



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
FINANCE DEPARTMENT - PURCHASING DIVISION

REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSAL (“RFCSP”)
RFx NO.: **6100016274 (23-016)**

FORMAL ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR TREE PLANTING & CARE

Date Issued: **DECEMBER 14, 2022**

PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED **NO LATER THAN:**
2:00 P.M., CENTRAL TIME, **JANUARY 27, 2023**

Proposals may ONLY be submitted Electronically through the SAePS Portal

Proposal Bond: N/A Performance Bond: N/A Payment Bond: N/A Other: N/A

See Supplemental Terms & Conditions for information on these requirements.

Affirmative Procurement Initiative: YES DBE / ACDBE Requirements: N/A

See Instructions for Respondents and Attachments sections for more information on these requirements.

Pre-Proposal Conference: YES

Pre-Proposal Conference: December 21, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. Central Time via Webex:

<https://sanantonio.webex.com/sanantonio/j.php?MTID=ma931069fc97d760b1746469ffb30ba24>

Meeting Number (access code): 2468 542 1267

Meeting Password: 2hwMQ66SWXf

Join by Phone: 1-415-655-0001

Staff Contact Person: Stephen Muniz, Procurement Specialist II, Email: stephen.muniz@sanantonio.gov

SBEDA Contact Person: (210) 207-3922 or by email at SBEDAdocs@sanantonio.gov

This solicitation has been identified as High-Profile.

PROHIBITED CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

Notice Regarding Prohibition on Campaign or Officeholder Contributions for Individuals and Entities Seeking High-Profile Contracts. Under Section 2-309 of the Municipal Campaign Finance Code, the following are prohibited from making a campaign or officeholder contribution to any member of City Council, candidate for City Council or political action committee that contributes to City Council elections beginning on the *10th business day after a contract solicitation has been released through the 30th calendar day following the approval by City Council (“blackout” period):

- (1) Any individual seeking a high-profile contract;
- (2) Any owner, officer, officer of board, and executive committee member of an entity seeking a high-profile contract, excluding board officers and executive committee members of 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) and 501(c)(6) non-profit organizations not created or controlled by the City whose board service is done strictly as a volunteer with no financial compensation and no economic gain from the non-profit entity;
- (3) The legal signatory of the high-profile contract;
- (4) Any attorney, lobbyist or consultant hired or retained to assist the individual or entity in seeking a high-profile contract;
- (5) Subcontractors hired or retained to provide services under the high-profile contract; and
- (6) Any first-degree member of the household of any person listed in (1), (2), (3) or (5) of this subsection.

A high-profile contract cannot be awarded to the individual or entity if a prohibited contribution was made by any of these individuals during this period.

****For this solicitation, the first-day contributions are prohibited is **WEDNESDAY, January 4, 2023.** The first day contributions may be made is the 31st day after the contract is approved at a City Council “A” Session.***

RESTRICTIONS ON COMMUNICATIONS

In accordance with and as authorized by Section 2-61 of the City Code, the following restrictions on communications apply to this solicitation.

Respondents are prohibited from contacting 1) City officials, as defined by §2-62 of the City Code of the City of San Antonio, regarding the RFCSP or proposal from the time the RFCSP has been released until the contract is posted for consideration as an agenda item during a meeting designated as “A” session; and 2) City employees from the time the RFCSP has been released until the contract is approved at a City Council “A” session.

Restrictions extend to “thank you” letters, phone calls, emails and any contract that results in the direct or indirect discussion of the RFCSP and/or proposal submitted by Respondent.

Violation of this provision by Respondent and/or its agent may lead to disqualification of Respondent’s proposal from consideration.

For additional information, see the section of this RFCSP entitled “*Restrictions on Communication*”.

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PART A

Submission of Proposals:

Submission of Proposals. Respondents must submit proposals electronically.

Submission of Electronic Proposals. Submit one **COMPLETE** proposal electronically by the due date provided on the Cover Page. All times stated herein are Central Time. Any proposal or modification received after the time and date stated on the Cover Page shall be rejected.

Proposals sent to City by facsimile or email shall be rejected.

Modified Proposals. Proposals may be modified provided such modifications are received prior to the time and date set for submission of proposals. A modified proposal will automatically replace a prior proposal submission. See below for information on submitting Alternate Proposals.

City shall not be responsible for lost or misdirected proposals or modifications.

Forms Requiring Signatures.

Signature Page. Respondent's electronic submission constitutes a binding signature for all purposes.

All Other Documents. All other forms in this solicitation which require a signature must have a signature affixed thereto by manually signing the document prior to scanning it and uploading it with your submission.

