



City of Phoenix

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL - GOODS AND SERVICES

RFP 25-0441

## COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT CONSULTANT SERVICES

City of Phoenix

Finance Central Procurement

251 West Washington Street

8th Floor

Phoenix, AZ

85003

RELEASE DATE: February 25, 2025

DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS: March 10, 2025

RESPONSE DEADLINE: March 21, 2025, 2:00 pm



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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1. Summary

The City of Phoenix Office of Emergency Management is soliciting proposals from qualified consultants experienced in Enterprise Risk Management to design, facilitate, and produce a comprehensive Community Risk/Vulnerability Assessment (CRA). This CRA will address current and anticipated community risks and needs over the next five to ten years. The goal is to identify potential hazards within communities, analyze their potential impacts, and prioritize mitigation efforts. This process will inform the development and implementation of programs to mitigate, respond to, and recover from disasters, emphasizing preemptively addressing gaps before major lifelines are impacted.

## 1.2. Background

The City of Phoenix, the largest municipality in Arizona, serves over 1.6 million residents. With a workforce of more than 14,000 employees, the City provides various essential services, including neighborhood development, recreation, aviation, recycling, and public works. Given its complex and diverse community, the City emphasizes meaningful community engagement to promote sustainable and equitable outcomes through urban planning, public policy development, healthcare, education, and more.

## 1.3. Contact Information

### **Rene Martinez**

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Phoenix, AZ 85003  
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Phone: [\(602\) 262-7188](tel:(602)262-7188)

### **Department:**

Finance Central Procurement

## 1.4. Timeline

### **Schedule of Events**

The City reserves the right to change dates, times, and locations, as necessary. All times are Phoenix local time. The City does not always hold a Pre-Offer Conference or Site Visit.

To request a reasonable accommodation or alternative format for any public meeting, please contact the Procurement Officer (Rene Martinez) at (602) 262-7188/Voice or 711/TTY, or [rene.martinez@phoenix.gov](mailto:rene.martinez@phoenix.gov), no later than two (2) weeks prior to the meeting.

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| <b>Solicitation Issue Date</b> | February 25, 2025 |
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| <p><b>Pre-Offer Conference (Non-Mandatory)</b></p> | <p>March 5, 2025, 9:00am</p> <p>Join from the meeting link<br/> <a href="https://cityofphoenix.webex.com/cityofphoenix/j.php?MTID=ma5db44bceaaa7fc9c22781eb88f916ee">https://cityofphoenix.webex.com/cityofphoenix/j.php?MTID=ma5db44bceaaa7fc9c22781eb88f916ee</a></p> <p>Join by meeting number<br/>             Meeting number (access code): 2630 285 7518<br/>             Meeting password: qK2bPu25WM3</p> <p>Tap to join from a mobile device (attendees only)<br/>             +1-415-655-0001,,26302857518## US Toll</p> <p>Join by phone<br/>             +1-415-655-0001 US Toll<br/>             Global call-in numbers</p> <p>Join from a video system or application<br/>             Dial <a href="tel:26302857518">26302857518@cityofphoenix.webex.com</a><br/>             You can also dial <a href="tel:173243268">173.243.2.68</a> and enter your meeting number.</p> |
| <p><b>Written Inquiries Due Date</b></p>           | <p>March 10, 2025, 2:00pm</p>  |
| <p><b>Offer Due Date</b></p>                       | <p>March 21, 2025, 2:00pm</p> <p>City of Phoenix Finance Department,<br/>             Procurement Division, 251 W Washington<br/>             Street, Phoenix, AZ 85003 OR<br/> <a href="mailto:procurement@phoenix.gov">procurement@phoenix.gov</a></p>   |

## 2. Instructions

### 2.1. Description – Statement of Need

The City of Phoenix invites sealed offers for consultant to conduct comprehensive community vulnerability assessment for a one-time purchase commencing on or about May 1, 2025, 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 products or services that meet or exceed the minimum level of all features specifically listed in this solicitation. Offers offering less than any minimum specifications or criteria specified are not responsive and should not be submitted.
- F. Offer responses submitted for products considered by the seller to be acceptable alternates to the brand names or manufacturer's catalog references specified herein must be submitted with technical literature and/or detailed product brochures for the City's use to evaluate the products offered. Offers submitted without this product information may be considered as non-responsive and rejected. The City will be the sole judge as to the acceptability of alternate products offered.
- G. Prices will be submitted on a per unit basis by line item, when applicable. In the event of a disparity between the unit price and extended price, the unit price will prevail unless obviously in error.

## 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, Finance Department, Central Procurement Division, 251 W Washington Street, 8th Floor, Phoenix, AZ. 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 City Department's clock.



Offers must be submitted in one of the following ways:

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

2. Offeror's Address (as shown on the Certification Page)
3. Solicitation Number
4. Solicitation Title
5. Offer Opening Date
6. It is the responsibility of the Offeror to ensure that the Offer is timely and to confirm that there are no technical reasons that any offer submitted electronically may be delayed. The date and time on the upload as received/stamped by the City's file transfer site will provide proof of submission and verification whether the Offer was received on or prior to the exact time and date indicated in the Schedule of Events.
7. Any original documents (such as bonds, guaranties, powers of attorney), if required by the solicitation, must be separately delivered to and received by the City on or prior to the exact time and date indicated in the Schedule of Events, with a clear indication of the Offer for which it is attributed.

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

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

## 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**

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| Evaluation Criteria #1 - Capacity                 | 400 pts |
| Evaluation Criteria #2 - Experience and Expertise | 300 pts |
| Evaluation Criteria #3 - Method of Approach       | 200 pts |
| Evaluation Criteria #4 - Pricing Proposal         | 100 pts |

## 2.16. Pre-Award Qualifications

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

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

## 2.17. 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.

## 2.18. Award of Contract

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

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

1. Technical capability of the Offeror to accomplish the scope of work required in the Solicitation. This may include performance history on past and current government or industrial contracts; and,
2. Demonstrated availability of the necessary manpower (both supervisory and operational personnel) and necessary equipment to accomplish the scope of work in the Solicitation; and,

3. Safety record; and,
  4. Offeror history of complaints and termination for convenience or cause.
- B. Notwithstanding any other provision of this solicitation, the City reserves the right to: (1) waive any immaterial defect or informality; or (2) reject any or all offers or portions thereof; or (3) reissue a solicitation.
- C. A response to a solicitation is an offer to contract with the City based upon the terms, conditions, and specifications contained in the City's solicitation. Offers do not become contracts until they are executed by the Chief Procurement Officer or Department Director. A contract has its inception in the award, eliminating a formal signing of a separate contract. For that reason, all of the terms, conditions and specifications of the procurement contract are contained in the solicitation, and in any addendum or contract amendment.

