to, as part of the Contract, sign and adhere to a non-disclosure confidentiality agreement.

## **30 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.

## **31 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. Should key personnel become unavailable for any reason, the selected Respondent shall provide suitable replacement personnel, subject to the approval of the City. Substantial organizational or personnel changes within the agency are expected to be communicated immediately. Failure to do so could result in cancellation of the Contract.

## **32 AWARD**

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

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.

## **33 PAYMENT METHOD - CREDIT CARD ACCEPTANCE**

The City, in its sole discretion, will determine the method of payment for goods and/or services as part of this agreement.

The City's preferred method of payment is by credit card. Respondents may be required to have the capability of accepting the City's authorized procurement card as a method of payment. No price changes or additional fee(s) may be assessed when accepting the procurement card as a form of payment.

### **1. Payment methods include:**

- a. Credit card. Tacoma's VISA procurement card program is supported by standard bank credit suppliers and requires merchants abide by the VISA merchant operating rules.

Vendors must be PCI-DSS compliance (secure credit card data management).

Vendors 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.

- b. Check, wire transfer or other cash equivalent.
2. If a Firm is unable to accept the City's procurement card, the next preference is to pay by ACH (Automatic Clearing House) payment.
3. The city may consider cash discounts when evaluating submittals.

### **34 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 management reduction plans
- Potential impact on human health and the environment

### **35 DELIVERY OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES– IDLING PROHIBITED**

Vehicles and/or diesel fuel trucks shall not idle at the time and location of the delivery to the City for more than three minutes. The City requires vendors 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 a vehicle is making deliveries and associated power is necessary; when the engine is used to provide power in another device, and if required for proper warm-up and cool-down of the engine. The City of Tacoma has a commitment to reduction of unnecessary fuel emissions. The City intends to improve 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.

## APPENDIX A

- Signature Page
- Bid Bond
- State Responsibility Form
- Certification of Compliance with Wage Payment Statutes
- EIC Goal and Forms

## SIGNATURE PAGE

### CITY OF TACOMA Tacoma Public Utilities / Tacoma Power

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. PS20-0288F Electrical 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

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

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

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

Herewith find deposit in the form of a cashier's check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ which amount is not less than 5-percent of the total bid.

SIGN HERE\_\_\_\_\_

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## BID BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, \_\_\_\_\_, as Principal, and \_\_\_\_\_, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the City of Tacoma, as Obligee, in the penal sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, for the payment of which the Principal and the Surety bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, by these presents.

The condition of this obligation is such that if the Obligee shall make any award to the Principal for

according to the terms of the proposal or bid made by the Principal therefor, and the Principal shall duly make and enter into a contract with the Obligee in accordance with the terms of said proposal or bid and award and shall give bond for faithful performance thereof, with Surety or Sureties approved by the Obligee; or if the Principal shall, in case of failure to do so, pay and forfeit to the Obligee the penal amount of the deposit specified in the call for bids, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise it shall be and remain in full force and effect and the Surety shall forthwith pay and forfeit to the Obligee, as penalty and liquidated damages, the amount of this bond.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DATED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

PRINCIPAL:

SURETY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

Received return of deposit in the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Specification No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Bidder: \_\_\_\_\_

## State Responsibility and Reciprocal Bid Preference Information

Certificate of registration as a contractor  
(Must be in effect at the time of bid submittal):

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Washington Unified Business Identifier  
(UBI) Number:

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have industrial insurance (workers' compensation)  
Coverage nor your employees working in Washington?

☐ Yes      ☐ No  
☐ Not Applicable

Washington Employment Security Department Number

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Not Applicable

Washington Department of Revenue state excise tax  
Registration number:

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Not Applicable

Have you been disqualified from bidding any public  
works contracts under RCW 39.06.010 or 39.12.065(3)?

☐ Yes      ☐ No  
If yes, provide an explanation of your  
disqualification on a separate page.

Do you have a physical office located in the state of  
Washington?

☐ Yes      ☐ No

If incorporated, in what state were you incorporated?

State: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Not Incorporated

If not incorporated, in what state was your business  
entity formed?

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you completed the training required by RCW  
39.04.350, or are you on the list of exempt businesses  
maintained by the Department of Labor and Industries?

☐ Yes      ☐ No



City of Tacoma

## Certification of Compliance with Wage Payment Statutes

The bidder hereby certifies that, within the three-year period immediately preceding the bid solicitation date (**February 4, 2021**), that the bidder is not a “willful” violator, as defined in RCW 49.48.082, of any provision of chapters 49.46, 49.48, or 49.52 RCW, as determined by a final and binding citation and notice of assessment issued by the Department of Labor and Industries or through a civil judgment entered by a court of limited or general jurisdiction.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bidder

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Official\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

**Check One:**

Individual ☐

Partnership ☐

Joint Venture ☐

Corporation ☐

State of Incorporation, or if not a corporation, the state where business entity was formed:

\_\_\_\_\_

If a co-partnership, give firm name under which business is transacted:

\_\_\_\_\_

*\* If a corporation, proposal must be executed in the corporate name by the president or vice-president (or any other corporate officer accompanied by evidence of authority to sign). If a co-partnership, proposal must be executed by a partner.*

CITY OF TACOMA  
FINANCE/PURCHASING DIVISION

**SPECIAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

**Equity in Contracting – EIC**

Equity in Contracting (EIC) forms and attachments must be fully and accurately completed and returned at the time of Bids. Failure to do so may result in the proposal being considered nonresponsive. These forms will be used to determine if the firm complies with Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 1.07 and State Law.

Vendors for public works and improvement-type projects are required to be inclusive of Minority Owned Business Enterprises, Women-Owned Business Enterprises, and Small Business Enterprises. The criteria for determining whether inclusion has been made are set forth in the City's EIC regulations. Venders are also subject to the City's EIC ordinance and regulations pertaining to having an Equal Employment Opportunity policy prohibiting discrimination. Bids will be evaluated on an individual basis to determine compliance with this section. The EIC Utilization Form, when required, should accompany your submittal. Contact the EIC Office at (253) 591-5075 if there are questions about this requirement.

Either the firm submitting the bid or the firms they plan to subcontract with, if qualified, may meet the percent requirements listed on the EIC Requirement Form.

Bidders unable to meet the percent requirements shall submit an Application of Waiver of EIC Requirements, the Equity in Contracting Utilization Form, and any required attachments with the Bid in accordance with the Equity in Contracting Regulations.

**FAILURE TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT EIC FORMS WITH THE BID SUBMITTAL PACKAGE WILL RESULT IN THE BID BEING DECLARED NON-RESPONSIVE AND REJECTED.**

It is the bidder's responsibility to insure that their firm (if EIC-eligible) and/or eligible subcontractor(s) listed on the EIC Utilization Form are currently certified by the City of Tacoma or the State of Washington's Office of Minority and Women Business Enterprises at the time of bid opening. This may be verified by contacting the EIC Office at 253-591-5075 between 8 AM and 5 PM, Monday through Friday.

All SBE goals may be met by using DBEs or SBEs from the OMWBE list or the City of Tacoma SBE list.

A list of EIC-certified companies is available on the following web site addresses:

[www.cityoftacoma.org/sbe](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/sbe)

[www.omwbe.diversitycompliance.com](http://www.omwbe.diversitycompliance.com) – From this list, be sure check for certified MBE, WBE, MWBE, and SBE companies located in Pierce, King, Lewis, Mason, and Grays Harbor counties.

\*After December 31, 2020, the list of EIC eligible firms may only be accessed at [www.omwbe.diversitycompliance.com](http://www.omwbe.diversitycompliance.com)

# EIC REQUIREMENT FORM

## **EQUITY IN CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES:**

All bidders must complete and submit with their bid the following solicitation form contained in the bid submittal package:

City of Tacoma – EIC Utilization Form

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

It is the bidder's responsibility to insure that the EIC-eligible subcontractor(s) listed on the EIC Utilization Form are currently certified by the City of Tacoma or the State of Washington's Office of Minority and Women Business Enterprises at the time of bid opening. This may be verified by contacting the EIC Office at 253-591-5075 between 8 AM and 5 PM, Monday through Friday. Please refer to the City of Tacoma EIC Provisions included elsewhere in these Special Provisions.

#### Equity in Contracting Requirements

Minority Business  
Enterprise Requirement

**6%**

Women Business  
Enterprise Requirement

**6%**

Small Business Enterprise  
Requirement

**10%**

A list of EIC-eligible companies is available on the following web site addresses:

[www.cityoftacoma.org/sbe](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/sbe)  
[www.omwbe.diversitycompliance.com](http://www.omwbe.diversitycompliance.com)\*

**MATERIAL MISSTATEMENTS CONCERNING COMPLETED ACTIONS BY THE BIDDER IN ANY SWORN STATEMENT OR FAILURE TO MEET COMMITMENTS AS INDICATED ON THE EIC UTILIZATION FORM MAY RENDER THE BIDDER IN DEFAULT OF CITY ORDINANCE 1.07**

CCD/SBE: WD17 – 0193F  
Date of Record: 1.25.2019

\*For the OMWBE list, be sure to only look for businesses in Pierce, King, Lewis, Mason, and Grays Harbor counties.



City of Tacoma  
Community & Economic Development  
Office of Equity in Contracting  
747 Market Street, Rm 900  
Tacoma WA 98402  
253-591-5075

## EQUITY IN CONTRACTING UTILIZATION FORM

This form is to document **only** the EIC contractors or material suppliers that will be awarded a contract. This information will be used in calculating the **EVALUATED BID**. Additional forms may be used if needed.

- Prime contractors are encouraged to solicit bids from EIC approved firms.
- Be sure to include this form with your bid submittal in order to receive EIC credit.
- It is the prime contractor's responsibility to check the certification status of EIC contractors prior to the submittal deadline.

