



City of Phoenix

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP GGS-24-0191
COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY NEEDS
ASSESSMENT

City of Phoenix
Human Services
200 W Washington Street
18th Floor
Phoenix, AZ
85003

SOLICITATION DATE: February 9, 2024
WRITTEN INQUIRIES DUE DATE: February 23, 2024, 3:00 pm
OFFER DUE DATE: March 22, 2024, 3:00 pm

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1. Introduction

1.1. Summary

The City of Phoenix Human Services Department (HSD) is seeking the consultant services of a qualified firm or individual with the capability to conduct a community needs assessment within the service area of the Human Services Department.

1.2. Contact Information

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Department:
Human Services

1.3. Timeline

Schedule of Events

Solicitation Issue Date	February 9, 2024
Written Inquiries Due Date	February 23, 2024, 3:00pm Email to: hsdprocurement@phoenix.gov
Offer Due Date	March 22, 2024, 3:00pm Proposals shall be submitted electronically via email to hsdprocurement@phoenix.gov . Enter the solicitation number on the subject line of the email when making your submittal.

2. Instructions

2.1. Description – Statement of Need

The City of Phoenix invites sealed offers for consultant services of a qualified firm or individual with the capability to conduct a community needs assessment within the service area of the Human Services Department.

One year term, with two option years commencing 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.

2.2. 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.

2.3. 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 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.

2.4. Fixed Offer Price Period

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

2.5. 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.

2.6. Exceptions

Offeror must not take any exceptions to any terms, conditions or material requirements of this solicitation. Offers submitted with exceptions may be deemed non-responsive and disqualified from further consideration in the City's sole discretion. Offerors must conform to all the requirements specified in the solicitation. The City encourages Offerors to send inquiries to the Procurement Officer rather than including exceptions in their Offer.

2.7. 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.

2.8. 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 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.

2.9. 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.

2.10. 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.

2.11. 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.

2.12. 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 Email arrival time.

1. A. Offers, must be submitted electronically by email to hsdprocurement@phoenix.gov and the following information should be noted in the email subject line:

- a. Solicitation Title
- b. Solicitation Number

Indicate in the body of the email:

- c. Offer Opening Date
- d. Offeror's Name
- e. Offeror's Address (as shown on the Certification Page)

- f. 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.

2.13. 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.

2.14. Offer Results

Offers will be opened on the offer due date, and time in the Schedule of Events. 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.

2.15. Offer 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:

Evaluation Criteria (maximum 1000 points)

Listed in relative order of importance

Evaluation Criteria #1 - Method of Approach	375 pts
Evaluation Criteria #2 - Qualifications and Experience	375 pts
Evaluation Criteria #3 - Price (Price Proposal) - Attachment D	250 pts

2.16. Certificates of Insurance

Upon notification of a recommended award, the Offeror will have **14 calendar days** to submit a complete certificate of insurance in the minimum amounts and the coverages as required in the Insurance Requirements of this solicitation. Insurance requirements are non-negotiable.

2.17. 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.

2.18. Solicitation Transparency Policy

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.

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.

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.

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.

"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.

2.19. Protest Process

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.

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.

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.

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.

All protests will be in writing, filed with the Procurement Officer identified in the solicitation and include the following:

- Identification of the solicitation number;
- The name, address and telephone number of the protester;
- A detailed statement describing the legal and factual grounds for the protest, including copies of relevant documents;
- The form of relief requested; and
- The signature of the protester or its authorized representative.

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.

2.20. 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.

2.21. 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.

2.22. 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.

2.23. 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 contracts.

2.24. 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.

2.25. Equal Low Offer

Contract award will be made by putting the names of the tied vendors in a cup for a blind drawing limited to those bidders with tied offers. If time permits, the offerors involved will be given an opportunity to attend the drawing. The drawing will be witnessed by at least three persons, and the contract file will contain the names and addresses of the witnesses.

2.26. 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.

2.27. 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.

2.28. Offers Not Within the Competitive Range

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

2.29. 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.

2.30. 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.

3. Scope of Work

3.1. Exhibit A

EXHIBIT A SCOPE OF WORK

A. STATEMENT OF NEED

Pursuant to Chapter II, Section 2, Paragraph (I) of the Phoenix City Charter, the City of Phoenix Human Services Department (HSD) is seeking the consultant services of a qualified firm or individual with the capability to conduct a community assessment within the service area of the Human Services Department.

Every three years, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) requires the HSD to perform a Community Assessment of its service area to determine whether there have been significant changes in the demographics and needs of the participants. The Community Assessment must be updated to better serve adults, children and families. The assessment data is analyzed, and information is used in the Department's planning process including but not limited to, the long-term and short-term goals, program and fiscal considerations such as the philosophy, needed services, program options, recruitment area, and the selection criteria. The Consultant will conduct a comprehensive Community Assessment for the Human Services Department in the first year of the contract. In the subsequent two years, the Consultant will review the Community Assessment, and complete and submit brief updates.

Funding is made available from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Office of Head Start and the Community Service Block Grant for the completion of this project **and** will be administered by the City of Phoenix Human Services Department.

B. BACKGROUND

The Human Services Department is the designated Community Action Agency for the City of Phoenix and provides a comprehensive array of services to help people achieve their highest levels of self-sufficiency. Services and programs reach a diverse population of Phoenix residents from infants participating in Early Head Start programs to older adults attending senior center activities. HSD accomplishes its mission through the following Divisions.

- The Education Division operates three early childhood programs for income-eligible children from birth to age five: 1) Early Head Start Home-Based is a home visitation program for children from birth to age three, 2) Early Head Start Center-Based is a childcare program for children from birth to age three, and 3)

Head Start Preschool is a center-based program for children from three to age five. Families are offered comprehensive social services to support family well-being and self-sufficiency. The programs aim to increase social competence and school readiness in young children while recognizing parents as a child's first and primary teacher.