Respondents are cautioned that they are responsible for the security of their log-on ID and password, since unauthorized use could result in Respondent's being held liable for the submission.

Vendor Registration. Respondent is required to register as a vendor with the City prior to the due date for submission of proposals. Respondent may register at the following site: <http://www.sanantonio.gov/purchasing/saeps>. Respondents must identify the correct name of the entity that will be providing the goods and/or services under the contract. No nicknames, abbreviations (unless part of the legal title), shortened or short-hand names will be accepted in place of the full, true and correct legal name of the entity.

Alternate Proposals: Alternate proposals may be allowed at the sole discretion of City.

Electronic Alternate Proposals: All alternate proposals submitted electronically are recorded with original proposals when submitted electronically.

Catalog Pricing: (This section applies to proposals using catalog pricing.)

The proposal will be based on manufacturer's latest dated price list(s). Said price list(s) must denote the manufacturer, latest effective date and price schedule.

Respondents shall be responsible for providing one copy of the manufacturer's catalog for each manufacturer for which a proposal is submitted. Respondent shall provide said catalog at the time of submission of its proposal. Manufacturers' catalogs may be submitted in any of the following formats: CD ROM, Flash Drive, or PDF file.

Respondents may submit price lists other than the manufacturer's price list. Said price list(s) must denote the company name, effective date and price schedule. These price lists are subject to approval of City's Purchasing & General Services Department.

Specified items identified herein, if any, are for overall proposal evaluation and represent the commonly and most used items. Net prices entered for those specified items must reflect the actual price derived from quoted price list less all discounts offered.

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Restrictions extend to “thank you” letters, phone calls, emails and any contract that results in the direct or indirect discussion of the RFCSP and/or proposal submitted by Respondent.

Violation of this provision by Respondent and/or its agent may lead to disqualification of Respondent’s proposal from consideration.

Exceptions to the restrictions on communication with City employees include:

Respondents may submit written questions, or objections to specifications, concerning this RFCSP to the Staff Contact Person listed below until 4:00 p.m. Central Time, on December 23, 2022. Questions received after the stated deadline will not be answered. All questions shall be sent through the portal or by e-mail to:

Stephen Muniz, Procurement Specialist II
City of San Antonio, Finance Department – Purchasing Division
stephen.muniz@sanantonio.gov

Questions submitted and the City’s responses to questions will be posted with this solicitation.

Respondents may provide responses to questions asked of them by the Staff Contact Person after proposals are received and opened. The Staff Contact Person may request clarification to assist in evaluating Respondent’s proposal. Such additional information must be provided within two (2) business days from City’s request. Respondents may also respond to requests by the Staff Contact Person for best and final offers, which do allow respondents to change their proposals. Requests for best and final offers will be clearly designated as such. During interviews, if any, verbal questions and explanations will be permitted. If interviews are conducted, respondents shall not bring lobbyists. The City reserves the right to exclude any persons from interviews as it deems in its best interests.

Respondents and/or their agents are encouraged to contact the Small Business Office of the Economic Development Department for assistance or clarification with issues specifically related to the City’s Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Program policy and/or completion of the required SBEDA forms. Questions may be sent via e-mail to SBEDAdocs@sanantonio.gov. *This exception to the restriction on communication does not apply, and there is no contact permitted to the Small Business Office regarding this solicitation, after the solicitation closing date.*

Respondents may contact the Vendor Support staff at (210) 207-0118 or by email at vendors@sanantonio.gov for assistance with vendor registration and submitting electronic proposals.

Upon completion of the evaluation process, Respondents shall receive a notification letter indicating the recommended firm, anticipated City Council Agenda date, and a review of the solicitation process.

Pre-Submittal Conference:

If a Pre-Submittal Conference is scheduled, it will be held at the time and place noted on the Cover Page. Respondents are encouraged to prepare and submit their questions in writing in advance of the Pre-Submittal Conference in order to expedite the proceedings. City’s responses to questions received by this due date may be distributed at the Pre-Submittal Conference and posted with this solicitation. Attendance at the Pre-Submittal Conference is optional, but highly encouraged. Site Tours, if any, will be conducted per Attachment K – Site Visit Schedule.

Call the Staff Contact Person to request an interpreter for the deaf. Interpreters for the deaf must be requested at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. For other assistance, call (210) 207-7245 Voice/TTY.

Any oral response given at the Pre-Submittal Conference that is not confirmed in writing and posted with this solicitation shall not be official or binding on the City.