Bidder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Spec. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Base Bid \* \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Complete company names and phone numbers are required to verify your EIC usage.**

a. Company Name and Telephone Number	b. MBE, WBE, or SBE (Write all that apply)	c. NAICS code(s)	d. Contractor Bid Amount (100%)	e. Material Supplier Bid Amount (20%)	f. Estimated MBE Usage Dollar Amount	g. Estimated WBE Usage Dollar Amount	h. Estimated SBE Usage Dollar Amount
i. MBE Utilization %	j. WBE Utilization %	k. SBE Utilization %					

By signing and submitting this form the bidder certifies that the EIC firms listed will be used on this project including all applicable change orders.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Type or Print Name of Responsible Officer / Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Responsible Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING EIC UTILIZATION FORM

**The purpose of these instructions is to assist bidders in properly completing the EIC Utilization Form.**

This form when submitted with your bid provides information to the City of Tacoma to accurately review and evaluate your proposed EIC usage.

1. \* Base Bid is the prime contractor's bid, plus any alternates, additives and deductive selected by the City. Also, please refer to Items #10-12 below.
2. Column "a" – List all EIC companies that you will be awarding a contract to if you are the successful bidder.
3. Column "b" – Identify if this firm is being utilized as an MBE, WBE, or SBE. (Firms may count towards multiple requirements)
4. Column "c" – List the appropriate NAICS code for the scope of work, services, or materials/supplies for each contractor.
5. Column "d" – The bid amount must be indicated for **all** listed **EIC** that you plan on doing business with. This quote is the price that you and the contractor have negotiated prior to bid opening.
6. Column "e" – The bid amount must be indicated for **all** listed **EIC** that you plan on doing business with. This quote is the price that you and the material supplier have negotiated prior to bid opening.
8. Column "f" – Estimated MBE Usage Dollar Amount: For all MBE firms used, multiply the amount in Column "d" by 1.0 plus the amount in Column "e" by 0.20. Insert the total amount in this column.
9. Column "g" – Estimated WBE Usage Dollar Amount: For all WBE firms used, multiply the amount in Column "d" by 1.0 plus the amount in Column "e" by 0.20. Insert the total amount in this column.
10. Column "h" – Estimated SBE Usage Dollar Amount: For all MBE, WBE, or SBE firms used, Multiply the amount in Column "d" by 1.0 plus the amount in Column "e" by 0.20. Insert the total amount in this column.
11. Block "i" – The percent of actual MBE utilization calculated on the Base Bid only. (Divide the sum of Estimated MBE Usage Dollar Amount (Column "f") by your Base Bid (\*) then multiply by 100 to get a percentage: \$ amounts from column "f" divided by Base Bid (\*) x 100 = EIC usage as a percent of the Base Bid.)
12. Block "j" – The percent of actual WBE utilization calculated on the Base Bid only. (Divide the sum of Estimated WBE Usage Dollar Amount (Column "g") by your Base Bid (\*) then multiply by 100 to get a percentage: \$ amounts from column "g" divided by Base Bid (\*) x 100 = EIC usage as a percent of the Base Bid.)

13. Block "k" – The percent of actual SBE utilization calculated on the Base Bid only. (Divide the sum of Estimated SBE Usage Dollar Amount (Column "h") by your Base Bid (\*) then multiply by 100 to get a percentage: \$ amounts from column "h" divided by Base Bid (\*) x 100 = EIC usage as a percent of the Base Bid.)

It is the prime contractor's responsibility to check the status of EIC contractors prior to bid opening. Call the EIC Office at 253- 591-5075 for additional information.

## APPENDIX B

- Sample Contract
- Sample Performance and Payment Bonds
- General Provisions
- City of Tacoma Insurance Requirements

# CONTRACT

Resolution No.  
Contract No.

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

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

- I. Contractor shall fully execute and diligently and completely perform all work and provide all services and deliverables described herein and in the items listed below each of which are fully incorporated herein and which collectively are referred to as "Contract Documents":

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1. Specification No. Enter Spec Number and Enter Spec Title together with all authorized addenda.
  2. Contractor's submittal (or specifically described portions thereof) dated Enter Submittal Date submitted in response to Specification No. Enter Spec Number and Enter Spec Title.
  3. Describe with specific detail and list separately any other documents that will make up the contract (fee schedule, work schedule, authorized personnel, etc.) or any other additional items mutually intended to be binding upon the parties.
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Delete this highlighted sentence, paragraph II and sub-bullets #1 and #2 if there are no additional attachments to the contract (attachments would be things other than a specific, contract, or bonds).

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

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

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

CITY OF TACOMA:

CONTRACTOR:

By:

By:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## PERFORMANCE BOND TO THE CITY OF TACOMA

Resolution No.  
Bond No.

That we, the undersigned,

as principal, and

as a surety, are jointly and severally held and firmly bound to the CITY OF TACOMA, in the penal sum of

\$ \_\_\_\_\_, for the payment whereof Contractor and Surety bind themselves,

their executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

This obligation is entered into in pursuance of the statutes of the State of Washington, the Ordinances of the City of Tacoma.

WHEREAS, under and pursuant to the City Charter and general ordinances of the City of Tacoma, the said City has or is about to enter with the above bounden principal, a contract, providing for

Specification No. \_\_\_\_\_

Specification Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_

(which contract is referenced to herein and is made a part hereof as though attached hereto), and

WHEREAS, the said principal has accepted, the said contract, and undertake to perform the work therein provided for in the manner and within the time set forth.

This statutory performance bond shall become null and void, if and when the principal, its heirs, executors, administrators, successors, or assigns shall well and faithfully perform all of the Principal's obligations under the Contract and fulfill all terms and conditions of all duly authorized modifications, additions and changes to said Contract that may hereafter be made, at the time and in the manner therein specified; and if such performance obligations have not been fulfilled, this bond shall remain in force and effect.

The Surety for value received agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the Contract, the specifications accompanying the Contract, or to the work to be performed under the Contract shall in any way affect its obligation on this bond, and waives notice of any change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the Contract or the work performed. The Surety agrees that modifications and changes to the terms and conditions of the Contract that increase the total amount to be paid the Principal shall automatically increase the obligation of the Surety on this bond and notice to Surety is not required for such increase.

If the City shall commence suit and obtain judgment against the Surety for recovery hereunder, then the Surety, in addition to such judgement, shall pay all costs and attorney's fees incurred by the City in enforcement of its rights hereunder. Venue for any action arising out of in connection with this bond shall be in Pierce County, Washington.

Surety companies executing bonds must be authorized to transact business in the State of Washington as surety and named in the current list of "Surety Companies Acceptable in Federal Bonds" as published in the Federal Register by the Audit Staff Bureau of Accounts, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

One original bond shall be executed, and signed by the parties' duly authorized officers. This bond will only be accepted if it is accompanied by a fully executed power of attorney for the office executing on behalf of the surety.

Principal: Enter Vendor Legal Name

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Surety:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Agent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent's Address: \_\_\_\_\_



## PAYMENT BOND TO THE CITY OF TACOMA

Resolution No.  
Bond No.

That we, the undersigned,

as principal, and

as a surety, are jointly and severally held and firmly bound to the CITY OF TACOMA, in the penal sum of,

\$ \_\_\_\_\_, for the payment whereof Contractor and Surety bind themselves,

their executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

This obligation is entered into in pursuance of the statutes of the State of Washington, the Ordinances of the City of Tacoma.

WHEREAS, under and pursuant to the City Charter and general ordinances of the City of Tacoma, the said City has or is about to enter with the above bounden principal, a contract, providing for

Specification No. \_\_\_\_\_

Specification Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_

(which contract is referenced to herein and is made a part hereof as though attached hereto), and

WHEREAS, the said principal has accepted, the said contract, and undertake to perform the work therein provided for in the manner and within the time set forth.

This statutory payment bond shall become null and void, if and when the Principal, its heirs, executors, administrators, successors, or assigns shall pay all persons in accordance with RCW 39.08, 39.12, and 60.28, including all workers, laborers, mechanics, subcontractors, and materialmen, and all person who shall supply such contractor or subcontractor with provisions and supplies for the carrying on of such work, and all taxes incurred on said Contract under Titles 50 and 51 RCW and all taxes imposed on the Principal under Title 82 RCW; and if such payment obligations have not been fulfilled, this bond shall remain in full force and effect.

The Surety for value received agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the Contract shall in any way affect its obligation on this bond, and waives notice of any changes, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the Contract or the work performed. The Surety agrees that modifications and changes to the terms and conditions of the Contract that increase the total amount to be paid the Principal shall automatically increase the obligation of the Surety on this bond and notice to Surety is not required for such increased obligation.

No suit or action shall be commenced hereunder by any claimant unless claimant shall have given the written notices to the City, and where required, the Contractor, in accordance with RCW 39.08.030.

The amount of this bond shall be reduced by and to the extent of any payment or payments made in good faith hereunder, inclusive of the payment by Surety of claims which may be properly filed in accordance with RCW 39.08 whether or not suit is commenced under and against this bond.

If any claimant shall commence suit and obtain judgment against the Surety for recovery hereunder, then the Surety, in addition to such judgment and attorney fees as provided by RCW 39.08.030, shall also pay such costs and attorney fees as may be incurred by the City as a result of such suit. Venue for any action arising out of or in connection with this bond shall be in Pierce County, WA.

Surety companies executing bonds must be authorized to transact business in the State of Washington as surety and named in the current list of "Surety Companies Acceptable in Federal Bonds" as published in the Federal Register by the Audit Staff Bureau of Accounts, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Resolution No.  
Bond No.  
Specification No.  
Contract No.

One original bond shall be executed, and be signed by the parties' duly authorized officers. This bond will only be accepted if it is accompanied by a fully executed power of attorney for the office executing on behalf of the surety.

Principal: Enter Vendor Legal Name

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Surety:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Agent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

SAMPLE

# **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

*(Revised December 15, 2020)*

## **SECTION I - BIDDING REQUIREMENTS**

SECTION I REQUIREMENTS ARE BINDING ON ALL RESPONDENTS.

### **1.01 USE AND COMPLETION OF CITY PROPOSAL SHEETS**

#### **A. Respondent's Proposal**

Each Respondent must bid exactly as specified on the Proposal sheets. All proposals must remain open for acceptance by the City for a period of at least 60 calendar days from the date of opening of the bids.

