

# REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION NSD-RFQu-25-003 WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services 200 W. Washington St. 4th Floor Phoenix, AZ 85003

RELEASE DATE: March 26, 2025 DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS: April 4, 2025, 1:00 pm RESPONSE DEADLINE: April 16, 2025, 1:00 pm

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# 1. Introduction

### 1.1. Summary

The City of Phoenix invites sealed offers for to obtain proposals from individuals or organizations to provide Project Management, Administration Services and Performance of the NSD Weatherization Assistance Program (NSDWAP) for a five-year contract commencing on or about on or about September 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.

### 1.2. Background

The City of Phoenix, Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) is seeking to enter into a contract with one or more vendors or organizations to provide Project Management, Administration Services and Performance Management of the NSD Weatherization Assistance Program (NSDWAP). The purpose of the NSDWAP is to reduce energy costs for incomeeligible households by providing home energy efficiency measures, addressing health and safety concerns. The Neighborhood Services Department - Neighborhood Revitalization Division utilizes and manages the Program with State and Federal Funds.

The goals of the Program are to provide improvements to dwellings that are occupied by income-eligible residents, and will:

- Evaluate energy usage and burden.
- Evaluate health and safety hazards.
- Install energy efficient measures.
- Install health and safety measures.
- Repair or replace utility-related appliances, to include heating and cooling systems (to include emergency needs).

### 1.3. Contact Information

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#### Department:

Neighborhood Services

#### 1.4. Timeline

#### Schedule of Events

The City reserves the right to change dates, times, and locations, as necessary. All times are local Phoenix 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 (Kimberly Butts) at (602) 495-5409/Voice or 711/TTY, or kimberly.butts@phoenix.gov, no later than two (2) weeks prior to the meeting.

Solicitation Issue Date	March 26, 2025
Written Inquiries Due Date	April 4, 2025, 1:00pm
Offer Due Date	April 16, 2025, 1:00pm

# 2. Instructions

### 2.1. City's Vendor Self-Registration and Notification

Vendors must be registered in the City's procurePHX Self-Registration System at <u>https://www.phoenix.gov/procure</u> 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.

### 2.2. 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.

### 2.3. Fixed Offer Price Period

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

### 2.4. Obtaining a Copy of the Solicitation and Addenda

Interested Offerors may download the complete solicitation and addenda from <u>https://solicitations.phoenix.gov/</u>. 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, Housing Department, Management Services Division, 200 W Washington Street, 4th 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.

### 2.5. 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.

### 2.6. 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.

### 2.7. 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.

### 2.8. 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.

#### 2.9. 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.

### 2.10. 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.

### 2.11. 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.

Offerors may propose pricing for ANY and ALL of the items within Attachment B - Pricing Proposal.

Offers must be submitted in the following way:

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

### 2.12. 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 via email to the Procurement Officer. When submitting the withdrawal request 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.

### 2.13. 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,

<u>https://solicitations.phoenix.gov/Awards</u> 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.

### 2.14. Special Requirements

The Offeror(s) must be Certified as outlined in the Minimum Qualifications section and registered with the appropriate regulatory agency.

In order for an RFQu response to be considered, the Offeror shall comply with Phoenix City Code, 1969, Chapter 18, Article V, as amended, Equal Employment Opportunity Requirements. Any questions in regard to these requirements shall be directed to the Equal Opportunity Department, (602) 262-6790.

### 2.15. Qualification Criteria

Statement of Qualifications shall relate specifically to the following items, listed in general order of importance, for evaluation and selection purposes: Years of Experience & Staff Capacity, and Warranty Procedure.

#### 2.16. Minimum Qualifications

At time of application Contractor must:

- A. Have a current State of Arizona General Contractor License.
- B. Have at the time of bid submittal, have a **minimum of two (2) years' experience** conducting business within the Phoenix Metropolitan Area.

- C. Be in good standing with the Arizona Registrar of Contractors.
- D. Have at time of bid submittal, staff with a minimum of two (2) years' experience and hold current BPI (BA-T and/or BA-P or other ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING (ADOH) required weatherization training, Energy Auditor, and QCI Certifications, from the Building Performance Institute (BPI).
- E. Have qualified personnel who have current BPI/ADOH certifications to perform home inspections to identify:
  - 1. Health and safety hazards.
  - 2. The need for adaptive measures.
  - 3. The need, evaluation, and installation of energy efficient performance measures to reduce energy burden; and quality of work.
  - 4. The need for emergency HVAC response, repair and replacement measures.
- F. Have or must obtain Level One fingerprint clearance card/background check from the Arizona Department of Public Safety to include:
  - 1. Contractor and staff of sub-contractors/vendors who have direct contact with the residents in their homes must pass a Level One background check and receive a Level One fingerprint clearance card from Arizona Department of Public Safety.
- G. Have at time of bid submittal, staff with a minimum of two years' experience and hold current Lead RRP and Firm Certifications from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA).

#### 2.17. Content of Response

The Offerors' response will include the following:

- A. Description of how the work would be performed.
- B. Cost estimate for completing requested work, including hourly or daily rates where appropriate.
- C. Names and resumes of the proposed staff, including managers and supervisors.
- D. Description of current financial status and/or a copy of the most recent audited financial statements.
- E. Brief assessment of the present workload capacity.
- F. Offeror's proposed time frame for completion of the work.
- G. Documentation of the Offeror's commitment to Equal Employment Opportunity.
- H. List of current business references.

### 2.18. Evaluation and Selection

After evaluating all submissions, the City may ask some or all the firms that submitted a response to participate in interviews. Upon completion of the evaluation process, the City may assign a detailed scope of work to the selected candidate and negotiate fees for services.

RFQu responses should be concise, well-organized per the requested information, clearly written and limited to no more than N/A pages including resumes. The review process places considerable emphasis on the responsiveness of the RFQu response to the requirements outlined above. RFQu responses that are not written specifically in response to this request cannot receive serious consideration.

All RFQu responses will be evaluated based on the criteria listed above in the Qualifications Section of this RFQu.

The firms under consideration for this RFQu, will be evaluated in accordance with the solicitation by an Evaluation Committee and/or the Procurement Officer. The City reserves the right to request supplemental information that the Evaluation Committee deems necessary to make a selection. The Committee may be supplemented by outside professionals or professionals from other City departments who can provide additional expertise.

### 2.19. Agreement

The City will require the selected Offeror to participate in negotiations and to submit such cost, technical or other revisions of the submittals as may result from negotiations. The City shall draft all final contracts and documents that result from this RFQu.

The language contained in this RFQu and the Offeror's statement of qualifications will form the basis of any resulting Contract. However, this RFQu does not commit the City to enter a Contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a submittal to this request or in subsequent negotiations, or to procure a contract for the project(s).

### 2.20. 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.

### 2.21. 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.

### 2.22. Public Record

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

### 2.23. Late Offers

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

### 2.24. Right to Disqualify

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

the City of such right to disqualify or as to any disqualification by reason of real or apparent conflict of interest determined by the City. The City reserves the right to replace the disqualified Offeror.

### 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 multiple award.

### 2.26. Determining Responsiveness and Responsibility

Offers will be reviewed for documentation of any required minimum qualifications, and 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 will render an Offer nonresponsive.

