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VICTIM SERVICES SCREENING AND HOTLINE
EMERGENCY SHELTER SERVICES

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RESPONSE DEADLINE: February 23, 2024, 5:00 pm

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
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Services

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1. INSTRUCTIONS

1.1. Introduction

1.1.1. Summary

The City of Phoenix seeks to contract for 24-hour emergency shelter centralized screening hotline services in Maricopa County. Services in this scope of work include, but are not limited to, oversight, coordination, and operation of a 24-hour, 7 day a week telephone “hotline” to provide screening and placement services to the victims of domestic violence, sexual violence and human sex trafficking.

1.1.2. Background

Victims of violent crime (domestic violence, sexual violence, human sex trafficking) often need a safe place to stay immediately following their victimization. The city of Phoenix seeks to provide these victims with immediate, effective assistance by establishing a hotline which is accessible to victims 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. The hotline shall provide immediate assistance in determining shelter eligibility, verifying need and seeking placement in established shelters.

1.1.3. Contact Information

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Department:

Human Services

1.1.4. Timeline

Release Project Date	January 15, 2024
Proposal Submission Deadline	February 23, 2024, 5:00pm

1.2. Description – Statement of Need

The City of Phoenix invites sealed offers for 24-hour emergency shelter centralized screening hotline services in Maricopa County for a 3 year contract with 2 (two option years) on or about July 1, 2024, in accordance with the specifications and provisions contained herein or the “Effective Date” which is upon award by City Council, conditioned upon signature and recording by the City Clerk’s department, as required by the Phoenix City Code, whichever is later.

This solicitation is available through Arizona Relay Service 7-1-1. Please call TTY 800-367-8939 for assistance.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement will terminate upon the earliest occurrence: by reaching the end of the term including any extensions exercised, or termination pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement.

1.3. Minimum Qualifications

The qualified and responsive offeror must meet **all** minimum qualifications. Should an offeror fail to meet one of the minimum qualifications identified, the offer will be disqualified as non-responsive.

1.4. Agreement Term and Contractual Relationship

Consultants are responsible for reading the agreement and submitting any questions about it in accordance with the process listed in this agreement. By submitting a proposal, each Consultant agrees it will be bound by the agreement. The City anticipates a 3 (three year) with 2 (two options years). Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement will terminate upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following:

- reaching the end of the term and any extensions;
- completing the services set forth in the Scope of Work (the “Services”);
- payment of the maximum authorized compensation; or
- termination pursuant to the provisions of the Agreement.

1.5. Scope of Work and Special Terms and Conditions

VICTIM SERVICES, SCREENING AND HOTLINE FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER SERVICES OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM SERVICES

1. PURPOSE

The City of Phoenix seeks to contract for 24-hour emergency shelter centralized screening hotline services in Maricopa County. Services in this scope of work include, but are not limited to, oversight, coordination, and operation of a 24-hour, 7 day a week telephone “hotline” to provide screening and placement services to the victims of domestic violence, sexual violence and human sex trafficking.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1. Shelter Services

Victims of violent crime (domestic violence, sexual violence, human sex trafficking) often need a safe place to stay immediately following their victimization. The city of Phoenix seeks to provide these victims with immediate, effective assistance by establishing a hotline which is accessible to victims 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The hotline shall provide immediate assistance in determining shelter eligibility, verifying need and seeking placement in established shelters.

3. OBJECTIVE

3.1. Telephone Hotline for Shelter Services:

Contractor shall provide a centralized screening hotline for placement of those who are seeking

temporary, emergency shelter as a response to immediate safety needs stemming from domestic violence, sexual violence, and/or human sex trafficking. The hotline shall operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days each year. The hotline shall screen callers for program eligibility, and assess the caller's needs and circumstances to determine appropriate shelter placement using an established eligibility criteria. Callers seeking shelter who do not meet this program criteria shall not be turned away. Contractor shall make other referrals for callers who are deemed ineligible for placement under this criteria, referring them to services more appropriate for their situation.

Languages other than English shall also be accommodated through this service.

The hotline shall serve as the hub for shelter services within Maricopa County; therefore, the Contractor must have advanced knowledge and established connections with shelter service providers in order to determine appropriate placement. Recurring meetings to discuss coordination and best practices shall be held in accordance with the contract requirements.

4. DEFINITIONS

4.1. **Community Based Referrals:** Persons determined to be ineligible for emergency shelter services will be referred to other community organizations for shelter placement.

4.2. **Domestic Violence:** Domestic violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another. It includes physical violence, sexual violence, psychological violence, and emotional abuse.

4.3. **Family(ies):** More than one person.

4.4. **Shelter:** Emergency, temporary housing placement for victims in crisis.

4.5. **Sexual Violence:** Sexual violence occurs whenever a person is forced, coerced, and/or manipulated into any unwanted sexual activity, including when they are unable to consent due to age, illness, disability, or the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

4.6. **Sex Trafficking:** Recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purposes of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age (22 USC §7102).

5. LOCATION AND SERVICE HOURS

5.1. The location of services is not defined under this contract. However, services must be accessible by phone to the community within Maricopa County. Phone or hotline services shall be provided through a phone number using local area codes 602, 623, 480 or toll-free numbers. Contractor shall be required to attend monthly meetings in person at a location in Phoenix, Arizona.

5.2. The Shelter Services centralized screening hotline must be available 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week. Languages other than English shall also be accommodated through this service.

6. ACTIVITIES AND TASKS

6.1. 24-Hour Hotline and Shelter Services

Contractor shall establish and operate a 24-hour centralized screening hotline for placement of

those who are seeking temporary, emergency shelter as a response to immediate safety needs stemming from domestic violence, sexual violence, and/or human sex trafficking. This 24- hour hotline shall assess and screen the caller to determine appropriate shelter placement using an established eligibility criterion.

6.1.1. 24-Hour Hotline Tasks: The Contractor shall complete the following tasks as a response to individuals and families experiencing domestic violence, sexual violence, and/or sex trafficking who are seeking emergency, temporary shelter:

6.1.1.1. Contractor shall establish a centralized screening hotline phone system operating 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

6.1.1.2. Calls to the hotline shall be answered within five (5) rings. "Hold" times, when "hold" is utilized shall not exceed five (5) minutes.

6.1.1.3. Contractor shall maintain confidentiality of all calls and conversations with callers. Contractor will explain the nature of confidentiality with each caller and secure verbal permission before sharing case information with any other organization. All discussions with callers will be documented.

6.1.1.3.1. Documentation shall include:

6.1.1.3.1.1. The caller's name, address and phone number

6.1.1.3.1.2. The names and ages of members of the caller's family members also seeking shelter.

6.1.1.3.1.3. A unique "Caller Number" shall be assigned to each caller.

6.1.1.3.1.4. Date and time of each call made to the hotline.

6.1.1.3.1.5. Relevant details of the nature of the call and the caller's situation. All outcomes will be documented.

6.1.1.4. Languages other than English shall also be accommodated through this service.

6.1.1.5. Accommodation for persons with hearing or speech disabilities shall be made using TTY or 7-1-1.

6.1.1.6. Contractor shall develop programmatic procedures outlining:

- Hotline system
- Eligibility Criteria
- Placement Process
- Alternative Services
- Data compilation as required under this contract
- Client record keeping as required under this contract

6.1.1.7. Contractor shall ensure a trauma-informed approach is implemented in providing services to this population that includes:

- Guidelines for hotline communication
- Guidelines for conveying results of screening
- Guidelines for providing alternative community services when shelter placement is not appropriate

6.2. Eligibility Criteria: The Contractor shall establish eligibility criteria for placement services and shall establish an evaluation tool used to screen callers based on eligibility criteria. When the caller meets the eligibility criteria, the Contractor shall establish a process to contact community partners who provide shelter services to check for availability; share screening information with the community partner with client consent; and arrange for client transportation.

6.2.1. In the event the client does not meet the Eligibility Criteria, the Contractor shall provide Community Based Referrals for alternative services within the community.

6.3. Internal System: The Contractor shall maintain documentation of client contact, each client's screening outcome, the reason for outcome, and the referral source if provided.

Contractor shall maintain the information as outlined in Paragraph 13. Reporting Requirements.

7. COMMUNITY PARTNERS

7.1. The Contractor shall maintain a list of community partners who provide shelter services participating in centralized screening hotline partnership. The list shall contain pertinent information specific to placement criteria, such as: population served (i.e. women, families, etc.); special accommodations provided (i.e. pets); number of people that can be accommodated; and any other factors that impact placement.

7.2. Contractor shall establish a regular process for contacting shelter services to obtain information regarding shelter space availability. Contractor shall provide written materials to community partners with any changes to eligibility criteria, internal operations, or any other factors that would directly/indirectly impact the community.

7.3. Contractor shall hold monthly meetings in person with a virtual option, with community stakeholders to discuss issues, raise concerns, problem solve, and ensure that the centralized screening system is meaningful and helpful to the community. Contractor shall also ensure that information discussed at meetings is passed down to appropriate staff at the program level.

7.4. Contractor shall develop a Community Partners Evaluation to be distributed quarterly at stakeholder meetings and reported quarterly as described in Paragraph 12 Program Reporting. This evaluation shall gauge the level of community satisfaction with services provided under this contract. Program reports, satisfaction survey instrument and form must first be approved by the City of Phoenix, Human Services Department Contract Liaison at: (602) 256-4302, or via email: Kristina.blea@phoenix.gov.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor shall comply with the following administrative requirements:

8.1. American with Disabilities Act

8.1.1. Provide equal access to programs and services for individuals with disabilities in compliances with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Contractor shall provide reasonable accommodation for clients in the following categories: visual impairments, hearing impairments, mobility impairments and/or mental impairments.

8.2. Administration

8.2.1. Provide secure storage for confidential documents relating to clients and personnel.

8.2.2. Maintain a policy manual that includes: program mission and goals; population served;

program description; intake procedures; data entry procedures; non-discrimination policy; fingerprinting procedure; confidentiality statement; and client termination policies.

8.2.3. Maintain personnel training documentation.

9. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

In addition to the items listed in sections 5 through 8 above the Contractor shall:

9.1. Participate in a Contractor orientation provided by the City;

9.2. Inform the City of vacancies of funded positions in writing within five business days of the vacancy;

9.3. Request clarification and/or technical assistance to resolve barriers to service in a timely manner.

10. HIRING AND TRAINING

Contractor shall be responsible for all aspects of the hiring and training of all persons engaged in service delivery under this contract. Persons hired to provide these services shall receive training in providing trauma-informed care prior to working the hotline. Annual refresher training in trauma-informed care is required for all persons communicating with callers. Contractor shall submit verification of staff completion of training by June 30 each year.

10.1.

11. CITY RESPONSIBILITIES

The City shall:

11.1. Provide Payment Request Form reports electronically;

11.2. Perform fiscal and programmatic desktop monitoring monthly;

11.3. Conduct annual onsite fiscal and programmatic monitoring review;

11.4. Process payments upon receipt of complete and accurate reports and Payment Request Form;

11.5. Inform the Contractor of any concerns or potential changes in a timely manner;

11.6. Provide ongoing technical assistance and support

12. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

12.1. Monthly Reports: Contractor shall submit a monthly payment request, supporting documentation, and program reports via email to: Kristina.blea@phoenix.gov for reimbursement no later than the 15th day following the end of the reporting month (i.e. February 15th for the January report). Submission to include:

- Program Invoices and Supporting Documentation
- Contract Payment Request Form
- SAFEDVS Monthly Program Report

12.2. Quarterly Reporting: Contractor shall submit Quarterly Performance Measures as defined in Exhibit A –.

12.3. Annual Reporting: Contractor shall submit an Annual Report to include the following items, no later than the 15th day of July, each year.

- Narrative of success
- Identify any areas for development/improvement
- Describe any barriers that may exist for implementation of programs
- Provide any relevant and required staff training and documentation of training (i.e., certificate, agenda, etc.) for shelter services.
- Provide compilation of data (year-to-date) provided in monthly reports as outlined in this Section.

12.4. Provide any other report as requested by the City. The City reserves the right to add, remove or revise reporting requirements at its discretion.

1.7. City's Vendor Self-Registration and Notification

Vendors must be registered in the City's procurePHX Self-Registration System at <https://www.phoenix.gov/procure> to respond to solicitations and access procurement information. The City may, at its sole discretion, reject any offer from an Offeror who has not registered.

1.8. Preparation of Offer

All forms provided in Submittal Section must be completed and submitted with the Offer. The signed and completed Conflict of Interest and Transparency form must be included or your Offer may be deemed non-responsive

It is permissible to copy Submittal forms if necessary. Erasures, interlineations, or other modifications of the Offer must be initialed in original ink by the authorized person signing the Offer. No offer will be altered, amended or withdrawn after the specified offer due date and time. The City is not responsible for Offeror's errors or omissions.

All time periods stated as a number of days will be calendar days.