- The Victim Services Division includes the Phoenix Family Advocacy Center (FAC), which provides comprehensive services to victims of crimes, such as domestic and sexual violence, child abuse, homicide, cold case sexual assault, and other violent crimes. Utilizing partnerships within community-based organizations, the FAC provides valuable advocacy services to victims and families from a multi-disciplinary approach. Services include crisis intervention, safety planning, protective order assistance, short-term counseling, long-term case management, support groups, forensic medical examinations, transportation assistance, and information/referral services. The FAC also provides funding for centralized screening and emergency shelter placement services; housing-based case management for survivors of human trafficking; and rental/utility deposits for victims moving into permanent housing.
- The Phoenix Homeless Services Division is committed to ending homelessness through a comprehensive, regional approach to housing and services in coordination and collaboration with Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care. The Homeless Services Division provides homeless services, coordination of the Heat Relief Network and the annual Homeless Street Count. In addition, the unit oversees contracts with community-based organizations to provide emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing and other supportive services for homeless families and individuals. The Strategic Initiatives Section involves the community by cultivating strong relationships to support our Fast Track Cities, Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking, and Age Friendly Campaigns.
- The Community and Senior Services Division (CSSD) is committed to developing, implementing, and operating human services programs to meet emergency, short-term and long-term needs of eligible low-income residents. Through CSSD's three family services centers, a broad range of assistance is offered to residents including information and referral, case management and emergency financial assistance. The Community Initiatives Section involves the community by cultivating strong partnerships and collaborations through its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Landlord and Tenant education

programming. The Senior Services program is committed to promoting independence, maintaining dignity, and maximizing the quality of life for its customers through socialization opportunities, supportive services and resource referrals. Services are designed to alleviate isolation and feelings of loneliness and support and encourage independence for older and disabled individuals. CSSD operates 15 senior centers and provides congregate and home delivered meals to seniors.

C. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A comprehensive Community Assessment will be conducted in the first year of the contract, with updates completed in the following two years. The firm or individual selected will be responsible for the collection and analysis of information that meets the requirements of the Office of Head Start and the Community Service Block Grant.

1. The Office of Head Start regulations mandate each Early Head Start and Head Start grantee conduct a Community Assessment within its service area that meets community needs and builds on strengths and resources as follows:

- (1) A grantee must conduct a community needs assessment at least once over the five-year grant period. The assessment must use data that describes community strengths, needs, and resources and include, at a minimum, all information identified on the Community Assessment Matrix at the following link:

- <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/program-planning/article/community-assessment-matrix>

- (2) A program must annually review and update the community assessment to reflect any significant changes including increased availability of publicly-funded pre-kindergarten- (including an assessment of how the pre-kindergarten available in the community meets the needs of the parents and children served by the program, and whether it is offered for a full school day), rates of family and child homelessness, and significant shifts in community demographics and resources.

- (3) A program must consider whether the characteristics of the community allow it to include children from diverse economic backgrounds that would be supported by other funding sources, including private pay, in addition to the program's eligible funded enrollment. A program must not enroll children from

diverse economic backgrounds if it would result in a program serving less than its eligible funded enrollment.

2. The Office of Community Services, in compliance with the Community Service Block Grant requirements, has established Organizational Standards that define the components of the Community Assessment conducted every three years. The Community Needs Assessment shall meet the following requirements for public entities:

Organizational Standard	Requirement
1.2	Analyze information collected directly from low-income individuals.
2.2	Utilize information gathered from key sectors of the community in assessing needs and resources to include at a minimum: community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, private sector, public sector, and educational institutions.
3.1	Conduct a community assessment and issue a report every 3 years.
3.2	Collect and include current data specific to poverty and its prevalence related to gender, age, and race/ethnicity.
3.3	<p>Collect and analyze both qualitative and quantitative data on its service area.</p> <p>Documentation is required to demonstrate that both types of data are collected to meet the standard:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Qualitative: this is opinions, observations, and other descriptive information obtained from the community through surveys, focus groups, interviews, community forums, etc.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Quantitative: this is numeric information, e.g. Census data, program counts, demographic information, and other statistical sources.</p>
3.4	Includes key findings on the causes and conditions of poverty and the needs within the service area.
3.5	Governing board formally accepts the completed assessment.
4.2	Informs an outcome based, anti-poverty focused Community Action plan.

6.4	Customer satisfaction data and customer input, collected as part of the community assessment, is included in the agency's strategic planning process.
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3. Method of Approach

The Consultant will utilize a sound methodological approach to arrive at a determination of unmet needs / service gaps in the community. This determination will be based upon assessment of the needs of adults, children, and families in the community and the extent to which identified strengths of the community and the extent to which identified strengths of the community are able to meet and address identified needs.

The methodological approach will be strengths-based; involve an integration of relevant data indicators from a variety of credible sources; include community level analyses for a subset of data indicators (Community Assessment Matrix) methods to incorporate and interpret data in an effort to confidently draw inferences regarding needs and assets within and across report domains while examining trends over time. The Consultant shall include statewide, regional and community level analyses for additional data indicators. The Consultant shall include data from the community needs assessments completed by the following entities and community members at a minimum:

- First Things First
- Maricopa County Department of Public Health and Human Services Department
- Southwest Human Development
- Catholic Charities
- Urban Strategies
- Child Crisis Arizona
- Chicanos Por La Causa
- Low income and vulnerable households

The raw data gathered from the entities listed above shall be analyzed by the Consultant and incorporated into the findings on the Final Report.

4. Determining Needs and Assets

The Consultant will design and employ appropriate methods to incorporate and interpret data to confidently draw inferences regarding needs and assets within each report domain. Inferences will be based on a meaningful interpretation and synthesis of data included in the report.

The approach for determining unmet needs will include comparing the current circumstances of the young children and families to the desired situation. The

Consultant is required to consider current needs of adults, children, and families and the assets available to them to meet these needs. Through this process, the Consultant will discern the unmet needs, and provide, as feasible, an assessment of the scale / or degree of the unmet needs in the community.

5. Limitations and Conclusions

The Consultant is required to identify limitations of data utilized in the report as well as discuss any limitations on the inferences or conclusions that can be drawn from the data. Furthermore, the Consultant will discuss possible directions or considerations for future data collection that may address the limitations noted.

- A. The Consultant is required to conclude the report by outlining the main findings discussed in the report. In this section, the Consultant will discuss the most pressing needs of young children and their families living in the community, based on an analysis of the gap between needs and identified assets in the areas of employment, education, early learning, income management, housing, emergency services, safety, nutrition, self-sufficiency, health and mental health, services for youth, and services for senior citizens.

D. CONSULTANT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. General Requirements:

- A. Submit status reports with HSD's Project Manager to report on the ongoing progress of the project.
- B. Collect population demographics for individuals in poverty.
- C. Identify Community needs and service gaps in the areas of: employment, education, income management, housing, emergency services, nutrition, self-sufficiency, health, services for youth, homeless, victims of violent crime and services for senior citizens.
- D. Identify community strengths and assets.
- E. Analyze data and information from internal and external customers such as demographics, census track data, school district data, local and state reports from community agencies, etc.
- F. Collect qualitative data, through community forums, surveys, focus groups and key informant interviews with staff, families, and community agencies focusing on the areas of: employment, education, income management, housing, emergency services, safety, nutrition, self-sufficiency, health, services for youth, and services for senior citizens.
- G. Identify key findings on the causes and conditions of poverty and community priorities with possible solutions in the areas of employment, education, income

management, housing, emergency services, safety, nutrition, self-sufficiency, health, services for youth, and services for senior citizens.