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

# 3. Scope of Work

#### 3.1. General Requirements

- A. The Contractor shall be responsible for Project Management, Administration Services and Performance Management of Weatherization activities that are approved by the City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department (NSD), Neighborhood Revitalization Division (NRD) and performed by approved vendors. All home improvements must meet or exceed standards in a manner that is satisfactory to the City, the project participant, and consistent with Neighborhood Services Department Housing Rehabilitation Standards as well as the Weatherization Assistance Program requirements.
- B. The Contractor shall be responsible for the project management and all work performed by the contractor and/or the Contractor's approved weatherization contractors/vendors for the evaluation and installation of program performance measures.
- C. The Contractor, upon prior approval from the City and budget availability, may be reimbursed for some or all ongoing training as needed to retain required certifications and to ensure all quality standards are met. This contract will serve as vendor/contractor retention for these funds to be allocated as detailed in the Arizona WAP State Plan. Reimbursement of labor, mileage, meals and lodging costs for contractors attending trainings is <u>not allowable</u>. Prior written approval from The Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) is also required to ensure other funds from outside agencies are not being utilized for the same individuals seeking identical training. Should the contractor not provide service for the term of this agreement, they will be liable for repayment of the entire training amounts including all associated costs therein.

### 3.2. Work Approval Process

- A. Prior to any work beginning, the following approval process for services shall apply:
  - 1. NSD/NRD will receive applications and determine eligibility for services.
  - 2. NSD/NRD will submit program participant information to Contractor.
  - 3. Contractor shall conduct a site visit of each program participant's home and complete an energy audit. Contractor shall obtain all required documents including program participant's signatures where applicable, as directed by the State of Arizona, Department of Housing Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Plan.
    - a. For site visits that are deemed by NSD/NRD as an immediate need, Contractor will contact the program participant for audit and/or evaluation of eligible repair needs within 24 business hours.
  - 4. Contractor shall draft an individualized project-based scope of work based off the findings from the site visit and submit to NSD/NRD for approval prior to any commencement of work. NSD/NRD will transmit an electronic authorization to the

Contractor for work to be performed. The Contractor must obtain a signed project scope of work approval prior to starting work.

- 5. Contractor will ensure all work is completed per the approved project scope of work and the Standard Work Specifications (SWS) as outlined by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.
- 6. Contractor will be responsible for entering diagnostic testing numbers into the Arizona Weatherization Assistance Program Software Suite/OptiMiser. The NSD WAP Project Manager (or designee) will assign the funding sources once diagnostic testing numbers and project photos have been entered/uploaded by the Contractor and the project has been detailed as complete.
- 7. The Contractor shall be solely responsible to promptly pay its weatherization construction contractors/vendors for accepted and completed work activities.
- 8. Contractor will submit to NSD/NRD, all final invoices/requests for payment with all required back-up documentation by the 5th business day of the following month (excluding observed City holidays).
- 9. NSD/NRD shall process reimbursement to the Contractor for approved invoice upon receipt in accordance with the terms outlined in Attachment H Cost and Payments.

### 3.3. Services To Be Provided

- A. The Contractor will manage all approved weatherization construction related activities to be made to individual homes, provide oversight of all construction contractors/vendors, and provide timely and complete invoices to NSD/NRD. The Contractor is permitted to perform any of the approved activity measures. The Program performance measures must:
  - 1. Meet state and/or federal requirements, and restrictions in accordance with funding regulations.
  - 2. Meet or exceed standards in a manner that is satisfactory to the City and the program participant.

#### 3.4. Contractor's Responsibilities

- A. Once the need to conduct a home visit to an eligible project participant is identified, NSD/NRD will notify Contractor. Contractor will then conduct a home visit to determine which energy measures are required and will:
  - 1. Be responsible for contacting the program participant to arrange an energy audit.
  - 2. Identify immediate health and safety concerns to include immediate need related appliances and heating, and cooling systems.
  - 3. Address energy burden(s) and efficiency.

- 4. Determine if appliances are functioning safely and appropriately.
- B. Conduct the initial energy audits.
- C. Draft an individualized project-based scope of work utilizing the house energy modeling program Nexus/Optimiser (or most current version approved by the Arizona Department of Housing) as applicable and provide a cost estimate to include funding source recommendations.
- D. Submit the project-based scope of work to NSD/NRD for approval.
- E. Schedule all work activities and communicate directly with project participant.
- F. Provide an explanation to the project participant of anticipated work activities and necessary paperwork.
- G. Acquire a signed scope of work approval from both the City and the project participant prior to conducting any work.
- H. Ensure all work is completed per the approved project-based scope of work.
- I. Conduct the final energy audit(s).
- J. Conduct a final Quality Control Inspection (QCI) to include:
  - 1. Entering diagnostic testing numbers into the designated Nexus/OptiMiser online database.
  - 2. Promptly paying contractors/vendors for accepted and completed work activities.
- K. Submit all invoices/requests for payment to NSD/NRD with all required documentation, by the 5th business day of the following month.
- L. All permits, when required, will be the responsibility of the Contractor to be obtained and secured prior to starting work. Upon completion of the work, Contractor will provide proof of performing and passing the final inspection before final payment can be issued.
- M. Submit project photos (initial and final) by the 5th business day of the following month for all weatherization measures implemented. Photos will be high quality, clear and will document the project from prior to work beginning to after work is completed.
- N. The Contractor shall be responsible for project management of the weatherization activities that are approved by NSD/NRD that are performed by approved weatherization construction contractors. The Contractor must adhere to the following regulations as applicable, which includes, but is not limited to:
  - 1. Federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP);
  - 2. Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program for Low-Income Persons and 10 CFR part 440;

- 3. Program guidance/memorandums and Weatherization Program Notices posted by the DOE;
- 4. Standard Work Specifications (SWS) as outlined by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory;
- 5. Current Arizona Weatherization Field Guide;
- 6. Current State of Arizona Weatherization Assistance Program State Plan;
- 7. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA);
- 8. Lead paint and abatement requirements and compliance.
- O. The Contractor is responsible for leaving the job site clean, hauling away existing materials, and all appliances, to include properly disposing of existing materials and appliances to meet EPA regulations. Contractor will be required to certify with each invoice submitted that appliances with refrigerants were disposed of properly, and in accordance with the DOE requirements and EPA regulations.
- P. All work is to be done utilizing Lead Safe Work (LSW) Practices when applicable, including establishing a designated Lead Renovator to oversee the set up, work in progress, and cleanup. The lead Renovator shall require the LSW forms to be filled out and signed and will provide photos showing the work is being completed according to guidelines.
- Q. All change orders must be approved by NSD/NRD staff prior to performing additional work outlined in the change order.
- R. Contractor shall have or establish and maintain a list of qualified weatherization construction contractors/vendors to perform the approved work activities. The Contractor shall:
  - 1. Ensure that all weatherization construction contractors or vendors on the qualified vendor list are:
  - 2. Licensed for the type of work specified in the project-based scope of work
  - 3. Insured for the type of work specified in the project-based scope of Work
  - 4. In good standing with the Registrar of Contractors (ROC)
  - 5. In good standing with the Arizona Corporation Commission
  - 6. Background checked including obtaining current fingerprint clearance cards for individuals working in program participants homes; and
  - 7. Possess a Unique Entity Identifier (UIE) number and be in good standing (not debarred) to receive federally funded contracts.

### 3.5. Weatherization Performance Measures

- A. The list of allowable performance measures to be completed includes, but are not limited to:
  - 1. Energy Audits
  - 2. Room pressure relief/pressure balancing
  - 3. Spot ventilation
  - 4. Duct sealing
  - 5. Duct replacement
  - 6. Register replacement
  - 7. HVAC repair/replacement
  - 8. Evaporative (EVAP) cooler repair/replacement
  - 9. Appliance repair/replacement
  - 10. Water heater repair/replacement
  - 11. Upper/lower combustion repair/replacement for gas water heaters
  - 12. Install insulation
  - 13. Installation of LED light bulbs
  - 14. Installation/replacing of Carbon Monoxide/Smoke Detectors
  - 15. Installation/replacing of sunscreens
  - 16. Low cost/no cost measures
  - 17. Quality Control inspections
- B. Contractor shall provide record of work performed and complete reports in the Nexus/OptiMiser system as required by NSD/NRD. Reports to be completed may include but are not limited to housing characteristic diagnostics and combustion safety.
- C. Any expenditures made by the Contractor that have not been previously approved by NSD/NRD will be considered unapproved costs, and will be paid for by the Contractor without reimbursement by the City.