It is the responsibility of all Offerors to examine the entire solicitation and seek clarification of any requirement that may not be clear and to check all responses for accuracy before submitting an offer. Negligence in preparing an offer confers no right of withdrawal after due date and time. Offerors are strongly encouraged to:

- A. Consider applicable laws and/or economic conditions that may affect cost, progress, performance, or furnishing of the products or services.
- B. Study and carefully correlate Offeror's knowledge and observations with the solicitation and other related data.
- C. Promptly notify the City of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities, or discrepancies that Offeror has discovered in or between the solicitation and other related documents.
- D. The City does not reimburse the cost of developing, presenting or providing any response to this solicitation. Offers submitted for consideration should be prepared

simply and economically, providing adequate information in a straightforward and concise manner. The Offeror is responsible for all costs incurred in responding to this solicitation. All materials and documents submitted in response to this solicitation become the property of the City and will not be returned.

- E. Offerors are reminded that the specifications stated in the solicitation are the minimum level required and that offers submitted must be for products or services that meet or exceed the minimum level of all features specifically listed in this solicitation. Offers offering less than any minimum specifications or criteria specified are not responsive and should not be submitted.
- F. Offer responses submitted for products considered by the seller to be acceptable alternates to the brand names or manufacturer's catalog references specified herein must be submitted with technical literature and/or detailed product brochures for the City's use to evaluate the products offered. Offers submitted without this product information may be considered as non-responsive and rejected. The City will be the sole judge as to the acceptability of alternate products offered.
- G. Prices will be submitted on a per unit basis by line item, when applicable. In the event of a disparity between the unit price and extended price, the unit price will prevail unless obviously in error.

1.9. Exception

Consultant must not take any exceptions to any terms, conditions or material requirements of this solicitation. Offers submitted with exceptions will be deemed non-responsive and disqualified from further consideration. Consultants must conform to all the requirements specified in the solicitation. The City encourages Consultants to ask the procurement officer questions rather than including exception in their Offer.

1.10. Inquiries

All questions that arise relating to this solicitation should be directed via email to the Procurement Officer and must be received by the due date indicated in the Schedule of Events. The City will not consider questions received after the deadline.

No informal contact initiated by Offerors on the proposed service will be allowed with members of City's staff from date of distribution of this solicitation until after city council awards the contract. All questions concerning or issues related to this solicitation must be presented in writing.

The Procurement Officer will answer written inquiries in an addendum and publish any addendums on the Procurement Website.

1.11. Addenda

The City of Phoenix will not be responsible for any oral instructions made by any employees or officers of the City of Phoenix regarding this solicitation. Any changes to the plans, drawings,

and specifications will be in the form of an addendum. The Offeror must acknowledge receipt of any/all addenda by signing and returning the document with the Offer submittal.

1.12. Licenses

If required by law for the operation of the business or work related to this Offer, Offeror must possess all valid certifications and/or licenses as required by federal, state or local laws at the time of submittal.

1.13. Certifications

By signature in the Offer section of the Offer and Acceptance page(s), Offeror certifies:

- The submission of the Offer did not involve collusion or other anti-competitive practices.
- The Offeror must not discriminate against any employee, or applicant for employment in violation of Federal or State Law.
- The Offeror has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time hereafter, any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public servant in connection with the submitted Offer.

1.14. Submission of Offer

Offers must be in possession of the Department on or prior to the exact time and date indicated in the Schedule of Events. Late offers will not be considered. The prevailing clock will be the City Department's clock.

Offers must be submitted in one of the following ways:

- A. Submitted in a sealed envelope and the following information should be noted on the outside of the envelope:
 1. Offeror's Name
 2. Offeror's Address (as shown on the Certification Page)
 3. Solicitation Number
 4. Solicitation Title
 5. Offer Opening Date
 6. Such offers must be completed in ink or typewritten. Include the number of copies that are required as indicated in the Submittal section.
- B. Submitted electronically by email to hsdprocurement@phoenix.gov and the following information should be noted in the email:
 1. Offeror's Name
 2. Offeror's Address (as shown on the Certification Page)

3. Solicitation Number
 4. Solicitation Title
 5. Offer Opening Date
 6. Due to file size limitations for electronic transmission (for sending or receiving), Offers sent by email may need to be sent in parts with multiple emails. It is the responsibility of the Offeror to ensure that the Offer (including all parts if sent in multiple emails) is timely and to confirm that there are no technical reasons that any offer submitted electronically may be delayed. The date and time on the email(s) as received/stamped by the City's inbox will provide proof of submission and verification whether the Offer was received on or prior to the exact time and date indicated in the Schedule of Events.
 7. Any original documents (such as bonds, guaranties, powers of attorney), if required by the solicitation, must be separately delivered to and received by the City on or prior to the exact time and date indicated in the Schedule of Events, with a clear indication of the Offer for which it is attributed.
- C. If available for this solicitation, submitted electronically by file transfer site. For instructions to upload a digital offer, Offeror must first indicate its intent to apply (and submit a completed "intent to apply" form, if provided in the solicitation) by email to hsdprocurement@phoenix.gov and the following information should be noted in the email:
1. Offeror's Name
 2. Offeror's Address (as shown on the Certification Page)
 3. Solicitation Number
 4. Solicitation Title
 5. Offer Opening Date
 6. It is the responsibility of the Offeror to ensure that the Offer is timely and to confirm that there are no technical reasons that any offer submitted electronically may be delayed. The date and time on the upload as received/stamped by the City's file transfer site will provide proof of submission and verification whether the Offer was received on or prior to the exact time and date indicated in the Schedule of Events.
 7. Any original documents (such as bonds, guaranties, powers of attorney), if required by the solicitation, must be separately delivered to and received by the City on or prior to the exact time and date indicated in the Schedule of Events, with a clear indication of the Offer for which it is attributed.

1.15. Withdrawal of Offer

At any time prior to the solicitation due date and time, an Offeror (or designated representative) may withdraw the Offer by submitting a request in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative. If Offeror withdraws the Offer electronically by email to the Procurement Officer, the request to withdraw must be in the form of a letter attached to the email that includes either an image of the duly authorized representative's signature or an electronic signature from a verifiable source, such as Adobe Sign, DocuSign or a similar verifiable software program.

1.16. Offer Results

Offers will be opened on the offer due date, time and location indicated in the Schedule of Events, at which time the name of each Offeror, and the prices may be read. Offers and other information received in response to the solicitation will be shown only to authorized City personnel having a legitimate interest in them or persons assisting the City in the evaluation. Offers are not available for public inspection until after the City has posted the award recommendation on the City's website.

The City will post a preliminary offer tabulation on the City's website, <https://solicitations.phoenix.gov/Awards> within five business days of the offer opening. The City will post the information on the preliminary tabulation as it was read during the offer opening. The City makes no guarantee as to the accuracy of any information on the preliminary tabulation. Once the City has evaluated the offers, the City will post an award recommendation on the website. By signing and submitting its Offer, each Offeror agrees that this posting of the award recommendation to the City's website effectively serves as the Offeror's receipt of that notice of award recommendation. The City has no obligation to provide any further notification to unsuccessful Offerors.

1.17. Pre-Award Qualifications

Offeror must have been in operation a minimum of 1 (one) year. The Offeror's normal business activity during the past 1 (one) year will have been for providing the goods or services in this solicitation.

Upon notification of an intent to award, the Offeror will have ten calendar days to submit a complete certificate of insurance in the minimum amounts and the coverages as required in the Insurance Requirements of this agreement. Insurance requirements are non-negotiable

1.18. Award of Contract

Unless otherwise indicated, award(s) will be made to the most responsive, responsible Offeror(s) who are regularly established in the service, or providing the goods, contained in this solicitation and who have demonstrated the ability to perform in an acceptable manner

- A. Factors that may be considered by the City include:

1. Technical capability of the Offeror to accomplish the scope of work required in the Solicitation. This may include performance history on past and current government or industrial contracts; and,
 2. Demonstrated availability of the necessary manpower (both supervisory and operational personnel) and necessary equipment to accomplish the scope of work in the Solicitation; and,
 3. Safety record; and,
 4. Offeror history of complaints and termination for convenience or cause.
- B. Notwithstanding any other provision of this solicitation, the City reserves the right to: (1) waive any immaterial defect or informality; or (2) reject any or all offers or portions thereof; or (3) reissue a solicitation.
- C. A response to a solicitation is an offer to contract with the City based upon the terms, conditions, and specifications contained in the City's solicitation. Offers do not become contracts until they are executed by the Chief Procurement Officer or Department Director. A contract has its inception in the award, eliminating a formal signing of a separate contract. For that reason, all of the terms, conditions and specifications of the procurement contract are contained in the solicitation, and in any addendum or contract amendment.

1.19. City's Right to Disqualify for Conflict of Interest

The City reserves the right to disqualify any Consultant on the basis of any real or apparent conflict of interest that is disclosed by the offer submitted or any other data available to the City. This disqualification is at the sole discretion of the City. Any Consultant submitting an offer herein waives any right to object now or at any future time, before anybody or agency, including but not limited to, the City Council of the City of Phoenix or any court.

1.20. Solicitation Transparency Policy

- A. Commencing on the date and time a solicitation is published, potential or actual Offerors or respondents (including their representatives) shall only discuss matters associated with the solicitation with the Mayor, any members of City Council, the City Manager, any Deputy City Manager, or any department director directly associated with the solicitation (including in each case their assigned staff, except for the designated Procurement Officer) at a public meeting, posted under Arizona Statutes, until the resulting contract(s) are awarded to all offers or responses are rejected and the solicitation is cancelled without any announcement by the Procurement Officer of the City's intent to reissue the same or similar solicitation. As long as the solicitation is not discussed, Offerors may continue to conduct business with the City and discuss business that is unrelated to the solicitation with the City staff. Offerors may not discuss the solicitation with any City employees or evaluation panel members.

- B. Offerors may discuss their proposal or the solicitation with the Mayor or one or more members of the Phoenix City Council, provided such meetings are scheduled through the Procurement Officer, and are posted as open meetings with the City Clerk at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meetings. The City Clerk will be responsible for posting the meetings. The posted notice shall identify the participants and the subject matter, as well as invite the public to participate.
- C. With respect to the selection of the successful Offerors, the City Manager and/or City Manager's Office will continue the past practice of exerting no undue influence on the process. In all solicitations of bids and proposals, any direction on the selection from the City Manager and/or City Manager's Office and Department Head (or representative) to the proposal review panel or selecting authority must be provided in writing to all prospective Offerors.
- D. This policy is intended to create a level playing field for all Offerors, assure that contracts are awarded in public, and protect the integrity of the selection process. **OFFERORS THAT VIOLATE THIS POLICY SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED.** After official Notice is received by the City for disqualification, the Offeror may follow the Protest process, unless the Solicitation is cancelled without notice of intent to re-issue.
- E. "To discuss" means any contact by the Offeror, regardless of whether the City responds to the contact. Offerors that violate this policy will be disqualified until the resulting contract(s) are awarded, or all offers or responses are rejected and the solicitation is cancelled without any announcement by the Procurement Officer of the City's intent to reissue the same or a similar solicitation. The City interprets the policy as continuing through a cancellation of a solicitation until Council award of the contract, as long as the City cancels with a statement that the City will rebid the solicitation.

1.21. Protest Process

- A. Offeror may protest the contents of a solicitation no later than seven days before the solicitation deadline when the protest is based on an apparent alleged mistake, impropriety or defect in the solicitation. Protests filed regarding the solicitation may be addressed by an amendment to the solicitation or denied by the City. If denied, the opening and award will proceed unless the City determines that it is in the City's best interests to set new deadlines, amend the solicitation, cancel or re-bid.
- B. Therefore, unless otherwise notified by a formal amendment, the Protester must adhere to all solicitation dates and deadlines, including timely filing of an offer, regardless of filing a protest.
- C. Offeror may protest an adverse determination issued by the City regarding responsibility and responsiveness, within seven days of the date the Offeror was notified of the adverse determination.
- D. Offeror may protest an award recommendation if the Offeror can establish that it had a substantial chance of being awarded the contract and will be harmed by the

recommended award. The City will post recommendations on the City's website to award the contract(s) to an Offeror(s). Offeror must submit award protests within seven days after the posting of the award recommendation, with exceptions only for good cause shown, within the City's full and final discretion.

- E. All protests will be in writing, filed with the Procurement Officer identified in the solicitation and include the following:
 - 1. Identification of the solicitation number;
 - 2. The name, address and telephone number of the protester;
 - 3. A detailed statement describing the legal and factual grounds for the protest, including copies of relevant documents;
 - 4. The form of relief requested; and
 - 5. The signature of the protester or its authorized representative.
- F. The Procurement Officer will render a written decision within a reasonable period after the protest is filed. The City will not request City Council authorization to award the contract until the protest process is complete. All protests and appeals must be submitted in accordance with the City's Procurement Code, (Phoenix City Code, Ch. 43) and any protests or appeals not submitted within the time requirements will not be considered. Protests must be filed with the Procurement Officer.