#### **B. Alterations of Proposals Not Allowed**

Proposals that are incomplete or conditioned in any way contain alternatives or items not called for in the General Provisions and Specifications, or not in conformity with law may be rejected as being nonresponsive. The City cannot legally accept any proposal containing a substantial deviation from these Specifications.

#### **C. Filling Out City Proposal Sheets**

All proposals must be completed using the proposal sheets and forms included with this specification, and the prices must be stated in figures either written in ink or typewritten. No proposal having erasures or interlineations will be accepted unless initialed by the Respondent in ink.

### **1.02 CLARIFICATION OF PROPOSAL FOR RESPONDENT**

If a prospective Respondent has any questions concerning any part of the Proposal, he/she may submit a written request for answer of his/her questions. Any interpretation of the Proposal will be made by an Addendum duly issued and mailed or delivered to each prospective Respondent. Such addendum must be acknowledged in the proposal. The City of Tacoma will not be responsible for any other explanation or interpretation of the bid documents.

### **1.03 RESPONDENT'S BOND OR CERTIFIED CHECK**

Each bid for construction must be accompanied either by a certified or cashier's check for 5 percent of the total amount bid, including tax, payable to the City Treasurer, or an approved bid bond, by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Washington, for 5 percent of the total amount bid. The person legally authorized to sign the bid must sign all bid bonds. The approved bid bond form attached to these Specifications should be used: no substantial variations from the language thereof will be accepted.

If a bid bond is used, the 5 percent may be shown either in dollars and cents, or the bid bond may be filled in as follows, "5 percent of the total amount of the accompanying proposal."

The check of the successful Respondent will be returned after award of the Contract, acceptance of the Payment and Performance Bond and City's receipt of the signed Contract. The checks of all other Respondents will be returned immediately upon the award of the Contract. Bid bonds will not be returned.

### **1.04 DELIVERY OF PROPOSALS TO THE CITY'S PURCHASING OFFICE**

- A.** Proposal 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.

## **1.05 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 CONTRACTOR'S STATE REGISTRATION NUMBER**

Contractors for construction or public works construction are required to be licensed by the state. If the provisions of Chapter 18.27 of the Revised Code of Washington apply to the Respondent, then the Respondent's Washington State Contractor's Registration No. must accompany the bid.

## **1.07 BID IS NONCOLLUSIVE**

The Respondent represents by the submission of the Proposal that the prices in this Bid are neither directly nor indirectly the result of any formal or informal agreement with another Respondent.

## **1.08 EVALUATION OF BID**

### **A. Price, Experience, Delivery Time and Responsibility**

In the evaluation of bids, the Respondent's experience, delivery time, quality of performance or product, conformance to the specifications and responsibility in performing other contracts (including satisfying all safety requirements) may be considered in addition to price. In addition, the bid evaluation factors set forth in City Code Section 1.06.262 may be considered by the City. Respondents who are inexperienced or who fail to properly perform other contracts may have their bids rejected for such cause.

### **B. Prequalified Electrical Contractor**

Certain types of electrical construction require special expertise, experience, and prequalification of the Contractor (or subcontractor) by the City. In such cases, the Respondent must be prequalified or the Respondent must subcontract with a City prequalified electrical contractor for the specialty work.

### **C. Insertions of Material Conflicting with Specifications**

Only material inserted by the Respondent to meet requirements of the Specifications will be considered. Any other material inserted by the Respondent will be disregarded as being nonresponsive and may be grounds for rejection of the Respondent's Proposal.

### **D. Correction of Ambiguities and Obvious Errors**

The City reserves the right to correct obvious errors in the Respondent's proposal. In this regard, if the unit price does not compute to the extended total price, the unit price shall govern.

## **1.09 WITHDRAWAL OF BID**

### **A. Prior to Bid Opening**

Any Respondent may withdraw his/her Proposal prior to the scheduled bid opening time by delivering a written notice to the City's Procurement and Payables Office. The notice may be submitted in person or by mail; however, it must be received by the City's Procurement and Payables Office prior to the time of bid opening.

### **B. After Bid Opening**

No Respondent will be permitted to withdraw his/her Proposal after the time of bid opening, as set forth in the Call for Bids, and before the actual award of the Contract, unless the award of Contract is delayed more than sixty (60) calendar days after the date set for bid opening. If a delay of more than 60 calendar days does occur, then the Respondent must submit written notice withdrawing his/her Proposal to the Purchasing Manager.

#### **1.10 OPENING OF BIDS**

At the time and place set for the opening of bids, all Proposals, unless previously withdrawn, will be publicly opened and read aloud, irrespective of any irregularities or informalities in such Proposal.

#### **1.11 CITY COUNCIL/PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD FINAL DETERMINATION**

The City Council or Public Utility Board of the City of Tacoma shall be the final judge as to which is the lowest and best bid in the interest of the City of Tacoma. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive minor deviations or informalities, and if necessary, call for new bids.

#### **1.12 RESPONDENT'S REFUSAL TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT**

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

#### **1.13 TAXES**

##### **A. Include In Proposal All Taxes**

Respondent shall include in his/her Proposal all applicable local, city, state, and federal taxes. It is the Respondent's obligation to state on his/her Proposal sheet the correct percentage and total applicable Washington State and local sales tax. The total cost to the City including all applicable taxes may be the basis for determining the low Respondent.

##### **B. Federal Excise Tax**

The City of Tacoma is exempt from federal excise tax. Where applicable, the City shall furnish a Federal Excise Tax Exemption certificate.

##### **C. City of Tacoma Business and Occupation Tax**

Sub-Title 6A of the City of Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) provides that transactions with the City of Tacoma, may be subject to the City of Tacoma's Business and Occupation Tax. It is the responsibility of the Respondent awarded the Contract to register with the City of Tacoma's Department of Tax and License, 733 South Market Street, Room 21, Tacoma, WA 98402-3768, telephone 253-591-5252. The City's Business and Occupation Tax amount shall not be shown separately but shall be included in the unit and/or lump sum prices bid.

#### **1.14 FIRM PRICES/ESCALATION**

Except as specifically allowed by the Special Provisions, only firm prices will be accepted.

#### **1.15 AWARD**

##### **A. Construction and/or Labor Contracts**

Unless specifically noted in the Special Provisions or Proposal sheets, all construction and/or labor contracts will be awarded to only one Respondent.

##### **B. Supply/Equipment Contracts**

The City reserves the right to award an equipment or supply contract for any or all items to one or more Respondents as the interests of the City will be best satisfied.

#### **1.16 INCREASE OR DECREASE IN QUANTITIES**

The City of Tacoma reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantities of any items under this Contract and pay according to the unit prices quoted in the Proposal (with no adjustments for anticipated profit).

#### **1.17 EXTENSION OF CONTRACT**

Contracts resulting from this specification shall be subject to extension by mutual agreement per the same prices, terms and conditions.

## 1.18 PAYMENT TERMS

- A. Prices will be considered as net 30 calendar days if no cash discount is shown. Payment discount periods of twenty (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. Invoices will not be processed for payment nor will the period of cash discount commence until receipt of a properly completed invoice and until all invoiced items are received and satisfactory performance of the Contractor has been attained. 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.
- B. 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.

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

- A. Payment methods include:
- EPayables (Payment Plus). This is payment made via a virtual, single use VISA card number provided by the City's commercial card provider. Suppliers accepting this option will receive "due immediately" payment terms. Two options for acceptance are available to suppliers. Both are accompanied by an emailed advice containing complete payment details:
    - Straight-through processing (buyer initiated). Immediate, exact payments directly deposited to supplier accounts by the City's provider bank; the supplier does not need to know card account details.
    - Supplier retrieves card account through the secure, on-line portal provided via email notifications sent by the City's commercial card provider.
  - Credit card. Tacoma's VISA procurement card program is supported by standard bank credit suppliers and requires that merchants abide by the VISA merchant operating rules. It provides "due immediately" payment terms.
    - Suppliers must be PCI-DSS compliant (secure credit card data management) and federal FACTA (sensitive card data display) compliant.
    - 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.
  - Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) by Automated Clearing House (ACH). Standard terms are net 30 for this payment method.
  - 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.

## 1.20 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

The Washington State Interlocal Cooperative Act RCW 39.34 provides that other governmental agencies may purchase goods and services on this solicitation or contract in accordance with the terms and prices indicated therein if all parties are agreeable.

## 1.21 PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: PROPRIETARY OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

- A. Respondent's Submittals, all documents and records comprising any Contract awarded to Respondent, and all other documents and records provided to the City by Respondent 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 Respondent has complied with the requirements to mark records considered confidential or proprietary

as such requirements are stated below, City agrees to provide Respondent 10 days written notice of impending release. Should legal action thereafter be initiated by Respondent to enjoin or otherwise prevent such release, all expense of any such litigation shall be borne by Respondent, 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 Respondent took no action to oppose the release of information.

**B.** If Respondent provides City with records or information that Respondent considers confidential or proprietary, Respondent 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 Respondent expressly waives its right to allege any kind of civil action or claim against the City pertaining to the release of said record(s).

**1.22 Submission of materials in response to City's Solicitation shall constitute assent by Respondent to the foregoing procedure and Respondent shall have no claim against the City on account of actions taken pursuant to such procedure. 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.

## **SECTION II - CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS**

### **2.01 CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY**

#### **A. Contract Documents**

The Respondent to whom the Contract is awarded, hereinafter called the Contractor, shall enter into a Contract with the City of Tacoma, , within 10 days after receipt from the City of Tacoma of a properly prepared Contract. In addition, the Contractor will do all things required to promptly perform this Contract pursuant to the terms of this Contract. Certain contracts for supplies, goods or equipment may use the City Purchase Order in place of a formal contract document.

#### **B. Surety Bonds**

Except as modified by the Special Provisions, the Respondent to whom the Contract is awarded shall provide a payment and performance bond, including power of attorney, for 100 percent of the amount of his/her bid (including sales taxes), to insure complete performance of the Contract including the guarantee. The bonds must be executed by a surety company licensed to do business in the State of Washington. For a supply-type contract, a cashier's check or cash may be substituted for the bonds; however, this cash or cashier's check must remain with the City through the guarantee period and any interest on said amount shall accrue to the City.