#### 3.6. Duct Sealing

A. Contractor is responsible for providing duct sealing measures in accordance with NREL Standard Work Specifications, or other state directed minimum standards designed to ensure the health and safety of the occupants while improving energy efficiency.

- B. All new whole house duct system installations will require Manual D. Contractor is responsible for providing the Manual D report to the City of Phoenix, Neighborhood Services Department.
- C. Contractors are responsible for properly sizing new ductwork and ensure proper airflow to the conditioned space.
- D. All duct connections will be sealed when new runs are being installed even if Contractor is replacing flex only. This cost is to be included with prices reflected in Attachment B -Pricing Proposal.
- E. All new duct runs shall include sealing all the connections.

#### 3.7. Envelope Sealing

- A. If identified in the home visit, Contractor will provide an estimate to install envelope tightening measures in accordance with Federal Energy Efficiency Standards and installation methods.
- B. All Envelope Sealing, where required, will be performed to the Standard Work Specifications (SWS) as outlined by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

#### 3.8. HVAC

- A. All new HVAC installations are to be performed in accordance with the most recent Universal Mechanical Code and/or local building code and Arizona Weatherization Standards.
- B. Photos of HVAC system and/or components to be replaced along with photos of the replacement items must be submitted with billing.
- C. The Contractor shall register the new unit on behalf of the project participant and leave all literature/guides on the new units with the project participant. The Contractor will also inform the project participant on proper care and maintenance required on the new unit and provide the warranty information.
- D. If required by the system, all venting and combustion air shall be installed in accordance with American Gas Association (AGA) and Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA) specification and/or local building code and Arizona Weatherization Standards.
- E. New gas forced air furnaces shall have pilotless ignition.
- F. All duct work connections to the new system shall be sealed, on all sides, with a nontoxic, Department of Energy industry approved, mastic duct sealant applied per manufacturers specifications. Refer to the current Standard Work Specifications (SWS) as outlined by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.
- G. All installation estimates shall include removal and proper disposal of existing equipment, capping and sealing and/or removal of abandoned ductwork, and recovery of refrigerant from existing system as required by law. Contractor must retain

documentation (for a minimum of 5 years) that proves that refrigerant was handled according to EPA standards.

- H. Contractor is to ensure that all units are properly charged to the manufacturer's specifications, using the super-heat/sub-cooling method.
- I. After install and all ductwork is completed, Contractor shall measure static pressure across the coil to ensure proper airflow.
- J. Contractor is to verify adequate duct size and proper air flow within 10% to all conditioned spaces.
- K. Contractor is responsible for properly sizing unit using a Manual J. Copy of Manual J and Air-Conditioning Heating and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) Certificate must be provided to the **City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department** upon completion of work and at time of final invoice.
- L. Project commencement and completion must be accomplished within seven business days (excluding City holidays) of notice to proceed.

#### 3.9. Insulation/Air Barrier

- A. Contractor to estimate to insulate in accordance with Arizona Weatherization energy efficiency standards and installation methods.
- B. Insulation must be evenly installed with no voids, gaps, misalignments or compression issues.
- C. Contractor must take precautions and properly insulate on/or around electrical boxes and/or heat producing fixtures. Proper shielding, if necessary, shall be installed by the insulation contractor in order to properly insulate all areas.
- D. Contractor is responsible for air sealing around all accessible, existing penetrations through the air barrier, including combustion vents, plumbing vents, and all exposed soffits to ensure the insulation's performance.
- E. For attic insulation, all wall cavities and drop downs that are exposed to attic shall be capped with like material in the attic and insulated over or over filled with insulation to assure insulation is in direct contact with air barrier.
- F. Contract is responsible for installing enough insulation to guarantee an R-38 value after settling.
- G. All attic access hatches shall have a gasket installed to ensure no air leakage, and attic hatches in conditioned space shall have rigid foam secured to hatch to match R-Value of insulation installed.
- H. All work must be performed in accordance to the Standard Work Specifications (SWS) as outlined by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

- I. All insulation products must meet or exceed EPA Recovered Material Rule.
- J. Insulation amount shall also be identified at nearest or easiest attic access point.
- K. After completion, all jobs will be inspected by an auditor to ensure quality installation.
- L. Contractor must provide details on each invoice listing actual R-Value, type of material used, quantity of material, and square foot covered.
- M. Contractor is responsible for protecting the project participant's personal items during insulation.
- N. Project commencement and completion must be accomplished within thirty (30) business days (excluding City holidays) of notice to proceed.
- 3.10. Manufactured Housing Insulation
  - A. Contractor to estimate to insulate in accordance with Arizona Weatherization energy efficiency standards and installation methods.
  - B. Insulation must be evenly installed with no voids, gaps, misalignments or compression issues.
  - C. Contractor must take precautions and properly insulate on/or around electrical boxes and/or heat producing fixtures. Proper shielding, if necessary, shall be installed by insulation contractor in order to properly insulate all areas.
  - D. Contractor is responsible for air sealing around all accessible, existing penetrations through the air barrier, including combustion vents, plumbing vents, and all exposed soffits to ensure the insulation's performance.
  - E. For attic insulation, all wall cavities and drop downs that are exposed to attic shall be capped with like material in the attic and insulated over or over filled with insulation to assure insulation is in direct contact with air barrier.
  - F. If Contractor is insulating the lid of any Mobile Home is responsible for ensuring that all necessary prep-work, such as, air sealing and blocking, is completed to the Standards for Manufactured Housing specifications.
  - G. If Contractor is insulating the floors (belly patching and duct sealing), Contractor will be responsible for the necessary prep-work of the floor, rodent barrier, and duct sealing, prior to insulation being installed.
  - H. Cellulose is not an acceptable insulation in Manufactured housing, and as such, only blown in fiberglass or Rockwool is acceptable.
  - I. All insulation must be installed in complete contact with a verified air barrier.
    - 1. Air Barrier is the surface of the floor or roof assembly that shows a zonal pressure differential of over 40pa WRT inside with the home WRT outside at a pressure difference of 50pa.

- J. All insulation products must meet or exceed EPA Recovered Material Rule.
- K. Insulation amount shall also be identified at nearest or easiest attic access point.
- L. After completion, all jobs will be inspected by an auditor to ensure quality installation.
- M. Contractor must provide details on each invoice listing actual R-Value, type of material used, quantity of material, and square foot covered.
- N. Contractor is responsible for protecting the project participant's personal items during insulation.
- O. Attic insulation can be performed by any of the processes highlighted in the BPI Manufactured Housing Technical Standards.
- P. Attic insulation will include all patching and Cool Roof coating on metal skinned roofing over insulated areas of the home.
- Q. Prep-work to seal the ceiling/floor plane and to protect insulation entering the living space during installation will be labeled Level 1, 2, and 3, based on the amount and difficulty of repairs needed:
  - 1. <u>Level 1</u>: Ceiling/floor is very strong, very little to no air sealing, patching or blocking work required before insulation can be added. Zonal test is very close to or already exceeds 40pa.
  - 2. <u>Level 2</u>: Ceiling/floor is strong, moderate air sealing and blocking around heat sources, patching under sinks and domestic hot water heater required. Zonal tests are between 25pa and 40pa.
  - 3. <u>Level 3</u>: Ceiling/floor are deteriorated but can support fiberglass. Extensive air sealing and blocking prep-work is required before insulation can be added.
- R. Estimates that include belly insulation will include the price to seal all ductwork (around plenums, transitions, boots, end caps, etc.) to prevent insulation from entering duct system. All registers should pressure pan to less than 1.0pa before insulation is installed. Price of insulation will include all patching necessary to the rodent barrier as well as the floor plane.