1.22. Public Record

All Offers submitted in response to this solicitation will become the property of the City and become a matter of public record available for review pursuant to Arizona State law. If an Offeror believes that a specific section of its Offer response is confidential, the Offeror will isolate the pages marked confidential in a specific and clearly labeled section of its Offer response. An Offeror may request specific information contained within its Offer is treated by the Procurement Officer as confidential provided the Offeror clearly labels the information "confidential." To the extent necessary for the evaluation process, information marked as "confidential" will not be treated as confidential. Once the procurement file becomes available for public inspection, the Procurement Officer will not make any information identified by the Offerors as "confidential" available to the public unless necessary to support the evaluation process or if specifically requested in accordance with applicable public records law. When a public records request for such information is received, the Procurement Officer will notify the Offeror in writing of any request to view any portion of its Offer marked "confidential." The Offeror will have the time set forth in the notice to obtain a court order enjoining such disclosure. If the Offeror does not provide the Procurement Officer with a court order enjoining release of the information during the designated time, the Procurement Officer will make the information requested available for inspection.

1.23. Late Offers

Late Offers must be rejected, except for good cause. If a late Offer is submitted, the Department will document the date and time of the submittal of the late Offer, keep the Offer and notify the Offeror that its Offer was disqualified for being a late Offer.

1.24. Right to Disqualify

The City reserves the right to disqualify any Offeror who fails to provide information or data requested or who provides materially inaccurate or misleading information or data. The City further reserves the right to disqualify any Offeror on the basis of any real or apparent conflict of interest that is disclosed by the Offer submitted or any other data or information available to the City. This disqualification is at the sole discretion of the City. By submission of a solicitation response, the Offeror waives any right to object now or at any future time, before any agency or body including, but not limited to, the City Council of the City or any court as to the exercise by the City of such right to disqualify or as to any disqualification by reason of real or apparent conflict of interest determined by the City. The City reserves the right to replace the disqualified Offeror.

1.25. Multiple Awards

The City reserves the right to award to more than one contractor. The City's decision to utilize multiple contractors will be final and conclusive.

1.26. Award

Award will be made on an "all or none" basis by group. For any group, offer must be shown for each item(s) within their group. Submittal without individual item prices listed will be considered as non-responsive and rejected.

1.27. Contract Award

The City reserves the right to award a contract by individual line items, by group, all or none, or any other combination most advantageous to the City. The City reserves the right to multiple award.

1.28. Equal Low Offer

N/A

1.29. Evaluation of Competitive Sealed Offers

The City will use its discretion in applying the following processes to this solicitation. Any ties in scoring will be resolved with a best and final price request and the lowest price will prevail.

1.30. Determining Responsiveness and Responsibility

Offers will be reviewed for documentation of minimum qualifications, completeness, and compliance with the Solicitation requirements. The City reserves sole discretion to determine responsiveness and responsibility.

Responsiveness: Nonresponsive Offers will not be considered in the evaluation process. The solicitation states criteria that determine responsiveness, and the solicitation includes terms and conditions that if included or excluded from Offers (as the case may be) will render an Offer nonresponsive.

Exceptions, conditions, reservations, or understandings are presumed to be unacceptable, and an Offer that includes unacceptable exceptions, conditions, reservations, or understandings may be rejected as nonresponsive. Alternatively, the City in its sole discretion may instruct in writing that any Offeror remove the conditions, exceptions, reservations or understandings. If the Offeror fails to do so in writing, the City may determine the Offer to be nonresponsive.

Responsibility: To obtain true economy, the City must conduct solicitations to minimize the possibility of a subsequent default by the Contractor, late deliveries, or other unsatisfactory performance that may result in additional administrative costs. It is important that the Offeror be a responsible Contractor. Responsibility includes the Offeror's integrity, skill, capacity, experience, and facilities for conducting the work to be performed.

The Procurement Officer will review each Offer to determine if the Offeror is responsible. The City's determination as to whether an Offeror is responsible will be based on all information furnished by the Offeror, interviews (if any), and information received from Offeror's references, including information about Offeror's history, terminations for convenience or cause, contract breach lawsuits or notices of claim and any other sources the City deems appropriate. Award of the Contract resulting from the solicitation will not be made until any necessary investigation, which each Offeror agrees to permit by submitting its Offer, is made by the City as it deems necessary. A review of responsibility may occur up to contract award.

The Offeror's unreasonable failure to promptly supply information about an inquiry with respect to responsibility may be grounds for a determination of non-responsibility with respect to such Offeror.

1.31. Detailed Evaluation of Offers and Determination of Competitive Range

During deliberations, the Evaluation Panel will reach a consensus score for each evaluation criterion except price. The Procurement Officer will score the price, which will be added to the overall consensus score. The overall consensus scores will determine the Offerors' rankings and which offers are within the Competitive Range, when appropriate.

1.32. Offers Not Within the Competitive Range

The City may notify Offerors of Offers that the City determined are not in the Competitive Range.

1.33. Discussions with Offerors in the Competitive Range

The City will notify each Offeror whose Offer is in the Competitive Range or made the 'short list' and provide in writing any questions or requests for clarification to the Offeror. Each Offeror so notified may be interviewed by the City and asked to discuss answers to written or oral

questions or provide clarifications to any facet of its Offer. The Offerors in the competitive range may be required to provide a demonstration of their product.

Demonstrations - Offerors in the competitive range may be invited to construct a hands-on sample or presentation of their solution at the City of Phoenix. In addition, each finalist may prepare and deliver a presentation of their proposed solution based on the script developed by the evaluation panel. The City may also require a hands-on lab demonstration designed specifically for the evaluation panel. The results of the surveys will be tabulated and delivered to the evaluation team for the final review and solution selection session(s).

If an Offer in the Competitive Range contains conditions, exceptions, reservations or understandings to or about any Contract or Solicitation Scope requirement, the City may discuss or negotiate the conditions, exceptions, reservations or understandings during these meetings. But the City in its sole discretion may reject any and all conditions, exceptions, reservations and understandings, and the City may instruct any Offeror to remove the conditions, exceptions, reservations or understandings. If the Offeror fails to do so, the City may determine the Offer is nonresponsive, and the City may revoke its determination that the Offer is in the Competitive Range.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the City will not provide any information, financial or otherwise, to any Offeror about other Offers received in response to this solicitation. During discussions with Offerors in the Competitive Range, the City will not give Offerors specific prices or specific financial requirements that Offerors must meet to qualify for further consideration. The City may state that proposed prices are too high with respect to the marketplace or otherwise unacceptable. Offerors will not be told of their relative rankings before Contract award.

1.34. Best and Final Offers (BAFO)

A BAFO is an option available for negotiations. Each Offeror in the Competitive Range, which is determined in the City's sole discretion, may be afforded the opportunity to amend its Offer and make one BAFO.

If an Offeror's BAFO modifies its initial Offer, the modifications must be identified in the BAFO. The City will evaluate BAFOs based on the same requirements and criteria applicable to initial Offers. The City will adjust appropriately the initial scores for criteria that have been affected by offer modifications made by a BAFO. Based on the criteria defined in the solicitation as weighted, the City will then perform final scoring and prepare final rankings.

The Evaluation Panel will recommend the Offer that is the best value and most advantageous to the City based on the evaluation criteria.

The City reserves the right to make an award to an Offeror whose Offer is the highest rated, best value, and most advantageous to the City based on the evaluation criteria, without conducting written or oral discussions with any Offeror, without negotiations, and without soliciting BAFOs.

1.35. Fixed Offer Price Period

All offers shall be firm and fixed for a period of 180 calendar days from the solicitation opening date.

1.36. Obtaining a Copy of the Solicitation and Addenda

Interested Offerors may download the complete solicitation and addenda from <https://solicitations.phoenix.gov/>. Any interested Offerors without internet access may obtain this solicitation by calling the Procurement Officer or picking up a copy during regular business hours at the City of Phoenix, Human Services Department, 200 W. Washington Street, 18th Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85003. It is the Offeror's responsibility to check the website, read the entire solicitation, and verify all required information is submitted with their Offer.

1.37. Business in Arizona

The City will not enter contracts with Offerors (or any company(ies)) not granted authority to transact business, or not in good standing, in the state of Arizona by the Arizona Corporation Commission, unless the Offeror asserts a statutory exception prior to entering a contract with the City.

1.38. Evaluation Criteria

In accordance with the Administrative Regulation 3.10. Competitive Sealed Proposal awards shall be made to the responsive and responsible Offeror(s) whose Offer is determined in writing to be the most advantageous to the City based upon the evaluation criteria listed below. The evaluation factors are listed in the relative order of importance and more details are provided in Scope of Work. The following evaluation criteria will be used to evaluate all Offers:

1. The Contractor shall establish eligibility criteria for placement services and shall establish an evaluation tool used to screen callers based on eligibility criteria. When the caller meets the eligibility criteria, the Contractor shall establish a process to contact community partners who provide shelter services to check for availability; share screening information with the community partner with client consent; and arrange for client transportation.
 - a. In the event the client does not meet the Eligibility Criteria, the Contractor shall provide Community Based Referrals for alternative services within the community.

2. AGREEMENT

2.1. Professional Services Agreement

**BETWEEN
THE CITY OF PHOENIX
AND
CONTRACTOR NAME**

This AGREEMENT is made and entered into this July 1, 2024 , (“the Effective Date”), or as of the City Clerk date, whichever is later, by and between the City of Phoenix, Arizona, a municipal corporation of the State of Arizona (hereinafter referred to as “City”) and **insert legal name of Contractor here, insert state of corporation and correct business name – Corporation, LLC, etc that you have confirmed on the Arizona Corporation Commission website**, (hereinafter referred to as “Consultant or Contractor”).

RECITALS

- A. The City Manager of the City of Phoenix, Arizona, is authorized by the provisions of the City Charter to execute agreements for professional services.
- B. The City desires to obtain the services that are specifically set forth in this Agreement.
- C. The City procured these professional services in accordance with the Phoenix City Code and Administrative Regulation 3.10.
- D. Contractor possesses the skills and expertise necessary to provide such services as desired by the City.
- E. **This Agreement is authorized by the City Council (Ordinance Number and Agenda Number if applicable) Enter date.**

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed by and between the parties as follows:

2.2. Term of Agreement

- A. This Agreement begins on the Effective Date in the above introductory paragraph, and upon approval by the City, for ~~Three~~(3)-year term, with ~~two~~(2) options years.
- B. This Agreement will terminate upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following:
 - 1. reaching the end of the term exercised as set forth in A;
 - 2. completing the services set forth in the Scope of Work attached as EXHIBIT A – SCOPE OF WORK (the “Services”);
 - 3. payment of the maximum compensation under Paragraph Payment of this Agreement; or
 - 4. termination pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement.

2.3. Payment

- A. The total amount to be remitted by the City to Contractor for all Services satisfactorily performed under this Agreement will not exceed \$Enter amount pe year including reasonable and necessary travel expenses, if approved in advance by the City and included in the Fee Schedule EXHIBIT B. Under this Agreement, the City will pay for Services at the rate(s) specified in the Fee Schedule and that comply with the requirements for Reimbursable Expenses as outlined below, with no additional charges for overhead, benefits, local travel or administrative support. Payments will be made in proportion to the Services performed and no more than 90% of the total contract price will be paid before the work is totally completed and accepted by the City.
- B. Contractor will submit monthly invoices on or before the Enter calendar day of every month. Each invoice will be accompanied with itemized receipts. The invoice will be submitted free of mathematical errors and/or missing supporting documentation. All appropriate documentation will be provided that supports the charges reflected in the monthly invoice. Upon finding of an error and/or missing documentation, the City will return the invoice to the Contractor. Contractor will promptly resubmit the revised invoice to the City. Each revised invoice will document the date that the revised invoice is submitted to the City. Requests for payment must be submitted with documentation of dates and hours worked, hourly rate charged, and a detailed description of the Services performed. Failure of City to identify an error does not waive any of the City's rights.
- C. Invoices will be submitted to: Enter address
- D. Contractor will demonstrate good judgment when incurring costs that are considered a Reimbursable Expense while conducting business for the City. All Reimbursable Expenses will be reasonable and prudent. Generally, Reimbursable Expenses include:
 - o Business Expenses: If applicable, receipts for business expenses must be submitted with all requests for payment. Business expenses that require receipts include, but are not limited to express mail; delivery services; messenger services; and outside printing.
 - o Office Expenses: If applicable, requests for reimbursement of office expenses must be submitted with a description of the task, which includes how the expense was incurred. Examples of office expenses needing documentation include, but are not limited to telephone; internal printing /copies (not to exceed 0.15 cents per page for black & white copies); postage; facsimiles (long distance charges only); and supplies.
 - o Travel Expenses: If applicable, travel expenses must be approved in advance by the City and must be included in the Fee Schedule. Contractor will be held to comply with City of Phoenix Administrative Regulation 3.41 – Business, Conference and Training Travel and Related Expenses, revised January 16, 2015, as it may be amended, as to the eligible and ineligible expenses for reimbursement and required

documentation as available on the City's website and incorporated herein as if attached.