H. Provide final report with data sources footnoted.

- Document all meetings and sources of information.
- Prepare Community Assessment Update Reports in the two subsequent renewal periods.

2. **Specific Requirements:**

a. **Assessment Planning:**

- A. Work with HSD staff to develop an implementation plan to identify the type of data to be collected, the sources of the data, and methodology for collecting and analyzing data.
- B. Work with HSD staff to identify a list of stakeholders that will participate in the assessment.
- C. Present the implementation plan to the Human Services Commission for formal acceptance through a majority vote of the Commission members.

b. **Describing the Community:**

- A. Consultant shall gather information to provide a statistical profile of the community the City of Phoenix serves.
- B. Information shall include population demographics for individuals living in poverty to include at a minimum:
 - Gender;
 - Age; including children ages 0-2, 3-5. There should be a breakdown of children identified by age groups, school district and in our service area, Alhambra, Deer Valley, Flower, Cartwright, Prendergast, Isaac Murphy, Roosevelt, Wilson, Phoenix Elementary, Laveen, Riverside and Washington.
 - Race/Ethnicity.
- C. The poverty rate for the service area shall be compared to state and national averages. Information must be derived from valid sources to include but not limited to: most recent US Decennial Census, American Community Survey, and local agency reports.
- D. Additional characteristics and indicators of need shall be included to describe the economic and social conditions of the community to include but not limited to: unemployment rates, economic indicators, crime rates, housing data, and education figures.

c. **Describing the Current Level of Service and Assets:**

- A. Consultant shall develop tools and questions to gather qualitative and quantitative data related to the needs, assets, strengths, and gaps in service, in the areas of employment, education, income management, housing, emergency services, safety, nutrition, self-sufficiency, health, services for youth, services for senior citizens, that impact each of the three categories:
- Individuals;
 - Families;
 - Agency; and
 - Community.
- B. Consultant shall administer surveys and/or interviews with service providers, staff, clients, community partners, board members, and stakeholders from the following key sectors of the community:
- Community-based organizations;
 - Faith-based organizations;
 - Private sector; and
 - Educational institutions.
- C. Consultant shall review program reports to identify the types of services available, service levels, and program outputs/outcomes.
- D. Consultant shall collect and analyze data based on the following CSBG National Goals:

CSBG National Goals	Goal Description	Category
Goal 1	Individuals and families with low income are stable and achieve economic security.	Family
Goal 2	Communities where people with low income live are healthy and offer economic opportunity.	Community
Goal 3	People with low incomes are engaged and active in building opportunities in communities.	Community
Goal 4 (applicable to EDU only)	Partnership among supporters and providers of services to low-income people are achieved.	Agency
Goal 5 (applicable to EDU only)	Agencies increase their capacity to achieve results.	Agency

Goal 6 (applicable to EDU only)	Low-income people, especially vulnerable populations, achieve their potential by strengthening family and other supportive systems.	Family
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d. Determining Service Needs/Gaps:

- A. Consultant shall develop a summary of community needs based on the analysis of the following information:
- Key findings on the cause and conditions of poverty;
 - Available assets that meet the national goals/performance measures; and
 - Gaps of service.

e. Consultation with the Community:

- A. Consultant shall conduct focus groups to confirm the summary of needs and identify community priorities.
- B. Consultant shall conduct a minimum of one (1) focus group to include individuals from one or more of following categories:
- Low income individuals
 - Seniors
 - Clients
 - Community Partners
 - Service Providers
 - Staff
 - Community stakeholders from key sectors of the community (community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, private sector, and educational institutions)
- C. Consultant shall conduct one (1) focus group with the Human Services Commission during a regular scheduled Commission meeting.

f. Priority Needs and Possible Solutions:

- A. Consultant shall address community priorities with possible solutions the City of Phoenix can implement in the Community Action Plan.

E. CONSULTANT DELIVERABLE REQUIREMENTS

Consultant shall provide the following:

- A. Draft Report that includes, but is not limited to, the major findings as determined by the minimum requirements of the Head Start Performance Standards and Community Services Block Grant regulations.

- B. Within seven days following HSD's review and approval of Draft Report, Consultant shall submit an updated Draft Report that incorporates any changes required by HSD. The updated Draft Report will be a narrative and a pictorial report of findings such as power point presentation and/or similar statistical report.
- C. The Final Report must include significant trends in required data elements, and issues facing eligible children and families.
- D. By an agreed upon date, complete and submit the Final Report for HSD's Community Assessment.

F. HSD RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Assign a Project Manager as a point of contact for activities associated with the Scope of Work.
- B. Schedule a kick-off meeting to introduce administrative staff, details of the project, the timeline and expectations.
- C. Be responsive to Consultant by supporting his/her effort to obtain the required data.
- D. Collect surveys and information from Educational Service Providers and the various divisions and programs to augment the necessary data collected by the Consultant.
- E. Review Consultant's Draft Report and provide feedback within seven to 10 days of receipt.
- F. Review and approve Consultant's Final Report

EXHIBIT C - EVALUATION AND SCORING CRITERIA

EVALUATION CRITERIA

In accordance with Administrative Regulation 3.10, Qualifications Based Selections, contracts will be awarded to the most highly qualified and responsible offerors, taking into consideration the evaluation criteria set forth in the request for qualifications. The evaluation criteria are listed below along with the possible points assigned to each. Additional information for each criterion is provided below.

ID	Evaluation Criteria	Points
1	Method of Approach	375
2	Qualifications and Experience	375
3	Cost	250
	Total Available Points	1000

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Criteria 1: Method of Approach	375 Points
Criteria 2: Qualifications and Experience	375 Points
Criteria 3: Price Proposal	250 Points
TOTAL AVAILABLE POINTS:	1,000 Points

Rating Definitions for Criteria 1 and 2	% of Max Points
Above Expectations = The Offeror's response meets all requirement(s) outlined in the RFP and exceeds what is required in some areas.	100% Points
Meets Expectations = The response meets the requirement(s) outlined in the RFP.	75% Points
Below Expectations = The response minimally addresses the requirement(s) of the RFP, but one or more major considerations of the requirement(s) is not addressed, or the experience and/or solution is so limited that it results in a low degree of confidence in the response or proposed solution.	50% Points
Unacceptable = The response fails to address the requirement(s) of the RFP or fails to provide any experience related to the requirement(s) of the RFP or elements of the proposal are unacceptable.	0 Points
Rating Definitions for Criteria 3	Max Points
Lowest price divided by Offeror's price multiplied by total number of points assigned to price.	250 points

5. Standard Terms and Conditions

5.1. 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.

5.2. 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.

5.3. 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.