Changes to RFCSP:

Changes to this RFCSP made prior to the due date for proposals shall be made directly to the original RFCSP. Changes are captured by creating a replacement version each time the RFCSP is changed. It is Respondent's responsibility to check for new versions until the proposal due date. City will assume that all proposals received are based on the final version of the RFCSP as it exists on the day proposals are due.

No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise change or affect the terms, conditions or specifications stated in the RFCSP.

Preparation of Proposals:

All information required by the RFCSP must be furnished or the proposal may be deemed non-responsive and rejected. Any ambiguity in the proposal as a result of omission, error, unintelligible or illegible wording shall be construed in the favor of City.

Proposal Format. Websites or URLs shall not be submitted in lieu of the electronic submission through City's portal. **ELECTRONIC** proposals must include **ALL** the sections and attachments in the sequence listed in the RFCSP Section 003, Part B, Submission Requirements, and each section and attachment must be indexed in a Table of Contents page. For electronic submissions, each separate section should be attached as a separate file. Failure to meet the above conditions may result in disqualification of the proposal or may negatively affect scoring.

Correct Legal Name. If Respondent is found to have incorrectly or incompletely stated the name of the entity that will provide goods and/or services, the proposal may be rejected.

Line Item Proposals: Any proposal that is considered for award by each unit or line item must include a price for each unit or line item for which Respondent wishes to be considered. All proposals are awarded on the basis of low line item, low total line items, or in any other combination that serves the best interest of City, unless City designates this solicitation as an "all or none" proposal in the Supplemental Terms & Conditions.

All or None Bid: Any proposal that is considered for award on an "all or none" basis must include a price for all units or line items. In an "All or None" bid, a unit price left blank shall result in the proposal being deemed nonresponsive and disqualified from consideration. An "All or None" bid is one in which City will award the entire contract to one respondent only.

Delivery Dates: Proposed delivery dates must be shown in the proposal where required and shall include weekends and holidays, unless specified otherwise in this RFCSP. Proposed delivery times must be specific. Phrases such as "as required", "as soon as possible" or "prompt" may result in disqualification of the proposal. Special delivery instructions, if any, may be found in the Specifications / Scope of Services section of this document, or in the Purchase Order.

Tax Exemption: The City of San Antonio is exempt from payment of federal taxes, and State of Texas limited sales excise and use taxes. Respondents must not include such taxes in proposal prices. An exemption certificate will be signed by City where applicable upon request by Respondent after contract award.

Description of Supplies:

Any brand names, catalog or manufacturer's reference used in describing an item is merely descriptive, and not restrictive, unless otherwise noted, and is used only to indicate quality and capability desired.

Proposals submitted for comparable items must clearly identify the proposed product, model, and type, as applicable, and shall include manufacturer specification sheet(s) for each proposed item with proposal response. Product specifications shall be the most current available and be sufficiently detailed and descriptive so as to permit City to determine the item's suitability and compliance with proposal specifications. City shall be the sole judge of equality and suitability of comparable items.

Pro-rata adjustments to packaging and pricing may be allowed at the sole discretion of City.

Samples, Demonstrations and Pre-award Testing: If requested by City, Respondent shall provide product samples, demonstrations, and/or testing of items proposed to ensure compliance with specifications prior to award of the contract. Samples, demonstrations and/or testing must be provided within seven (7) calendar days of City's request. Failure to comply with City's request may result in rejection of a proposal. All samples (including return thereof), demonstrations, and/or testing shall be at Respondent's expense. Samples will be returned upon written request. Requests for return of samples must be made in writing at the time the samples are provided. Otherwise, samples will become property of City at no cost to City. Samples that are consumed or destroyed during demonstrations or testing will not be returned.

Estimated Quantities for Annual Contracts:

Designation as an "annual" contract is found in the contract's title on the Cover Page of this document. The quantities stated are estimates only and are in no way binding upon City. Estimated quantities are used for the purpose of evaluation. City may increase or decrease quantities as needed. Where a contract is awarded on a unit price basis, payment shall be based on the actual quantities supplied.

Respondent's Due Diligence.

Respondents shall thoroughly examine the drawings, specifications, schedule(s), instructions and all other contract documents.

Respondents shall make all investigations necessary to thoroughly inform themselves regarding plant and facilities for delivery of material and equipment, or conditions and sites/locations for providing goods and services as required by this RFCSP. No plea of ignorance by Respondent will be accepted as a basis for varying the requirements of City or the compensation to Respondent.

Confidential or Proprietary Information: All proposals become the property of City upon receipt and will not be returned. Any information deemed confidential by Respondent should be clearly noted; however, City cannot guarantee that it will not be compelled to disclose all or part of any public record under the Texas Public Information Act, since information deemed confidential by Respondent may not be considered confidential under Texas law, or pursuant to a Court order.