2.4. Exhibit B - Fee Schedule

REQUIRED SUBMITTALS FOR SCOPE OF WORK

- A. **COPIES:** Offers must be submitted electronically via email and the following information should be noted on the subject line:
- Solicitation Number
 - Solicitation Title
 - Electronic Offers must be in possession of the Department on or prior to the exact time and date indicated in the Schedule of Events. Late offers will not be considered. The prevailing clock will be the email arrival time.
 - Please submit your bid electronically via email to hsdprocurement@phoenix.gov. The date and time on the email will provide proof of submission and verification if the bid was received on or prior to the Due Date and Time.

Please enter the solicitation number on the subject line of the email when submitting your bid. Indicate in the body of the email that you are submitting a response to the solicitation. All offers must be completed in ink or typewritten. Include the number of copies that are required as indicated in the Submittal section. **Please submit only the Submittal Section, do not submit a copy of the entire solicitation document.** This offer will remain in effect for a period of 180 calendar days from the bid opening date and is irrevocable unless it is in the City's best interest to do so.

2. **EVALUATION CRITERIA:** In accordance with Administrative Regulation 3.10, Competitive Sealed Proposal(s), awards shall be made to the responsible Offeror whose proposal is determined in writing to be the most advantageous to the City based upon the evaluation criteria. The evaluation criteria are listed below along with the possible points assigned to each. Additional information for each criteria is provided below.

2.1	Service Methodology	500 Points
2.2	Cost and Fiscal Ability	200 Points
2.3	Organizational Capacity	200 Points
2.4	Implementation Plan	<u>100 Points</u>
	TOTAL AVAILABLE POINTS:	1,000 Points

3. OFFER SUBMITTAL FORMAT: The written offer must be signed by an individual authorized to bind Offeror and should provide the name, title, e-mail address and telephone number of individuals with authority to contractually bind the company and who may be contacted during the evaluation period. Offers should be:

- Typewritten for ease of evaluation;
- Submitted in a binder, preferably using double-sided copying and at least 30% post consumer content paper;
- Signed by an authorized representative of the Offeror;
- Submitted with contact information for the individual(s) authorized to negotiate with the City;
- Submitted with a table of contents and tabbed according to the following major sections:

Tab 1: Service Methodology

Tab 2: Cost and Fiscal Ability –

Attachment 1 - Itemized Service Budget

Attachment 2 - Budget Narrative

Attachment 3 - Fiscal Ability Questionnaire

Tab 3: Organizational Capacity

Tab 4: Implementation Plan

Tab 5: Other Required Submittals

Tab 6: Optional Additional Information; i.e., brochures company information, etc.

Tab 7: Signed Solicitation Addenda

4. PROPOSAL CONTENT: The proposal shall include the following information and must be submitted in the following sequence. If the Offeror is submitting a proposal for one Scope of Work in this solicitation.

4.1 **Service Methodology** (Tab 1)

4.1.1 Provide a description of the service the Offeror proposes to provide as defined in the respective Scope of Work in this solicitation. Include who will be responsible for performing the requirements as described in the Scope of Work and how it will be performed.

4.1.2 Describe the process for ensuring the identified populations have immediate access to the identified services.

- 4.1.3 Submit a current organizational chart that indicates specific position titles and sets forth lines of authority, responsibility, and communication in accordance with policies established by the governing body or management. The chart should accurately reflect the existing positions performing the proposed service and any new positions the Offeror is proposing specific to this solicitation.
- 4.1.4 Submit a current job description for each key position delivering service described in the Scope of Work. Job Description(s) should include at a minimum:
- Job title
 - Minimum qualifications for education, training, and experience
 - Duties and responsibilities
 - Resumes for position which are filled
- 4.1.5 Provide a description of how performance will be monitored. Suggested measures might include timeliness of service delivery; rates at which participants are connected to housing and services; participant satisfaction with services; basic workload measures; and staff communication regarding the service delivery to partnering providers.
- 4.1.6 Describe how front-line staff will be supervised and supported in their roles. Include the reporting relationship and level of expertise of the supervisor, and method and frequency of communication.
- 4.2 **Cost and Fiscal Ability** (Tab 2)
- 4.2.1 Submit a complete and accurate Itemized Service Budget (Attachment 1) for the proposed service(s). Indirect cost rates must comply with the regulations applicable to the funding source. Offeror must propose a Total Cost per Person Served by dividing the number of people to be served in the Offeror's proposal by the Total Service Cost identified on the Itemized Service Budget. (100 Points)
- 4.2.2 Submit a Budget Narrative (Attachment 2) describing each itemized expense in the order it appears in the Itemized Service Budget. (40 Points)
- 4.2.3 Complete and submit the Fiscal Ability Questionnaire (Attachment 3). (30 Points)
- 4.2.4 Submit a copy of the Offeror's most recent annual audited financial statements. If the most recent audit has identified any findings, provide documentation of your organization's corrective action plan. If there are any findings that have not been

addressed, state what the findings are and the proposed date to correct. If audited financial statements do not exist, please provide reviewed financial statements or the last two (2) quarters of unaudited, unreviewed financial statements. (30 Points)

4.3 **Organizational Capacity** (Tab 3)

4.3.1 Submit a brief summary of your organization, including the Mission Statement and experience in providing the proposed service. Include the number of years in providing the proposed service as it relates to the requirements in the Scope of Work for which the Offeror is proposing.

4.3.2 Describe outcomes achieved serving the specific population Offeror is proposing to serve.

4.4 **Implementation Plan** (Tab 4)

Provide a detailed implementation plan and timeline demonstrating the Offeror's ability to execute a realistic implementation process for the proposed service. Plan should include a date for services to begin of July 1, 2024.

5. **COSTS AND PAYMENTS:**

5.1 **PAYMENT TERMS & OPTIONS:** Vendors must choose an option, if a box is not checked, the City will default to 0% - net 45 days:

- Contractor offers a prompt payment discount of either _____% - 30 days or 0% – 45 days - to apply after receipt of invoice or final acceptance of the products (invoice approval), whichever date is later, starts the 30 days. If no prompt payment discount is offered, the default is 0%, net 45 days; effective after receipt of invoice or final acceptance of the products, whichever is later. **Payment terms offering a discount will not be considered in the price evaluation of your offer.**
- Contractor may be paid immediately upon invoice approval, if enrollment is made to the Single Use Account (SUA) Program, administered by the City's servicing bank ("Bank"). By checking this box, the vendor accepts transaction costs charged by their merchant bank and agrees not to transfer to the City those extra charges. The City will not pay an increase in our services for the SUA charges; if an audit uncovers an upcharge for the SUA charges the vendor will owe the City all costs. The vendor may opt-out of the SUA program once, but then may not rejoin during the same contract term.

2.7. Standard Terms and Conditions

2.7.1. Definition of Key Words Used in the Solicitation

Shall, Will, Must: Indicates a mandatory requirement. Failure to meet these mandatory requirements may result in the rejection of Offer as non-responsive.

Should: Indicates something that is recommended but not mandatory. If the Offeror fails to provide recommended information, the City may, at its sole option, ask the Offeror to provide the information or evaluate the Offer without the information.

May: Indicates something that is not mandatory but permissible.

For purposes of this solicitation, the following definitions will apply:

"A.R.S." Arizona Revised Statute

"Buyer" or "Procurement Officer" City of Phoenix staff person responsible for the solicitation. The City employee or employees who have specifically been designated to act as a contact person or persons to the Contractor, and responsible for monitoring and overseeing the Contractor's performance under this contract.

"City" The City of Phoenix

"Contractor" The individual, partnership, or corporation who, as a result of the competitive process, is awarded a contract by the City of Phoenix.

"Contract" or "Agreement" The legal agreement executed between the City of Phoenix, AZ and the Contractor.

"Days" Means calendar days unless otherwise specified.

"Chief Procurement Officer" The contracting authority for the City of Phoenix, AZ, authorized to sign contracts and amendments thereto on behalf of the City of Phoenix, AZ.

"Employer" Any individual or type of organization that transacts business in this state, that has a license issued by an agency in this state and employs one or more employees in this state. Employer includes this state, any political subdivision of this state and self-employed persons. In the case of an independent contractor, employer means the independent contractor and does not mean the person or organization that uses contract labor. (A.R.S. 23-211).

"Offer" Means a response from a Supplier, Contractor, or Service Provider to a solicitation request that, if awarded, binds the Supplier, Contractor, or Service Provider to perform in accordance with the contract. Same as bid, proposal, quotation or tender.

"Offeror" Any Vendor, Seller or Supplier submitting a competitive offer in response to a solicitation from the City. Same as Bidder or Proposer.

"Solicitation" Means an Invitation for Bid (IFB), Request for Proposal (RFP), Request for Quotations (RFQ), Request for Qualifications (RFQu) and request for sealed Offers, or any

other type of formal procurement which the City makes public through advertising, mailings, or some other method of communication. It is the process by which the City seeks information, proposals, Offers, or quotes from suppliers.

“Suppliers” Firms, entities or individuals furnishing goods or services to the City.

“Vendor or Seller” A seller of goods or services.

2.7.2. Contract Interpretation

- A. **Applicable Law:** This Contract will be governed by the law of the State of Arizona, and suits pertaining to this Contract will be brought only in Federal or State courts in Maricopa County, State of Arizona.
- B. **Contract Order of Precedence:** In the event of a conflict in the provisions of the Contract, as accepted by the City and as they may be amended, the following will prevail in the order set forth below:
 - 1. Federal terms and conditions, if any
 - 2. Special terms and conditions
 - 3. Standard terms and conditions
 - 4. Amendments
 - 5. Statement or scope of work
 - 6. Specifications
 - 7. Attachments
 - 8. Exhibits
 - 9. Instructions to Contractors
 - 10. Other documents referenced or included in the Solicitation
- C. **Organization – Employment Disclaimer:** The Agreement resulting hereunder is not intended to constitute, create, give rise to or otherwise recognize a joint venture agreement or relationship, partnership or formal business organization of any kind, and the rights and obligations of the parties will be only those expressly set forth in the agreement. The parties agree that no persons supplied by the Contractor in the performance of Contractor’s obligations under the agreement are considered to be City’s employees and that no rights of City civil service, retirement or personnel rules accrue to such persons. The Contractor will have total responsibility for all salaries, wage bonuses, retirement, withholdings, workmen’s compensation, occupational disease compensation, unemployment compensation, other employee benefits and all taxes and premiums appurtenant thereto concerning such persons, and will save and hold the City harmless with respect thereto.

- D. **Severability:** The provisions of this Contract are severable to the extent that any provision or application held to be invalid will not affect any other provision or application of the contract which may remain in effect without the invalid provision or application.
- E. **Non-Waiver of Liability:** The City of Phoenix as a public entity supported by tax monies, in execution of its public trust, cannot agree to waive any lawful or legitimate right to recover monies lawfully due it. Therefore, any Contractor agrees that it will not insist upon or demand any statement whereby the City agrees to limit in advance or waive any right the City might have to recover actual lawful damages in any court of law under applicable Arizona law.
- F. **Parol Evidence:** This Agreement is intended by the parties as a final expression of their agreement and is intended also as a complete and exclusive statement of the terms of this agreement. No course of prior dealings between the parties and no usage in the trade will be relevant to supplement or explain any term used in this Contract. Acceptance or acquiescence in a course of performance rendered under this contract will not be relevant to determine the meaning of this Contract even though the accepting or acquiescing party has knowledge of the nature of the performance and opportunity to object.

2.7.3. *Contract Administration and Operation*

- A. **Records:** All books, accounts, reports, files and other records relating to the contract will be subject at all reasonable times to inspection and audit by the City for five years after completion of the contract. Such records will be produced at a City of Phoenix office as designated by the City. Confidentiality will be maintained, and City will not violate any proprietary or other confidentiality agreements Contractor has in place.
- B. **Discrimination Prohibited:** Contractor agrees to abide by the provisions of the Phoenix City Code Chapter 18, Article V as amended. Any Contractor, in performing under this contract, will not discriminate against any worker, employee or applicant, or any member of the public, because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability nor otherwise commit an unfair employment practice. The supplier and/or lessee will take action to ensure that applicants are employed, and employees are dealt with during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, age or disability and adhere to a policy to pay equal compensation to men and women who perform jobs that require substantially equal skill, effort and responsibility, and that are performed within the same establishment under similar working conditions. Such action will include but not be limited to the following: Employment, promotion, 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 supplier further agrees that this clause will be incorporated in all subcontracts with all labor organizations furnishing skilled, unskilled and union labor, or who may perform any such labor or services in connection with this contract. Contractor further agrees that this

clause will be incorporated in all subcontracts, job-contractor agreements or subleases of this agreement entered into by supplier/lessee.