5.4. Continuation During Disputes

- A. Contractor agrees as a condition of this Agreement that in the event of any dispute between the parties, provided no Notice of Termination has been given by the City, and if it is feasible under the terms of this Agreement each party will continue to perform the obligations not related to the dispute required of it during the resolution of such dispute, unless enjoined or prohibited by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- B. Failure or delay by either party to exercise any right, power or privilege specified in or appurtenant to this Agreement will not be deemed a waiver.

5.5. Governing Law; Forum; Venue

This Agreement is executed and delivered in the State of Arizona, and the substantive laws of the State of Arizona (without reference to choice of law principles) will govern their interpretation and enforcement. Any action brought to interpret or enforce any provision of this Agreement that cannot be administratively resolved, or otherwise related to or arising from this Agreement, will be commenced and maintained in the state or federal courts of the State of Arizona, Maricopa County, and each of the parties, to the extent permitted by law, consents to jurisdiction and venue in such courts for such purposes.

5.6. Audit/Records

- A. The City reserves the right, at reasonable times, to audit Contractor's books and records relative to the performance of service under this Agreement. All records pertaining to this Agreement will be kept on a generally accepted accounting basis for a period of five years following termination of the Agreement.
- B. If, following an audit of this Agreement, the audit discloses the Contractor has provided false, misleading, or inaccurate cost and pricing data, and the cost discrepancies exceed 1% of the total Agreement billings, the Contractor will be liable for reimbursement of the reasonable, actual cost of the audit.

5.7. Independent Contractor Status; Employment Disclaimer

- A. The parties agree that Contractor is providing the Services under this Agreement on a part-time and/or temporary basis and that the relationship created by this Agreement is that of independent contractors. Neither Contractor nor any of Contractor's agents, employees or helpers will be deemed to be the employee, agent, or servant of the City. The City is only interested in the results obtained under this Agreement; the manner, means and mode of completing the same are under the sole control of Contractor.
- B. This Agreement is not intended to constitute, create, give rise to, or otherwise recognize a joint venture, partnership or formal business association or organization of any kind, and the rights and obligations of the parties will be only those expressly set forth in this Agreement. The parties agree that no individual performing under this Agreement on behalf of Contractor will be considered a City employee, and that no rights of City Civil Service, City retirement or City personnel rules will accrue to such individual. Contractor will have total responsibility for all salaries, wages, bonuses, retirement, withholdings, worker's compensation, other employee benefits, and all taxes and premiums appurtenant thereto concerning such individuals and will save and hold harmless the City with respect thereto.

5.8. Costs and Payments

- A. Under this Agreement, the City will pay for services at a fixed rate. The total amount to be remitted by the City to Consultant for all Services satisfactorily performed under this Agreement shall provide an all-inclusive price for completion of the required report for each year of the contract. Payments shall be made in proportion to the Services performed and no more than ninety percent (90%) of the total contract price shall be paid before the work is totally completed and accepted by the City.
- B. 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.

- C. **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.
- D. **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.
- E. **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.
- F. **No Advance Payments.** Advance payments are not authorized. Payment will be made only for actual services or commodities that have been received.
- G. **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.
- H. **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>

5.9. Contract Changes

- A. **Contract Amendments:** Whenever an addition, deletion or alteration to the Services described in EXHIBIT A – SCOPE OF WORK substantially changes the Scope of Work thereby materially increasing or decreasing the cost of performance, a supplemental agreement must first be approved in writing by the City and Contractor before such

addition, deletion or alteration will be performed. Changes to the Services may be made and the compensation to be paid to Contractor may be adjusted by mutual agreement, but in no event may the compensation exceed the amount authorized without further written authorization. It is specifically understood and agreed that no claim for extra work done or materials furnished by Contractor will be allowed except as provided herein, nor will Contractor do any work or furnish any materials not covered by this Agreement unless first authorized in writing. Any work or materials furnished by Contractor without prior written authorization will be at Contractor's risk, cost and expense, and Contractor agrees to submit no claim for compensation or reimbursement for additional work done or materials furnished without prior written authorization.

- B. **Non-Assignability:** This Agreement is in the nature of a personal services contract and Consultant shall have no power to assign this Agreement, including any right, duty, or obligation of Consultant under this Agreement, without the prior written consent of the City. Consultant shall not subcontract with any third party for any component of the Services without the prior written consent of the City. Any attempt to assign or subcontract without the City's prior written consent shall be void. An essential consideration provided to the City by Consultant to induce the City to enter into the Agreement is Consultant's representation that the individual(s) performing services shall include Consultant's principals as selected through the Qualified Vendor solicitation process. Therefore, should such named individual(s) sever their relationship with Consultant, or otherwise be unavailable to carry out Consultant's duties under this Agreement for a period of time deemed to be excessive by the City in its sole and absolute discretion, then the City may, without notice, immediately terminate this Agreement for cause.
- 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.

5.10. 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.

5.11. 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 One Installment to Constitute Breach:** Each installment or lot of the agreement is dependent on every other installment or lot and a delivery of non-conforming goods or a default of any nature under one installment or lot will impair the value of the whole agreement and constitutes a total breach of the agreement as a whole.
- C. **On Time Delivery:** Because the City is providing services which involve health, safety and welfare of the general public, delivery time is of the essence. Delivery must be made in accordance with the delivery schedule promised by the Contractor.
- D. **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.
- E. **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.
- F. **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.
- G. **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.

5.12. 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. Immediately upon receiving a written notice to terminate or suspend Services, Contractor will:
 - Discontinue advancing the work in progress, or such part that is described in the notice.
 - Deliver to the City all collected raw data, draft reports, preliminary reports, working papers, estimates and forecasts entirely or partially completed, together with all unused materials supplied by the City.
 - Appraise the work it has completed and submit its appraisal to the City for evaluation.
 - Be paid in full the pro rata value for services performed to the date of its receipt of the Notice of Termination, including reimbursement for all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by Contractor in terminating the work, including demobilization of field service. No payment will be made for loss of anticipated profits or unperformed services.
3. 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. **Final Payment:** The City shall make final payment for all Services performed and accepted within sixty (60) days after Consultant has delivered to the City any final progress reports, documentation, materials and evidence of costs and disbursement as required under this Agreement.
- D. **Temporary Suspension.** The City may, by written notice, direct Consultant to suspend performance on all or any part of the Services for such period of time as may be determined by the City to be necessary or desirable for its convenience. If such suspension causes additional expense to Consultant in performance, and such additional expense is not due to fault or negligence of Consultant, the payment will be adjusted on the basis of actual costs resulting directly from the suspension, and the period for performance of the Services will be extended by mutual agreement. Any claim by Consultant for a price adjustment must be supported by appropriate documentation asserted promptly after Consultant has been notified to suspend performance.
- E. **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.