### 3.11. Fabrication and Installation of Solar Sun Screens

- A. Contractor will estimate to measure, fabricate and install 80% solar sunscreens in accordance with Federal Energy Efficiency standards.
- B. Complete installation must include all labor and materials to perform services.
- C. Provide four (4) standard frame colors to ensure color compatibility of most houses.
- D. Screens must be fastened for quality fit, guaranteed not to fall off.
- E. Contractor will honor material and workmanship of solar sun screens.

F. Project commencement and completion must be accomplished within fourteen (14) business days of notice to proceed.

### 3.12. Ventilation

- A. Contractor to estimate ventilation needs in accordance with Arizona Weatherization energy efficiency standards and installation methods.
- B. Contractor will install ASHRAE compliant mechanical ventilation products and materials.

#### 3.13. Water Heaters

- A. All new water heater installations and associated work are to be performed in accordance with the most recent local building codes. All work, when applicable, must comply with standards set forth in the Standard Work Specifications (SWS) as outlined by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.
- B. Photos of water heater and/or components to be replaced along with photos of the replacement items must be submitted with billing.
- C. Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring properly sized gas lines, combustion air, venting, pressure release valves, and proper electrical requirements.
- D. Contractor shall leave all literature on the new units with the project participant and shall also inform the project participant of proper care and maintenance required on new units.
- E. Contractor shall ensure all gas flue systems shall have proper shielding and collars where penetrating ceiling and roof to provide clearance from combustibles, per code.

### 3.14. Cost Reimbursement

- A. Administrative costs must be included in the delivery, set up, install for each measure. Administrative cost includes personnel, indirect, mileage, (e.g., all costs associated with delivering the service).
- B. The Contractor shall be paid on a reimbursement basis for services performed and work completed to date. Please note that all jobs must be completed before expenses are claimed to avoid revisions to claims.
- C. The Contractor must have enough financial capacity to carry all program costs on a month-to-month basis.
- D. The invoices shall include:
  - 1. Project activities and costs associated with services paid to weatherization construction contractors/vendors;
  - 2. Invoice for each project-based scope of work, detailing each measure and the calculations for measures showing how the cost was calculated.

- E. Final invoices will be submitted to NSD/NRD with all required supplemental documentation by the 5th business day of the following month (excluding City holidays
- F. The City shall reimburse the Contractor for all allowable and pre-approved costs associated with the performance of work and the provision of services under the contract.
  - 1. Should unapproved costs be identified in an invoice, the following shall apply:
    - a. Contractor shall be notified and given the opportunity to submit a revised invoice; or
    - b. Invoice will be processed for payment without reimbursement for the unapproved costs.

#### 3.15. Ancillary Work

A. All Ancillary work MUST be authorized and pre-approved by the City and shall be billed at the stated categorical labor rate, plus material costs. All applicable receipts shall accompany invoices for ancillary work.

# 4. Evaluation Process

#### **Evaluation Criteria**

No.	Evaluation Criteria	Scoring Method	Weight (Points)
1.	Evaluation Process	Pass / Fail	
	All offers will be evaluated based on the criteria listed in Section 2.16 - Minimum Qualifications and information provided in Attachment A - Evaluation Criteria.		

# 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 <u>35 employees or fewer:</u> 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 further agrees that this clause will be incorporated in all subcontracts.
- 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. Governing Law; Forum; Venue

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

#### 5.5. Audit/Records

A. The City reserves the right, at reasonable times, to audit Contractor's books and records relative to the performance of service under this Agreement. All records pertaining to this Agreement will be kept on a generally accepted accounting basis for a period of five years following termination of the Agreement.

B. If, following an audit of this Agreement, the audit discloses the Contractor has provided false, misleading, or inaccurate cost and pricing data, and the cost discrepancies exceed 1% of the total Agreement billings, the Contractor will be liable for reimbursement of the reasonable, actual cost of the audit.

### 5.6. Independent Contractor Status; Employment Disclaimer

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

#### 5.7. Costs and Payments

- A. City will pay any sales or use taxes resulting from this Agreement. Consultant shall be solely responsible for payment of taxes based on Consultant's income. Consultant agrees that on all billings, invoices, books and records relating to this Agreement, Consultant will state the charges imposed for the sale, transfer and licensing of tangible personal property separately from charges imposed for professional, personal and technological services including, but not limited to, software installation, modification, training, consulting and technical telephone support.
- B. **Invoices**. Each invoice will clearly note any Purchase Order number and be accompanied with itemized receipts which include approved timesheets. The invoice will be submitted free of mathematical errors and/or missing supporting documentation. All appropriate documentation supporting the charges reflected in the invoice will be provided with the invoice. Upon finding of an error and/or missing documentation, the City may return the invoice to the Contractor. Contractor will promptly resubmit the revised invoice to the City. Each revised invoice will document the date that the revised invoice is submitted to the City. Requests for payment must be submitted with documentation of dates and hours worked, hourly rate charged, and a detailed description of the Services performed. Oversight by the City in identifying an error does

not result in waiver of any of the City's rights. All properly submitted invoices will be paid promptly after the City's receipt of the invoice.

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

#### 5.8. Contract Changes

- A. Contract Amendments: Whenever an addition, deletion or alteration to the Services described in EXHIBIT A SCOPE OF WORK substantially changes the Scope of Work thereby materially increasing or decreasing the cost of performance, a supplemental agreement must first be approved in writing by the City and Contractor before such addition, deletion or alteration will be performed. Changes to the Services may be made and the compensation to be paid to Contractor may be adjusted by mutual agreement, but in no event may the compensation exceed the amount authorized without further written authorization. It is specifically understood and agreed that no claim for extra work done or materials furnished by Contractor will be allowed except as provided herein, nor will Contractor do any work or furnish any materials not covered by this Agreement unless first authorization will be at Contractor's risk, cost and expense, and Contractor agrees to submit no claim for compensation or reimbursement for additional work done or materials furnished without prior written authorization will be at the contractor's risk.
- B. **Non-Assignability:** This Agreement is in the nature of a personal services contract and Contractor shall have no power to assign this Agreement, including any right, duty, or obligation of Contractor under this Agreement, without the prior written consent of the

City. Contractor shall not subcontract with any third party for any component of the Services without the prior written consent of the City. Any attempt to assign or subcontract without the City's prior written consent shall be void. An essential consideration provided to the City by Contractor to induce the City to enter into the Agreement is Contractor's representation that the individual(s) performing services shall include Contractor's principals as selected through the Qualified Vendor solicitation process. Therefore, should such named individual(s) sever their relationship with Contractor, or otherwise be unavailable to carry out Contractor's duties under this Agreement for a period of time deemed to be excessive by the City in its sole and absolute discretion, then the City may, without notice, immediately terminate this Agreement for cause.

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

### 5.9. 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.

### 5.10. 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.

### 5.11. 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 performance of such contract. In the event this contract is canceled by the City pursuant to this provision, the City will be entitled, in addition to any other rights and remedies, to recover or withhold from the Contractor the amount of the gratuity.