## 2.19. 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.

## 2.20. 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.

## 2.21. 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.

## 2.22. 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.

## 2.23. 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.

## 2.24. Performance Bond

A performance surety in the amount of 10% of the total contract amount shall be provided by the Contractor immediately after notice of award. The City of Phoenix will not issue a written purchase order or give notice to proceed in any form until the surety is received by the Procurement Officer. The performance surety must be in the form of a bond, cashier's check, certified check or money order. Personal or company checks are not acceptable unless certified. If surety is in the form of a bond, the company issuing the surety must be authorized by the Insurance Department of Arizona to transact business in the State of Arizona or be named on the approved listing of non-admitted companies. A Certificate of Deposit (CD) issued by a local Phoenix bank may also be used as a form of surety provided that the CD is issued jointly

in the name of the City of Phoenix and the Contractor, and that the Contractor endorses the CD over to the City at the beginning of the contract period. Interest earnings from the CD can be retained by the Contractor.

## 2.25. 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 award multiple contracts.

## 2.26. 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.

## 2.27. 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.

## 2.28. 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.

## 2.29. 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.

## 2.30. Offers Not Within the Competitive Range

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

## 2.31. 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.

### 2.32. 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. Overview

The City of Phoenix Office of Emergency Management is soliciting proposals from qualified consultants experienced in Enterprise Risk Management to design, facilitate, and produce a comprehensive Community Risk/Vulnerability Assessment (CRA).

#### 3.2. Definitions

1. **Stakeholders:** The community, businesses, community agencies, external partners, etc.
2. **Steering Committee:** City departments and specific external partners (if applicable).
3. **Community Risk Assessment (CRA):** A process of identifying, analyzing, evaluating, and prioritizing risks to enable communities to make informed decisions about emergency preparedness and enhance resilience.
4. **Public Outreach:** Efforts to connect with residents to inform them about community opportunities, services, or issues and solicit feedback.
5. **Community Engagement:** Active involvement of residents in discussions, decision-making, and activities to build trust, foster collaboration, and create community-driven solutions.

#### 3.3. General Requirements

The contractor shall:

3. **In collaboration with the City, provide outreach Services to include:**
  - Conducting surveys (online, by phone, door-to-door, or at events).
  - Organize focus groups, public events, or meetings.
  - Form advisory committees.
  - Utilize participatory evaluation or research to inform outreach effectiveness.
4. **Community Engagement Services:**
  - Build relationships and utilize the community as a learning environment.
  - Develop, implement, and oversee outreach and engagement strategies.
  - Collaborate with stakeholders to identify responsive programs and services.
  - Design communication tools to promote City services.
  - Host site visits, community events, and presentations to increase engagement.
  - Identify potential community leaders and provide leadership development opportunities.

- Monitor engagement outcomes and produce progress reports (monthly, quarterly, annual).
- Participate in community partnerships and workgroups.

**5. Inclusive Public Meetings:**

- Design engagement opportunities (e.g., social media, online surveys, videos).
- Facilitate in-person and virtual meetings.
- Ensure accessibility through:
  - Ensuring access (equipment, transportation, internet service)
  - Safety protocols for attendance and spacing,
  - Comfort with setting,
  - Translation services,
  - Ensure inclusivity, which means making all pertinent information compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), including closed captions and screen readers, to name a few.

**6. Community Partnerships:**

- Partner with established community groups (faith-based, language-based, or service-based organizations).

**7. Status Reports:**

- Provide bi-weekly status reports or as agreed upon.
  - Bi-weekly status should include metrics, such as milestones achieved, community feedback, and areas for improvement.

### 3.4. Task and Deliverables

**Phase 1: Kick-off Meeting** (Within 3 weeks of Notice to Proceed)

- Collaborate with OEM and:
  - Develop a detailed project management plan with clear timelines.
  - Assemble a Steering Committee with at least 10 members.
  - Schedule the kick-off meeting and distribute invitations to all stakeholders.

**Phase 2: Steering Committee Meetings and Public Outreach** (Within 1 month)

- Develop a comprehensive strategy for Steering Committee and public outreach meetings.
- Conduct a minimum of two Steering Committee meetings to:

- Finalize project objectives and review draft materials.
- Identify geographic contexts, methodologies, and resources.

**Phase 3: Public Outreach Meetings** (Within 2-4 months)

- Conduct at least two public meetings in each City Council District.
- Prepare and distribute outreach materials, including:
  - Social media notifications.
  - Meeting invitations and materials.
- Solicit public input on risks and vulnerabilities.
- Record and upload meetings for public accessibility.

**Phase 4: Data Collection** (Within 2-4 months)

- Research and compile data, including:
  - Census data, community baselines, and historical profiles.
  - Critical assets (e.g., hospitals, fire stations, grocery stores, transportation hubs).
  - Risk assessments specific to geographic and demographic areas.

**Phase 5: Draft CRA Development** (Within the first 6 months)

- Perform detailed analyses, including:
  - Mapping of risk zones and critical infrastructure.
  - Household and neighborhood vulnerability analysis.
  - Institutional capacity assessments.
- Develop measurable criteria for risk prioritization, such as severity, frequency, and community impact.

**Phase 6: Public Outreach #2** (Within 6-8 months)

- Present draft CRA findings to stakeholders and the public.
- Host at least three interactive workshops to:
  - Refine methodologies based on community feedback.
  - Finalize prioritized risks and action plans.

**Phase 7: Final CRA Report** (Within the first 8 months)

- Prepare and submit a final report, including:
  - Detailed maps, charts, and diagrams illustrating findings.

- Clear, actionable recommendations for risk reduction and capacity building.
- Conducted presentations to city leadership and host a public dissemination event (if required).

#### **Phase 8: Emergency Management Program**

- Translate CRA findings into actionable components for emergency operations planning.
- Integrate recommendations into hazard mitigation strategies and public education campaigns.

### **3.5. Contractor Expertise**

The contractor shall:

- Have a minimum of 5 years of risk management experience, including facilitating small and large-scale risk assessments.
- Demonstrate successful completion of at least one CRA for a jurisdiction.
- Ensure all project staff have qualifications and certifications relevant to emergency management and risk analysis.
- Possess expertise in:
  - Developing Enterprise Risk Management plans for government entities and critical infrastructure.
  - Engaging public and departmental stakeholders in risk processes.
  - Conducting detailed gap analyses and tying risk data to mission strategies.
  - Using GIS and data visualization tools for risk mapping.