#### **C. Independent Contractor**

Contractor is an independent contractor; no personnel furnished by the Contractor shall be deemed under any circumstances to be the agent or servant of the City. Contractor shall be fully responsible for all acts or omissions of Subcontractors and its and their suppliers and of persons employed by them, and shall be specifically responsible for sufficient and competent supervision and inspection to assure compliance in every respect with the Contract. There shall be no contractual relationship between any Subcontractors or supplier and the City arising out of or by virtue of this agreement. No provision of the Contract is intended or is to be construed to be for the benefit of any third party.

## **2.02 CONFLICTS IN SPECIFICATIONS**

Anything mentioned in the Specifications and not shown on the Drawings and anything on the Drawings and not mentioned in the Specifications shall be of like effect and shall be understood to be shown and/or mentioned in both. In case of differences between Drawings and Specifications, the Specifications shall govern. In addition, in the event of any conflict between these General Provisions, the Special Provisions, the Technical Provisions and/or the Proposal pages, the following order of precedence shall control:

1. Proposal pages prevail if they conflict with the General, Special or Technical Provisions.
2. Special Provisions prevail if they conflict with the General Provisions and/or Technical Provisions.
3. Technical Provisions prevail if they are in conflict with the General Provisions.

In case of discrepancy of figures between Drawings, Specifications or both, the matter shall immediately be submitted to the Engineer for determination. Failure to submit the discrepancy issue to the Engineer shall result in the Contractor's actions being at his/her own risk and expense. The Engineer shall furnish from time to time such detailed drawings and other information as he/she may consider necessary.

## **2.03 INSPECTION**

### **A. Of the Work**

All materials furnished and work done shall be subject to inspection.

The Inspector administering the Contract shall at all times have access to the work wherever it is in progress or being performed, and the Contractor shall provide proper facilities for such access and inspection. Such inspection shall not relieve the Contractor of the responsibility of performing the work correctly, utilizing the best labor and materials in strict accordance with the Specifications of this Contract. All material or work approved and later found to be defective shall be replaced without cost to the City of Tacoma.

### **B. Inspector's Authority**

The inspector shall have power to reject materials or workmanship which do not fulfill the requirements of these Specifications, but in case of dispute the Contractor may appeal to the Director or Superintendent, whose decision shall be final. The word "Director" means the Director of the City of Tacoma General Government department that is administering the contract. The word "Superintendent" means the Superintendent of the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities Division that is administering the contract.

The Contract shall be carried out under the general control of the representative of the particular City Department or Division administering the Contract, who may exercise such control over the conduct of the work as may be necessary, in his or her opinion, to safeguard the interest of the City of Tacoma. The Contractor shall comply with all orders and instructions given by the representative of the particular Department or Division administering the Contract in accordance with the terms of the Contract.

Provided, that for the purposes of construction contracts, such control shall only apply (a) to the extent necessary to ensure compliance with the provisions of this contract, and (b) to the extent necessary to fulfill any nondelegable duty of the City for the benefit of third parties not engaged in promoting the activity of this contract.

Nothing herein contained, however, shall be taken to relieve the Contractor of his/her obligations or responsibilities under the Contract.

## **2.04 FEDERAL, STATE AND MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS**

All federal, state, municipal and/or local regulations shall be satisfied in the performance of all portions of this Contract. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for all violations of the law from any cause in connection with work performed under this Contract.

## **2.05 INDEMNIFICATION**

### **A. Indemnification**

Contractor acknowledges that pursuant to the terms of this agreement, Contractor is solely and totally responsible for the safety of all persons and property in the performance of this Contract. To the greatest extent allowed by law, Contractor assumes the risk of all damages, loss, cost, penalties and expense and agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City of Tacoma, from and against any and all liability which may accrue to or be sustained by the City of Tacoma on account of any claim, suit or legal action made or brought against the City of Tacoma for the death of or injury to persons (including Contractor's or subcontractor's employees) or damage to property involving Contractor, or subcontractor(s) and their employees or agents, arising out of and in connection with or incident to the performance of the Contract including if the City is found to have a nondelegable duty to see that work is performed with requisite care, except for injuries or damages caused by the sole negligence of the City. In this regard, Contractor recognizes that Contractor is waiving immunity under industrial Insurance Law, Title 51 RCW. This indemnification extends to the officials, officers and employees of the City and also includes attorney's fees and the cost of establishing the right to indemnification hereunder in favor of the City of Tacoma. In addition, within the context of competitive bidding laws, it is agreed that this indemnification has been mutually negotiated. Provided however, this provision is intended to be applicable to the parties to this agreement and it shall not be interpreted to allow a Contractor's employee to have a claim or cause of action against Contractor.

### **B. Limitation of Liability for Primarily Supply-Type Contracts**

In all contracts where the total cost of the supply of materials and/or equipment constitute at least 70 percent of the total contract price (as determined by the City), the City agrees that it will not hold the contractor, supplier or manufacturer liable for consequential damages for that part of the contract related to the manufacture and/or design of the equipment, materials or supplies.

## **2.06 CONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE**

**A.** During the course and performance of a Contract, Contractor 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.

## **2.07 ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLETTING OF CONTRACT**

### **C. Assignment**

The Contract shall not be assigned except with the consent of the Superintendent or his/her designee.

Requests for assignment of this contract must be in writing with the written consent of the surety, and the request must show the proposed person or organization to which the contract is assigned is capable, experienced and equipped to perform such work. The proposed substitute person or organization may be required to submit to the City information as to his/her experience, financial ability and give statements covering tools, equipment, organization, plans and methods to fulfill any portion of the Contract prior to approval of assignment.

### **D. Subletting**

The Contract shall not be sublet except with the written consent of the Superintendent or his/her designee. In the event that a prequalified electrical contractor is necessary to perform certain portions of the work, such work may be subcontracted with a City prequalified electrical contractor for the type of work involved.

Requests for subletting of this Contract must be in writing with the written consent of the Surety, and the request must show the proposed person or organization to which the Contract is sublet is capable, experienced and equipped to perform such work. The proposed substitute person or organization may be required to submit to the City information as to his experience, financial ability and give statements covering tools, equipment, organization, plans and methods to fulfill any portion of the Contract prior to approval of subletting.

The written consent approving the subletting of the Contract shall not be construed to relieve the Contractor of his/her responsibility for the fulfillment of the Contract. The Subcontractor shall be considered to be the agent of the Contractor and the Contractor agrees to be responsible for all the materials, work and indebtedness incurred by the agent.

A subcontractor shall not sublet any portion of a subcontract for work with the City without the written consent of the City.

## **2.08 DELAY**

### **E. Extension of Time**

With the written approval of the Superintendent or his/her designee, the Contractor may be granted additional time for completion of the work required under this Contract, if, in the Superintendent's opinion the additional time requested arises from unavoidable delay.

### **F. Unavoidable Delay**

Unavoidable delays in the prosecution of the work shall include only delays from causes beyond the control of the Contractor and which he/she could not have avoided by the exercise of due care, prudence, foresight and diligence. Delay caused by persons other than the Contractor, Subcontractors or their employees will be considered unavoidable delays insofar as they necessarily interfere with the Contractor's completion of the work, and such delays are not part of this Contract.

Unavoidable delay will not include delays caused by weather conditions, surveys, measurements, inspections and submitting plans to the Engineer of the particular Division involved in administering this Contract.

## **2.09 GUARANTEE**

### **A. Guarantee for Construction, Labor or Services Contract**

Neither the final certificate of payment or any provision in the Contract Documents, nor partial or entire occupancy of the premises by the City, shall constitute an acceptance of work not done in accordance with the Contract Documents or relieve the Contractor of liability in respect to any express warranties or responsibility for faulty materials or workmanship. The Contractor shall remedy any defects in the work and pay for any damage to other work resulting therefrom, which shall appear within a period of one year from the date of final acceptance of the work unless a longer period is specified. The City will give notice of observed defects with reasonable promptness.

If it has been discovered, before payment is required under the terms of the Contract, that there is a failure to comply with any of the terms and provisions of this Contract, the City has the right and may withhold payment.

In case of a failure of any part of the work, materials, labor and equipment furnished by the Contractor or to fully meet all of the requirements of the Contract, the Contractor shall make such changes as may be necessary to fully meet all of the specifications and requirements of this Contract. Such changes shall be made at the Contractor's sole cost and expense without delay and with the least practicable inconvenience to the City of Tacoma. Rejected material and equipment shall be removed from the City's property by and at the expense of the Contractor.

### **B. Guarantee for Supply Contracts**

Unless a longer period is specified, the supplier and/or manufacturer of the supplies, materials and/or equipment furnished pursuant to this Contract agrees to correct any defect or failure of the supplies, materials and/or equipment which occurs within one year from the date of: (1) test energization if electrical or mechanical equipment; (2) commencement of use if supplies or materials, provided, however, said guarantee period shall not extend beyond eighteen months after date of receipt by the City. All of the costs (including shipping, dismantling and reinstallation) of repairs and/or corrections of defective or failed equipment, supplies and/or material is the responsibility of the supplier and/or manufacturer.

When the supplier is not the manufacturer of the item of equipment, supplier agrees to be responsible for this guarantee and supplier is not relieved by a manufacturer's guarantee.

### **C. Guarantee Period Extension**

The Contract guarantee period shall be suspended from the time a significant defect is first documented by the City until the work or equipment is repaired or replaced by Contractor and accepted by the City. In addition, in the event less than ninety (90) days remain on the guarantee period (after recalculating), the guarantee period shall be extended to allow for at least ninety (90) days from the date the work or equipment is repaired or replaced and accepted by the City.

#### **2.10 DEDUCTIONS FOR UNCORRECTED WORK**

If the City of Tacoma deems it expedient to correct work not done in accordance with the terms of this Contract, an equitable deduction from the Contract price shall be made.