5.13. 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 the Contractor: TBD

If to the City: City of Phoenix Human Services Department
200 W. Washington Street, 18th Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85003
hsdprocurement@phoenix.gov

5.14. Conflicts of Interest

- A. Contractor acknowledges that, to the best of its knowledge, information and belief, no person has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Agreement upon a promise of a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, and that no member of the Phoenix City Council or any employee of the City has any financial interest in the consulting firm. For breach of violation of this warranty, the City will have the right to annul this Agreement without liability, including any such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.
- B. The City reserves the right to immediately terminate the contract in the event that the City determines that Contractor has an actual or apparent conflict of interest.
- C. Upon a finding by the City that gratuities in the form of entertainment, gifts or inducements were offered or given by Contractor, or any agent or representative of Contractor, to any officer or employee of the City for the purpose of securing this Agreement, or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding, amending, or making of any determination with respect to the performance of this Agreement, the City may, by one calendar day written notice to Contractor, terminate the right of Contractor to proceed under this Agreement, provided that the existence of the facts upon which the City made such finding will be an issue and may be litigated in an Arizona court of competent jurisdiction. In the event of such termination, the City will be entitled to the same remedies against Contractor as could be pursued in the event of default by Contractor.
- D. This Agreement is subject to the requirements of Arizona Revised Statutes §38-511.

5.15. Waiver of Claims for Anticipated Profits

Contractor waives any claims against the City and its officers, officials, agents and employees for loss of anticipated profits caused by any suit or proceeding, directly or indirectly, involving any part of this Agreement.

5.16. 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.

5.17. 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.

5.18. 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.

5.19. 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.

5.20. 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.

5.21. 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.

5.22. 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.

5.23. 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.

5.24. 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).

5.25. No Third-Party Beneficiaries

The parties expressly agree that this Agreement is not intended by any of its provisions to create any right of the public or any member thereof as a third-party beneficiary nor to authorize anyone not a party to this Agreement to maintain a suit for personal injuries or property damage pursuant to the terms or provisions of this Agreement.

6. Special Terms and Conditions

6.1. Term of Contract

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

6.2. Contacts with Third Parties

- A. Contractor or its subcontractors will not contact third parties to provide any information in connection to the Services provided under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the City. Should Contractor or its subcontractors be contacted by any person requesting information or requiring testimony relative to the Services provided under this Agreement or any other prior or existing Agreement with the City, Contractor or its subcontractors will promptly inform the City giving the particulars of the information sought and will not disclose such information or give such testimony without the written consent of the City or court order. The obligations of Contractor and its subcontractors under this Section will survive the termination of this Agreement.
- B. Contractor agrees that the requirements of this Section will be incorporated into all subcontractor agreements entered into by the Contractor. It is further agreed that a violation of this Section will be deemed to cause irreparable harm that justifies injunctive relief in court. A violation of this Section may result in immediate termination of this Agreement without notice.

6.3. SBE / DBE Utilization

The City extends to each individual, firm, vendor, supplier, contractor and subcontractor an equal economic opportunity to compete for City business and strongly encourages voluntary utilization of small and/or disadvantaged businesses to reflect both the industry and community ethnic composition. The use of such businesses is encouraged whenever practical.

6.4. Fiscal Year Clause

The City's fiscal year begins July 1st and ends June 30th each calendar year. The City may make payment for services rendered or costs encumbered only during a fiscal year and for a period of 60 days immediately following the close of the fiscal year, under the provisions of Arizona Revised Statutes §42-17108. Therefore, Contractor must submit billings for services performed or costs incurred prior to the close of a fiscal year within ample time to allow payment within this 60-day period.

6.5. Final Payment

- A. **PAYMENT:** The City will make final payment for all Services performed and accepted within 60 days after Contractor has delivered to the City any final progress reports, documentation, materials and evidence of costs and disbursement as required under this Agreement. Any use by the City of preliminary reports, raw data or other incomplete material returned by Contractor will be at the City's sole risk for such use.

- B. **TEMPORARY SUSPENSION:** The City may, by written notice, direct Contractor to suspend performance on all or any part of the Services for such period of time as may be determined by the City to be necessary or desirable for its convenience. If such suspension causes additional expense to Contractor in performance, and not due to fault or negligence of Contractor, the payment will be adjusted on the basis of actual costs resulting directly from the suspension, and the period for performance of the Services will be extended by mutual agreement. Any claim by Contractor for a price adjustment must be supported by appropriate documentation asserted promptly after Contractor has been notified to suspend performance.

6.6. Professional Competency

- A. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Contractor represents that it is familiar with the nature and extent of this Agreement, the Services, and any conditions that may affect its performance under this Agreement. Contractor further represents that it is fully experienced and properly qualified, is in compliance with all applicable license requirements, and is equipped, organized, and financed to perform such Services.
- B. **LEVEL OF CARE AND SKILL:** Services provided by Contractor will be performed in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of Contractor's profession currently practicing in the same industry under similar conditions. Acceptance or approval by the City of Contractor's work will in no way relieve Contractor of liability to the City for damages suffered or incurred arising from the failure of Contractor to adhere to the aforesaid standard of professional competence.

6.7. Specific Performance

Contractor agrees that in the event of a breach by Contractor of any material provision of this Agreement, the City will, upon proper action instituted by it, be entitled to a decree of specific performance thereof according to the terms of this Agreement. In the event the City will elect to treat any such breach on the part of Contractor as a discharge of the Agreement, the City may nevertheless maintain an action to recover damages arising out of such breach. This paragraph is not intended as a limitation of such other remedies as may be available to the City under law or equity.

6.8. Documentation

- A. **DISSEMINATION AND RETENTION:** There will be no dissemination or publication of any information gathered, or documents prepared in the course of the performance of the Services without the prior written consent of the City. Should the City, upon advice of counsel, deem it necessary, due to existing or anticipated litigation, to assert a legal privilege of protection and non-disclosure with regard to the subject matter of this Agreement, then, and in that event, upon written demand, Contractor will relinquish to the possession and control of the City its entire file related to this Agreement and only those portions of said file deemed by the City to be not privileged will be returned to Contractor pending the resolution of the existing or anticipated litigation.

- B. **FORMAT AND QUALITY:** All documents prepared by Contractor will be prepared in a format and at a quality approved by the City.
- C. **DOCUMENT REVIEW:** Contractor will review all documents provided by the City related to the performance of the Services and will promptly notify the City of any defects or deficiencies discovered in such review.
- D. **SUBMITTALS:** Contractor will provide timely and periodic submittals of all documents required of Contractor, including subcontracts, if any, as such become available to the City for review.