## 4. Evaluation Process

### Evaluation Criteria

#### Initial Evaluation

| No. | Evaluation Criteria | Scoring Method | Weight (Points) |
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| <p>1.</p> | <p><b>Capacity</b></p> <p>A. Provide a narrative on how your Company would connect with residents and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What tools will your company use to ensure and measure its effectiveness? (SOW 3.3, D)</li> </ol> <p>B. Provide a plan and timeline for approaching and completing the required tasks and deliverables while adhering to the phase-based schedule as outlined in the Scope of Work, 3.4.</p> <p>C. Please describe your methodology, key milestones, and strategies for ensuring timely execution, specifically</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How will you develop a project management plan and manage project initiation, stakeholder coordination, and strategic planning to align with SOW 3.4?</li> <li>2. Discuss your Company's ability to lead engagement efforts, structure committee meetings, and collect meaningful input, as contemplated in SOW 3.4.</li> <li>3. Provide a narrative on conducting comprehensive collection and analysis of data (census information, community baselines, and risk mapping), identify critical assets and vulnerabilities, and create the draft report, as indicated in SOW 3.4.</li> </ol> <p>Share a plan for developing and presenting a comprehensive risk assessment report (including data visualization, finalized prioritized risks, and providing actionable recommendations) that contributes to emergency operations planning and hazard mitigation strategies SOW 3.4, and 3.5.</p> | <p>N/A</p> | <p>N/A</p> |
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| <p>2.</p> | <p><b>Experience and Expertise</b></p> <p>A. Please provide an organizational chart that includes key personnel and outlines the experience and areas of expertise related to this project.</p> <p>B. Please provide an estimated number of hours to complete the project. Please complete the breakdown for each role/ job title (Utilize RFP 25-0441- Pricing Proposal)</p> <p>C. Describe a plan on how we will engage stakeholders, conduct a gap analysis, and use GIS or data visualization tools to support risk mapping. Provide narrative and examples of expertise and qualifications in developing, identifying, and analyzing risk. (SOW 3.5)</p> <p>D. Provide an example of a status report and steps your Company would make to include metrics, such as milestones achieved, community feedback, and areas for improvement (SOW 3.3, G)</p> | <p>N/A</p> | <p>N/A</p> |
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| 3. | <p><b>Method of Approach</b></p> <p>A. Provide a narrative about your approach and methodologies your company uses to ensure successful community engagement services and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What strategies will you use to conduct effective community outreach and ensure meaningful participation from diverse populations?</li> <li>2. How will you measure the effectiveness of public engagement efforts? (SOW 3.3, D)</li> </ol> <p>B. Describe the steps your Company will take to facilitate the inclusive public meetings and discuss the approach on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Structuring the meetings to encourage participation and meaningful discussions?</li> <li>2. Techniques would you use to manage diverse audiences and ensure effective communication?</li> <li>3. How you will ensure accessibility and ADA compliance (SOW 3.3, E)</li> </ol> <p>C. Discuss the process for establishing partnerships with established community groups, such as faith-based, language-based, or service-based organizations (SOW 3.3, F)</p> | N/A | N/A |
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**Cost Proposal**

| No. | Evaluation Criteria  | Scoring Method | Weight (Points)                |
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| 1.  | <p><b>Pricing Proposal</b></p> <p>Please complete the Pricing Proposal. (Attachment J)</p> | Points Based   | <p>100<br/>(100% of Total)</p> |

## 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.
- J. **Electronic Signatures:** Electronic signatures are valid under Arizona law. Either or all parties may execute this Agreement by scanned or electronic signature, and any such scanned or electronic signature shall be deemed an original, valid, and binding signature if issued with proper signature authority.

#### 5.4. Costs and Payments

- A. **General:** Any prompt payment terms offered must be clearly noted by the Contractor on all invoices submitted to the City for the payment of goods or services received. The City will make every effort to process payment for the purchase of material or services within thirty to forty-five calendar days after receipt of a correct invoice, unless a good faith dispute exists to any obligation to pay all or a portion of the account. Payment terms are specified in the Offer.
- B. **Payment Deduction Offset Provision:** Contractor acknowledges that the City Charter requires that no payment be made to any Contractor as long as there is an outstanding obligation due to the City. Contractor agrees that any obligation it owes to the City will be offset against any payment due to the Contractor from the City.
- C. **Late Submission of Claim by Contractor:** The City will not honor any invoices or claims which are tendered one year after the last item of the account accrued.

- D. **Discounts:** If applicable, payment discounts will be computed from the date of receiving acceptable products, materials and/or services or correct invoice, whichever is later to the date payment is mailed.
- E. **No Advance Payments:** Advance payments are not authorized. Payment will be made only for actual services or commodities that have been received, unless addressed specifically in the Scope of work for subscription services.
- F. **Fund Appropriation Contingency:** The Contractor recognizes that any agreement entered into will commence upon the day first provided and continue in full force and effect until termination in accordance with its provisions. The Contractor and the City herein recognize that the continuation of any contract after the close of any given fiscal year of the City, which ends on June 30th of each year, will be subject to the approval of the budget of the City providing for or covering such contract item as an expenditure therein. The City does not represent that said budget item will be actually adopted, said determination being the determination of the City Council at the time of the adoption of the budget.
- G. **Maximum Prices:** The City will not be invoiced at prices higher than those stated in any contract resulting from this Offer. Contractor certifies, by signing this Offer that the prices offered are no higher than the lowest price the Contractor charges other buyers for similar quantities under similar conditions, as applicable and shown by quotes for like services and goods. Contractor further agrees that any reductions in the price of the goods or services covered by this Offer and occurring after award will apply to the undelivered balance. The Contractor will promptly notify the City of such price reductions.
- H. **F.O.B. Point:** All prices are to be quoted F.O.B. destination, unless specified elsewhere in this solicitation.

## 5.5. Contract Changes

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



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

## 5.6. Risk of Loss and Liability

- A. **Title and Risk of Loss:** The title and risk of loss of material or service will not pass to the City until the City actually receives the material or service at the point of delivery; and such loss, injury, or destruction will not release seller from any obligation hereunder.
- B. **Acceptance:** All material or service is subject to final inspection and acceptance by the City. Material or service failing to conform to the specifications of this contract will be held at Contractor's risk and may be returned to the Contractor. If so returned, all costs are the responsibility of the Contractor. Noncompliance will conform to the cancellation clause set forth in this document.
- C. **Force Majeure:** Except for payment of sums due, neither party will be liable to the other nor deemed in default under this contract if and to the extent that such party's performance of this contract is prevented by reason of force majeure. The term "force majeure" means an occurrence that is beyond the control of the party affected and occurs without its fault or negligence. Force majeure will not include late performance by a subcontractor unless the delay arises out of a force majeure occurrence in accordance with this force majeure term and condition. If either party is delayed at any time in the progress of the work by force majeure, the delayed party will notify the other party in writing of such delay, as soon as is practical, of the commencement thereof and will specify the causes of such delay in such notice. Such notice will be hand-delivered or mailed certified-return receipt and will make a specific reference to this provision, thereby invoking its provisions. The delayed party will cause such delay to cease as soon as practicable and will notify the other party in writing when it has done so. The time of completion will be extended by contract modification for a period of time equal to the time that results or effects of such delay prevent the delayed party from performing in accordance with this contract.
- D. **Loss of Materials:** The City does not assume any responsibility, at any time, for the protection of or for loss of materials, from the time that the contract operations have commenced until the final acceptance of the work by the City.
- E. **Contract Performance:** Contractor will furnish all necessary labor, tools, equipment, and supplies to perform the required services at the City facilities designated, unless otherwise specifically addressed in the scope, or elsewhere in this Agreement. The City's authorized representative will decide all questions which may arise as to the quality and acceptability of any work performed under the contract. If, in the opinion of the City's authorized representative, performance becomes unsatisfactory, the City will notify the Contractor. The Contractor will have 30 days from that time to correct any specific instances of unsatisfactory performance, unless a different amount of time is

specified in the agreement. In the event the unsatisfactory performance is not corrected within the time specified, the City will have the immediate right to complete the work to its satisfaction and will deduct the cost to cover from any balances due or to become due the Contractor. Repeated incidences of unsatisfactory performance may result in cancellation of the agreement for default.