C. **Equal Employment Opportunity and Pay:** In order to do business with the City, Contractor must comply with Phoenix City Code, 1969, Chapter 18, Article V, as amended, Equal Employment Opportunity Requirements. Contractor will direct any questions in regard to these requirements to the Equal Opportunity Department, (602) 262-6790.

1. **For a Contractor with 35 employees or fewer:** Contractor in performing under this Agreement shall not discriminate against any worker, employee or applicant, or any member of the public, because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability, nor otherwise commit an unfair employment practice. The Contractor will ensure that applicants are employed, and employees are dealt with during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability. Such action shall include but not be limited to the following: employment, promotion, 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 further agrees that this clause will be incorporated in all subcontracts related to this Agreement that involve furnishing skilled, unskilled and union labor, or who may perform any such labor or services in connection with this Agreement. Contractor further agrees that this clause will be incorporated in all subcontracts, Contractor agreements or subleases of this agreement entered into by supplier/lessee.
2. **For a Contractor with more than 35 employees:** Contractor in performing under this Agreement shall not discriminate against any worker, employee or applicant, or any member of the public, because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability, nor otherwise commit an unfair employment practice. The Contractor will ensure that applicants are employed, and employees are dealt with during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability, and shall adhere to a policy to pay equal compensation to men and women who perform jobs that require substantially equal skill, effort, and responsibility, and that are performed within the same establishment under similar working conditions. Such action shall include but not be limited to the following: employment, promotion, 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 further agrees that this clause will be incorporated in all subcontracts with all labor organizations furnishing skilled, unskilled and union labor, or who may perform any such labor or services in connection with this contract. Contractor further agrees that this clause will be incorporated in all subcontracts, job-Contractor agreements or subleases of this Agreement entered into by supplier/lessee. The Contractor further agrees not to discriminate against any worker, employee or applicant, or any member of the public, because of sexual

orientation or gender identity or expression and shall ensure that applicants are employed, and employees are dealt with during employment without regard to their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

3. **Documentation:** Suppliers and lessees may be required to provide additional documentation to the Equal Opportunity Department affirming that a nondiscriminatory policy is being utilized.
4. **Monitoring:** The Equal Opportunity Department shall monitor the employment policies and practices of suppliers and lessees subject to this article as deemed necessary. The Equal Opportunity Department is authorized to conduct on-site compliance reviews of selected firms, which may include an audit of personnel and payroll records, if necessary.

D. **Legal Worker Requirements:** The City of Phoenix is prohibited by A.R.S. § 41-4401 from awarding a contract to any Contractor who fails, or whose subcontractors fail, to comply with A.R.S. § 23-214(A). Therefore, Contractor agrees that:

1. Contractor and each subcontractor it uses warrants their compliance with all federal immigration laws and regulations that relate to their employees and their compliance with A.R.S. § 23-214, subsection A.
2. A breach of a warranty under paragraph 1 will be deemed a material breach of the contract that is subject to penalties up to and including termination of the contract.
3. The City of Phoenix retains the legal right to inspect the papers of any Contractor or subcontractor employee who works on the contract to ensure that the Contractor or subcontractor is complying with the warranty under paragraph 1.

E. **Health, Environmental, and Safety Requirements:** The Contractor's products, services and facilities will be in full compliance with all applicable Federal, State and local health, environmental and safety laws, regulations, standards, codes and ordinances, regardless of whether or not they are referred to by the City. At the request of City representatives, the Contractor will provide the City:

1. Environmental, safety and health regulatory compliance documents (written safety programs, training records, permits, etc.) applicable to services provided by the Contractor in this contract.
2. A list of all federal, state, or local (EPA, OSHA, Maricopa County, etc.) citations or notice of violations issued against their firm or their subcontractors including dates, reasons, dispositions and resolutions.
3. The City will have the right, but not the obligation to inspect the facilities, transportation vehicles or vessels, containers and disposal facilities provided by the Contractor or subcontractor. The City will also have the right to inspect operations conducted by the Contractor or subcontractor in the performance of this agreement.

The City further reserves the right to make unannounced inspections of the Contractor's facilities (during normal business hours).

- F. **Compliance with Laws:** Contractor agrees to fully observe and comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, regulations, standards, codes and ordinances when performing under this Contract regardless of whether they are being referred to by the City. Contractor agrees to permit City inspection of Contractor's business records, including personnel records to verify any such compliance. Because the contractor will be acting as an independent contractor, the City assumes no responsibility for the Contractor's acts.
- G. **Lawful Presence Requirement:** Pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 1-501 and -502, the City of Phoenix is prohibited from awarding a contract to any natural person who cannot establish that he or she is lawfully present in the United States. In order to establish lawful presence, this person must produce qualifying identification and sign a City-provided affidavit affirming that the identification provided is genuine. This requirement will be imposed at the time of contract award. In the event the prevailing responder is unable to satisfy this requirement, the City will offer the award to the next-highest scoring responder. The law does not apply to fictitious entities such as corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies.
- H. **Continuation During Disputes:** Contractor agrees that notwithstanding the existence of any dispute between the parties, insofar as is possible, under the terms of the contract, the Contractor will continue to perform the obligations required of Contractor during the continuation of any such dispute unless enjoined or prohibited by an Arizona Court of competent jurisdiction.
- I. **Emergency Purchases:** The City reserves the right to purchase from other sources those items which are required on an emergency basis and cannot be supplied immediately from stock by the Contractor.

2.7.4. *Costs and Payments*

- A. City will pay any sales or use taxes resulting from this Agreement. Consultant shall be solely responsible for payment of taxes based on Consultant's income. Consultant agrees that on all billings, invoices, books and records relating to this Agreement, Consultant will state the charges imposed for the sale, transfer and licensing of tangible personal property separately from charges imposed for professional, personal and technological services including, but not limited to, software installation, modification, training, consulting and technical telephone support.
- B. **Invoices.** Consultant shall submit invoices in arrears, on every other week basis. Each invoice will clearly note any Purchase Order number and be accompanied with itemized receipts which include approved timesheets. The invoice will be submitted free of mathematical errors and/or missing supporting documentation. All appropriate documentation supporting the charges reflected in the invoice will be provided with the

invoice. Upon finding of an error and/or missing documentation, the City may return the invoice to the Consultant. Consultant will promptly resubmit the revised invoice to the City. Each revised invoice will document the date that the revised invoice is submitted to the City. Requests for payment must be submitted with documentation of dates and hours worked, hourly rate charged, and a detailed description of the Services performed. Oversight by the City in identifying an error does not result in waiver of any of the City's rights. All properly submitted invoices will be paid promptly after the City's receipt of the invoice.

- C. **Commencement of Work.** The Consultant is cautioned not to commence any billable work or provide any material or service under this Agreement until Consultant receives a fully executed contract document or otherwise directed to do so, in writing by the City.
- D. **Late Submission of Claim by Contactor.** The City will not honor any invoices or claims which are tendered one (1) year after the last item of the account accrued.
- E. **No Advance Payments.** Advance payments are not authorized. Payment will be made only for actual services or commodities that have been received.
- F. **Fund appropriation Contingency.** The Consultant recognizes that this Agreement shall commence upon the day first provided and continue in full force and effect until termination in accordance with its provisions. The Consultant and the City herein recognize that the continuation of any Agreement after the close of any given fiscal year of the City of Phoenix, which fiscal year ends on June 30 of each year, shall be subject to the approval of the budget of the City of Phoenix providing for or covering such contract item as an expenditure therein. The City does not represent that said budget item will be actually adopted, said determination being the determination of the City Council at the time of the adoption of the budget.
- G. **IRS W9 Form.** In order to receive payment, the Consultant shall have a current IRS W-9 form on file with the City of Phoenix. The form can be downloaded at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>

2.7.5. *Contract Changes*

- A. **Contract Amendments:** Contracts will be modified only by a written contract amendment signed by persons duly authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of the Contractor. No verbal agreement or conversation with any officer, agent, or employee of the City either before or after execution of the contract, will affect or modify any of the terms or obligations contained or to be contained in the contract. Any such verbal agreements or conversation shall be considered as unofficial information and in no way binding upon the City or the Contractor. All agreements shall be in writing and contract changes shall be by written amendment signed by both parties.
- B. **Assignment - Delegation:** No right or interest in this contract nor monies due hereunder will be assigned in whole or in part without written permission of the City, and no delegation of any duty of Contractor will be made without prior written permission of

the City, which may be withheld for good cause. Any assignment or delegation made in violation of this section will be void.

- C. **Non-Exclusive Contract:** Any contract resulting from this solicitation will be awarded with the understanding and agreement that it is for the sole convenience of the City. The City reserves the right to obtain like goods or services from another source when necessary.

2.7.6. *Risk of Loss and Liability*

- A. **Title and Risk of Loss:** The title and risk of loss of material or service will not pass to the City until the City actually receives the material or service at the point of delivery; and such loss, injury, or destruction will not release seller from any obligation hereunder.
- B. **Acceptance:** All material or service is subject to final inspection and acceptance by the City. Material or service failing to conform to the specifications of this contract will be held at Contractor's risk and may be returned to the Contractor. If so returned, all costs are the responsibility of the Contractor. Noncompliance will conform to the cancellation clause set forth in this document.
- C. **Force Majeure:** Except for payment of sums due, neither party will be liable to the other nor deemed in default under this contract if and to the extent that such party's performance of this contract is prevented by reason of force majeure. The term "force majeure" means an occurrence that is beyond the control of the party affected and occurs without its fault or negligence. Force majeure will not include late performance by a subcontractor unless the delay arises out of a force majeure occurrence in accordance with this force majeure term and condition. If either party is delayed at any time in the progress of the work by force majeure, the delayed party will notify the other party in writing of such delay, as soon as is practical, of the commencement thereof and will specify the causes of such delay in such notice. Such notice will be hand-delivered or mailed certified-return receipt and will make a specific reference to this provision, thereby invoking its provisions. The delayed party will cause such delay to cease as soon as practicable and will notify the other party in writing when it has done so. The time of completion will be extended by contract modification for a period of time equal to the time that results or effects of such delay prevent the delayed party from performing in accordance with this contract.
- D. **Loss of Materials:** The City does not assume any responsibility, at any time, for the protection of or for loss of materials, from the time that the contract operations have commenced until the final acceptance of the work by the City.
- E. **Contract Performance:** Contractor will furnish all necessary labor, tools, equipment, and supplies to perform the required services at the City facilities designated, unless otherwise specifically addressed in the scope, or elsewhere in this Agreement. The City's authorized representative will decide all questions which may arise as to the quality and acceptability of any work performed under the contract. If, in the opinion of

the City's authorized representative, performance becomes unsatisfactory, the City will notify the Contractor. The Contractor will have 30 days from that time to correct any specific instances of unsatisfactory performance, unless a different amount of time is specified in the agreement. In the event the unsatisfactory performance is not corrected within the time specified, the City will have the immediate right to complete the work to its satisfaction and will deduct the cost to cover from any balances due or to become due the Contractor. Repeated incidences of unsatisfactory performance may result in cancellation of the agreement for default.

- F. **Damage to City Property:** Contractor will perform all work so that no damage to the building or grounds results. Contractor will repair any damage caused to the satisfaction of the City at no cost to the City. Contractor will take care to avoid damage to adjacent finished materials that are to remain. If finished materials are damaged, Contractor will repair and finish to match existing material as approved by the City at Contractor's expense.

2.7.7. City's Contractual Rights

Whenever one party to this contract in good faith has reason to question the other party's intent to perform, the former party may demand that the other party give a written assurance of this intent to perform. In the event that a demand is made and no written assurance is given within five days, the demanding party may treat this failure as an anticipatory repudiation of this contract.

- A. **Non-Exclusive Remedies:** The rights and remedies of the City under this Contract are non-exclusive.
- B. **Default:** In case of default by the Contractor, the City may, by written notice, cancel this contract and repurchase from another source and may recover the excess costs by (1) deduction from an unpaid balance due; (2) collection against the Solicitation and/or Performance Bond, or (3) a combination of the aforementioned remedies or other remedies as provided by law.
- C. **Covenant Against Contingent Fees:** Seller warrants that no person or selling agent has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employers or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the seller for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty, the City will have the right to annul the contract without liability or in its discretion to deduct from the contract price a consideration, or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, brokerage or contingent fee.
- D. **Cost Justification:** In the event only one response is received, the City may require that the Contractor submit a cost proposal in sufficient detail for the City to perform a cost/price analysis to determine if the Offer price is fair and reasonable.

- E. **Work Product, Equipment, and Materials:** All work product, equipment, or materials created or purchased under this contract belongs to the City and must be delivered to the City at City's request upon termination of this contract. Contractor agrees to assign to City all rights and interests Contractor may have in materials prepared under this contract that are "works for hire" within the meaning of the copyright laws of the United States, including any right to derivative use of the material.