Interlocal Participation:

City may engage in cooperative purchasing with other governmental entities or governmental cooperatives ("Entity" or "Entities") to enhance City's purchasing power. At City's sole discretion and option, City may inform other Entities that they may acquire items listed in this RFCSP. If this contract will be subject to cooperative purchasing, such fact will be indicated in the Supplemental Terms and Conditions portion of this RFCSP. Such acquisition(s) shall be at the prices stated in the proposal and shall be subject to Respondent's acceptance. Entities desiring to acquire items listed in this RFCSP shall be listed on a rider attached hereto, if known at the time of issuance of the RFCSP. City may issue subsequent riders after contract award setting forth additional Entities desiring to utilize this proposal. Respondent must sign and submit the rider, if attached to this RFCSP, with its proposal, indicating whether Respondent wishes to allow other Entities to use its proposal. Respondent shall sign and return any subsequently issued riders within ten (10) calendar days of receipt. Respondent's decision on whether to allow other Entities to use the proposal shall not be a factor in awarding this RFCSP.

Costs of Proposing: Respondent shall bear any and all costs that are associated with the preparation of the Proposal, attendance at the Pre-Submittal conference, if any, or during any phase of the selection process.

Rejection of Proposals:

City may reject any and all proposals, in whole or in part, cancel the RFCSP and reissue the solicitation. City may reject a proposal if:

Respondent misstates or conceals any material fact in the proposal; or

The proposal does not strictly conform to law or the requirements of the solicitation;

The proposal is conditional; or

Any other reason that would lead City to believe that the proposal is non-responsive, or Respondent is not responsible.

City, in its sole discretion, may also waive any minor informalities or irregularities in any proposal, such as failure to submit literature or similar attachments, or business affiliation information.

Variances and Exceptions to Proposal Terms: In order to comply with State law, respondents must submit proposals on the same material terms and conditions. Proposals that contain material variances or exceptions to the terms and conditions, including additional terms and conditions, may be rejected.

Changes to Proposal Form: Proposals must be submitted on the forms furnished, where forms are provided. Proposals that change the format or content of City's RFCSP will be rejected.

Withdrawal of Proposals: Proposals may be withdrawn prior to the due date for submission. Proposals submitted electronically may be withdrawn electronically.

Proposal Opening: The names of the respondents will be publicly read aloud online through WebEx at 2:30 P.M. on the day the proposals are due. In accordance with state law, the contents will not be revealed until after the contract is awarded.

Join by phone:

- 415-655-0001 US Toll
- Meeting number (access code): 177 587 8554
- Meeting password: COSA

Evaluation and Award of Contract:

Per Section §252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code, the contract will be awarded to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to City, considering the relative importance of price and the other evaluation factors included in this RFCSP.

City reserves the right to make an award on the basis of low line item, low total line items, or in any other combination that serves the best interest of City, unless City designates this solicitation as an "all or none" proposal in the Supplemental Terms & Conditions.

A written award of acceptance (manifested by a City Ordinance) and Purchase Order furnished to Respondent results in a binding contract without further action by either party. Vendor must have the Purchase Order before making any delivery.

City reserves the right to utilize historical usage data as a basis for evaluation of proposals when future usages are unable to be determined.

City reserves the right to delete items prior to the awarding of the contract, and purchase said items by other means.

Inspection of Facilities/Equipment:

Depending on the nature of the RFCSP, Respondent's facilities and equipment may be a determining factor in making the proposal award. All respondents may be subject to inspection of their facilities and equipment.

Prospective respondents must prove beyond any doubt to the City Purchasing Administrator that they are qualified and capable of performing the contract's requirements.

Prompt Payment Discount:

Provided Respondent meets the requirements stated herein, City shall take Respondent's offered prompt payment discount into consideration. The evaluation will not be based on the discount percentage alone, but rather the net price as determined by applying the discount to the proposal price, either per line item or total proposal amount. However, City reserves the right to reject a discount if the percentage is too low to be of value to City, all things considered. City may also reject a discount if the percentage is so high as to create an overly large disparity between the price City would pay if it is able to take advantage of the discount and the price City would pay if it were unable to pay within the discount period. City may always reject the discount and pay within the thirty (30) day period, at City's sole option.

City will not consider discounts that provide fewer than 10 days to pay in order to receive the discount.

For example, payment terms of 2% 5, Net 30 will NOT be considered in proposal evaluations or in the payment of invoices. However, payment terms of 2% 10, Net 30 will result in a two percent reduction in the proposal price during proposal evaluation, and City will take the 2% discount if the invoice is paid within the ten (10) day time period.