#### **2.11 CITY OF TACOMA'S RIGHT TO TERMINATE CONTRACT**

##### **A. Termination for Convenience**

1. Supplies. The City may terminate a Contract for supplies at any time upon prior written notice to Contractor. 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 day's 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**

1. 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 Contractor's breach continues in effect after written notice of breach and 30 days to cure such breach and fails to cure such breach
2. Bankruptcy. If the Contractor should be adjudged as bankrupt, or makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, or a receiver should be appointed on account of his/her insolvency, or if he/she or any of his/her subcontractors should violate any of the provisions of the Contract, or if the work is not being properly and diligently performed, the City of Tacoma may serve written notice upon the Contractor and Surety, executing the Payment and Performance Bond, of its intention to terminate the Contract; such notice will contain the reasons for termination of the Contract, and unless within 10 days after the serving of such notice, such violation shall cease and an arrangement satisfactory to the City of Tacoma for correction thereof shall be made, the Contract shall, upon the expiration of said 10 days, cease and terminate and all rights of the Contractor hereunder shall be forfeited. In the event the Contract is terminated for cause, Contractor shall not be entitled to any lost profits resulting therefrom.
3. Notice. In the event of any such termination for cause, the City of Tacoma shall immediately send (by regular mail or other method) written notice thereof to the Surety and the Contractor. Upon such termination the Surety shall have the right to take over and perform the Contract, provided however, the Surety must provide written notice to the City of its intent to complete the work within 15 calendar days of its receipt of the original written notice (from the City) of the intent to terminate. Upon termination and if the Surety does not perform the work, the City of Tacoma may take over the work and prosecute the same to completion by any method it may deem advisable, for the account of and at the expense of the Contractor, and the Contractor and the Surety shall be liable to the City of Tacoma for all cost occasioned to the City of Tacoma thereby. The City of Tacoma may without liability for doing so, take possession of and utilize in completing the work, such materials, equipment, plant and other property belonging to the Contractor as may be on the site of the work and necessary therefore.

## 2.12 LIENS

In the event that there are any liens on file against the City of Tacoma, the City of Tacoma shall be entitled to withhold final or progress payments to the extent deemed necessary by the City of Tacoma to properly protect the outstanding lien claimants until proper releases have been filed with the City Clerk.

## 2.13 LEGAL DISPUTES

### A. General

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.

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.

### B. Attorney Fees

For contracts up to \$250,000, which become the subject of litigation or arbitration, the substantially prevailing party may be entitled to reasonable attorney fees, as provided in RCW 39.04.240. Provided, however, the attorney fee hourly rate for the City of Tacoma's assistant city attorneys is agreed to be \$150 per hour or the same as the hourly rate for Contractor's legal counsel, whichever is greater.

## 2.14 DELIVERY

Prices must be quoted F.O.B. destination, freight prepaid and allowed with risk of loss during transit remaining with Contractor/Supplier (unless otherwise stated in these Specifications) to the designated address set forth in these Specifications.

Deliveries shall be between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.; Monday through Friday only (except legal holidays of the City of Tacoma).

Legal holidays of the City of Tacoma are:

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

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.

## 2.15 PACKING SLIPS AND INVOICES

**A.** 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.

**B.** 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).

## **2.16 APPROVED EQUALS**

**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 the respondent specifies the brand and model, and provides all descriptive literature, independent test results, product samples, local servicing and parts availability to enable the City to evaluate the proposed "equal".

**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 the respondent 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 the respondent's expense.

**C.** When a brand name or level of quality is not stated by the respondent, it is understood the offer is exactly as specified. If more than one brand name is specified, respondents must clearly indicate the brand and model/part number being bid.

## **2.17 ENTIRE AGREEMENTS**

This written contract represents the entire Agreement between the parties and supersedes any prior oral statements, discussions or understandings between the parties.

## **2.18 CODE OF ETHICS**

The City's Code of Ethics, Chapter 1.46, Tacoma Municipal Code, provides ethical standards for City personnel and prohibits certain unethical conduct by others including respondents and contractors. Violation of the City's Code of Ethics will be grounds for termination of this contract.

## **2.19 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, 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.

[Section III is for contracts that involve construction and/or labor, and are not applicable to contracts solely for material/supply purchases.]

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **SECTION III - CONSTRUCTION AND/OR LABOR CONTRACTS**

SECTION III REQUIREMENTS APPLY ONLY TO CONSTRUCTION AND/OR LABOR CONTRACTS AND ARE IN ADDITION TO APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN SECTION II CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS.

#### **3.01 RESPONDENT'S DUTY TO EXAMINE**

The Respondent agrees to be responsible for examining the site(s) and to have compared them with the Specifications and Contract Drawings, and to be satisfied as to the facilities and difficulties attending the execution of the proposed Contract (such as uncertainty of weather, floods, nature and condition of materials to be handled and all other conditions, obstacles and contingencies) before the delivery of his/her Proposal. No allowance will be subsequently made by the City on behalf of the Respondent by reason of any error or neglect on Respondent's part, for such uncertainties as aforesaid.

#### **3.02 PERMITS**

Except when modified by the Special Provisions, the Contractor shall procure and pay for all permits and licenses necessary for the completion of this Contract including those permits required by the City of Tacoma. The City will obtain county or state road crossing permits if required. In the event a necessary permit is not obtained, the Contractor will not be permitted to work on items subject to said permit and any delays caused thereby will not be subject to extra compensation or extensions.

#### **3.03 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND UTILITIES WHEN UNDERGROUND WORK IS INVOLVED**

The Contractor shall notify all other affected governmental agencies and utilities whenever underground work is done under the terms of this Contract. The Contractor is required to obtain permission of the appropriate public and private utilities and governmental agencies before performing underground work pursuant to the terms of this Contract. The Contractor is required to call "one call" at 1-800-424-5555 for all work involving excavation or digging more than 12 inches beneath ground or road surface.

The City may have indicated on the plans and specifications the existence of certain underground facilities that are known to the City department responsible for this Contract. It is the Contractor's responsibility to fully comply with the Underground Utility Locate Law, Chapter 19.122 RCW. If the site conditions are "changed or differing" as defined by RCW 19.122.040(l), the Contractor may pursue the party responsible for not properly marking or identifying the underground facility. The Contractor agrees not to file any claim or legal action against the City (department responsible for this Contract) for said "changed or differing" conditions unless said City department is solely responsible for the delay or damages that the Contractor may have incurred.

### **3.04 TRENCH EXCAVATION BID ITEM**

In the event that "trench excavation" in excess of four feet requires a safety system pursuant to Washington State law and safety shoring, sloping, sheeting, or bracing is used, a separate bid item should be set forth in the Proposal for this work. If a separate bid item is not set forth in the Proposal pages, said installed safety system shall be paid at \$3.00 per lineal foot of trench, which unit price includes both sides of the trench.

### **3.05 SAFETY**

#### **A. General**

The Contractor shall, at all times, exercise adequate precautions for the safety of all persons, including its employees and the employees of a Subcontractor, in the performance of this Contract and shall comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state, county and municipal safety laws and regulations. It is the Contractor's responsibility to furnish safety equipment or to contractually require Subcontractors to furnish adequate safety equipment relevant to their responsibilities.

The Contractor shall obtain the necessary line clearance from the inspector before performing any work in, above, below or across energized Light Division circuits.

The Inspector and/or Engineer may advise the Contractor and the Safety Officer of any safety violations. It is the Contractor's responsibility to make the necessary corrections. Failure to correct safety violations is a breach of this Contract and, as such, shall be grounds for an order from the Safety Officer, Inspector or Engineer to cease further work and remove from the job site until the condition is corrected. Time and wages lost due to such safety shutdowns shall not relieve the Contractor of any provisions of Section 3.14 of this Specification and shall be at the sole cost of the Contractor. The purpose of this authority to stop work is to enforce the contract and not to assume control except to the extent necessary to ensure compliance with the provisions of this contract.

Any of the above actions by employees of the City of Tacoma shall in no way relieve the Contractor of his/her responsibility to provide for the safety of all persons, including his/her employees.

#### **B. Work Hazard Analysis Report**

The Contractor will be required to complete a work hazard analysis report. This report shall outline how the Contractor proposes to satisfy all safety laws and regulations involved in performing the work. This report shall be completed and submitted to the City Safety Officer before the pre-construction conference. A copy of the report shall be maintained at the work site (accessible to the supervisor).

### **3.06 PROTECTION OF WORKERS AND PROPERTY**

The Contractor shall erect and maintain good and sufficient guards, barricades and signals at all unsafe places at or near the work and shall, in all cases, maintain safe passageways at all road crossings, and crosswalks, and shall do all other things necessary to prevent accident or loss of any kind.

The Contractor shall protect from damage all utilities, improvements, and all other property that is likely to become displaced or damaged by the execution of the work under this Contract.

The Contractor is responsible for all roads and property damaged by his/her operations as shall be determined by the Engineer administering this Contract. The Contractor shall be responsible for repairing all damage to roads caused by his/her operations to the satisfaction of the particular governmental body having jurisdiction over the road.

### **3.07 CONTRACTOR - SUPERVISION AND CHARACTER OF EMPLOYEES**

#### **A. Superintendent to Supervise Contractor's Employees**

The Contractor shall keep on his/her work, during its progress, a competent superintendent and any necessary assistants, all of whom must be satisfactory to the City of Tacoma. The Contractor's superintendent shall not be changed except with the consent of the City of Tacoma, unless the Contractor's superintendent proves to be unsatisfactory to the Contractor and ceases to be in his/her employ. The Contractor's superintendent shall represent the Contractor in his/her absence and all directions given to him/her shall be binding as if given to the Contractor directly. The Contractor shall give efficient supervision to the work, using his/her best skill and attention.

## **B. Character of Contractor's Employees**

The Contractor shall employ only competent, skillful, faithful and orderly persons to do the work, and whenever the Engineer administering the Contract shall notify the Contractor in writing that any person on the work is, in his or her opinion, incompetent, unfaithful, disorderly or otherwise unsatisfactory, the Contractor shall forthwith discharge such persons from the work and shall not again employ him or her on this Contract.