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

1. This contract may be terminated at any time by mutual written consent, or by the City, with or without cause, upon giving thirty-day written notice to Contractor. The City at its convenience, by written notice, may terminate this contract, in whole or in part. If this contract is terminated, the City will be liable only for payment under the payment provisions of this contract for services rendered and accepted material received by the City before the effective date of termination. Title to all materials, work-in-process and completed but undeliverable goods, will pass to the City after costs are claimed and allowed. The Seller will submit detailed cost claims in an

acceptable manner and will permit the City to examine such books and records as may be necessary in order to verify the reasonableness of any claims.

- 2. Immediately upon receiving a written notice to terminate or suspend Services, Contractor will:
  - Discontinue advancing the work in progress, or such part that is described in the notice.
  - Deliver to the City all collected raw data, draft reports, preliminary reports, working papers, estimates and forecasts entirely or partially completed, together with all unused materials supplied by the City.
  - Appraise the work it has completed and submit its appraisal to the City for evaluation.
  - Be paid in full the pro rata value for services performed to the date of its receipt of the Notice of Termination, including reimbursement for all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by Contractor in terminating the work, including demobilization of field service. No payment will be made for loss of anticipated profits or unperformed services.
- 3. The City reserves the right to cancel the whole or any part of this contract due to failure of Contractor to carry out any term, promise, or condition of the contract. The City will issue a written notice of default to Contractor for acting or failing to act as in any of the following:
  - In the opinion of the City, Contractor provides personnel who do not meet the requirements of the contract;
  - In the opinion of the City, Contractor fails to perform adequately the stipulations, conditions or services/specifications required in this contract;
  - In the opinion of the City, Contractor attempts to impose on the City personnel or materials, products or workmanship, which is of an unacceptable quality;
  - Contractor fails to furnish the required service and/or product within the time stipulated in the contract;
  - In the opinion of the City, Contractor fails to make progress in the performance of the requirements of the contract and/or gives the City a positive indication that Contractor will not or cannot perform to the requirements of the contract.
- C. **Final Payment**: The City shall make final payment for all Services performed and accepted within sixty (60) days after Contractor has delivered to the City any final progress reports, documentation, materials and evidence of costs and disbursement as required under this Agreement.

- D. Temporary Suspension. The City may, by written notice, direct Contractor to suspend performance on all or any part of the Services for such period of time as may be determined by the City to be necessary or desirable for its convenience. If such suspension causes additional expense to Contractor in performance, and such additional expense is not due to fault or negligence of Contractor, the payment will be adjusted on the basis of actual costs resulting directly from the suspension, and the period for performance of the Services will be extended by mutual agreement. Any claim by Contractor for a price adjustment must be supported by appropriate documentation asserted promptly after Contractor has been notified to suspend performance.
- E. **Contract Cancellation:** All parties acknowledge that this contract is subject to cancellation by the City of Phoenix pursuant to the provision of Section 38-511, Arizona Revised Statutes.

#### 5.12. Notice

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

If to City:

Neighborhood Services Division 200 W. Washington St. 4th Floor Phoenix, AZ 85003

#### 5.13. 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.

#### 5.14. Conflicts of Interest

- A. Contractor acknowledges that, to the best of its knowledge, information and belief, no person has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Agreement upon a promise of a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, and that no member of the Phoenix City Council or any employee of the City has any financial interest in the consulting firm. For breach of violation of this warranty, the City will have the right to annul this Agreement without liability, including any such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.
- B. The City reserves the right to immediately terminate the contract in the event that the City determines that Contractor has an actual or apparent conflict of interest.

- C. Upon a finding by the City that gratuities in the form of entertainment, gifts or inducements were offered or given by Contractor, or any agent or representative of Contractor, to any officer or employee of the City for the purpose of securing this Agreement, or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding, amending, or making of any determination with respect to the performance of this Agreement, the City may, by one calendar day written notice to Contractor, terminate the right of Contractor to proceed under this Agreement, provided that the existence of the facts upon which the City made such finding will be an issue and may be litigated in an Arizona court of competent jurisdiction. In the event of such termination, the City will be entitled to the same remedies against Contractor as could be pursued in the event of default by Contractor.
- D. This Agreement is subject to the requirements of Arizona Revised Statutes §38-511.

## 5.15. Waiver of Claims for Anticipated Profits

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

# 5.16. State and Local Transaction Privilege Taxes

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

# 5.17. Tax Indemnification

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

# 5.18. Tax Responsibility Qualification

Contractor may be required to establish, to the satisfaction of City, that any and all fees and taxes due to the City or the State of Arizona for any License or Transaction Privilege taxes, Use Taxes or similar excise taxes, are currently paid (except for matters under legal protest). Contractor agrees to a waiver of the confidentiality provisions contained in the City Finance Code and any similar confidentiality provisions contained in Arizona statutes relative to State Transaction Privilege Taxes or Use Taxes. Contractor agrees to provide written authorization to the City Finance Department and to the Arizona State Department of Revenue to release tax information relative to Arizona Transaction Privilege Taxes or Arizona Use Taxes in order to assist the Department in evaluating Contractor's qualifications for and compliance with contract for duration of the term of contract.

# 5.19. No Israel Boycott

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

# 5.20. No Forced Labor of Ethnic Uyghurs

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

# 5.21. Advertising

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

# 5.22. Strict Performance

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

# 5.23. Authorized Changes

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

# 5.24. Claims or Demands Against the City

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

## 5.25. No Third-Party Beneficiaries

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

# 5.26. Contractor Requirements for the Mitigation of Heat-Related Illnesses and Injuries in the Workplace

Any contractor whose employees and contract workers perform work in an outdoor environment under this contract must keep on file a written heat safety plan. The city may request a copy of this plan and documentation of all heat safety and mitigation efforts currently implemented to prevent heat-related illnesses and injuries in the workplace. The plan must also be posted where it is accessible to employees. At a minimum, the heat safety and mitigation plan and documentation required under this provision shall include each of the following as it relates to heat safety and mitigation:

- A. Availability of sanitized cool drinking water free of charge at locations that are accessible to all employees and contract workers.
- B. Ability to take regular and necessary breaks as needed and additional breaks for hydration.
- C. Access to shaded areas and/or air conditioning.
- D. Access to air conditioning in vehicles with enclosed cabs. All such vehicles must contain functioning air conditioning by no later than May 1, 2025.
- E. Effective acclimatization practices to promote the physiological adaptations of employees or contract workers newly assigned or reassigned to work in an outside environment.
- F. Conduct training and make it available and understandable to all employees and contract workers on heat illness and injury that focuses on the environmental and personal risk factors, prevention, how to recognize and report signs and symptoms of heat illness and injury, how to administer appropriate first aid measures and how to report heat illness and injury to emergency medical personnel.

The contractor further agrees that this clause will be incorporated in all subcontracts with subcontractors, sublicensees or sublessees who may perform labor or services in connection with this contract. Additionally, the contractor agrees to require all subcontractors, sublicensees or sublessees to include this clause in all contracts with any third party who is contracted to perform labor or services in connection with this contract. It is the obligation of the contractor to ensure compliance by its subcontractors.

# 6. Special Terms and Conditions

# 6.1. Term of Contract

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

# 6.2. Price

All prices submitted shall be firm and fixed for the initial one-year of the contract. Thereafter, price increases will be considered annually provided the adjustments are submitted in writing with 60 days' notice to the Procurement Officer. Price increase requests shall be accompanied with written documentation to support the increase, such as a letter from the manufacturer, published price index, applicable change in law, etc. Price decrease requests do not require supporting documentation and are allowed at any time during the contract term.