Prohibited Financial Interest:

The Charter of the City of San Antonio and the City of San Antonio Code of Ethics prohibit a City officer or employee, as those terms are defined in Sections 2-42 and 2-52 of the Code of Ethics, from having a direct or indirect financial interest in any contract with the City. An officer or employee has a "prohibited financial interest" in a contract with the City or in the sale to the City of land, materials, supplies or service, if any of the following individual(s) or entities is a party to the contract or sale:

- a City officer or employee; his or her spouse, sibling, parent, child or other family member within the first degree of consanguinity or affinity;
- an entity in which the officer or employee, or his or her parent, child or spouse directly or indirectly owns (i) 10 percent or more of the voting stock or shares of the entity, or (ii) 10 percent or more of the fair market value of the entity; or
- an entity in which any individual or entity listed above is (i) a subcontractor on a City contract, (ii) a partner or (iii) a parent or subsidiary entity.

By submitting a proposal, Respondent warrants and certifies, and a contract awarded pursuant to the RFCSP is made in reliance thereon, that one of the above listed individuals is a party to this contract.

Unfair Advancement of Private Interests: Pricing and discounts contained in this contract are for use by City departments conducting City business. City employees may not use their positions to obtain special treatment or prices that are not available to the general public.

State of Texas Conflict of Interest:

Questionnaire (Form CIQ). Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that persons, or their agents, who seek to contract for the sale or purchase of property, goods, or services with the City, shall file a completed Form CIQ with the Office of the City Clerk if those persons meet the requirements under §176.006(a) of the statute.

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the Office of the City Clerk not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Texas Local Government Code.

Form CIQ is available from the Texas Ethics Commission by accessing the following web address:

<https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/forms/conflict/>

In addition, please complete the **City's Addendum to Form CIQ (Form CIQ-A)** and submit it with Form CIQ to the Office of the City Clerk. The Form CIQ-A can be found at:

<http://www.sanantonio.gov/atty/ethics/pdf/OCC-CIQ-Addendum.pdf>

When completed, the CIQ Form and the CIQ-A Form should be submitted together, by mail to the Office of the City Clerk. Mail to:

Office of the City Clerk, P.O. Box 839966, San Antonio, TX 78283-3966.

Do not include these original forms with your sealed proposal. The Purchasing Division will not deliver the forms to the Office of the City Clerk for you.

PART B

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Respondent's Proposal shall include the following items in the following sequence, noted with the appropriate heading as indicated below. If Respondent is proposing as a team or joint venture, provide the same information for each member of the team or joint venture.

Respondent shall limit information regarding the Small Business Economic Development Advocacy Program (and associated certifications for any joint venturers or sub-contractors) and any reference to the Respondent's proposed price or revenue to the respective section designated for this information. PLACING PROGRAM PARTICIPATION OR PRICE/REVENUE INFORMATION IN OTHER SECTIONS OF A RESPONSE TO THIS RFCSP MAY RESULT IN THE RESPONDENT'S PROPOSAL BEING DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE AND THEREFORE DISQUALIFIED FROM CONSIDERATION.

TABLE OF CONTENTS:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The summary shall include a statement of the work to be accomplished, how Respondent proposes to accomplish and perform each specific service and unique problems perceived by Respondent and their solutions.

GENERAL INFORMATION FORM: Use the Form found in this RFCSP as Attachment A, Part One.

EXPERIENCE, BACKGROUND & QUALIFICATIONS: Use the Form found in this RFCSP as Attachment A, Part Two.

PROPOSED PLAN: Use the Form found in this RFCSP as Attachment A, Part Three.

*PRICE SCHEDULE: Use the Price Schedule that is found in this RFCSP as Attachment C.

CONTRACTS DISCLOSURE FORM: Complete and submit a Contracts Disclosure Form with the proposal. The Contracts Disclosure Form may be downloaded at:

- Link to complete form electronically: <https://webapp1.sanantonio.gov/ContractsDisclosure/>
- Link to access PDF form to print and handwrite information: <https://www.sanantonio.gov/portals/0/files/clerk/ethics/ContractsDisclosure.pdf>

1. Download form and complete all fields. All fields must be completed prior to submitting the form.
2. All Respondents must include the following information in the required Contracts Disclosure Form at the time the original proposal is submitted:
 - a. names of the agency board members and executive committee members,
 - b. list of positions they hold as an individual or entity seeking action on any matter listed:
 - (1) The identity of any individual who would be a party to the transaction;

- (2) The identity of any entity that would be a party to the transaction and the name of:
 - a. Any individual or entity that would be a subcontractor to the transaction;
 - b. Any individual or entity that is known to be a partner or a parent entity of any individual or entity who would be a party to the transaction, or any subsidiary entity that is anticipated to be involved in the execution of the transaction; and
 - c. The board members, executive committee members, and officers of entities listed above; and
 - (3) The identity of any lobbyist, attorney or consultant employed for purposes relating to the transaction being sought by any individual or entity who would be a party to the transaction.
- c. names and titles of officers of the organization.