2.7.8. *Contract Termination*

- A. **Gratuities:** The City may, by written notice to the Contractor, cancel this contract if it is found that gratuities, in the form of entertainment, gifts or otherwise, were offered or given by the Contractor or any agent or representative of the Contractor, to any officer or employee of the City making any determinations with respect to the performing of such contract. In the event this contract is canceled by the City pursuant to this provision, the City will be entitled, in addition to any other rights and remedies, to recover or withhold from the Contractor the amount of the gratuity.

B. **Conditions and Causes for Termination:**

1. This contract may be terminated at any time by mutual written consent, or by the City, with or without cause, upon giving thirty-day written notice to Contractor. The City at its convenience, by written notice, may terminate this contract, in whole or in part. If this contract is terminated, the City will be liable only for payment under the payment provisions of this contract for services rendered and accepted material received by the City before the effective date of termination. Title to all materials, work-in-process and completed but undeliverable goods, will pass to the City after costs are claimed and allowed. The Seller will submit detailed cost claims in an acceptable manner and will permit the City to examine such books and records as may be necessary in order to verify the reasonableness of any claims.
2. The City reserves the right to cancel the whole or any part of this contract due to failure of Contractor to carry out any term, promise, or condition of the contract. The City will issue a written notice of default to Contractor for acting or failing to act as in any of the following:
 - In the opinion of the City, Contractor provides personnel who do not meet the requirements of the contract;
 - In the opinion of the City, Contractor fails to perform adequately the stipulations, conditions or services/specifications required in this contract;
 - In the opinion of the City, Contractor attempts to impose on the City personnel or materials, products or workmanship, which is of an unacceptable quality;
 - Contractor fails to furnish the required service and/or product within the time stipulated in the contract;

- In the opinion of the City, Contractor fails to make progress in the performance of the requirements of the contract and/or gives the City a positive indication that Contractor will not or cannot perform to the requirements of the contract.

C. **Contract Cancellation:** All parties acknowledge that this contract is subject to cancellation by the City of Phoenix pursuant to the provision of Section 38-511, Arizona Revised Statutes.

2.7.9. Notice

Any notice, consent or other communication (“Notice”) required or permitted under this Agreement will be in writing and either: (1) delivered in person; (2) sent via e-mail, return receipt requested; (3) sent via facsimile transmission; (4) deposited with any commercial air courier or express delivery service; or (5) deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid.

If to Contractor:

If to City:

2.7.10. State and Local Transaction Privilege Taxes

In accordance with applicable state and local law, transaction privilege taxes may be applicable to this transaction. The state and local transaction privilege (sales) tax burden and legal liability to remit taxes are on the Contractor that is conducting business in Arizona and the City of Phoenix. Any failure by the Contractor to collect applicable taxes from the City will not relieve the Contractor from its obligation to remit taxes. It is the responsibility of the prospective bidder to determine any applicable taxes. The City will look at the price or offer submitted and will not deduct, add or alter pricing based on speculation or application of any taxes, nor will the City provide advice or guidance. If you have questions regarding your tax liability, please seek advice from a tax professional prior to submitting your Offer. You may also find information at <https://www.phoenix.gov/finance/plt> or <https://www.azdor.gov/Business>. Once your Offer is submitted, the Offer is valid for the time specified in this Solicitation, regardless of mistake or omission of tax liability. If the City finds over payment of a project due to tax consideration that was not due, the Contractor will be liable to the City for that amount, and by contracting with the City, the Contractor agrees to remit any overpayments back to the City for miscalculations on taxes included in an offer price.

2.7.11. Tax Indemnification

Contractor will pay all federal, state and local taxes applicable to its operation and any persons employed by the Contractor, and require the same of all subcontractors. Contractor will hold the City harmless from any responsibility for taxes, damages and interest, if applicable, contributions required under federal, and/or state and local laws and regulations and any other costs including transaction privilege taxes, unemployment compensation insurance, Social Security and Worker's Compensation, and require the same of all subcontractors.

2.7.12. Tax Responsibility Qualification

Contractor may be required to establish, to the satisfaction of City, that any and all fees and taxes due to the City or the State of Arizona for any License or Transaction Privilege taxes, Use Taxes or similar excise taxes, are currently paid (except for matters under legal protest).

Contractor agrees to a waiver of the confidentiality provisions contained in the City Finance Code and any similar confidentiality provisions contained in Arizona statutes relative to State Transaction Privilege Taxes or Use Taxes. Contractor agrees to provide written authorization to the City Finance Department and to the Arizona State Department of Revenue to release tax information relative to Arizona Transaction Privilege Taxes or Arizona Use Taxes in order to assist the Department in evaluating Contractor's qualifications for and compliance with contract for duration of the term of contract.

2.7.13. *No Israel Boycott*

If this Contract is valued at \$100,000 or more and requires Contractor (a company engaging in for-profit activity and having ten or more full-time employees) to acquire or dispose of services, supplies, information technology, or construction, then Contractor must certify and agree that it does not and will not boycott goods or services from Israel, pursuant to Title 35, Chapter 2, Article 9 of the Arizona Revised Statutes. Provided that these statutory requirements are applicable, Contractor by entering this Contract now certifies that it is not currently engaged in, and agrees for the duration of the Contract to not engage in, a boycott of goods or services from Israel.

2.7.14. *No Forced Labor of Ethnic Uyghurs*

If this Contract requires Contractor (a company engaging in for-profit activity and having ten or more full-time employees) to acquire or dispose of services, supplies, information technology, goods, or construction, then pursuant to Title 35, Chapter 2, Article 10 of the Arizona Revised Statutes Contractor must certify and agree that it and any contractors, subcontractors, or suppliers it utilizes do not and will not use the forced labor of ethnic Uyghurs in the People's Republic of China or any goods or services produced by such forced labor. Provided these statutory requirements are applicable, Contractor, by entering this Contract, now certifies it is not currently engaged in, and agrees for the duration of the Contract to not engage in, (a) the use of forced labor of ethnic Uyghurs in the People's Republic of China; (b) the use of any goods or services produced by the forced labor of ethnic Uyghurs in the People's Republic of China; or (c) the use of any contractors, subcontractors, or suppliers that use the forced labor or any goods or services produced by the forced labor of ethnic Uyghurs in the People's Republic of China.

2.7.15. *Advertising*

Except as required by law, Contractor shall not publish, release, disclose or announce to any member of the public, press, official body, or any other third party any information or documents concerning this Agreement or any part thereof without the prior written consent of the City. The name of any City site on which services are performed by the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement shall not be used in any advertising or other promotional context by Contractor without the prior written consent of the City.

2.7.16. *Strict Performance*

Failure of either party to insist upon the strict performance of any item or condition of the contract or to exercise or delay the exercise of any right or remedy provided in the contract, or by law, or the acceptance of materials or services, obligations imposed by this contract, or by law, will not be deemed a waiver of any right of either party to insist upon the strict performance of the contract.

2.7.17. *Authorized Changes*

The City reserves the right at any time to make changes in any one or more of the following: (a) specifications; (b) methods of shipment or packing; (c) place of delivery; (d) time of delivery; and/or (e) quantities. If the change causes an increase or decrease in the cost of or the time required for performance, an equitable adjustment may be made in the price or delivery schedule, or both. Any claim for adjustment will be deemed waived unless asserted in writing within sixty days from the receipt of the change. Price increases or extensions of delivery time will not be binding on the City unless evidenced in writing and approved by the Chief Procurement Officer prior to the institution of the change.

2.7.18. *Claims or Demands Against the City*

- A. Contractor acknowledges and accepts the provisions of Chapter 18, Section 14 of the Charter of the City of Phoenix, pertaining to claims or demands against the City, including provisions therein for set-off of indebtedness to the City against demands on the City, and Contractor agrees to adhere to the prescribed procedure for presentation of claims and demands. Nothing in Chapter 18, Section 14 of the Charter of the City of Phoenix alters, amends or modifies the supplemental and complementary requirements of the State of Arizona Notice of Claim statutes, Arizona Revised Statutes §§ 12-821 and 12-821.01, pertaining to claims or demands against the City. If for any reason it is determined that the City Charter and state law conflict, then state law will control.
- B. Moreover, nothing in this Agreement will constitute a dispute resolution process, an administrative claims process, or contractual term as used in Arizona Revised Statutes § 12-821.01(C), sufficient to affect the date on which the cause of action accrues within Arizona Revised Statutes § 12-821.01(A) and (B).

2.7.19. *Entire Agreement*

This Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior written and oral agreements, understandings, discussions, proposals, negotiations, communications, representations, and correspondence related to this Contract. The parties are not bound by any obligation not provided for in this Contract. Contractor certifies that it was not induced to enter into this Contract by any misrepresentation, undue influence, or coercion by the City or any of its officers, officials, agents, or employees. The Exhibits attached to this Contract are material parts of this Contract and are incorporated herein by this reference.

2.8. Special Terms and Conditions

2.8.1. *Term of Contract*

The term of this Contract will commence on or about July 1, 2024 and will continue for a period of three (3) years This Contract includes two **(2) one-year options** to extend the term, for an aggregate **five (5) years**, which may be exercised by the sole discretion of the City.

2.8.2. *Background Screening*

Contractor agrees that all Contractor and subcontractors' workers (collectively "Contract Worker(s)") pursuant to this Agreement will be subject to background and security checks and screening (collectively "Background Screening") at Contractor's sole cost and expense, unless otherwise provided for in the scope of work. Contractor's background screening will comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations. Contractor further agrees that the background screening is necessary to preserve and protect the public health, safety and welfare. The City requires a completed Contract Worker Badge/Key/Intrusion Detection Responsibilities Agreement for each Contract Worker who requires a badge or key.

2.8.3. *Background Screening Risk Level*

The City has established two levels of risk: Standard and Maximum risk. If the scope of work changes, the City may amend the level of risk, which could require the Contractor to incur additional contract costs to obtain background screens or badges.

2.8.4. *Terms of This Section Applicable to all Contractor's Contracts and Subcontracts*

Contractor will include Contract Worker background screening in all contracts and subcontracts for services furnished under this agreement.

2.8.5. *Materiality of Background Screening Requirements; Indemnity*

The background screening requirements are material to City's entry into this agreement and any breach of these provisions will be deemed a material breach of this contract. In addition to the indemnity provisions set forth in this agreement, Contractor will defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City for all claims arising out of this background screening section including, but not limited to, the disqualifications of a Contract Worker by Contractor. The background screening requirements are the minimum requirements for the Agreement. The City in no way warrants that these minimum requirements are sufficient to protect Contractor from any liabilities that may arise out of the Contractor's services under this Agreement or Contractor's failure to comply with this section. Therefore, Contractor and its Contract Workers will take any reasonable, prudent and necessary measures to preserve and protect public health, safety and welfare when providing services under this Agreement.

2.8.6. *Continuing Duty; Audit*

Contractor's obligations and requirements will continue throughout the entire term of this Agreement. Contractor will maintain all records and documents related to all background screenings and the City reserves the right to audit Contractor's records.

2.8.7. Variances and Exemptions

Contract Workers who fall under the following areas may be considered exempt from this policy:

- Federal Homeland Defense Bureau.
- Transportation Security Administration.
- Federal Aviation Administration.
- Department of Public Safety (DPS) Administration – presenting a current Level One Department of Public Safety fingerprint card.
- Arizona or other State Bars.
- Other background checks performed within the last three to five years may be approved if they fit all required criteria herein, at the City's discretion.

2.8.8. Background Screening – Maximum Risk

- A. **Determined Risk Level:** The current risk level and background screening required is MAXIMUM RISK
- B. **Maximum Risk Level:** A maximum risk background screening will be performed every **five** years when the Contract Worker's work assignment will:
 1. work directly with vulnerable adults or children, (under age 18); or
 2. any responsibility for the receipt of payment of City funds or control of inventories, assets, or records that are at risk of misappropriation; or
 3. unescorted access to:
 - a. City data centers, money rooms, high-value equipment rooms; or
 - b. unescorted access to private residences; or
 - c. access to critical infrastructure sites/facilities; or
 - d. direct or remote access to Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) infrastructure.
- C. **Requirements:** The background screening for maximum risk level will include a background check for real identity/legal name and will include felony and misdemeanor records from any county in the United States, the State of Arizona, plus any other jurisdiction where the Contractor worker has lived at any time in the preceding seven years from the Contract Worker's proposed date of hire. In addition, Maximum screening

levels may require additional checks as included herein, depending on the scope of work, and may be amended if the scope of work changes.