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

## 5.7. City's Contractual Rights

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

- A. **Non-Exclusive Remedies:** The rights and remedies of the City under this Contract are non-exclusive.
- B. **Default in 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.

## 5.8. Contract Termination

- A. **Gratuities:** The City may, by written notice to the Contractor, cancel this contract if it is found that gratuities, in the form of entertainment, gifts or otherwise, were offered or given by the Contractor or any agent or representative of the Contractor, to any officer or employee of the City making any determinations with respect to the performing of such contract. In the event this contract is canceled by the City pursuant to this provision, the City will be entitled, in addition to any other rights and remedies, to recover or withhold from the Contractor the amount of the gratuity.
- B. **Conditions and Causes for Termination:**
  - 1. This contract may be terminated at any time by mutual written consent, or by the City, with or without cause, upon giving thirty-day written notice to Contractor. The City at its convenience, by written notice, may terminate this contract, in whole or in part. If this contract is terminated, the City will be liable only for payment under the payment provisions of this contract for services rendered and accepted material received by the City before the effective date of termination. Title to all materials, work-in-process and completed but undeliverable goods, will pass to the City after costs are claimed and allowed. The Seller will submit detailed cost claims in an acceptable manner and will permit the City to examine such books and records as may be necessary in order to verify the reasonableness of any claims.
  - 2. The City reserves the right to cancel the whole or any part of this contract due to failure of Contractor to carry out any term, promise, or condition of the contract. The City will issue a written notice of default to Contractor for acting or failing to act as in any of the following:
    - In the opinion of the City, Contractor provides personnel who do not meet the requirements of the contract;
    - In the opinion of the City, Contractor fails to perform adequately the stipulations, conditions or services/specifications required in this contract;

- In the opinion of the City, Contractor attempts to impose on the City personnel or materials, products or workmanship, which is of an unacceptable quality;
- Contractor fails to furnish the required service and/or product within the time stipulated in the contract;
- In the opinion of the City, Contractor fails to make progress in the performance of the requirements of the contract and/or gives the City a positive indication that Contractor will not or cannot perform to the requirements of the contract.

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

## 5.9. Notice

All notices, consents, approvals, and other communications ("Notice") between the City and Contractor that are required to be given under this Contract shall be in writing and given by (1) personal delivery, (2) email with return receipt requested (read receipt), (3) facsimile transmittal with delivery confirmation, (4) prepaid delivery to any commercial air courier or express delivery service, or (5) registered or certified mail, postage prepaid and return receipt requested, through the United States Postal Service.

Notices to the City shall be sent to: City of Phoenix Finance Department, Procurement Division [Procurement@phoenix.gov](mailto:Procurement@phoenix.gov).

Notice to Contractor shall be sent to the person at the mailing address, email address, or fax number listed by Contractor in its Offer in Submittal Forms - Offer Page.

## 5.10. Integration

This Agreement constitutes and embodies the full and complete understanding and agreement of the parties hereto and supersedes all prior understandings, agreements, discussions, proposals, bids, negotiations, communications, and correspondence, whether oral or written. No representation, promise, inducement or statement of intention has been made by any party hereto which is not embodied in this Agreement, and no party will be bound by or liable for any statement of intention not so set forth.

## 5.11. 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.

## 5.12. 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.

## 5.13. 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.

## 5.14. 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.

## 5.15. 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.

## 5.16. 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.

## 5.17. 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.

## 5.18. 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.

## 5.19. 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).

## **6. Special Terms and Conditions**

### **6.1. Term of Contract**

The term of this Contract will commence on or about May 1, 2025 and will continue for a period of five (5) years thereafter.

### **6.2. Free on Board (FOB)**

Prices quoted shall be FOB destination and delivered, as required, to the following point(s): 251 W Washington St, Flr 8, Phoenix, AZ 85003.

### **6.3. Price**

All prices offered shall be firm and fixed for the entire term of the contract. Price decrease requests do not require supporting documentation and are allowed at any time during the contract term.

### **6.4. Method of Ordering**

Contractor shall deliver items and/or services only upon receipt of a written purchase order. All Contractor invoices and packing/delivery tickets must include the City of Phoenix purchase order number.

### **6.5. Method of Invoicing**

Invoice must be emailed in .pdf format to [invoices@phoenix.gov](mailto:invoices@phoenix.gov) and must include the following:

- City purchase order number or shopping cart number
- Items listed individually by the written description and part number
- Unit price, extended and totaled
- Quantity ordered, back ordered, and shipped
- Applicable tax
- Invoice number and date
- Delivery address
- Payment terms
- FOB terms
- Remit to address

### **6.6. Method of Payment**

Payment to be made from Contractor's invoice and a copy of the signed delivery/service ticket submitted to cover items received and accepted during the billing period.

## 6.7. Partial Payments

Partial payments are authorized on individual purchase orders. Payment will be made for actual goods and services received and accepted by the City.

## 6.8. Supplier Profile Changes

It is the responsibility of the Contractor to promptly update their profile in procurePHX at <https://www.phoenix.gov/procure>. If Contractor's legal identify has changed, the Procurement Officer must be notified immediately. Failure to do so may result in non-payment of invoices and contract termination.

## 6.9. Suspensions of Work

The City reserves the right to suspend work wholly or in part if deemed necessary for the best interest of the City. This suspension will be without compensation to the Contractor, other than to adjust the contract completion/delivery requirements.

## 6.10. Hours of Work

All work under this contract shall be coordinated with the City's authorized Department representative. Any changes to the established schedule must have prior written approval by the City's authorized Department representative.

## 6.11. Post Award Conference

A post-award conference will be held prior to commencement of any work on the project. The purpose of this conference is to discuss critical elements of the work schedule and operational problems and procedures.

## 6.12. Performance Interference

Contractor shall notify the City's authorized Department representative immediately of any occurrence and/or condition that interferes with the full performance of the contract and confirm it in writing within 24 hours.

## 6.13. Exclusive Possession

All services, information, computer program elements, reports, and other deliverables which may be created under this contract are the sole property of the City of Phoenix and will not be used by the Contractor or any other person except with prior written permission by the City.

## 6.14. Licenses and Permits

Contractor will keep current Federal, State, and local licenses and permits required for the operation of the business conducted by the Contractor as applicable to this contract.

## 6.15. Delivery

All deliveries shall be made between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., local time, Monday through Friday, excluding City holidays. City holiday calendar:

<https://www.phoenix.gov/calendar/holidays>



## 6.16. Delivery / Service Ticket

Contractor shall provide a packing list or service ticket for items delivered to the City or services provided to the City. Tickets should include the following and a legible copy shall be provided to the City:

- Date
- City purchase order number
- Written description of services which were provided
- Itemized list of materials which were delivered, including quantity
- A unique identification number and Contractor name
- Signature of City employee who accepted for the materials/services

## 6.17. Miscellaneous Fees

Additional charges for fuel surcharges, delivery charges, dealer prep, environmental fees, waste disposal, shop supplies, set-up, freight and/or shipping and handling, etc. will not be paid. These costs must be incorporated in the pricing provided.