### **3.08 CONTRACTOR'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW**

#### **A. Hours of Labor**

The Contractor and Subcontractors shall be bound by the provisions of RCW Chapter 49.28 (as amended) relating to hours of labor. Except as set forth in the Special Provisions, eight (8) hours in any calendar day shall constitute a day's work on a job performed under this Contract.

In the event that the work is not performed in accordance with this provision and in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington, then this Contract may be terminated by the City of Tacoma for the reason that the same is not performed in accordance with the public policy of the State of Washington as defined in said statutes.

#### **B. Prevailing Wages**

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.

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. In the event any dispute arises as to what are the prevailing rates of wages for work of a similar nature and such dispute cannot be adjusted by the parties in interest, including labor and management representatives, the matter shall be referred for arbitration to the Director of the State of Washington, Department of Labor and industries whose decision shall be final, conclusive and binding on all parties involved in the dispute.

### **3.09 COPELAND ANTI-KICKBACK ACT**

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

**A. 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.

**B. 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.

**C. 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.

### **3.10 CHANGES**

#### **A. In Plans or Quantities**

The City of Tacoma, without invalidating this Contract, or any part of this Contract, may order extra work or make reasonable changes by altering, adding to or deducting from the materials, work and labor and the Contract sum will be adjusted accordingly. All such work and labor shall be executed under the conditions of the original Contract except that any claim for extension of time caused thereby shall be adjusted at the time of ordering such change. When work or bid items are deducted, reduced or eliminated, it is agreed that no payment will be made to Contractor for anticipated profit.

#### **B. Extra Work**

Any claim or order for extra materials, work and labor made necessary by alterations or additions to the plans or by other reasons for which no price is provided in this Contract, shall not be valid unless the Contractor and Engineer administering the Contract have agreed upon a price prior to commencing extra work, and the agreement has been signed by the Contractor and approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee, and approved by the payment and performance bond surety.

#### **C. Extra Work - No Agreed Price**

If it is impracticable to fix an increase in price definitely in advance, the order may fix a maximum price which shall not under any circumstances, be exceeded, and subject to such limitation, such alteration, modification, or extra shall be paid for at the actual necessary cost as determined by the City of Tacoma, which cost (including an allowance for profit) shall be determined as the sum of the following items (1) to (7) inclusive:

- (1) Labor, computed at regular wage scale, including premium on compensation insurance and charge for social security taxes, and other taxes, pertaining to labor; no charge for premium pay shall be allowed unless authorized by the Engineer administering the Contract;
- (2) The proportionate cost of premiums on comprehensive general liability and other insurance applicable to the extra work involved and required under this Contract;
- (3) Material, including sales taxes pertaining to materials;
- (4) Plant and equipment rental, to be agreed upon in writing before the work is begun; no charge for the cost of repairs to plant or equipment will be allowed;
- (5) Superintendence, general expense and profit computed at 20 percent of the total of paragraphs (1) to (4) inclusive;
- (6) The proportionate cost of premiums on bonds required by this Contract, computed by 1 1/2 percent of the total of paragraphs (1) to (5) inclusive.
- (7) The City of Tacoma reserves the right to furnish such materials as it may deem expedient, and no allowance will be made for profit thereon.

Whenever any extra work is in progress, for which the definite price has not been agreed on in advance, the Contractor shall each day, report to the Engineer the amount and cost of the labor and material used, and any other expense incurred in such extra work on the preceding day, and no claim for compensation for such extra work will be allowed unless such report shall have been made.

The above-described methods of determining the payment for work and materials shall not apply to the performance of any work or the furnishing of any material, which, in the judgment of the Engineer administering the Contract, may properly be classified under items for which prices are established in the Contract.

#### **D. Claims for Extra Work**

If the Contractor claims that any instructions by drawings or otherwise, involve extra cost under this Contract, he/she shall give the City of Tacoma written notice thereof within 30 days after receipt of such instruction, and in any event before proceeding to execute the work, except in an emergency endangering life or property, and the procedures governing the same shall be as provided for immediately above in this paragraph. The method in these paragraphs is the only method available to the Contractor for payment of claims for extra work performed under the terms of this Contract.

### **3.11 CLEANING UP**

The Contractor shall at all times, at his/her own expense, keep the premises free from accumulation of waste materials or debris caused by any workers or the work, at the completion of the work the Contractor shall remove all his waste materials from and about the site and all his/her equipment, sanitary facilities and surplus materials. In the case of dispute, the City of Tacoma may remove the debris and charge the cost to the Contractor as the City of Tacoma shall determine to be just. All material that is deposited or placed elsewhere than in places designated or approved by the Engineer administering the Contract will not be paid for and the Contractor may be required to remove such material and deposit or place it where directed.

### **3.12 PROGRESS PAYMENT**

Progress payments will be made up to the amount of ninety-five percent (95%) of the actual work completed as shall be determined by the Engineer administering the Contract.

The Contractor may request that an escrow account be established as permitted by law, in which event the Contractor will earn interest on the retained funds.

When the time for construction, services and/or installation will exceed thirty (30) days, the Contractor may request, by invoice, to be paid a progress payment based on percentage of work completed. The Engineer will review and approve the progress payment request on a monthly basis.

### **3.13 FINAL PAYMENT**

The final payment of five percent (5%) of the Contract price shall be approved on final acceptance of the work under this Contract by the Superintendent or his/her designee. In addition, before final payment is made, the Contractor shall be required to:

- A. Provide a certificate from the Washington State Department of Revenue that all taxes due from the Contractor have been paid or are collectible in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 60.28 and Title 82 of the Revised Code of Washington;
- B. Provide the General Release to the City of Tacoma on the form set forth in these Contract documents;
- C. Provide a release of any outstanding liens that have been otherwise filed against any monies held or retained by the City of Tacoma;
- D. File with the City Director of Finance, and with the Director of the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries, on the state form to be provided, an affidavit of wages paid;
- E. File with the City Director of Finance, on the state form to be provided, a statement from the State of Washington, Department of Labor and Industries, certifying that the prevailing wage requirements have been satisfied.
- F. File with the City Director of Finance, on the state form to be provided, a statement of release from the Public Works Contracts Division of the State of Washington, Department of Labor and Industries, verifying that all industrial insurance and medical aid premiums have been paid.

If there is a fee assessed to the City for any certificate, release or other form required by law, the contractor agrees that the fee amount may be passed on to the Contractor and deducted from the monies paid to the Contractor.

### **3.14 FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE WORK ON TIME**

Should the completion of the work required under the Contract be delayed beyond the expiration of the period herein set for the completion of said work, or such extension of said period as may be allowed by reason of unavoidable delays, there shall be deducted from the total Contract price of work, for each calendar day by which such completion shall be delayed beyond said period of such extension thereof the sum of \$300 or a sum of money as set forth hereinafter in these Specifications, as the amount of such deduction per calendar day.

Said sum shall be considered not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages, which the City will suffer by reason of the failure of the Contractor to perform and complete the work within the period, herein fixed or such extensions of said period as may be allowed by reason of unavoidable delays.

Any money due or to become due the Contractor may be retained by the City to cover said liquidated damages, and should such money not be sufficient to cover such damages, the City shall have the right to recover the balance from the Contractor or his/her Sureties.

The filing of any bid for the work herein contemplated shall constitute acknowledgment by the Respondent that he/she understands, agrees and has ascertained that the City will actually suffer damages to the amount hereinabove fixed for each and every calendar day during which the completion of the work herein required shall be delayed beyond the expiration of the period herein fixed for such completion or such extension of said period as may be allowed by reason of unavoidable delays.

### **3.15 CITY RESERVES RIGHT TO USE FACILITIES PRIOR TO ACCEPTANCE**

The City of Tacoma hereby reserves the right to use the facilities herein contracted prior to final acceptance under this Contract. The use of said facilities, as mentioned herein, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any rights that the City of Tacoma has under this Contract.

### **3.16 LIST OF SUBCONTRACTORS**

Bid proposals for construction, alteration or repair of any building or other public works that may exceed \$1,000,000 including tax shall satisfy the following requirement: Respondent shall submit as part of the bid, the names of the subcontractors, with whom the respondent, if awarded the contract, will subcontract performance of the work of heating, ventilation and air conditioning, plumbing as described in chapter 18.106 RCW, and electrical as described in chapter 19.28 RCW, or to name itself for the work. The respondent shall not list more than one subcontractor for each category of work identified, unless subcontractors vary with bid alternates, in which case the respondent must indicate which subcontractor will be used for which alternate. Failure to comply with this provision or the naming of two or more subcontractors to perform the same work shall require the City (pursuant to state law RCW 39.30.060) to determine that respondent's bid is nonresponsive; therefore, the bid will be rejected.



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

## 1. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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

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



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

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



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

## **2. CONTRACTOR**

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

## **3. SUBCONTRACTORS**

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

## **4. REQUIRED INSURANCE AND LIMITS**

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

### **4.1 Commercial General Liability Insurance**

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

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

- 4.1.1 A per project aggregate policy limit, using ISO form CG 25 03 05 09 or an equivalent endorsement.
- 4.1.2 Contractual Liability-Railroad using ISO form CG 24 17 10 01 or equivalent if Contractor is performing work within Fifty (50) feet of a City of Tacoma railroad right of way.

### **4.2 Commercial (Business) Automobile Liability Insurance**

Contractor shall maintain Commercial Automobile Liability policy with limits not less than One



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Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) each accident for bodily injury and property damage and bodily injury and property damage coverage for owned (if any), non-owned, hired, or leased vehicles. Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance shall be written using ISO form CA 00 01 or equivalent. Contractor must also maintain an MCS 90 endorsement or equivalent and a CA 99 48 endorsement or equivalent if "Pollutants" are to be transported.

#### 4.3 Workers' Compensation

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

#### 4.4 Employers' Liability Insurance

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

#### 4.5 Professional Liability Insurance or Errors and Omissions

Contractor and/or its subcontractor shall maintain Professional Liability or Errors and Omissions with limits of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per claim and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) in the aggregate covering acts, errors and omissions arising out of the professional services under this Contract.