6.9. Public Records

- A. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Agreement regarding confidentiality, secrets, or protected rights, the Contractor acknowledges that all documents provided to the City may be subject to disclosure by laws related to open public records. Consequently, the Contractor understands that disclosure of some or all of the items subject to this Agreement may be required by law.
- B. In the event City receives a request for disclosure that is reasonably calculated to incorporate information that might be considered confidential by Contractor, the City agrees to provide the Contractor with notice of that request, which shall be deemed given when deposited by the City with the USPS for regular delivery to the address of the Contractor specified in their proposal. Within ten days of City notice by the City, the Contractor will inform the City in writing of any objection by the Contractor to the disclosure of the requested information. Failure by the Contractor to object timely shall be deemed to waive any objection and any remedy against the City for disclosure.
- C. In the event the Contractor objects to disclosure within the time specified, the Contractor agrees to handle all aspects related to request, including properly communicating with the requestor and timely responding with information the disclosure of which the Contractor does not object thereto. Furthermore, the Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City from any claims, actions, lawsuits, or any other controversy or remedy, in whatever form, that arises from the failure to comply with the request for information and the laws pertaining to public records, including defending the City in any legal action and payment of any penalties or judgments. This provision shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

6.10. 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.

6.11. 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.

6.12. 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.

6.13. 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.

6.14. 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.

6.15. 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.

6.16. Background Screening – Standard Risk

- A. **Determined Risk Level:** The current risk level and background screening required is STANDARD RISK LEVEL
- B. **Standard Risk Level:** A standard risk background screening will be performed when the Contract Worker’s work assignment will:
 - 1. require a badge or key for access to City facilities; or
 - 2. allow any access to sensitive, confidential records, personal identifying information or restricted City information; or
 - 3. allow unescorted access to City facilities during normal and non-business hours.
- C. **Requirements:** The background screening for this standard 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.
- D. **Contractor Certification; City Approval of Background Screening:** Unless otherwise provided for in the Scope, Contractor will be responsible for:
 - 1. determining whether Contract Worker(s) are disqualified from performing work for the City for standard risk level background checks; and,
 - 2. for reviewing the results of the background check every five years; and,
 - 3. to engage in whatever due diligence is necessary to make the decision on whether to disqualify a Contract Worker; and,
 - 4. Submitting the list of qualified Contract Workers to the contracting department.
 - 5. 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.
 - 6. 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. Also, by executing this agreement, Contractor further certifies and warrants that Contractor has satisfied all background screening requirements for the standard risk background screening, and verified legal worker status, as required.

6.17. 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.

6.18. 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.

6.19. Security Inquiries

Contractor acknowledges that all of the employees that it provides pursuant to this Contract shall, at Contractor's expense, be subject to background and security checks and screening at the request of the City. Contractor shall perform all such security inquiries and shall make the results available to the City for all employees considered for performing work (including supervision and oversight) under this Contract. City may make further security inquiries. Whether or not further security inquiries are made by the City, City may, at its sole, absolute and unfettered discretion, accept or reject any or all of the employees proposed by the Contractor for performing work under this Contract. Employees rejected by the City for performing services under this Contract may still be engaged by Contractor for other work not involving the City. An employee rejected for work under this Contract shall not be proposed to perform work under other City contracts or engagements without the City's prior approval.

The City, in its sole discretion, reserves the right, but not the obligation to:

- require an employee/prospective employee of the Contractor to provide fingerprints and execute such other documentation as may be necessary to obtain criminal justice information pursuant to A.R.S. 41-1750 (G) (4);
- act on newly acquired information whether or not such information should have been previously discovered;
- unilaterally change its standards and criteria relative to the acceptability of Contractor's employees and/or prospective employees; and
- object, at any time and for any reason, to an employee of Contractor performing work (including supervision and oversight) under this Agreement. Contractor will bear the costs of all inquiries requested by the City.

6.20. Accommodations

- A. A workstation will be provided for Consultant at 200 W. Washington Street, 251 W Washington Street or 149 North 4th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85003. A personal computer will be provided for access to select documentation provided by City staff and for storage of documentation developed in conjunction with the services being provided. The personal computer and all accessed data and information remain the exclusive property of City. In the event that mobile devices such as a laptop, blackberry, etc. are required to

provide Services, City will provide these items to Consultant subject to City of Phoenix rules and regulations associated with the use of these items including, but not limited to, acceptable use, personal use restrictions, and financial responsibility in the event the item is lost or stolen. Should Consultant elect to provide their own mobile devices capable of meeting the requirements necessary to perform the Services, Consultant may do so with the approval of PROJECT MANAGER NAME (the "Project Manager").

- B. Parking accommodations, including the cost thereof, shall be borne by Consultant.
- C. Badge and key fees as specified in Section 18.6 of this Agreement shall be borne by Consultant.

7. Federal Terms

7.1. Contracting with Small and Minority Businesses, Women's Business Enterprises, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises

Pursuant to national and City policy to award a fair share of contracts to small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, Contractor shall take affirmative steps to assure that small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises are utilized when possible as sources of supplies, equipment, construction, and services. Such affirmative steps shall include the following:

- A. Include qualified small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises on solicitation lists.
- B. Assure that small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources.
- C. When economically feasible, divide total requirements into small tasks or quantities so as to permit maximum participation from small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.
- D. Where the requirement permits, establish delivery schedules which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.
- E. Use the services and assistance of the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce and the Community Services Administration as required.
- F. Comply with the applicable requirements of the Small and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Policy Plan for the City of Phoenix.
- G. Include affirmative steps, one through six in any subcontract.

7.2. Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)

in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension," Contractor agrees that neither it, nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in the transaction evidenced by this Contract by any federal department, and agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 CFR 180 and **24 CFR 2424**.

7.3. Access to Records

The CITY, **FEDERAL AGENCY**, the Comptroller General of the United States, the Government Accounting Office or any of their duly authorized representatives shall have access to any books, documents, papers and records of the Contractor which are pertinent to any activity performed under this Contract as required under 2 CFR 200.333 et seq. and **24 CFR**

570.502(7)(ii) for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts and transcriptions. The Contractor shall keep and maintain such books, documents, papers and records in accordance with 2 CFR 200.333 et seq. and for a period of at least three (3) years after the expiration or termination of this Agreement **or three (3) years after the submission of the annual performance and evaluation report as prescribed in 24 CFR 91.520**. The Contractor shall permit independent auditors access to its records and financial statements as necessary to comply with federal audit requirements

7.4. Termination for Cause and for Convenience

- A. The CITY may terminate this contract in whole, or from time to time in part, for the CITY's convenience or the failure of the Contractor to fulfill the contract obligations (cause/default). The CITY shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a written Notice of Termination specifying the nature, extent, and effective date of the termination. Upon receipt of the notice, the Contractor shall: (1) immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise), and (2) deliver to the CITY all information, reports, papers, and other materials accumulated or generated in performing the contract, whether completed or in process.
- B. If the termination is for the convenience of the CITY, the CITY shall be liable only for payment for services rendered before the effective date of the termination.
- C. If the termination is due to the failure of the Contractor to fulfill its obligations under the contract (cause/default), the CITY may (1) require the Contractor to deliver to it, in the manner and to the extent directed by the CITY, any work described in the Notice of Termination; (2) take over the work and prosecute the same to completion by contract of otherwise, and the Contractor shall be liable for any additional cost incurred by the CITY; and (3) withhold any payments to the Contractor, for the purpose of set-off or partial payment, as the case may be, of amounts owned by the CITY by the Contractor. In the event of termination for cause/default, the CITY shall be liable to the Contractor for reasonable costs incurred by the Contractor before the effective date of the termination. Any dispute shall be decided by the Contracting Officer.