3. Click on the "Print" button and place the copy in proposal response as indicated in the Proposal Checklist.

LITIGATION DISCLOSURE FORM: Complete and submit the Litigation Disclosure Form, found in this RFCSP as Attachment E. If Respondent is proposing as a team or joint venture, then all persons or entities who will be parties to the contract (if awarded) shall complete and return this form.

SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVOCACY (SBEDA) PROGRAM FORM(S): Complete, sign and submit any and all SBEDA form(s), found in this RFCSP as Attachment G.

VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS (VOSB) PREFERENCE PROGRAM TRACKING FORM: Complete, sign, and submit VOSB Identification Form found in this RFCSP as Attachment H.

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES FORM: Respondent shall review information regarding Certificate of Interested Parties Form (Form 1295) provided in RFCSP Attachment I and submit Form 1295 as directed. Texas Government Code §2252.908, and the rules issued by the Texas Ethics Commission found in Title 1, Sections 46.1, 46.3 and 46.5 of the Texas Administrative Code, require a business entity to submit a completed Form 1295 to the City before the City may enter into a contract with that business entity.

Form 1295 must be completed online. It is available from the Texas Ethics Commission by accessing the following web address: <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/1295>

Print and sign your completed Form 1295. Submit your signed Form 1295 with your response to this solicitation. Where requested to provide the name of the public entity with whom you are contracting, insert "City of San Antonio". Where requested to provide the contract number, provide the RFCSP number shown on the cover page of this solicitation (e.g. IFB 6100012553, or RFCSP 6100012553).

The following definitions found in the statute and Texas Ethics Commission rules may be helpful in completing Form 1295.

"Business entity" includes an entity through which business is conducted with a governmental entity or state agency, regardless of whether the entity is a for-profit or nonprofit entity. The term does not include a governmental entity or state agency. (NOTE: The City of San Antonio should never be listed as the "Business entity".)

"Controlling interest" means: (1) an ownership interest or participating interest in a business entity by virtue of units, percentage, shares, stock, or otherwise that exceeds 10 percent; (2) membership on the board of directors or other governing body of a business entity of which the board or other governing body is composed of not more than 10 members; or (3) service as an officer of a business entity that has four or fewer officers, or service as one of the four officers most highly compensated by a business entity that has more than four officers. Subsection (3) of this section does not apply to an officer of a publicly held business entity or its wholly owned subsidiaries.

"Interested party" means: (1) a person who has a controlling interest in a business entity with whom a governmental entity or state agency contracts; or (2) an intermediary.

“Intermediary,” for purposes of this rule, means, a person who actively participates in the facilitation of the contract or negotiating the contract, including a broker, adviser, attorney, or representative of or agent for the business entity who:

- (1) receives compensation from the business entity for the person’s participation;
- (2) communicates directly with the governmental entity or state agency on behalf of the business entity regarding the contract; and
- (3) is not an employee of the business entity or of an entity with a controlling interest in the business entity.

Publicly traded business entities, including their wholly owned subsidiaries, are exempt from this requirement and are not required to submit Form 1295.

PROOF OF INSURABILITY: Submit a letter from insurance provider stating provider’s commitment to insure the Respondent for the types of coverages and at the levels specified in this RFCSP if awarded a contract in response to this RFCSP. Respondent shall also submit a copy of their current insurance certificate.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: Submit a recent copy of a Dun and Bradstreet financial report, or other credit report, on Respondent and its partners, affiliates and subcontractors, if any.

SIGNATURE PAGE: Respondent must complete, sign and submit the Signature Page found in this RFCSP Section 007. The Signature Page must be signed by a person, or persons, authorized to bind the entity, or entities, submitting the proposal. Proposals signed by a person other than an officer of a corporate respondent or partner of partnership respondent shall be accompanied by evidence of authority.

ADDENDA: Sign and submit addenda, if any.

PROPOSAL CHECKLIST: Complete and submit the Proposal Checklist found in this RFCSP as Attachment N.