Labor rates (Shop and On-site) shall be charged as a flat hourly rate and are allowed only in performance of services under this agreement. Travel hours and other incidental fees will not be permitted under this agreement. Labor hours will be from “check-in” to “check-out” at the worksite.

## 6.18. Demonstration

The City may, in its discretion, require a demonstration of the products or services offered as part of the evaluation process. The demonstration shall be provided by the Contractor at no cost to the City for the period deemed sufficient to properly evaluate the product or service. The exact time, conditions, and terms of the evaluation shall be established at the time a demonstration is requested.

## 6.19. Hiring of Each Other's Personnel

Without the prior written consent of the other party, each party shall not actively target for hire personnel of the other party through the term of this Agreement and for six (6) months after the expiration or termination of the last Statement of Work executed by the parties. This prohibition does not apply to or affect in any way the City's standard recruitment processes. The City will not pay a fee or owe any compensation whatsoever to the Contractor if Contractor's employee files an employment application, competes successfully and is hired into a City position. Individuals who are employed by Contractor agency and who are on assignment at the City may file an application for regular City employment and be considered on the same merits and qualifications as would all other applicants. For this reason, compensation to Contractor would not be appropriate and not incurred if such worker succeeds in the selection process and is appointed to a regular City position.

## 6.20. Liquidated Damages

If the Contractor fails to deliver the supplies or perform the services within the time specified in its contract, or any extension thereof, the actual damages to the City for the delay will be difficult or impossible to determine. Therefore, in lieu of actual damages, the Contractor shall pay to the City as fixed, agreed and liquidated damages for each calendar day of the delay, the amount of N/A. The City may terminate this contract in whole or in part as provided in the "Default" provision. In that event, the Contractor shall be liable for such liquidated damages accruing until the City may reasonably obtain delivery or performance of similar supplies and services. The Contractor shall not be charged with liquidated damages when the delay arises out of causes beyond its control and without fault or negligence, as determined by the City. The Chief Procurement Officer will be the sole judge in determining the liquidated damages.

## 6.21. 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.

## 6.22. 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.

## 6.23. 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.

## 6.24. 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.

## 6.25. 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.

## 6.26. 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.

## 6.27. Contractor's Default; Liquidated Damages; Reservation of Remedies for Material Breach

If Contractor is required to access any City facilities without an escort, City badging is required. Contractor's default under this section will include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Contract Worker gains access to a City facility(s) without the proper badge or key;
- Contract Worker uses a badge or key of another to gain access to a City facility;
- Contract Worker commences services under this agreement without the proper badge, key or background screening;
- Contract Worker or Contractor submits false information or negligently submits wrong information to the City to obtain a badge, key or applicable background screening; or
- Contractor fails to collect and timely return Contract Worker's badge or key upon termination of Contract Worker's employment, reassignment of Contract Worker to another City facility or upon the expiration, cancellation or termination of this Agreement.
- Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the access control, badge and key requirements in this section are necessary to preserve and protect the public health, safety and welfare. Accordingly, Contractor agrees to properly cure any default under this section within three business days (excluding weekends and City holidays) from the date notice of default is sent by the City. The parties agree that Contractor's failure to properly cure any default under this section will constitute a breach of this section. In addition to any other remedy available to the City at law or in equity, the Contractor will

be liable for and pay to the City the sum of \$1,000.00 for each breach by Contractor in this section. The parties further agree that the sum fixed above is reasonable and approximates the actual or anticipated loss to the City at the time and making of this agreement if Contractor breaches this section. Further, the parties expressly acknowledge and agree to the fixed sum set forth above because of the difficulty of proving the City's actual damages if Contractor breaches this section. The parties further agree that three breaches by Contractor in this section arising out of any default within a consecutive period of three months or three breaches by Contractor in this section arising out of the same default within a period of 12 consecutive months will constitute a material breach of this agreement by Contractor and the City expressly reserves all of its rights, remedies and interests under this agreement, at law and in equity including, but not limited to, termination of this agreement.

## 6.28. Employee Identification and Access

Contract Workers are forbidden access to designated restricted areas. Access to each building will be as directed by the authorized Phoenix authorized representative. Contract Workers are not authorized access other than during scheduled hours. Access to the building will be directed by the City's authorized representative.

Only authorized Contract Workers are allowed on the premises of the City facilities/buildings. Contract Workers are not to be accompanied in the work area by acquaintances, family members, assistants or any other person unless said person is an authorized Contract Worker.

Unless otherwise provided for in the scope of work:

- Contract Workers must always have city issued badges and some form of verifiable company identification (badge, uniform, employee id).
- Contractor will supply a list of the names and titles of all employees requiring access to the buildings. It is the Contractor's responsibility to provide updates and changes of personnel as necessary.

## 6.29. Key Access Procedures

If the Contractor Worker's services require keyed access to enter a City facility(ies), a separate key issue/return form must be completed and submitted by the Contractor for each key issued. Contractor must submit the completed key issue/return form to the appropriate badging office.

## 6.30. Stolen or Lost Badges or Keys

Contractor must immediately report lost or stolen badges or keys to the City's appropriate badging office. If the badge/key was stolen, Contract Worker's must report the theft to their local police department. Prior to issuance of a new badge or key, a new badge application or key issue form must be completed, submittal of a police department report for stolen badges, and applicable payment of the fee(s) listed herein.

### 6.31. Return of Badge or Key

All badges and keys are the property of the City and must be returned to the City at the badging office within one business day (excluding weekends and City holidays) of when the Contract Worker's access to a City facility is no longer required to furnish the services under this agreement. Contractor will collect a Contract Worker's badge and key(s) upon the termination of the Contract Worker's employment; when the Contractor Worker's services are no longer required at a City facility(s); or upon termination, cancellation or expiration of this agreement.

### 6.32. Badge and Key Fees

The following constitute the badge and key fees under this agreement, which shall be paid for at the Contractor's sole cost and expense, unless otherwise provided for in the scope of work. The City reserves the right to amend these fees upon a 30-day prior written notice to Contractor.

Initial Badge Fee: \$55.00 per application

Replacement Badge Fee: \$55.00 per badge

Lost/Stolen Badge Fee: \$55.00 per badge

Replacement Key Fee: \$55.00 per key

Replacement Locks: \$55.00 per lock

### 6.33. Contract Worker Background Screening

Contractor agrees that all Contract Workers that Contractor allows to perform work under this Contract shall be subject to background and security checks and screening (Background Screening). Contractor must pay for the cost of all Background Screenings, unless otherwise provided in the Scope of Work. Contractor agrees that Background Screenings required by this Section is necessary to preserve and protect public health, safety, and welfare. The Background Screening requirements set forth in this Section are the minimum requirements for this Contract. The City does not warrant or represent that the minimum requirements are sufficient to protect Contractor from any liability that may arise out of Contractor's work under this Contract or Contractor's failure to comply with this Section. Therefore, in addition to the Background Screening measures set forth below, Contractor and its Contract Workers shall take such other reasonable, prudent, and necessary measures to further preserve and protect public health, safety, and welfare when providing work under this Contract.