7.5. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Certification (31 U.S.C. 1351)

In all contracts in excess of \$100,000 the Contractor hereby certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- A. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the Contractor, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of and Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

- B. Each Contractor tier must certify to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization or influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C, 1352.
- C. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the Contractor shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.

7.6. Procurement of Recovered Materials

- A. In accordance with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Contractor shall procure items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition. The Contractor shall procure items designated in the EPA guidelines that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable unless the Contractor determines that such items: (1) are not reasonably available in a reasonable time period; (2) fail to meet reasonable performance standards, which shall be determined the basis of the guidelines of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, if applicable to the item, or (3) are only available at an unreasonable price.
- B. Paragraph (a) of this clause shall apply to items purchased under this contract where: (1) the Contractor purchases in excess of \$10,000 of the item under this contract; or (2) during the preceding Federal fiscal year, the Contractor: (i) purchased any amount of the items for use under a contract that was funded with Federal appropriations and was with a Federal agency or a State agency or agency of a political subdivision of a State; and (ii) purchased a total of in excess of \$10,000 of the item both under and outside that contract.

7.7. Contractor Employee Whistleblower Rights and Requirement to Inform Employees of Whistleblower Rights

- 1. (a) This contract and employees working on this contract will be subject to the whistleblower rights and remedies established at [41 U.S.C. 4712](#) and Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) [3.900](#) through [3.905](#).
- 2. (b) The Contractor shall inform its employees in writing, in the predominant language of the workforce, of employee whistleblower rights and protections under [41 U.S.C. 4712](#), as described in FAR [3.900](#) through [3.905](#).

7.8. Audit

The Contractor shall submit a financial audit within ninety (90) days after the close of any Contractor fiscal year in which the aggregate of federal grant funds expended from all sources both inclusive and exclusive of this agreement is Seven Hundred-Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) or more. The audit shall be in conformance with the audit requirements of 2 CFR Part 200.501. No funds resulting from this Contract shall be expended for the purpose of an audit without the prior written consent of the City. The decision to provide such consent shall be in the sole discretion of the City.

7.9. Conflicts of Interest

All parties hereto agree to abide by the provisions of 2 C.F.R. 200.318 and 24 C.F.R. 570.611, as applicable, which include (but are not limited to) the following:

- A. The Contractor shall maintain a written code or standards or conduct that shall govern the performance of its officers, employees or agents engaged in the award and administration of contracts supported by federal funds.
- B. No employee, officer, or agent of the Contractor shall participate in the selection, or in the award, or administration of, a contract supported by federal funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent would be involved. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract.
- C. The standards of conduct must provide for disciplinary actions to be applied for violations of such standards by officers, employees, or agents of the Contractor.

7.10. Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988

The Contractor must comply with drug-free workplace requirements in Subpart B of 2 CFR § 2429, which adopts the government-wide implementation (2 CFR part 182) of sections 5152-5158 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D; 41 U.S.C. 701-707).

7.11. Department of Labor Wage Decision

All Proposers should carefully review the Department of Labor Wage Decision and the applicable rates for Maricopa County and Residential. Applicable Wage Decisions are updated by the Department of Labor periodically. The current wage decision is: General Decision Number: AZ20230001 Modification #2 Last Revised 09/29/2023.

To see the current wage decision for Maricopa County and Residential, go to: [SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov)

The prevailing basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefit payments, as determined by the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act, shall be the minimum wages paid to the described classes of laborers and mechanics employed, or working on the site, to perform the contract.

- A. **PAYMENT WITHHOLDING:** Payrolls, including subcontractor's payrolls, must be submitted weekly no later than seven (7) days after each pay period ending date. Payments may be withheld in part or in full until payrolls are received and reviewed to assure compliance of the Federal Labor Standards. Failure to clarify, when requested, discrepancies between hourly wages paid individual workers and the minimum hourly wages required by the Federal Wage Decisions contained in the Contract documents may also affect the complete or timely release of payments.
- B. **WORKFORCE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:** The contractor shall submit payrolls electronically through the internet to the City of Phoenix web based certified payroll tracking system. The City of Phoenix uses the "LCP Tracker" web-site to track the certified payroll information. Additional information regarding the use of this system is available at <https://lcptracker.com> . This requirement shall also apply to every lower-tier subcontractor that is required to provide weekly certified payroll reports.
- C. **LABOR COMPLIANCE:** On all federally assisted projects, a Labor Compliance Conference must be held after project award and prior to the established Notice to Proceed. This meeting is separate from and in addition to the pre-bid conference. The successful bidder shall schedule the conference by calling City of Phoenix Housing Department Labor Compliance Office. Minimum attendance shall be a corporate officer, who is authorized to execute and sign documents for the firm and the payroll representative of the prime contractor. If any sub and lower-tier contractors are to be used, they must also provide the same representation and attend this meeting.
- D. **SUBCONTRACTORS:** City Approval Required. If Contractor wishes to utilize subcontractors, for performance of the Work, in addition to those listed in Contractor's original offer to the City, Contractor shall submit a current subcontractor list to the Housing Representative. No subcontractors may be used without prior approval of the Housing Representative. Subcontractors must be properly licensed for the type of work they will perform. City reserves the right to request the removal of Contractor's subcontractor if deemed unsatisfactory by the Housing Representative.
1. Work Quality. Subcontractors providing service under the contract shall meet the same service requirements and provide the same quality of service required of Contractor. Contractor shall be fully responsible to the City for the acts and omissions of persons Contractor employs and/or subcontracts.
 2. Contractor Responsibility. Use of a subcontractor does **not** relieve Contractor of responsibility of service. Contractor will manage all schedules, quality, performance and project management for subcontractors. Contractor will be held solely responsible and accountable for the service and/or repairs for which Contractor has subcontracted.
 3. Payment. Subcontracting is at Contractor's expense. Contractor is responsible for all payments including, but not limited to, labor, parts, and materials incurred from subcontracting the services.