2.8.9. Contractor Certification; City Approval of Maximum Risk Background Screening

Unless otherwise provided for in the Scope of Work, Contractor will be responsible for

- A. determining whether Contract Worker(s) are disqualified from performing work for the City for maximum risk level background checks; and,
- B. submitting pass/fail results to the City for approval; and,
- C. reviewing the results of the background check every three to five years, dependent on scope; and,
- D. to engage in whatever due diligence is necessary to make the decision on whether to disqualify a Contract Worker; and,
- E. Submitting the list of qualified Contract Workers to the contracting department; and,
- F. If, upon review of the background information, the City will advise the Contractor if it believes a Contract Worker should be disqualified. The Contractor will evaluate the Contract Worker and if the Contractor believes that there are extenuating circumstances that suggest that the person should not be disqualified, the Contractor will discuss those circumstances with the contracting department. The contracting department decision on disqualification of a Contract Worker is final.
- G. For sole proprietors, the Contractor must comply with the background check for himself and any business partners, or members or employees who will assist on the contract and for whom the requirements of the Agreement apply.
- H. By executing this agreement, Contractor certifies and warrants that Contractor has read the background screening requirements and criteria in this section, and that all background screening information furnished to the City is accurate and current.
- I. The City final documented decision will be an “approve” or “deny” for identified Contract Workers.
- J. The City will not keep records related to background checks once they are confirmed. Information to verify the results will be returned to the Contractor, or any contracted agency that assists with review, after the City’s completed review.
- K. By executing this agreement, Contractor further certifies and warrants that Contractor has satisfied all such background screening requirements for the maximum risk background screening, and verified legal worker status, as required.
- L. Contract Workers will not apply for the appropriate City of Phoenix identification and access badge or keys until Contractor has received the City’s written acceptance of Contract Worker’s maximum risk background screening. The City may, in its sole

discretion, accept or reject any or all the Contract Workers proposed by Contractor for performing work under this Agreement. A Contract Worker rejected for work at a maximum risk level under this agreement will not be proposed to perform work under other city contracts or engagements without city's prior written approval.

- M. For any childcare or health worker positions, or Criminal Justice Information Systems access in the scope of work, Contractor is required to send the City updated background checks every three years.
- N. The Contractor will submit prior to scheduling any services, a current list of names, addresses, and social security numbers of all employees requiring access to the facility. The Contractor is responsible for obtaining security clearance from the Police Department for all employees. The City reserves the right to change the restricted areas as needed. The Contractor grants the rights to the Police Department to conduct background checks of all employees entering the building. All employees will submit to the background check before access to the facility is given.
- O. The background checks will be conducted prior to any employee entering to work and will be based upon information provided to the Police Department including, but not limited to: name, address, date and place of birth, social security number, INS number if applicable, and a copy of a valid photo identification. The information will be provided to the City's authorized Department representative at least five business days (excluding weekends and holidays) in advance of the need for access. The form will be provided by the City's authorized Department representative. The City's authorized Department representative will conduct the security check.
- P. The City may, at any time, in its sole discretion, refuse to allow an employee access to an area for any of the following reasons, but not limited to:
 - 1. Conviction of a felony.
 - 2. Conviction of a misdemeanor (not including traffic or parking violation).
 - 3. Any outstanding warrants (including traffic and parking violations).
 - 4. A person currently on parole or probation.
 - 5. A person currently involved in an investigation.

2.8.10. Confidentiality

"Confidential Information" means all non-public, confidential, sensitive, or proprietary information disclosed or made available by City to Contractor or its affiliates, employees, contractors, partners, or agents (collectively "Recipient"), whether disclosed before or after the Effective Date, whether disclosed orally, in writing, or via permitted electronic access, and whether or not marked, designated, or otherwise identified as confidential. Confidential Information includes, but is not limited to: user contents, electronic data, meta data, employment data, network configurations, information security practices, business operations, strategic plans, financial

accounts, personally identifiable information, protected health information, protected criminal justice information, and any other information that by the nature and circumstance of the disclosure should be deemed confidential. Confidential Information does not include this document or information that: (a) is now or subsequently becomes generally available to the public through no wrongful act or omission of Recipient; (b) Recipient can demonstrate by its written records to lawfully have had in its possession prior to receiving such information from the City; (c) Recipient can demonstrate by its written records to have been independently developed by Recipient without direct or indirect use of any Confidential Information; (d) Recipient lawfully obtains from a third party who has the right to transfer or disclose it; or (e) the City has approved in writing for disclosure.

Recipient shall: (a) protect and safeguard Confidential Information with at least the same degree of care as Recipient would protect its own Confidential Information, but in no event with less than a commercially reasonable degree of care, such as ensuring data is encrypted in transit and at rest and maintaining appropriate technical and organizational measures in performing the Services under the Agreement; (b) not use Confidential Information, or permit it to be accessed or used, for any purpose other than in accordance with the Agreement; (c) not use Confidential Information, or permit it to be accessed or used, in any manner that would constitute a violation of law, including without limitation export control and data privacy laws; and (d) not disclose Confidential Information except to the minimum number of recipients who have a need to know and who have been informed of and agree to abide by confidentiality obligations that are no less restrictive than the terms of this Agreement. If Recipient is required by law or court order to disclose any Confidential Information, Recipient will first give written notice to the City and provide the City with a meaningful opportunity to seek a protective order or limit disclosure.

Upon the City's written request or expiration of this Agreement, whichever is earlier, Recipient shall, at no additional costs to the City, promptly return or destroy all Confidential Information belonging to the City that Recipient has in its possession or control. After return or destruction of the Confidential Information, Recipient shall certify in writing as to its compliance with this paragraph.

If applicable, Contractor agrees to comply with all City information technology policies and security standards, as may be updated from time to time, when accessing City networks and computerized systems whether onsite or remotely.

In addition to, and not in lieu of, all other rights and remedies available to the City, Contractor will defend, indemnify, and hold the City harmless against all losses, claims, costs, attorneys' fees, damages or proceedings arising out of Contractor's breach of this Section (Confidentiality). Contractor's obligations pursuant to this Section (Confidentiality) shall not be subject to any limits of liability or exclusions as may be stated elsewhere in the Agreement.

A violation of this Section shall be deemed to cause irreparable harm that justifies injunctive relief in court. A violation of this Section may at the City's discretion result in immediate termination of this Agreement without notice. The obligations of Contractor under this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

2.8.11. Data Protection

The parties agree this Section shall apply to the City's Confidential Information and all categories of legally protected personally identifiable information (collectively "PII") that Contractor processes pursuant to the Agreement. "Personally identifiable information" is defined as in the Federal Privacy Council's Glossary available at:

<https://www.fpc.gov/resources/glossary/>.

As between the parties, the City is the data controller and owner of PII and Contractor is a data processor. In this Section, the term "process," "processing," or its other variants shall mean: an operation or set of operations which is performed on PII, whether or not by automated means, including without limitation: collection, recording, copying, analyzing, caching, organizing, structuring, storage, adaptation, alteration, retrieval, transmission, dissemination, alignment, combination, restriction, erasure, or destruction.

- A. When Contractor processes PII pursuant to the Agreement, Contractor shall, at no additional cost to the City:
 - 1. process PII only within the United States and only in accordance with the Agreement and not for Contractor's own purposes, including product research, product development, marketing, or commercial data mining, even if the City's data has been aggregated, anonymized, or pseudonymized;
 - 2. implement and maintain appropriate technical and organizational measures to protect PII against unauthorized or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction, damage, theft, alteration or disclosure, including at a minimum, and as applicable, those measures specified by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) SP800-53; A.R.S. § 18-552 (Notification of Security System Breaches); A.R.S. § 44-7601 (Discard and Disposal of Personal Identifying Information Records); Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act; Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards; and good industry practice; (When considering what measures are appropriate and in line with good industry practice, Contractor shall keep abreast of current regulatory trends in data security and the state of technological development to ensure a level of security appropriate to the nature of the data to be protected and the harm that might result from such unauthorized or unlawful processing or accidental loss, destruction, damage, theft, alteration or disclosure. At minimum, Contractor will timely remediate any vulnerabilities found within its network that are rated medium or more critical by the Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS); however, Contractor must remediate vulnerabilities that are rated critical within 14 days and vulnerabilities that are rated high within 30 days. If requested by the City, Contractor shall promptly provide a written description of the technical and organizational methods it employs for processing PII.)
 - 3. not subcontract any processing of PII to any third party (including affiliates, group companies or sub-contractors) without the prior written consent of the City; and

- Contractor shall remain fully liable to the City for any processing of PII conducted by a sub-processor appointed by Contractor;
4. as applicable, implement and maintain appropriate policies and procedures to manage payment card service providers with whom Contractor shares sensitive financial information or cardholder data; and provide the City with a Qualified Security Assessor Attestation of Compliance for Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards on an annual basis, but no later than within 30 days of attestation report completion;
 5. take reasonable steps to ensure the competence and reliability of Contractor's personnel or sub-processor who have access to the PII, including verifications and background checks appropriate to the security level required for such data access;
 6. maintain written records of all information reasonably necessary to demonstrate Contractor's compliance with this Agreement and applicable laws;
 7. allow the City or its authorized agents to conduct audit inspection during the term of the Agreement, but no more than once per year, which may include providing access to the premises, documents, resources, personnel Contractor or Contractor's sub-contractors use in connection with the Services; provided however, the City may at its sole discretion accept a qualified and industry recognized independent third-party assessment report or certification (such as SSAE 18 SOC 2 or ISO/IEC 27001) provided by Contractor at no cost to the City in lieu of the audit inspection rights of this Section;
- B. If the Contractor becomes aware of any actual or potential data breach (each an "Incident") arising from Contractor's processing obligations pursuant to the Agreement, Contractor shall notify the City at SOC@phoenix.gov without undue delay within 48 hours; and:
1. provide the City with a detailed description of the Incident, the type of data that was the subject of the Incident, and the identity of each affected person as soon as such information can be collected or otherwise becomes available;
 2. take action immediately, at Contractor's own expense, to investigate the Incident and to identify, prevent, and mitigate the effects of the Incident and to carry out any recovery or other action necessary to remedy the Incident;
 3. cooperate with the City in investigating the occurrence, including making available all relevant records, logs, files, data reporting, and other materials required to comply with applicable laws or as otherwise required by the City; and
 4. not directly contact any individuals who may be impacted by the Incident or release or publish any filing, communication, notice, press release, or report concerning the Incident without the City's prior written approval (except where required to do so by applicable laws).

In addition to, and not in lieu of, all other rights and remedies available to the City, Contractor will defend, indemnify, and hold the City harmless against all losses, claims, costs, attorneys' fees, damages or proceedings arising out of Contractor's breach of this Section (Data Protection). Contractor's obligations pursuant to this Section (Data Protection) shall not be subject to any limits of liability or exclusions as may be stated elsewhere in the Agreement.

A violation of this Section shall be deemed to cause irreparable harm that justifies injunctive relief in court. A violation of this Section may at the City's discretion result in immediate termination of this Agreement without notice. The obligations of Contractor under this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

2.8.12. *Intellectual Property Rights*

The Contractor hereby irrevocably transfers, conveys, and assigns to the City all right, title, and interest (including any and all copyrights) in any software and other technology assets created pursuant to or as a result of this Agreement (collectively, the "Work Product"). The City shall have the exclusive right to apply for or register any copyrights and other proprietary protections with respect to the Work Product. The Contractor shall execute such documents, render such assistance, and take such other action as the City may reasonably request, at the City's reasonable expense, to apply for, register, perfect, confirm, and protect the City's foregoing ownership interests and copyright and other proprietary protections. To the extent that the foregoing transfer does not provide the City with full ownership, right, title, and interest in and to the Work Product, the Contractor hereby grants the City a perpetual, irrevocable, fully paid, royalty-free, worldwide license to reproduce, create derivative works from, distribute, publicly display, publicly perform, and use the Work Product, with the right to transfer and/or sublicense each and every such right. The rights granted in this section will survive any termination or expiration of this Agreement.

2.9. Defense and Indemnification

2.9.1. *Standard General Defense and Indemnification*

Contractor ("Indemnitor") must defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Phoenix and its officers, officials (elected or appointed), agents, and employees ("Indemnitee") from and against any and all claims, actions, liabilities, damages, losses or expenses (including but not limited to court costs, attorney fees, expert fees, and costs of claim processing, investigation and litigation) of any nature or kind whatsoever ("Losses") caused, or alleged to be caused, in whole or in part, by the wrongful, negligent or willful acts, or errors or omissions of Indemnitor or any of its owners, officers, directors, members, managers, agents, employees or subcontractors ("Indemnitor's Agents") arising out of or in connection with this Contract. This defense and indemnity obligation includes holding Indemnitee harmless for any Losses arising out of or recovered under any state's Workers' Compensation Law or arising out of the failure of Indemnitor or Indemnitor's Agents to conform to any federal, state or local law, statute, ordinance, rule, regulation or court decree. Indemnitor's duty to defend Indemnitee accrues immediately at the time a claim is threatened or a claim is made against Indemnitee, whichever is first. Indemnitor's duty to defend exists regardless of whether Indemnitor is ultimately found

liable. Indemnitor must indemnify Indemnitee from and against any and all Losses, except where it is proven that those Losses are solely a result of Indemnitee's own negligent or willful acts or omissions. Indemnitor will be responsible for primary loss investigation, defense and judgment costs where this indemnification applies. In consideration of the award of this Contract, Indemnitor waives all rights of subrogation against Indemnitee for losses arising from the work performed by Indemnitor or Indemnitor's Agents for the City of Phoenix. The obligations of Indemnitor under this provision survive the termination or expiration of this Contract.