The City will be the sole judge in determining the allowable increase amount. Price increases agreed to by any staff other than the Chief Procurement Officer are invalid. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees to repay all monies paid because of a requested price increase unless the increase was specifically approved, in writing, by the Chief Procurement Officer.

# 6.3. 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.

# 6.4. Method of Invoicing

Invoice must be emailed in .pdf format 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

# 6.5. 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.

### 6.6. Supplier Profile Changes

It is the responsibility of the Contractor to promptly update their profile in procurePHX at <u>https://www.phoenix.gov/procure</u>. 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.

#### 6.7. 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.

#### 6.8. 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.

#### 6.9. 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.

Neighborhood Services Department Contact: Kimberly Butts

Phone: 602-495-5409

#### 6.10. Cooperative Agreement

In addition to the City and with approval of the Contractor, this contract may be extended for use by other municipalities and government agencies in the State of Arizona.

#### 6.11. 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.

## 6.12. Contacts with Third Parties

A. Contractor or its subcontractors will not contact third parties to provide any information in connection to the Services provided under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the City. Should Contractor or its subcontractors be contacted by any person requesting information or requiring testimony relative to the Services provided under this Agreement or any other prior or existing Agreement with the City, Contractor or its subcontractors will promptly inform the City giving the particulars of the information

sought and will not disclose such information or give such testimony without the written consent of the City or court order. The obligations of Contractor and its subcontractors under this Section will survive the termination of this Agreement.

B. Contractor agrees that the requirements of this Section will be incorporated into all subcontractor agreements entered into by the Contractor. It is further agreed that a violation of this Section will be deemed to cause irreparable harm that justifies injunctive relief in court. A violation of this Section may result in immediate termination of this Agreement without notice.

# 6.13. SBE / DBE Utilization

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

## 6.14. Fiscal Year Clause

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

#### 6.15. Final Payment

- A. **PAYMENT**: The City will make final payment for all Services performed and accepted within 60 days after Contractor has delivered to the City any final progress reports, documentation, materials and evidence of costs and disbursement as required under this Agreement. Any use by the City of preliminary reports, raw data or other incomplete material returned by Contractor will be at the City's sole risk for such use.
- B. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION: The City may, by written notice, direct Contractor to suspend performance on all or any part of the Services for such period of time as may be determined by the City to be necessary or desirable for its convenience. If such suspension causes additional expense to Contractor in performance, and not due to fault or negligence of Contractor, the payment will be adjusted on the basis of actual costs resulting directly from the suspension, and the period for performance of the Services will be extended by mutual agreement. Any claim by Contractor for a price adjustment must be supported by appropriate documentation asserted promptly after Contractor has been notified to suspend performance.

#### 6.16. Professional Competency

A. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Contractor represents that it is familiar with the nature and extent of this Agreement, the Services, and any conditions that may affect its performance under this Agreement. Contractor further represents that it is fully experienced and properly

qualified, is in compliance with all applicable license requirements, and is equipped, organized, and financed to perform such Services.

B. LEVEL OF CARE AND SKILL: Services provided by Contractor will be performed in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of Contractor's profession currently practicing in the same industry under similar conditions. Acceptance or approval by the City of Contractor's work will in no way relieve Contractor of liability to the City for damages suffered or incurred arising from the failure of Contractor to adhere to the aforesaid standard of professional competence.

# 6.17. Specific Performance

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

## 6.18. Documentation

- A. DISSEMINATION AND RETENTION: There will be no dissemination or publication of any information gathered, or documents prepared in the course of the performance of the Services without the prior written consent of the City. Should the City, upon advice of counsel, deem it necessary, due to existing or anticipated litigation, to assert a legal privilege of protection and non-disclosure with regard to the subject matter of this Agreement, then, and in that event, upon written demand, Contractor will relinquish to the possession and control of the City its entire file related to this Agreement and only those portions of said file deemed by the City to be not privileged will be returned to Contractor pending the resolution of the existing or anticipated litigation.
- B. **FORMAT AND QUALITY**: All documents prepared by Contractor will be prepared in a format and at a quality approved by the City.
- C. **DOCUMENT REVIEW**: Contractor will review all documents provided by the City related to the performance of the Services and will promptly notify the City of any defects or deficiencies discovered in such review.
- D. **SUBMITTALS**: Contractor will provide timely and periodic submittals of all documents required of Contractor, including subcontracts, if any, as such become available to the City for review.

## 6.19. Public Records

A. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Agreement regarding confidentiality, secrets, or protected rights, the Contractor acknowledges that all documents provided to the City may be subject to disclosure by laws related to open public records. Consequently, the

Contractor understands that disclosure of some or all of the items subject to this Agreement may be required by law.

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

# 6.20. Warranty

All materials and workmanship supplied under this contract shall be fully guaranteed by the Contractor for a minimum period of three (3) years from the date of acceptance by the City. Any defects of design, workmanship, or materials that would result in non-compliance with the contract specifications shall be fully corrected by the Contractor (including parts and labor) without cost to the City.

Warranty work requirements shall be performed by a technician on-site with a guaranteed contact with program participant time of 24 hours (excluding City holidays and weekends) for HVAC warranties and 72 hours (excluding City holidays and weekends) for all other warranty claims. City acceptance will be determined by the date of actual installation and start-up. Since some of the items will be inventoried for emergency purposes, the City will notify the Contractor of the actual start-up date which will be within one year of item receipt.

# 6.21. Contractor Assignments

The Contractor hereby agrees that any of its employees who may be assigned to a City site to satisfy obligations under this contract shall be used exclusively for that purpose during the hours when they are working in areas covered by this contract and shall perform no work at other City facilities. If other services, in addition to or separate from, the services specified herein, may be deemed necessary by the Chief Procurement Officer or his authorized representative, the Contractor may be requested to perform the additional or special service.

# 6.22. Final Inspection and Approval

The Contractor will request the City's authorized Department representative to conduct a site inspection after the project is complete. City's authorized Department representative will prepare a "punch-list" during the inspection and will forward a copy to the Contractor.

After the "punch-list" items have been corrected, the Contractor will request a final inspection with the authorized Department representative. Final project approval is contingent upon the City authorized Department representative's final inspection and written approval.

# 6.23. 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.

# 6.24. 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.

# 6.25. 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.

# 6.26. 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.

# 6.27. 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.

## 6.28. 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.

#### 6.29. 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.

#### 6.30. 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. Background Screening – Maximum Risk

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

#### 6.34. Additional Maximum Risk Background Checks

Maximum screening will additionally require:

- Credit Check (for cash handling, accounting, and compliance positions only)
- Driving records (for driving positions only)
- Fingerprint verification (when Contract Worker is working directly with children or vulnerable adults or scope takes the individual to a City location with Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) access.)