Respondent is expected to examine this RFCSP carefully, understand the terms and conditions for providing the services listed herein and respond completely. **FAILURE TO COMPLETE AND PROVIDE ANY OF THESE PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS MAY RESULT IN THE RESPONDENT’S PROPOSAL BEING DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE AND THEREFORE DISQUALIFIED FROM CONSIDERATION.**

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

The City will conduct a comprehensive, fair and impartial evaluation of all submissions received in response to this RFCSP. The City may appoint a selection committee to perform the evaluation. Each submission will be analyzed to determine overall responsiveness and qualifications under this RFCSP. Criteria to be evaluated will include the items listed below. The selection committee may select respondents who are judged to be reasonably qualified for interviews, depending on whether further information is needed. Interviews are not an opportunity to change a submission. If the City elects to conduct interviews, respondents may be interviewed and re-scored based upon the same criteria. City may also request information from respondents at any time prior to final approval of a selected respondent or seek best and final offers from respondents deemed reasonably qualified for award. Final approval of a selected respondent is subject to the action of the San Antonio City Council.

Evaluation Criteria Points:

- A. Experience, Background, Qualifications (30 points)**
- B. Proposed Plan (30 points)**
- C. Price (20 points)**
- D. Small Business Economic Development Advocacy Program (SBEDA) (20 points)**

SBE Prime Contract Program – 10 pts.

Certified SBE firms (see Small Business Enterprise definition) headquartered or having a Significant Business Presence within the San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area responding to this solicitation as Prime CONTRACTORS proposing at least 51% SBE participation (Prime and/or Subcontractor) will receive ten (10) evaluation criteria points, and

M/WBE Prime Contract Program – 10 pts.

Certified M/WBE firms (see Minority/Women Business Enterprise definition) headquartered or having a Significant Business Presence within the San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area responding to this solicitation as Prime CONTRACTORS proposing at least 51% M/WBE participation (Prime and/or Subcontractor) will receive ten (10) evaluation criteria points.

No evaluation criteria points will be awarded to non-SBE or non-M/WBE Prime CONTRACTORS through subcontracting to certified SBE or M/WBE firms.

004 - SPECIFICATIONS / SCOPE OF SERVICES

The City of San Antonio (City or COSA) is seeking proposals from qualified contractors for the installation and care of trees along streets and in City parks. This contract will be leveraged to plant trees in City parks, along roadways and on other property as directed by the City. Prices quoted on Attachment B – Price Schedule shall encompass all related costs including shipping, labor, equipment, and material costs to supply and install the trees, and warranty as outlined in the specifications below. All trees installed will be specified and selected by City from the approved species list (outlined in Attachment B). Planting locations and selected species will be provided at the time the request for supply and installation is submitted to the contractor by City's issuance of a Purchase Order (PO). Contractor shall complete all required work within 30 calendar days of receipt of City's PO unless otherwise agreed upon by City and Contractor.

The goal of this solicitation is to develop a standing catalogue of prices per tree species broken out by size. City intends to place orders in increments of the Estimated Order Quantities, found in Attachment B – Price Schedule, Column H. The Estimated Order Quantities are subject to change by City without notice. The City reserves the right to award each line item separately based on lowest bid per item per size. The total annual order quantity is estimated at 1,300 units, but will ultimately depend on the annual budget, among other factors, and is subject to change at any time.

4.1 Scope of Work

The scope of work includes, but is not limited to, the following: Contractor shall:

- Review and mark all tree planting locations prior to excavation;
- Notify and coordinate with City's Parks and Recreation Department, Urban Forestry Division (Urban Forestry) of planned planting dates;
- Coordinate with all providers, utilities and any other entities to locate underground utility lines prior to excavation;
- Purchase, deliver and install trees ordered by City;
- Water all trees installed;
- Mulch, stake and prune all trees installed;
- Clean up and dispose of all excess and surplus material;
- Maintenance (including watering) of all installed trees until the end of the plant warranty period for trees purchased with the Warranty and Maintenance Option;
- Removal of stakes and re-mulching of tree at the end of the warranty and maintenance period for trees purchased with the Warranty and Maintenance Option;
- Removal of any defective, dead or dying tree within 10 business days of notification by COSA staff;
- Replacement of any defective, dead or dying tree within the 20 business days following notification, or timeframe otherwise agreed upon by both City and the Contractor.