As used in this Section, "Contract Worker" means a person performing work for the City, including (1) a person or entity that has a contract with the City, (2) a worker of a person or entity that has a contract with the City, (3) a worker of a subcontractor of a person or entity that has a contract with the City, and (4) a worker of a tenant of the City. (City of Phoenix A.R. 4.45)

### 6.34. Legal Worker Background Check

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 41-4401, Contractor must verify the legal Arizona worker status of each Contract Worker. Contractor must conduct and all Contract Workers must pass a background check for their real identity and legal name prior to performing any work under this Contract.

### 6.35. City Rights Regarding Security Inquiries

In addition to a Legal Worker Background Check, the City reserves the right to require Contractor to:

- A. Have a Contract Worker provide fingerprints and execute any document that is necessary to obtain criminal justice information pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1750(G)(4) or Phoenix City Code § 4-22 or both;
- B. Act on newly acquired information, whether or not the information should have been previously discovered;
- C. Unilaterally change its standards and criteria related to the acceptability of Contract Workers; and
- D. Object, at any time and for any reason, to a Contract Worker performing work under this Contract, including supervision and oversight services.

### 6.36. Contractor Certification

By entering into this Contract, Contractor certifies that Contractor has read the Background Screening requirements and criteria in this Section, understands them, and that all Background Screening information furnished to the City is accurate, complete, and current. A Contract Worker that is rejected for work under this Contract shall not perform any work under any other contract or engagement Contractor has with the City without the City's prior written approval.

### 6.37. Contractor's Contracts and Subcontracts

Contractor shall include the terms of this Section for Contract Worker Background Screening in all contracts and subcontracts for work performed under this Contract, including supervision and oversight services.

### 6.38. Materiality of Background Screening Requirements and Indemnity

The Background Screening requirements of this Section are material to the City's decision to enter into this Contract. Any breach of this Section by Contractor shall be deemed a material breach of this Contract. In addition to any other indemnification provision in this Contract, Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City from and against any and all claims, actions, liabilities, damages, losses, and expenses (Claims) arising out of this Background Screening Section, including the Contractor's disqualification of any Contract Worker or the City's failure to enforce this Section.

### 6.39. Continuing Duty and Audit

Contractor's obligation to ensure that all Contract Workers pass a Background Screening pursuant to Section shall continue throughout the entire term of this Contract. Contractor shall immediately notify the City of any change to a Contract Worker's Background Screening. Contractor shall maintain all records and documents related to all Background Screenings and the City reserves the right to audit Contractor's compliance with this Section.

## 6.40. Contract Worker Access Controls and Airport Security Badge Requirements

Contractor shall not allow a Contract Worker to begin work under this Contract until Contractor has completed the Background Screening required by the City and the City has issued the appropriate airport security badge to the Contract Worker. The airport security badge will grant the Contract Worker unescorted access authority only to the area or areas of the Airport that the Contract Worker must enter in order to perform work under this Contract. When a Contract Worker's work in any area ends, the Contract Worker's access authority to that area ends. Any Contract Worker that attempts to enter a restricted area or sterile area, as those terms are defined below, of the Airport without proper authority is an immediate breach of this Contract.

## 6.41. Security Identification Display Area (SIDA) Badge Process

Each Contract Worker that needs unescorted access authority to a restricted or sterile area of the Airport in order to perform work under this Contract must receive a security identification display area (SIDA) badge from the Aviation Department's Public Safety and Security Division's Badging Office. Contractor must make arrangements with the City to have each Contract Worker proceed to the Badging Office for processing. The Badging Office will not issue a SIDA badge until the Contract Worker passes a fingerprint-based criminal history background check (CHRC) required by federal law (49 C.F.R. § 1542.209) and § 4-22(C) of the Phoenix City Code and passes a security threat assessment as mandated by the TSA through a security directive (49 C.F.R. § 1542.303). The Contract Worker shall comply with all requirements of and furnish all information requested by the Badging Office. Contractor shall pay for all fees associated with SIDA badging process, unless otherwise provided in the Scope of Work. Fees will be assessed according to § 4-22(D) of the Phoenix City Code. Current badging procedures and fees are available for review at: <https://www.skyharbor.com/airport-business/security-badging/>.

As used in this Section, "restricted area" means the secured area and SIDA area of the Airport. "Secured area" means the part of the Airport in which certain federal security measures are implemented and where airlines enplane and deplane passengers and load baggage. "SIDA area" means the secured area and other areas designated by the Aviation Department, which include air operation areas, ground transportation areas, and the Rental Car Center security doors. "Sterile area" means the part of the Airport that provides passengers access to board aircraft and is controlled by the TSA or the airline by screening of persons and property. See § 4-22 of the Phoenix City Code and Rules 05-01 and 05-09 of the Aviation Department Rules and Regulations for a complete definition of the foregoing terms.

## 6.42. Risk-Based Background Check Process

The City has established two levels of risk for Contract Worker background checks: standard risk and maximum risk. If the Scope of Work changes, the City may change the level of risk, which may require Contractor conduct additional investigations and incur additional costs in order to process a background check and obtain the required airport security badge. Contract Workers who receive a SIDA badge are exempt from a standard and maximum risk background check.

A STANDARD RISK [or MAXIMUM RISK] BACKGROUND CHECK is required for all non-exempt Contract Workers performing work under this Contract.

As used in this Section, “background check” means the fact-gathering process described in City of Phoenix A.R. 4.45 that is conducted to obtain information regarding a Contract Worker’s legal Arizona eligibility, criminal history, driving history, certifications, and other matters that may affect the Contract Worker’s ability or fitness to perform work under this Contract.