# 6.35. Contractor Certification; City Approval of Maximum Risk Background Screening

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

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

- K. By executing this agreement, Contractor further certifies and warrants that Contractor has satisfied all such background screening requirements for the maximum risk background screening, and verified legal worker status, as required.
- L. Contract Workers will not apply for the appropriate City of Phoenix identification and access badge or keys until Contractor has received the City's written acceptance of Contract Worker's maximum risk background screening. The City may, in its sole discretion, accept or reject any or all the Contract Workers proposed by Contractor for performing work under this Agreement. A Contract Worker rejected for work at a maximum risk level under this agreement will not be proposed to perform work under other city contracts or engagements without city's prior written approval.
- M. For any childcare or health worker positions, or Criminal Justice Information Systems access in the scope of work, Contractor is required to send the City updated background checks every three years.
- N. The Contractor will submit prior to scheduling any services, a current list of names, addresses, and social security numbers of all employees requiring access to the facility. The Contractor is responsible for obtaining security clearance from the Police Department for all employees. The City reserves the right to change the restricted areas as needed. The Contractor grants the rights to the Police Department to conduct background checks of all employees entering the building. All employees will submit to the background check before access to the facility is given.
- O. The background checks will be conducted prior to any employee entering to work and will be based upon information provided to the Police Department including, but not limited to: name, address, date and place of birth, social security number, INS number if applicable, and a copy of a valid photo identification. The information will be provided to the City's authorized Department representative at least five business days (excluding weekends and City holidays) in advance of the need for access. The form will be provided by the City's authorized Department representative. The City's authorized Department representative. The City's authorized Department representative the security check.
- P. The City may, at any time, in its sole discretion, refuse to allow an employee access to an area for any of the following reasons, but not limited to:
  - 1. Conviction of a felony.
  - 2. Conviction of a misdemeanor (not including traffic or parking violation).
  - 3. Any outstanding warrants (including traffic and parking violations).
  - 4. A person currently on parole or probation.
  - 5. A person currently involved in an investigation.

# 6.36. 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.

# 6.37. 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:
  - 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.)

- 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 subcontractors 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;
  - 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;
  - 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.

# 6.38. Air Pollution Emergency Proclamation

The City requires Contractors to provide information with their submittal, to the extent practicable, the amount of reactive organic compounds in their products. The City requires Contractors to also identify any products with special storage requirements or special hazards such as, reactive, temperature, or shock sensitive, dangerous when wet or with other unusual hazards.

Contractor should advise the Procurement Officer of any substitute products which contain either no reactive organic compounds or an amount less than that contained in the product(s) specified in this solicitation. This notification should be provided at least ten days prior to the solicitation due date.

# 6.39. Confined Space Structure Entry

Services performed under this agreement may require Contractor personnel to enter confined spaces. Contractor will be required to furnish equipment for confined space entry and must comply with OSHA regulation 1910.146 or most recent regulation. Contractor shall provide all necessary personnel, supplies, and equipment to satisfy the confined space entry program including, but not limited to, designated rescue personnel, appropriate fall protection supplies, atmospheric monitors and retrieval systems.

Contractor shall have a written Confined Space Entry Program that meets all Federal, State and local regulations and will be required to submit a copy of this program to the City for review and acceptance. The City reserves the right to modify the Contractor's Confined Space Entry Program where it is determined to be in the best interest of the City. Contractor will be required to fully comply with the final approval Confined Space Entry Program while performing work at all City locations.

Contractor's supervisory personnel shall have successfully completed an accredited Confined Space Entry Training Program and a 40-hour HAZWOPER Training Program. Certifications or Certificates of Completion must be current.

# 6.40. Dust Control

Contractor shall not cause or allow any dust generating operation, use of property, or any other operation which cause fugitive dust emissions that exceed the 20% visible emission opacity limit in Rule 300 of Maricopa County's Air Pollution Control Regulations. The Contractor shall suppress emission of dust to comply with this limit.

The Contractor shall NOT use grading, blading, disking, a gannon or like equipment to control weeds without prior written authorization from the City's authorized Department representative. Earthmoving activities shall be conducted in accordance with the standards and work practices defined in Maricopa County Fugitive Dust Rule 310. Contractor shall obtain a Maricopa County Dust Control Permit for each site where there is earthmoving on areas greater than 0.1 acres. Contractor may submit invoices for reimbursement of dust control permit fees when necessary, provided documentation is included to verify the fee.

The use of leaf blowers is strictly prohibited. Acceptable alternatives to leaf blowers include: brooms, rakes, walk behind leaf vacuums, and PM-10 Compliance Sweepers. Debris shall not be swept into the street.

# 6.41. Energy Star

All products provided in response to this solicitation shall be certified by the U.S. Department of Energy or the U.S. EPA as Energy Star or are certified under the Federal Energy Management Program and in all categories identified at <u>energystar.gov</u>.

## 6.42. Environmental Preferred Products

The City of Phoenix has adopted a Sustainable Purchasing Policy <u>https://www.phoenix.gov/oep/spp-about</u> in an effort to protect human health and the environment, reduce operating expenses, and reduce potential liability associated with the use of hazardous materials.

The chemical products selected for use in this contract shall avoid physical and health hazards by adhering to either of the following requirements:

EITHER meet the most current criteria of one of the following standards, as applicable:

- EPA's Safer Choice,
- Green Seal GS-11 (paints & coatings),
- GS-34 (cleaning/degreasing agents)
- GS-36 (commercial adhesives),
- GS-37 (institutional cleaners),
- or GS-40 (institutional floor care)

OR, meet each of the following criteria:

• (pH) greater than 2.5 and less than 12.

- Flashpoint greater than 150 degrees F
- National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) or Hazardous Materials Identification System (HMIS) rating of 2 or less in each category.
- Maximum of 50 g/L or 5% by weight volatile organic compound (VOC) content or comply with the California Air Resources Board's maximum allowable VOC limit for consumer products (listed at California Code of Regulations 94507-94517).
- Contain no known carcinogens, reproductive toxins, persistent bioaccumulative toxins (PBTs), or ozone-depleting substances.
- Contain no hazardous waste toxins listed at 40 CFR 261.24 at concentrations that could require regulation of the material as a toxicity-characteristic hazardous waste.

The City maintains the right to request that Contractors supply certification of compliance with the above. SDS's shall be provided to the City upon request. SDS's shall be provided with the solicitation when specified in the scope of work or offer instructions.

# 6.43. Equipment / Safety

The Contractor shall be responsible for providing and for the placement of barricades, tarps, plastic, flag tape, and other safetyraffic control equipment required to protect its employees, the public, surrounding areas, equipment and vehicles. The flow of vehicular traffic shall not be impeded at any time during this project. <u>The safety of the Contractor's employees and the public is of prime concern to the City</u> and the Contractor must take all necessary steps to assure proper safety during the performance of the Contractor.

## 6.44. Hazardous Materials Requirement SDS

Contractor shall provide a copy of the current Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for the product(s) offered. The SDS must include all chemical compounds present in concentrations greater than 0.1% for each product offered by CAS number; no "trade secret" or otherwise defined ingredients shall be accepted by the City. The Contractor shall provide required safety and health training for City employees on each product offered and for proper use, storage, and disposal, when requested by the City. The Contractor further agrees to accept returned empty containers for disposal purposes, if and when requested by the City. The cost for any requested training and disposal of used containers shall be included in the offered price for the product. The Contractor shall also accept returned product that was purchased as a result of this solicitation and for which the City no longer needs the product. Returned product will be in its original container(s), unopened, and must be returned to the Contractor at least 45 calendar days after the end of the project. All products must be labeled per 29CFR 1910.1200.

## 6.45. OSHA Laws and Regulations

**Emergency Spill Response Plan:** Contractor shall determine whether products selected could require an emergency spill response plan for any hazardous material used. If such determination is made, a plan for directing employees in proper response procedures must be submitted. At a minimum, the response plan must address the following:

- Provide a description of equipment on site available to contain and/or respond to an emergency/spill of the material.
- Notification procedures.
- Response coordination procedures between Contractor and the City.
- Provide a Site Plan showing the location of stored hazardous materials and location of spill containment/response equipment.
- Provide a description of the training provided to the Contractor employees.