2.10. Insurance Requirements

2.10.1. *Consultant's Insurance*

Consultant and subconsultants must procure insurance against claims that may arise from or relate to performance of the work hereunder by Consultant and its agents, representatives, employees and subconsultants. Consultant and subconsultants must maintain that insurance until all their obligations have been discharged, including any warranty periods under this Contract.

The City in no way warrants that the limits stated in this section are sufficient to protect the Consultant from liabilities that might arise out of the performance of the work under this Contract by the Consultant, its agents, representatives, employees, or subconsultants and Consultant may purchase such additional insurance as they determined necessary.

2.10.2. *Scope and Limits of Insurance*

Consultant must provide coverage with limits of liability not less than those stated below. An excess liability policy or umbrella liability policy may be used to meet the liability limits provided that (1) the coverage is written on a "following form" basis, and (2) all terms under each line of coverage below are met.

2.10.3. *Commercial General Liability – Occurrence Form*

General Aggregate \$2,000,000

Products – Completed Operations Aggregate \$1,000,000

Personal and Advertising Injury \$1,000,000

Each Occurrence \$1,000,000

- The policy must name the City of Phoenix as an additional insured with respect to liability for bodily injury, property damage and personal and advertising injury with respect to premises, ongoing operations, products and completed operations, and liability assumed under an insured contract arising out of the activities performed by, or on behalf of the Consultant related to this Contract.
- There shall be no endorsement or modification which limits the scope of coverage or the policy limits available to the City of Phoenix as an additional insured.

- City of Phoenix is an additional insured to the full limits of liability purchased by the Consultant.
- The Consultant's insurance coverage must be primary insurance and non-contributory with respect to any insurance or self-insurance carried by the City.

2.10.4. Automobile Liability

Bodily injury and property damage coverage for any owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles used in the performance of this Contract.

Combined Single Limit (CSL) \$1,000,000

- The policy must be endorsed to include the City of Phoenix as an additional insured with respect to liability arising out of the activities performed by, or on behalf of the Consultant, relating to this Contract.
- City of Phoenix is an additional insured to the full limits of liability purchased by the Consultant.
- The Consultant's insurance coverage must be primary insurance and non-contributory with respect to any insurance or self-insurance carried by the City.

2.10.5. Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability

Workers' Compensation Statutory

Employers' Liability

Each Accident \$100,000

Disease – Each Employee \$100,000

Disease – Policy Limit \$500,000

- Policy must contain a waiver of subrogation against the City of Phoenix.
- This requirement does not apply when a consultant or subconsultant is exempt under A.R.S. 23-902(E), **AND** when such consultant or subconsultant executes the appropriate sole proprietor waiver form.

2.10.6. Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions Liability)

Each Claim \$1,000,000

Annual Aggregate \$1,000,000

- The policy must cover liability arising from the failure to meet the professional standards required or expected in the delivery of those services as defined in the Scope of Services of this Contract.
- Consultant warrants that any retroactive date under the policy must precede the effective date of this Contract; and that either continuous coverage will be maintained, or an extended reporting period will be exercised for a period of two (2) years beginning at the time work under this Contract is completed.

2.10.9. Acceptability of Insurers

Insurance is to be placed with insurers duly licensed or authorized to do business in the state of Arizona and with an “A.M. Best” rating of not less than B+ VI. The City in no way warrants that the required minimum insurer rating is sufficient to protect the Consultant from potential insurer insolvency.

2.10.10. Verification of Coverage

Consultant must furnish the City with certificates of insurance (ACORD form or equivalent approved by the City) as required by this Contract. The certificates for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf.

All certificates and any required endorsements are to be received and approved by the City before work commences. Each insurance policy required by this Contract must be in effect at or prior to commencement of work under this Contract and remain in effect for the duration of the project. Failure to maintain the insurance policies as required by this Contract or to provide evidence of renewal is a material breach of contract.

All certificates required by this Contract must be sent directly to hsdprocurement@phoenix.gov. The City project/contract number and project description must be noted on the certificate of insurance. The City reserves the right to review complete copies of all insurance policies required by this Contract at any time. **DO NOT SEND CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE TO THE CITY’S RISK MANAGEMENT DIVISION.**

2.10.11. Subconsultants

Consultant’s certificates shall include all subconsultants as additional insureds under its policies OR Consultant shall be responsible for ensuring and verifying that all subconsultants have valid and collectable insurance. At any time throughout the life of the contract, the City of Phoenix reserves the right to require proof from the Consultant that its subconsultants have insurance coverage. All subconsultants providing services included under this Contract’s Scope of Services are subject to the insurance coverages identified above and must include the City of Phoenix as an additional insured. In certain circumstances, the Consultant may, on behalf of its subconsultants, waive a specific type of coverage or limit of liability where appropriate to the type of work being performed under the subcontract. Consultant assumes liability for all subconsultants with respect to this Contract.

2.10.12. Approval

Any modification or variation from the insurance coverages and conditions in this Contract must be documented by an executed contract amendment.

3. SUBMITTALS

3.1. Submittals

3.1.1. AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned Consultant hereby submits to the City of Phoenix (City) the enclosed proposal based upon all terms and conditions set forth in the City's Request for Proposals (RFP) and referenced materials. Consultant further specifically agrees hereby to provide services in the manner set forth in the proposal submitted by the Consultant.

The undersigned Consultant acknowledges and states, under penalty of perjury, as follows:

- A. The City is relying on Consultant's submitted information and the representation that Consultant has the capability to successfully undertake and complete the responsibilities and obligations submitted in its proposal and in the resulting contract.
- B. The City has the right to make any further inquiry it deems appropriate to substantiate or supplement information supplied by Consultant.
- C. Consultant has read and fully understands all the provisions and conditions set forth in the RFP documents, upon which its proposal is based.
- D. The forms and information requested in the RFP are complete and made part of the proposal. The City is not responsible for any Consultant errors or omissions.
- E. This proposal may be withdrawn by requesting such withdrawal in writing at any time prior to the proposal deadline but may not be withdrawn after such date and time.
- F. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to accept the proposal that, in its judgment, will provide the best quality development to the City.
- G. This proposal is valid for a minimum of 180 days after the RFP proposal deadline.
- H. All costs incurred by Consultant in connection with this proposal shall be borne solely by Consultant. Under no circumstances shall the City be responsible for any costs associated with Consultant's proposal or the RFP process.
- I. Consultant has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, conspired with any person or party to unfairly compete or compromise the competitive nature of the RFP process.
- J. The contents of this proposal have not been communicated by the undersigned nor by any employee or agent to any other person engaged in this type of business prior to the official opening of this proposal.
- K. To the best of the Consultant's knowledge, the information provided in its proposal is true and correct and neither the undersigned Consultant nor any partner, corporate officer or managing employee have ever been convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude.

3.1.2. Copies

Please do not lock the electronic copy with password protection so that the CITY may digitally incorporate the successful offer into the awarded contract.

- Solicitation Number
- Solicitation Title
- Electronic Offers must be in possession of the Department on or prior to the exact time and date indicated in the Schedule of Events. Late offers will not be considered. The prevailing clock will be the email arrival time.
- Please submit your bid electronically via email to **hdsprocurement@phoenix.gov**. The date and time on the email will provide proof of submission and verification if the bid was received on or prior to the Due Date and Time.

Please enter the solicitation number on the subject line of the email when submitting your bid. Indicate in the body of the email that you are submitting a response to the solicitation. All offers must be completed in ink or typewritten. Include the number of copies that are required as indicated in the Submittal section. Please submit only the Submittal Section, do not submit a copy of the entire solicitation document. This offer will remain in effect for a period of 180 calendar days from the bid opening date and is irrevocable unless it is in the City's best interest to do so.

3.1.3 EVALUATION CRITERIA: In accordance with Administrative Regulation 3.10, Competitive Sealed Proposal(s), awards shall be made to the responsible Offeror whose proposal is determined in writing to be the most advantageous to the City based upon the evaluation criteria. The evaluation criteria are listed below along with the possible points assigned to each. Additional information for each criteria is provided below.

3.1	Service Methodology	500 Points
3.2	Cost and Fiscal Ability	200 Points
3.3	Organizational Capacity	200 Points
3.4	Implementation Plan	<u>100 Points</u>
	TOTAL AVAILABLE POINTS:	1,000 Points

4. OFFER SUBMITTAL FORMAT:

Offers must be submitted electronically via email and the following information should be noted on the subject line:

- Solicitation Number

•Solicitation Title

- Electronic Offers must be in possession of the Department on or prior to the exact time and date indicated in the Schedule of Events. Late offers will not be considered. The prevailing clock will be the email arrival time.
- Please submit your bid electronically via email to **hsdprocurement@phoenix.gov**. The date and time on the email will provide proof of submission and verification if the bid was received on or prior to the Due Date and Time. Please enter the solicitation number on the subject line of the email when submitting your bid. Indicate in the body of the email that you are submitting a response to the solicitation. All offers must be completed in ink or typewritten. Include the number of copies that are required as indicated in the Submittal section.

Tab 1: Service Methodology

Tab 2: Cost and Fiscal Ability –

Attachment 1 - Itemized Service Budget

Attachment 2 - Budget Narrative

Attachment 3 - Fiscal Ability Questionnaire

Tab 3: Organizational Capacity

Tab 4: Implementation Plan

Tab 5: Other Required Submittals

Tab 6: Optional Additional Information; i.e., brochures company information, etc.

Tab 7: Signed Solicitation Addenda

5. PROPOSAL CONTENT: The proposal shall include the following information and must be submitted in the following sequence.

5.1 **Service Methodology** (Tab 1)

- 5.1.1 Provide a description of the service the Offeror proposes to provide as defined in the respective Scope of Work in this solicitation. Include who will be responsible for performing the requirements as described in the Scope of Work and how it will be performed.
- 5.1.2 Describe the process for ensuring the identified populations have immediate access to the identified services.
- 5.1.3 Submit a current organizational chart that indicates specific position titles and sets forth lines of authority, responsibility, and communication in accordance with policies established by the governing body or management. The chart should accurately reflect

the existing positions performing the proposed service and any new positions the Offeror is proposing specific to this solicitation.

5.1.4 Submit a current job description for each key position delivering service described in the Scope of Work. Job Description(s) should include at a minimum:

- Job title
- Minimum qualifications for education, training, and experience
- Duties and responsibilities
- Resumes for position which are filled.

5.1.5 Provide a description of how performance will be monitored. Suggested measures might include timeliness of service delivery; rates at which participants are connected to housing and services; participant satisfaction with services; basic workload measures; and staff communication regarding the service delivery to partnering providers.

5.1.6 Describe how front-line staff will be supervised and supported in their roles. Include the reporting relationship and level of expertise of the supervisor, and method and frequency of communication.

5.2 **Cost and Fiscal Ability** (Tab 2)

5.2.1 Submit a complete and accurate Itemized Service Budget (Attachment 1) for the proposed service(s). Indirect cost rates must comply with the regulations applicable to the funding source. Offeror must propose a Total Cost per Person Served by dividing the number of people to be served in the Offeror's proposal by the Total Service Cost identified on the Itemized Service Budget. (100 Points)

5.2.2 Submit a Budget Narrative (Attachment 2) describing each itemized expense in the order it appears in the Itemized Service Budget. (40 Points)

5.2.3 Complete and submit the Fiscal Ability Questionnaire (Attachment 3). (30 Points)

5.2.4 Submit a copy of the Offeror's most recent annual audited financial statements. If the most recent audit has identified any findings, provide documentation of your organization's corrective action plan. If there are any findings that have not been addressed, state what the findings are and the proposed date to correct. If audited financial statements do not exist, please provide reviewed financial statements or the last two (2) quarters of unaudited, unreviewed financial statements. (30 Points)

5.3 **Organizational Capacity** (Tab 3)

5.3.1 Submit a brief summary of your organization, including the Mission Statement and experience in providing the proposed service. Include the number of years in providing the proposed service as it relates to the requirements in the Scope of Work for which the Offeror is proposing.

5.3.2 Describe outcomes achieved serving the specific population Offeror is proposing to serve.

5.4 **Implementation Plan** (Tab 4)

Provide a detailed implementation plan and timeline demonstrating the Offeror's ability to execute a realistic implementation process for the proposed service. Plan should include a date for services to begin of July 1, 2024.