- A. Before any work is performed under this Contract, Contractor shall provide the City with a list of its Contract Workers.
- B. If any dispute arises related to a background check process or criminal history check information, then Contractor and the affected Contract Worker will resolve the dispute. The City will not get involved in resolving any such dispute.
- C. In making the determination whether information in a background check renders the Contract Worker disqualified, Contractor should be guided by the following principles and guidelines:
  - 1. Disqualification should not be based solely on a criminal conviction, unless the conviction related to performance under this Contract.
  - 2. Arrests that did not result in a conviction being entered or charges being filed may not be considered.
  - 3. Not all criminal convictions or other negative information obtained in a background check will disqualify a Contract Worker from working under this Contract.
  - 4. Contractor must evaluate the relevance of the information to the work the Contract Worker will perform under this Contract.
  - 5. Contractor must consider the following factors in determining whether negative background information disqualifies a Contract Worker:
    - Duties of the position
    - Time, nature, and number of negative events and convictions
    - Attempts and extent of rehabilitation efforts
    - The relation between the duties of the position and the nature of the crime committed
- D. The analysis of whether any information in a background check is a potentially disqualifying factor involves looking at the requirements of the Contract, the Scope of Work, where the work will be performed, the need for access to restricted areas, and the type of persons or places the Contract Worker will encounter. Contractor should review the background check results and determine whether the nature of the conviction or crime reported would create a risk to the City based on the Contract’s requirements.
  - 1. For a Contract Worker requiring a standard risk background check, potentially disqualifying convictions include a record of theft, identity theft, computer fraud or



- abuse, burglary, arson, crimes against property, violent crimes, or other crimes involving dishonesty, or embezzlement.
2. For a Contract Worker requiring a maximum risk background check, potentially disqualifying convictions include a record of child molestation, assault, sexual assault, crimes against a person, public indecency, drug offenses, forgery, theft, burglary, arson, crimes against property, violent crimes, crimes for financial gain, identity theft, computer fraud or abuse, and embezzlement.
- E. If a background check shows that the disposition of an arrest is unknown, then Contractor must determine the disposition of the arrest.
- F. Contractor will obtain a Contract Worker disclosure from each Contract Worker who will perform work under this Contract. Contractor will provide the Contract Worker disclosures to the City upon request. "Contract Worker disclosure" means an affidavit by a Contract Worker disclosing his or her prior criminal record. The Contract Worker disclosure must list all criminal convictions, including the nature of the crime, the date of the conviction, and the location where the crime and conviction occurred. The Contract Worker disclosure also grants to the City the right to review the background check results. (City of Phoenix A.R. 4.45)
- G. In a standard risk background check, Contractor must review the results of the background check and decide if a Contract Worker should be disqualified for work under this Contract. Contractor must engage in whatever due diligence is necessary to make the decision on whether to disqualify a Contract Worker. After Contractor has made its decisions, a list of names of qualified Contract Workers will be provided to the City.
- H. In a maximum risk background check, Contractor must conduct the same review as in a standard risk background check. However, when submitting its list of qualified Contract Workers, Contractor must also submit the results of the background checks to the City for review. After its review, the City will either approve or deny each Contract Worker.
1. If the City approves a Contract Worker, then the City will notify Contractor of that fact and the Aviation Department will issue the appropriate airport security badge to the Contract Worker.
  2. If the City denies a Contract Worker, then the City will notify Contractor of that fact and Contractor will reevaluate the Contract Worker to determine whether the person should be disqualified. If Contractor believes there are extenuating circumstances that suggest that the Contract Worker should not be disqualified, then Contractor will discuss those circumstances with the City. The City will review the matter and its decision on disqualification is final.
  3. The City may set up a secure folder or drop box for confidential materials related to maximum risk background checks. The City will not keep records related to maximum risk background checks after they are reviewed.

- I. If Contractor is a sole proprietor, Contractor must submit to the City a copy of his or her own background check and a background check for all business partners, member, and employees that will work under this Contract and for whom the background check requirements of City of Phoenix A.R. 4.45 apply.
- J. Contractor shall determine whether a Contract Worker is disqualified from performing work under this Contract.

### 6.43. Standard Risk Background Check

A standard risk background check must be conducted for the term of this Contract or five (5) years, whichever is shorter. Contractor shall conduct a standard risk background check on all Contract Workers whose work under this Contract requires:

- An airport security badge or key for access to City facilities,
- Access to sensitive information, confidential records, personal identifying information, or restricted City information, or
- Unescorted access to City facilities during normal and non-business hours.

“Personal identifying information” is defined by City of Phoenix A.R. 4.45.

### 6.44. Scope of the Standard Risk Background Check

The standard risk background check conducted by Contractor must be based on the real identity and legal name of the Contract Worker and include felony and misdemeanor records checks from any county in the United States, the state of Arizona, and any other jurisdiction where the Contractor Worker has lived at any time in the last seven (7) years.

### 6.45. Maximum Risk Background Check

A maximum risk background check must be conducted for the term of this Contract or five (5) years, whichever is shorter. Contractor shall conduct a maximum risk background check on all Contract Workers whose work under this Contract requires:

- Working directly with a vulnerable adult or child under age 18,
- Any responsibility for the receipt of payment of City funds or control of inventories, assets, or records that are at risk of misappropriation,
- Unescorted access to City data centers, money rooms, high-value equipment rooms,
- Access to a private residence,
- Access to Homeland Defense Bureau-identified critical infrastructure sites or facilities, or
- Responsibility or access to City-identified critical infrastructure sites, City networks or data, cyber/IT/network assets, digital or cyber assets, workstations, or servers, by either remote or direct access.

## 6.46. Scope of the Maximum Risk Background Check

The maximum risk background check conducted by Contractor must include the search criteria conducted under a standard risk background check in addition to a search for all felony and misdemeanor convictions (not including traffic or parking violations), a sex offender check, and a search for all outstanding warrants. Based on the Scope of Work, Contractor shall also conduct a credit check (for cash handling, accounting, and compliance positions only), driving records check (for driving positions only), and fingerprint verification when the Contract Worker is working directly with a child under age 18 or a vulnerable adult or the work under the Contract will take the Contract Worker to a criminal justice information system (CJIS) location.

Maximum risk background checks are valid for the term of this Contract or three (3) years, whichever is shorter.

## 6.47. Maximum Risk Background Check for Child Care Staff Members

If the Scope of Work of this Contract involves work as a child care staff member, then Contractor will conduct a maximum risk background check.

## 6.48. Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Maximum Risk Background Check

If the Scope of Work of this Contract requires unescorted access to a CJIS location or if Contractor will have access to a CJIS infrastructure or information, then a CJIS maximum risk background check will be conducted, reviewed, and approved by the Phoenix Police Department or the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

## 6.49. Maximum Risk Background Check for Children or Vulnerable Adults

If the Scope of Work of this Contract involves work with a child under age 18 or a vulnerable adult, then Contractor will conduct a maximum risk background check.

As used in this Section, "vulnerable adult" means an individual who is 18 years of age or older who is unable to protect himself or herself from abuse, neglect, or exploitation by others because of a mental or physical impairment. (A.R.S. § 13-3623(F)(6) and City of Phoenix A.R. 4.45)

## 6.50. Airport Security Badge Handling Procedures

Contractor will comply with the following airport security badge handling procedures:

**Key Access Procedures.** If a Contract Worker requires keyed access to enter a City facility, then a separate key will be issued and Contractor must complete a return form and submit it to the City for each key issued.

**Stolen or Lost Badges or Keys.** Contractor shall immediately report any lost or stolen airport security badge or key to the City. A new airport security badge application or key issue form must be completed and submitted along with payment of the applicable fee prior to issuance of a new airport security badge or key.

**Return of Badges or Keys.** All airport security badges and keys are the property of the City and must be returned to the Badging Office within one (1) business day after the Contract

Worker's access to a City facility is no longer required under this Contract. Contractor shall collect a Contract Worker's airport security badge and all keys (1) when the Contract Worker's employment is terminated, (2) when the Contract Worker's services are no longer required at a City facility, or (3) when this Contract terminates, is cancelled, or expires, whichever occurs first.