If the policy limit includes the payment of claims or defense costs, from the policy limit, the per claim limit shall be Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000). If the scope of such design-related professional services includes work related to pollution conditions, the Professional Liability policy shall include Pollution Liability coverage. If provided on a "claims-made" basis, such coverage shall be maintained by policy renewals or an extended reporting period endorsement for not less than three years following the end of the Contract.

#### 4.6 Excess or Umbrella Liability Insurance

Contractor shall provide Excess or Umbrella Liability Insurance with limits not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and in the aggregate. This coverage shall apply, at a minimum, in excess of primary underlying Commercial General Liability, Employer's Liability, Pollution Liability, Marine General Liability, Protection and Indemnity, and Automobile Liability if required herein.

#### 4.7 Commercial Property Insurance

Contractor shall provide Commercial Property Insurance for loss or damage to any and all equipment owned by City of Tacoma while in the care, custody, or control of Contractor, Subcontractors, or their agents. The coverage shall be provided on an ISO **Special Form Causes of Loss** CP10 30 06 07 or equivalent and shall provide full replacement cost coverage. The deductible shall not exceed Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500). Contractor shall be responsible for paying the deductible for the applicable coverage.

#### 4.8 Installation Floater Insurance

Contractor shall maintain during the term of the Contract, at its own expense, Installation Floater Insurance covering Contractor's labor, materials, and equipment to be used for completion of the work performed under this Contract against all risks of direct physical loss, excluding earthquake and flood, for an amount equal to the full amount of the Contract improvements.

#### 4.9 Railroad Protective Liability Insurance



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Contractor shall maintain Railroad Protective Liability coverage with limits of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) per occurrence and Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000) in the aggregate during the term of the Contract if Contractor's work will involve working on, above, under or being within Fifty (50) feet of City of Tacoma railroad right of ways.

The policy must be issued on a standard ISO form CG 00 35 (04-13), or equivalent, with City of Tacoma as a named insured (not named as an additional insured) and shall include the following:

4.9.1 Endorsed to include Limited Seepage and Pollution Endorsement

4.9.2 Endorsed to include Evacuation Expense Coverage Endorsement.

#### 4.10 Inland Marine (Cargo) Insurance

Contractor shall maintain Cargo Insurance. Coverage shall protect the property from all risk of injury, and coverage shall be in an amount of the full replacement cost of the property, with no coinsurance exposure. Any applicable deductible shall not exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000).

#### 4.11 Other Insurance

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

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### EQUITY IN CONTRACTING

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#### **1.07.010 Policy and purpose.**

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

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

#### **1.07.020 Definitions.**

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

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

F. “Goals” means the annual level of participation by MWBEs and SBEs in City Contracts as established in this chapter, the Program Regulations, or as necessary to comply with applicable federal and state nondiscrimination laws and regulations. Goals for individual Contracts may be adjusted as provided for in this chapter and shall not be construed as a minimum for any particular Contract or for any particular geographical area.

G. “MWBE Certified business” (or “MWBEs”) means a business that meets the criteria set forth in Section 1.07.050 of this chapter and has been certified as meeting that criteria by the Community and Economic Development Department Program Manager.

H. “SBE Certified Business” (or “SBEs”) means a business that meets the criteria set forth in Section 1.07.050 of this chapter and has been certified as meeting that criteria by the Community and Economic Development Department-SBE Program Manager.

I. “SBE Program Manager” means the individual appointed, from time to time, by the City’s Community and Economic Development Director to administer the Program Regulations.

J. “Program Regulations” shall mean the written regulations and procedures adopted pursuant to this chapter for procurement of Supplies, Services and Public Works.

K. “Non-Public Works and Improvements” means all competitively solicited procurement of Supplies and/or Services by the City not solicited as Public Works.

L. “Person” means individuals, companies, corporations, partnerships, associations, cooperatives, any other legally recognized business entity, legal representative, trustee, or receivers.

M. “Proposal” means a written offer to furnish Supplies or Services in response to a Request for Proposals. This term may be further defined in the Purchasing Policy Manual and/or in competitive solicitations issued by the City.

N. “Public Works (or “Public Works and Improvements”)” means all work, construction, alteration, repair, or improvement other than ordinary maintenance, executed at the cost of the City, or that is by law a lien or charge on any property therein. This term includes all Supplies, materials, tools, and equipment to be furnished in accordance with the Contract for such work, construction, alteration, repair, or improvement.

O. “Quote” means a competitively solicited written offer to furnish Supplies or Services by a method of procurement that is less formalized than a Bid or a Proposal. This term may be further defined in the Purchasing Policy Manual.

P. “Respondent” means any entity or Person, other than a City employee, that provides a Submittal in response to a request for Bids, Request for Proposals, Request for Qualifications, request for quotes or other request for information, as such terms are defined in Section 1.06.251 TMC. This term includes any such entity or Person whether designated as a supplier, seller, vendor, proposer, Bidder, Contractor, consultant, merchant, or service provider that; (1) assumes a contractual responsibility to the City for provision of Supplies, Services, and/or Public Works; (2) is recognized by its industry as a provider of such Supplies, Services, and/or Public works; (3) has facilities similar to those commonly used by Persons engaged in the same or similar business; and/or (4) distributes, delivers, sells, or services a product or performs a Commercially Useful Function.

Q. “Services” means non-Public Works and Improvements services and includes professional services, personal services, and purchased services, as such terms are defined in Section 1.06.251 TMC and/or the City’s Purchasing Policy Manual.

R. “Submittal” means Bids, Proposals, Quotes, qualifications or other information submitted in response to requests for Bids, Requests for Proposals, Requests for Qualifications, requests for Quotations, or other City requests for information, as such terms are defined in Section 1.06.251 TMC.

S. “Supplies” means materials, Supplies, and other products that are procured by the City through a competitive process for either Public Works procurement or Non-Public Works and Improvements procurement unless an approved waiver has been granted by the appropriate authority.

T. “Tacoma Public Utilities Service Area” means any ZIP code in which Tacoma Public Utilities maintains infrastructure or provides retail services.

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

### **1.07.030 Discrimination prohibited.**

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

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

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

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

#### **1.07.040 Program administration.**

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

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

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

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

#### **1.07.050 Certification.**

A. The Program Manager shall approve a business as a Certified Business if all of the following criteria are satisfied:

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

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

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

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

**1.07.060 Program requirements.**

A. The program shall meet the following requirements:

1. Establishment of Annual Goals. The Program Regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter shall state reasonably achievable cumulative annual goals for utilization of MWBEs and SBEs in the provision of supplies, services, and public works procured by the City. Cumulative annual goals for the participation of MWBEs and SBEs in City contracts shall be based on the number of qualified MWBEs and SBEs operating within the Tacoma Public Utilities Service Area. The dollar value of all contracts awarded by the City to MWBEs and SBEs in the procurement of supplies, services, and public works shall be counted toward the accomplishment of the applicable goal.

2. Application of Annual Goals to Contracts. The Program Manager shall consult with City departments/divisions to establish department/division specific goals for competitively solicited contracts in accordance with this chapter and the Program Regulations.

B. Waivers. City departments/divisions or the Program Manager may request to waive one or more of the requirements of this chapter as they apply to a particular contract or contracts. Waivers may be granted in any one or more of the following circumstances:

1. Emergency: The supplies, services and/or public works must be provided with such immediacy that neither the City nor the contractor can comply with the requirements herein. Such emergency and waiver must be documented by the department/division awarding the contract.

2. Not Practicable: Compliance with the requirements of this chapter would impose an unwarranted economic burden or risk to the City after consideration of existing budgetary approvals.

3. Sole source: The supplies, services, and/or public works are available from only one source, and subcontracting possibilities do not reasonably exist as determined by the finance purchasing manager.

4. Government purchasing. The City is a party to or included in a federal, state or inter-local government purchasing agreement as approved by the finance purchasing manager.

5. Lack of certified contractors: An insufficient number of qualified contractors exist to create utilization opportunities.

6. Best interests of the City: Waiver of goals is in the best interests of the City due to unforeseen circumstances, provided that said circumstances are set forth in writing by the requestor.

C. Review of Waivers. A waiver determination by the finance purchasing manager may be reviewed by the Board of Contracts and Awards (C&A Board). The C&A Board may also review a request to reduce or waive the utilization requirements based on Not Practicable or Best Interests of the City circumstances. The C&A Board shall determine whether compliance with such requirements would impose unwarranted economic burden on, or risk to, the City of Tacoma as compared with the degree to which the purposes and policies of this chapter would be furthered by requiring compliance. If the determination of the C&A Board does not resolve the matter, a final determination shall be made by the City Council or Public Utility Board, as the case may be.

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

**1.07.070 Evaluation of submittals.**

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

B. The determination of MWBE and SBE usage and the calculation of MWBE or SBE requirements per this section shall include the following considerations:

1. General. The dollar value of the contract awarded by the City to a MWBE or SBE in the procurement of supplies, services, or public works shall be counted toward achievement of the respective goal.

2. Supplies. A public works and improvements contractor may receive credit toward attainment of the MWBE and/or SBE requirement(s) for expenditures for supplies obtained from an MWBE or SBE; provided such MWBE or SBE assumes the actual and contractual responsibility for delivering the supplies with its resources. The contractor may also receive credit toward attainment of the MWBE or SBE goal for the amount of the commission paid to a MWBE or SBE resulting from a supplies contract with the City; provided the MWBE or SBE performs a commercially useful function in the process.

3. Services and Public Works subcontracts. Any bid by a certified MWBE and/or SBE or a bidder that utilizes a certified MWBE and/or SBE shall receive credit toward requirement attainment based on the percentage of MWBE and/or SBE usage demonstrated in the bid. A contractor that utilizes an MWBE and/or SBE subcontractor to provide services or public works

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

4. Brokers, Fronts, or Similar Pass-Through Arrangements. MWBEs and/or SBEs acting as brokers, fronts, or similar pass-through arrangements (as such terms are defined in the Program Regulations) shall not count toward the requirement attainment unless the activity reflects normal industry practices and the broker performs a commercially useful function.