7.12. HUD Form 5369

All Proposers should carefully review HUD Form 5369, incorporated herein by reference. In the context of this procurement the term PHA as used in HUD Form 5369 refers to the City of Phoenix.

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/5369.pdf>

7.13. HUD Form 5369-B

All Proposers should carefully review HUD Form 5369B, incorporated herein by reference. In the context of this procurement the term PHA as used in HUD Form 5369B refers to the City of Phoenix.

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=5369-b.pdf>

7.14. HUD Form 5370-C, Section 1

All Proposers should review the provisions in HUD Form 5370C, Section 1, incorporated herein by reference and is incorporated in the Contract between the successful Proposer and the City of Phoenix.

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/5370-C1.pdf>

7.15. HUD Form 5370-C, Section 2

All Proposers should review the provisions in HUD Form 5370C, Section 2, incorporated herein by reference and is incorporated in the Contract between the successful Proposer and the City of Phoenix.

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/5370-C2.pdf>

7.16. HUD Form 5370

All Proposers should carefully review HUD Form 5370, incorporated herein by reference. In the context of this procurement the term PHA as used in HUD Form 5370 refers to the City of Phoenix.

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/5370.pdf>

7.17. HUD Form 5370-EZ

All Proposers should carefully review HUD Form 5370-EZ, incorporated herein by reference. In the context of this procurement the term PHA as used in HUD Form 5370-EZ refers to the City of Phoenix.

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/5370-EZ.pdf>

7.18. HUD Form 4010

All Proposers should carefully review HUD Form 4010, incorporated herein by reference and is incorporated in the Contract between the successful Proposer and the City of Phoenix.

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=4010.pdf>

7.19. HUD Table 5.1

All Proposers should carefully review HUD Table 5.1, incorporated herein by reference. In the context of this procurement the term PHA as used in HUD Form 5370 refers to the City of Phoenix.

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/74608C05PIHH.pdf>

7.20. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)

The AGENCY will comply with the requirements of 2 CFR part 25 Universal Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM). The AGENCY must have an active registration in SAM in accordance with 2 CFR part 25, appendix A, and have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI). The AGENCY will also comply with the provisions of FFATA which includes requirements on executive compensation, and 2 CFR part 170 Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information.

7.21. Equal Employment Opportunity

Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, for all contracts that qualify as “federally assisted construction contracts” as defined in 41 CFR Part 60–1.3, Contractor agrees to comply with the equal opportunity clause under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), incorporated herein by reference, and E.O. 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity,” as amended by E.O. 11375, “Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,” and as supplemented by regulations at 41 CFR Part 60, “Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.”

7.22. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708)

If the contract exceeds \$100,000 and involves the employment of mechanics or laborers, Contractor shall comply with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, Seller shall be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than 1½ times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic shall be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

7.23. Energy Policy and Conservation Act

Subrecipient agrees to comply with all mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6201).

7.24. Domestic Preference for Procurements (2 CFR 200.322)

As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the Contractor should, to the greatest extent practicable, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of products, or

materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this Section 9 must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this Order.

For purposes of this section:

- A. "Produced in the United States" means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.
- B. "Manufactured products" means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

7.25. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunication and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (2 CFR 200.216)

Contractor shall not obligate or expend funding provided under this Contract to:

- A. Procure or obtain;
- B. Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or
- C. Enter into a contract (or extent or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
 - 1. For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
 - 2. Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.
 - 3. Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

7.26. Increasing Seat Belt Use

Pursuant to EO 13043 (4/16/1997), Increasing the Use of Seat Belts in the US, Contractor is encouraged to adopt and enforce on-the-job seat belt policies and programs for their employees when operating vehicles, whether organizationally owned or rented or personally owned.

7.27. Reducing Text Messaging While Driving

Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, 74 FR 51225 (Oct. 1, 2009), Contractor should encourage its employees, subrecipients, and contractors to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving, and Contractor should establish workplace safety policies to decrease accidents caused by distracted drivers.

7.28. 7.25 Hatch Act

Contractor will comply with the Hatch Act, 5 USC 1501-1508, and must ensure that no funds provided, nor personnel employed under this Contract, will be in any way or to any extent engaged in the conduct of political activities in violation of Chapter 15 of Title V of the U.S. Code.

8. Defense and Indemnification

8.1. Professional Services

Consultant (“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 or other amount 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 as 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 agrees to waive all rights of subrogation against Indemnitee for losses arising from or related to any 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.

9. Insurance Requirements

9.1. 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 additional insurance as they determined necessary.

9.2. 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.

9.3. 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 and non-contributory with respect to any insurance or self-insurance carried by the City.

9.4. 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 and non-contributory with respect to any insurance or self-insurance carried by the City.

9.5. 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.

9.6. 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.

9.7. Notice of Cancellation

For each insurance policy required by the insurance provisions of this Contract, the Consultant must provide to the City, within 5 business days of receipt, a notice if a policy is suspended, voided or cancelled for any reason. Such notice must be mailed, emailed to hsdprocurement@phoenix.gov or hsdprocurement@phoenix.gov.

9.8. 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.

9.9. 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 or 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.**

9.10. 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.

9.11. Approval

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

10. Submittals

10.1. Copies

Please submit, one electronic format copy of the Submittal Section and all other required documentation. Please do not lock the electronic copy with password protection so that the CITY may digitally incorporate the successful offer into the awarded contract.

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 opening date, and is irrevocable unless it is in the City's best interest to release offer(s).

10.2. Solicitation Response Check List

Use this check list as a tool to review your submission to ensure that all required documents and forms are included

The written offer should be:

- Typewritten for ease of evaluation
- Signed by an authorized representative of the Offeror
- Submitted with contact information for the individual(s) authorized to negotiate with the City
- A. Offeror's Proposal - A detailed proposal describing the firm or individual's qualifications and experience responsive to the requirements of the solicitation and evaluation criteria.
- B. Pricing Proposal - A completed pricing proposal with all requested prices, quantities, and/or discounts completed.
- C. Submittal Forms - All submittal forms are completed and signed.
- D. Addenda - Signed copies of all published addenda.

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. Electronic submission is preferred. Due to file size limitations for electronic transmission, 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 is received timely and that there are no technical reasons for delay. Please refer to the Instructions Section for complete information regarding the submission of offers.

10.3. Additional Quantities

The City anticipates considerable activity under the resultant contract(s). However, no guarantee can be made as to actual A comprehensive Community Assessment will be conducted in the first year of the contract, with updates completed in the following two years. The firm or individual selected will be responsible for the collection and analysis of information that meets the requirements of the Office of Head Start and the Community Service Block Grant, that will be purchased under this contract. The City reserves the right to add, change or delete quantities or items as circumstances may require.

Note: Offers taking exception to this option for additional quantities clause shall indicate in their offer.