**Hazardous Materials Storage and Labeling Specifications:** Contractor shall, to the satisfaction of the City of Phoenix's environmental representative, properly and safely store all hazardous materials, which shall include as a minimum, the following:

- Have a designated storage site for hazardous material, which includes secondary containment.
- Provide signage approved by the City of Phoenix's environmental representative clearly identifying the hazardous materials storage site. Signage must be in language understood by Contractor's on-site employees.
- All hazardous materials containers must be labeled according to OSHA requirements and bear applicable NFPA or HMIS labels.

**OSHA Guideline Compliance:** Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, City and local laws, regulations and rules including, but not limited to:

- Safety Data Sheets Contractor shall furnish to the City's Department copies of Safety Data Sheets (SDS), or all products used, prior to beginning service in any facility. Contractor must update copies of the SDS on an annual basis. In addition, each time a new chemical or cleaning product is introduced into any facility, a copy of that product's SDS must be provided prior to the product being used in any facility. The Safety Data Sheets must be in compliance with OSHA Regulation 1910.1200, paragraph g.
- Labeling of Hazardous Materials Contractor shall comply with the OSHA Regulation 1910.1200 paragraph f, concerning the labeling of all chemical containers
- Caution Signs Contractor shall use caution signs as required by OSHA Regulation 1910.144 and 1910.145 at no cost to the City. Caution signs must be on-site during each scheduled cleaning.
- Blood Borne Pathogens Contractor shall comply with OSHA Standard 29CFR 1910.1030 Blood Borne Pathogens as it pertains to the training, safety, and equipment needed for all employees engaged in contracted service. Contractor shall be responsible for compliance on date of contract acceptance and shall provide proof to the City's Department.

Proof of compliance with OSHA regulation 1910.1200, Hazard Communication, shall be provided to the City's Department, upon commencement of this Contract, and reviewed by the Department Safety Analyst for verification. Failure of the Contractor or their employees to comply with all applicable laws and rules shall permit the City to immediately terminate resultant Contract without liability.

**SDS Notebooks:** Contractor shall maintain on the site a notebook containing current (dated within the past three years or verified as most current by manufacturer) SDS for all materials being used on site, whether or not they are defined as a Hazardous Material. The notebook shall be kept in the Contractor's on-site storage area. The notebook must be kept up-to-date as materials are brought onto and removed from the site. A complete copy of the SDS notebook shall also be provided to the City. New products must be approved for use by the City by providing a copy of the product's SDS for review and approval.

**Non-Hazardous Materials Labeling Specifications:** The Contractor shall clearly label all packaged products, whether or not they are classified as Hazardous Materials under this Section. If any such unlabeled containers are discovered on the Site, the City's environmental representative will notify the Contractor and Contractor will within one hour clearly label the container or remove it from the site. Any containers that are filled from larger containers must also be labeled.

**Offsite Storage of Hazardous Materials:** The City encourages storage of hazardous materials off site until the materials are needed on site. Solvent based strippers and cleaners will NOT be stored on City property.

**Hazardous Materials Management Program Documentation:** The Contractor shall make all required documentation available immediately upon request of the City's environmental representative. The Contractor shall also provide the City's environmental representative with copies of all permits obtained from environmental regulatory agencies.

**Contractor Training Requirements:** The Contractor shall provide requested copies of the company's written Hazardous Communications Program to the City of Phoenix that satisfies requirements listed under sections e, f, g, and h of 29 CFR 1910.1200, Hazard Communications. The Contractor must demonstrate how employees are trained in the proper use, storage, and disposal of chemical products and wastes in a language understood by the Contractor's on-site employees.

# 6.46. Pesticides

Pest control shall be managed through prevention, physical and mechanical methods, and with pesticides only when necessary. The City will implement the principles of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) to the extent possible. Contractors will use the least toxic pest control substance required to be effective. Contractor shall submit for approval a list of chemical pesticides to be applied, indicating: trade name, EPA registration number and category (includes herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides, etc.), and label signal word (i.e. caution, warning, or danger) and shall provide the same information prior to using any other product not originally submitted and approved by the City during the term of the contract.

Pesticides must be EPA-registered or exempt from registration under section 25b of the Federal Insecticide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) at the time of submittal. All products must be applied in strict compliance with the most current labeling restrictions and/or consistent with most current EPA-approved application use at the time of application.

EPA Toxicity Class I pesticides shall be reviewed for the least toxic effective alternative prior to purchase. Contractors shall review the Groundwater Protection List prior to pesticide purchase; when available, alternative pesticides that are not on the Groundwater Protection List and meet the same need shall be used.

# 6.47. Recovered Materials

The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), section 6002, requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to designate items ("designated items") that are or can be made with recovered materials. If the City uses at least a portion of federal funds to purchase over \$10,000 worth of a designated item in a given year, the City must purchase the item containing the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable. Contractors can refer to the EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guide (CPG) for product specifications found at 40 CFR 247 or www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program.

# 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. Environmental Services or Operations

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 demands, claims, complaints, losses, damages, actions or causes of action, assessments, liabilities, costs or expenses including, without limitation, interest, penalties and reasonable attorney fees, expert fees, and reasonable expenses of investigation and remedial work (including but not limited to investigations and remediation by engineers, environmental consultants and similar technical personnel) asserted against or imposed upon or incurred by Indemnitee arising in connection with, or resulting from, any Environmental Law, including but not limited to, any use, generation, storage, spill, release, discharge or disposal of any Hazardous Substance that is now or comes to be located on, at, about or under the property or because of, or in connection with, the violation of any Environmental Law (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Losses") to the extent that such Losses are caused by the fault of Indemnitor, its officers, officials, members, managers, agents, employees, contractors, volunteers, tenants, subtenants, invitees or licensees. 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. As used in this section: (a) "Hazardous Substances" are those substances defined as toxic or hazardous substances, pollutants, or wastes by Environmental Law and the following substances: gasoline, kerosene, or other petroleum products, toxic pesticides and herbicides, volatile solvents, materials containing asbestos or formaldehyde, and radioactive materials; (b) "Environmental Law" means federal, state or local laws and regulations, including common law, that relate to health, safety or environmental protection; and (c) "Fault" means those nonculpable acts or omissions giving rise to strict liability under any Environmental Law pertaining to Hazardous Substances, as well as culpable conduct (negligence or willful misconduct). 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.

# 8. Insurance Requirements

## 8.1. Contractor's Insurance

Contractor and subcontractors must procure insurance against claims that may arise from or relate to performance of the work hereunder by Contractor and its agents, representatives, employees and subcontractors. Contractor and subcontractors 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 Contractor from liabilities that might arise out of the performance of the work under this Contract by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors and Contractor may purchase additional insurance as they determine necessary.

## 8.2. Scope and Limits of Insurance

Contractor 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 Contractor 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 Contractor.
- The Contractor'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 Contractor, relating to this Contract.
- City of Phoenix is an additional insured to the full limits of liability purchased by the Contractor.
- The Contractor'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 contractor or subcontractor is exempt under A.R.S. §23-902(E), **AND** when such contractor or subcontractor 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.
- Contractor 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 Contractor 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 nsd.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 Contractor from potential insurer insolvency.

### 8.9. Subcontractors

Contractor's certificates shall include all subcontractors as additional insureds under its policies **OR** Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring and verifying that all subcontractors 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 Contractor that its subcontractors have insurance coverage. All subcontractors 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 Contractor may, on behalf of its subcontractors, waive a specific type of coverage or limit of liability where appropriate to the type of work being performed under the subcontract. Contractor assumes liability for all subcontractors with respect to this Contract.

#### 8.10. 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 90 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 to obtain proposals from individuals or organizations to provide Project Management, Administration Services and Performance of the NSD Weatherization Assistance Program (NSDWAP), 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.