**Employee Identification and Access.** Contract Workers must have an airport security badge and some form of verifiable company identification in their possession at all times while working under this Contract, unless otherwise provided in the Scope of Work. Contract Workers are strictly prohibited from entering any area of the Airport that is not authorized by the airport security badge or key issued to them by the Badging Office. The Aviation Department will determine who will have access to the Airport. Contract Workers access authority is only valid during their scheduled hours. Contractor shall provide the City with updates and changes in personnel as they occur.

**Badge Fees.** Contractor shall pay the airport security badge fees set forth in § 4-11(D) of the Phoenix City Code.

### 6.51. Contractor's Breach

Contractor agrees that the access control, airport security badge, and key requirements in this Section are necessary to preserve and protect public health, safety, and welfare. Therefore, Contractor shall be deemed in immediate breach of this Section upon the occurrence of any of the following:

- A Contract Worker gains access to a City facility or a restricted or secured area of the Airport without the proper airport security badge or key
- A Contract Worker uses another person's airport security badge or key to gain or attempt to gain access to a City facility or a restricted or secured area of the Airport
- A Contract Worker begins work under this Contract without passing the appropriate Background Screening and being issued the proper airport security badge or key
- A Contract Worker or Contractor submits false, incomplete, or misleading Background Screening information or submits any false, incomplete, or misleading information in an attempt to improperly obtain an airport security badge or key
- Contractor fails to collect and timely return a Contract Worker's airport security badge or key to the City within three days of the (1) date the Contract Worker's employment terminates, (2) the date the Contract Worker is assignment to another City facility, or (3) when this Contract terminates, is cancelled, or expires, whichever occurs first

### 6.52. Liquidated Damages and Remedies for Breach of Aviation Security Procedures

In addition to any other remedy available to the City at law or in equity, including the right to terminate this Contract, Contractor shall be liable for and shall pay to the City a stipulated damage in the amount of \$1,000.00 for each breach of Aviation Security Procedures and for each time a Contract Worker entered a restricted or secured area of the Airport without proper authority. Contractor agrees that the stipulated damage amount is not a penalty, but is a

reasonable estimate of the actual harm to the City caused by a breach and that the harm was very difficult to estimate at the time this Contract was entered into.

### 6.53. Contractor Certification

Contractor certifies to the City that Contractor has read the foregoing Background Screening requirements and that all Background Screening information Contractor furnished to the City is accurate, complete, and current. Contractor further certifies to the City that Contractor has satisfied all Background Screening requirements and verified the legal worker status of each Contract Worker as required under this Section.

### 6.54. 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.

## 6.55. 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.

### 6.56. 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.

## **7. Defense and Indemnification**

### **7.1. Standard General Defense and Indemnification**

Contractor (“Indemnitor”) must defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Phoenix and its officers, officials (elected or appointed), agents, and employees (“Indemnitee”) from and against any and all claims, actions, liabilities, damages, losses or expenses (including but not limited to court costs, attorney fees, expert fees, and costs of claim processing, investigation and litigation) of any nature or kind whatsoever (“Losses”) caused, or alleged to be caused, in whole or in part, by the wrongful, negligent or willful acts, or errors or omissions of Indemnitor or any of its owners, officers, directors, members, managers, agents, employees or subcontractors (“Indemnitor’s Agents”) arising out of or in connection with this Contract. This defense and indemnity obligation includes holding Indemnitee harmless for any Losses arising out of or recovered under any state’s Workers’ Compensation Law or arising out of the failure of Indemnitor or Indemnitor’s Agents to conform to any federal, state or local law, statute, ordinance, rule, regulation or court decree. Indemnitor’s duty to defend Indemnitee accrues immediately at the time a claim is threatened or a claim is made against Indemnitee, whichever is first. Indemnitor’s duty to defend exists regardless of whether Indemnitor is ultimately found liable. Indemnitor must indemnify Indemnitee from and against any and all Losses, except where it is proven that those Losses are solely a result of Indemnitee’s own negligent or willful acts or omissions. Indemnitor will be responsible for primary loss investigation, defense and judgment costs where this indemnification applies. In consideration of the award of this Contract, Indemnitor waives all rights of subrogation against Indemnitee for losses arising from the work performed by Indemnitor or Indemnitor’s Agents for the City of Phoenix. The obligations of Indemnitor under this provision survive the termination or expiration of this Contract.

### **7.2. 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.

### 7.3. Commercial Use Permits, SASO Permits and Licenses

Permittee ("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 contractors ("Indemnitor's Agents") arising out of or related to Indemnitor's occupancy and use of the Premises. This defense and indemnity obligation includes holding Indemnitee harmless for any Losses arising out of or recovered under any state's Workers' Compensation Law or arising out of the failure of Indemnitor or Indemnitor's Agents to conform to any federal, state or local law, statute, ordinance, rule, regulation or court decree. Indemnitor's duty to defend Indemnitee accrues immediately at the time a claim is threatened or a claim is made against Indemnitee, whichever is first. Indemnitor's duty to defend exists regardless of whether Indemnitor is ultimately found liable. Indemnitor must indemnify Indemnitee from and against any and all Losses, except where it is proven that those Losses are solely 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 for the use and occupancy of the Premises, Indemnitor waives all rights of subrogation against Indemnitee for losses arising from the use, occupancy or condition of the Premises. The obligations of Indemnitor under this provision survive the termination or expiration of this Permit.

## **8. Insurance Requirements**

### **8.1. 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.

### **8.2. 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.

### **8.3. 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.

### **8.4. 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.

## 8.5. 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.

## 8.6. 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.

## 8.7. 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, or hand delivered to City of Phoenix Finance Department, Procurement Division, 251 W Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85003 OR [procurement@phoenix.gov](mailto:procurement@phoenix.gov).

## 8.8. 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.

## 8.9. 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 City of Phoenix Finance Department, Procurement Division, 251 W Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85003 OR [procurement@phoenix.gov](mailto:procurement@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.**

## 8.10. 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.

## 8.11. Approval

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

## 9. Submittals

### 9.1. Copies

Please submit one electronic 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 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).

### 9.2. 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.

### 9.3. Additional Quantities

The City anticipates considerable activity under the resultant contract(s). However, no guarantee can be made as to actual consultant to conduct comprehensive community vulnerability assessment, 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.

#### 9.4. Catalogs and Price Lists

Contractor must provide with its submittal the date of the current manufacturer's price list, and must identify the catalog that will be in effect at the commencement of the contract and from which the discounts offered will be evaluated. City's Finance Procurement Division must be informed 60 days in advance of any new price list or catalogs and the respective date(s). Any terms and conditions contained in the parts price list(s) or product catalog(s) submitted shall not take precedence over the City's terms and conditions specified herein. All invoices must include the manufacturer's part number, list price and discount percentage, net price extended and totaled. The City reserves the right to request a hard copy of the manufacturer's documented price listing for any item(s) invoiced.