C. Evaluation of competitively solicited submittals for public works and improvements and for services when a requirement has been established for the contract to be awarded shall be as follows:

1. When contract award is based on price. The lowest priced bid submitted by a responsive and responsible bidder will be reviewed to determine if it meets the requirement. An MWBE and/or SBE firm may self-count utilization on such bids if they will perform the work for the scope the requirement is based upon.

a. If the low bidder meets the requirements, the bid shall be presumed the lowest and best responsible bid for contract award.

b. any bidder that does not meet the MWBE and/or SBE requirements shall be considered a non-responsible bidder unless the bidder receives a waiver from the Program Manager or C&A Board.

2. When contract award is based on qualifications or other performance criteria in addition to price. Solicitations shall utilize a scoring system that promotes participation by certified contractors. The Program Regulations may establish further requirements and procedures for final selection and contract award, including:

a. Evaluation of solicitations for Architectural and Engineering (A&E) services;

b. Evaluation and selection of submittals in response to requests for proposals; and

c. Selection of contractors from pre-qualified roster(s).

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

#### **1.07.080 Contract compliance.**

A. The contractor awarded a contract based on MWBE or SBE participation shall, during the term of the contract, comply with the requirements established in said contract. To ensure compliance with this requirement following contract award, the following provisions apply:

1. Any substitutions for or failure to utilize MWBE or SBEs projected to be used must be approved in advance by the Program Manager. Substitution of one MWBE or SBE with another shall be allowed where there has been a refusal to execute necessary agreements by the original MWBE or SBE, a default on agreements previously made or other reasonable excuse; provided that the substitution does not increase the dollar amount of the bid.

2. Where it is shown that no other MWBE or SBE is available as a substitute and that failure to secure participation by the MWBE or SBE identified in the solicitation is not the fault of the respondent, substitution with a non-MWBE or non-SBE shall be allowed; provided, that, the substitution does not increase the dollar amount of the bid.

3. If the Program Manager determines that the contractor has not reasonably and actively pursued the use of replacement MWBEs or SBEs, such contractor shall be deemed to be in non-compliance.

B. Record Keeping. All contracts shall require contractors to maintain relevant records and information necessary to document compliance with this chapter and the contractor's utilization of MWBEs or SBEs, and shall include the right of the City to inspect such records.

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

#### **1.07.090 Program monitoring.**

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

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

# City of Tacoma

Equity In Contracting Program Regulations

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## Introduction

This document serves as the administrative manual for the Equity in Contracting policy that is described in Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) Chapter 1.07.040(B). The manual will explain how compliance, monitoring, oversight, requirement-making, bid incentives, and enforcement actions will be administered. The document will be regularly updated. For any questions related to this document, please contact the Equity in Contracting (EIC) office at (253)591-5075 or [SBEOffice@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:SBEOffice@cityoftacoma.org).

## Goals/Requirements on Contracts

### A. Requirements

#### 1. Public Work

- a. Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Women Business Enterprise (WBE), and Small Business Enterprise (SBE) requirements are placed on all Public Work projects.
- i. MBE, WBE, and SBE requirements are **mandatory**. As such, any bidder that does not meet any requirement shall be considered non-responsive by the Equity in Contracting office.
- ii. If a bidder wishes to request a waiver, they must identify the request on the Equity in Contracting Waiver Request Form complete with the reason(s) why.
  1. Waiver types are listed under the “Waivers” section B.

Contractors are also subject to the City’s ordinances and regulations pertaining to having an affirmative action program and prohibiting discrimination. If needed, please contact the Equity in Contracting Office at 253-591-5075 for assistance. The list of City of Tacoma SBE subcontractors is available at

<https://cityoftacoma.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=112505>. The list of MBE, WBE, and SBE certified firms from the Washington State Office of Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises (OMWBE) can be found at: <https://omwbe.diversitycompliance.com/>

**All SBE goals may be met by using DBE’s or SBE’s from the OMWBE list or the City of Tacoma SBE list. Please contact the Equity in Contracting Office for questions or to verify a firms status.**

## Contract Compliance

### A. Benefits

The City of Tacoma must monitor compliance for all contracts that have requirements related to Equity in Contracting policies. Adequate monitoring allows the City to audit ongoing contracts for compliance, make necessary changes to the Equity in Contracting Regulations Manual based on real data, and to pro-actively monitor any possible discrimination on City of Tacoma-funded contracts.

### B. Requirements

1. All contracts that have requirements related to the Equity in Contracting policy must utilize two cloud-based software solutions:
  - a. “B2GNow” for prime-contractor and sub-contractor payment compliance.
  - b. “LCP Tracker” for certified payroll compliance.
2. To access both systems, please use the following link:  
<https://cityoftacoma.sbecompliance.com/?TN=cityoftacoma>

3. For support using these software solutions, please contact the Equity in Contracting office at (253)591-5075.

## C. Key Performance Indicators

1. B2GNow
  - a. Ethnicity and Gender Summary
    - i. Subcontractors Only
    - ii. With Primes
  - b. Prompt Payment Analysis
  - c. Prime Contractor Performance on Active Contracts
  - d. Contract Awards Summarized by Department
2. LCP Tracker
  - a. Apprentice Hours
    - i. By Trade
    - ii. By Contractor
  - b. Employment By Area
    - i. Zip Code
    - ii. Council Districts
  - c. Employment By Ethnicity

## Waivers

### A. Benefits

There are times where the City may desire to waive a requirement from a contract. The following waivers, also identified in the Purchasing Policy Manual, give the City flexibility to waive requirements when the situation makes sense for it.

### B. Requirements

1. Emergency
  - a. Must be documented and requested by the department/division awarding the contract.
2. Not Practicable
  - a. Must be documented and requested by the department/division awarding the contract.
3. Sole Source
  - a. Must be confirmed by the Finance Purchasing Manager.
  - b. Preliminary check to be made by Equity in Contracting division explicitly for potential MBEs, WBEs, and SBEs.
4. Government Purchasing
  - a. Must be confirmed by the Finance Purchasing Manager.
5. Lack of Certified Contractors
  - a. Must be documented and confirmed by the Equity in Contracting division.
  - b. The division will look up the available contractors by scope of work from the OMWBE roster and/or WEBS.
  - c. The list produced by this research shall be documented with other files for the contract in question.
  - d. If there are not more than 3 available contractors, there will not be a requirement placed on the contract for that scope of work.
6. Best Interests of the City
  - a. Must be documented and requested by the department/division awarding the contract.

## C. Compliance

1. Waiver requests may be initiated by the contractor or the department owner.
  - a. When initiated by the contractor, the “Application for EIC Requirement Waiver” must be submitted to the EIC office.
    - i. The application will be reviewed by the office, and a determination will be made.
  - b. When initiated by the department owner, a request must be made in writing to the EIC office.
2. The waivers will be reviewed in accordance with 1.07.060(C).

## D. Key Performance Indicators

1. Total quantity of Waivers
  - a. By type number
  - b. Type 5 will also need to document the NAICS code referenced.

## Version History

The version history is marked by day.month.year.version nomenclature. A higher version number denotes a more recent version. For example, a 1.1.2020.1 version would denote the first version made in January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2020. A 1.1.2020.3 version would denote the third version made on January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2020. When referencing a specific contract, be sure to note that the version of the administrative manual matches that which was in the bid specifications.

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

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

#### **1.07.100 Enforcement.**

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

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

#### **1.07.110 Remedies.**

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

1. Forfeit the contractor's bid bond and/or performance bond;
2. Publish notice of the contractor's noncompliance;
3. Cancel, terminate, or suspend the contractor's contract, or portion thereof;
4. Withhold funds due contractor until compliance is achieved; and/or
5. Recommend appropriate action including, but not limited to, disqualification of eligibility for future contract awards by the City (debarment) per Section 1.06.279 TMC;

B. Prior to exercise of any of the foregoing remedies, the City shall provide written notice to the contractor specifying the violation and the City's intent to exercise such remedy or remedies. The notice shall provide that each specified remedy becomes effective within ten business days of receipt unless the contractor appeals said action to the Hearing Examiner pursuant to Chapter 1.23 TMC.

C. When non-compliance with this chapter or the Program Regulations has occurred, the Program Manager and the department/division responsible for enforcement of the contract may allow continuation of the contract upon the contractor's development of a plan for compliance acceptable to the Director.

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

#### **1.07.120 Unlawful acts.**

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

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

#### **1.07.130 Severability.**

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

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

#### **1.07.140 Review of program.**

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

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

## PREVAILING WAGE RATES

This project requires prevailing wages under chapter 39.12 RCW. Any worker, laborer, or mechanic employed in the performance of any part of the work shall be paid not less than the applicable prevailing rate of wage.

The project site is located in Pierce, King, Thurston, Lewis, Mason, and Grays Harbor Counties.

The effective date for prevailing wages on this project will be the **submittal deadline** with these exceptions:

- a. If the project is not awarded within six months of the submittal deadline, the award date is the effective date.
- b. If the project is not awarded pursuant to a competitive solicitation, the date the contract is executed is the effective date.
- c. Janitorial contracts follow WAC 296-127-023.

Except for janitorial contracts, these rates shall apply for the duration of the contract unless otherwise noted in the solicitation.

Look up prevailing rates of pay, benefits, and overtime codes from this link:

<https://secure.lni.wa.gov/wagelookup/>

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The Contractor shall submit to the City the following Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) forms for itself and for each firm covered under [39.12 RCW](#) that provided work and materials for the Contract:

1. A copy of an approved Statement of Intent to Pay Prevailing Wages, L&I form number [F700-029-000](#). The City will make no payment under this Contract for the Work performed until this statement has been approved by L&I and a copy of the approved form has been submitted to the City.
2. A copy of an approved Affidavit of Prevailing Wages Paid, L&I form number [F700-007-000](#). The Contracting Agency will not grant completion or release retainage held under chapter 60.28 RCW until all approved Affidavit of Wages paid for Contractor and all Subcontractors have been received by the City.