4.2 Definitions In addition to Section 008 – Standard Definitions:

- Defective plant: Any plant that fails to meet the plant quality requirements of these specifications or those normally expected in the industry for the particular plant.
- End of Warranty Final Acceptance: The date when Urban Forestry accepts that the plants and work in this section meet all the requirements of the warranty.
- Maintenance: Actions that preserve the health of the plants after installation by Contractor and as defined in these specifications and those normally expected in the industry for the particular plant.
- Maintenance period: The time period, as defined in this specification, which the Contractor is to provide maintenance.
- Substantial Completion Acceptance: The date at the end of the planting installation where Urban Forestry accepts that all work is complete and the Warranty period has begun.
- Topsoil: Native soil amended with imported loam or sandy loam to a rate of minimum 4/5 – 1/5 ratio respectively.
- Utility Marking and Locating: A process initiated by the Contractor prior to excavation where the Contractor notifies utility companies and agencies of all proposed tree planting locations and requests those companies and agencies locate, identify and label their underground public utility mains and cables to protect them from damage during excavation.

4.3 Preferred Qualifications

- It is preferred that the Contractor have at least two years of successful experience of a scope similar to that required for the work, including the handling and planting of large specimen trees in urban areas.
- When any planting work is in progress, the Contractor shall maintain, on site, a full-time supervisor.
- It is preferred that the Contractor's field supervisor have a minimum of five years' experience as a field supervisor installing plants and trees of the quality and scale of the proposed project.
- It is preferred that the Contractor's planting crew have a minimum of two years' experience in the handling and planting of large specimen trees in urban areas.

4.4 Quality Control

- Urban Forestry section reserves the right to call a pre-work meeting. These meetings will occur before the commencement of work.
- The meeting will include the following items: contractor's project management plan, scheduling, Urban Forestry tree planting standards review, utility marking and locating, traffic control, site safety, communications, contract administration, record keeping, and any other contractual concerns.
- The contractor will notify Urban Forestry upon completion of each planting project.

- The contractor will be responsible for maintaining a digital file (Excel or other format as indicated) of planting locations, and species planted.
- The Contractor is solely responsible for quality control of the work.
- Urban Forestry may observe the work at any time.
- Urban Forestry shall be informed of the progress of the work so the work may be observed on a regular basis. Urban Forestry shall be afforded sufficient time to schedule visits to the site. Failure of Urban Forestry to make field observations shall not relieve the Contractor from the responsibility of meeting all the requirements of this contract.
- Urban Forestry may review all plants subject to approval of size, health, quality, character, etc. Review or approval of any plant during the process of selection, delivery, installation and establishment period shall not prevent that plant from later rejection in the event that the plant quality changes or previously existing defects become apparent that were not observed.
- Urban Forestry reserves the right to select and observe all plants prior to planting and to reject plants that do not meet specifications as set forth in this specification.
- All plants that are rejected shall be removed from the site within 10 business days of notification, and acceptable replacement plants provided at no cost to City within 20 business days of notification, or timeframe otherwise agreed upon by both City and the Contractor.

4.5 Invoicing and Holdbacks

All invoices must be submitted within 30 days upon completion of work. Contractors may elect to send multiple invoices at various stages throughout the project for completed work.

Invoices must include tree location detail so Urban Forestry may first confirm all work is complete prior to issuance of payment. If invoices are submitted with insufficient information, invoices may be returned to the contractor requesting further details.

4.6 Substantial Completion Acceptance

- Upon written request of the Contractor, Urban Forestry will observe all work for Substantial Completion Acceptance. The request shall be received at least ten calendar days before the anticipated date of the observation.
- Substantial Completion Acceptance by Urban Forestry shall be for general conformance to specified size, character and quality and does not relieve the Contractor of responsibility for full conformance to the contract documents, including correct species.
- Any plants that are deemed defective by Urban Forestry shall not be accepted.
- Urban Forestry will provide the contractor with written acknowledgement of the date of substantial completion and acceptance and the beginning of the warranty period.

4.7 Plant Stock Requirements

- The Contractor shall provide plants of quantity, size, genus, species, and variety or cultivars as shown and ordered by City.
- All caliper trees shall conform to the species and/or varieties named. No substitutions will be accepted without the prior written approval of the City. The Contractor shall not be entitled to any increase in the contract price in the event that a species substitution is approved by the City and may be required to provide a credit should the City deem, in its sole discretion, that the substituted species is of a lesser quality than that specified in the Contract.
- All trees shall be true to name as ordered or shown on planting plans and shall be labeled individually or in groups by genus, species, variety and cultivar.
- Tags bearing species and genus information shall be retained on individual trees.
- All balled and burlapped (B&B) plants shall be field grown, and the root ball packaged in a burlap and twine and/or burlap and wire basket package. Balled and burlapped trees may be accepted in cases where potted stock is not available.
- All trees shall meet the horticultural standards of and comply with, all sections of the latest edition of American National Standards Institute (ANSI) planting specifications. They shall be nursery grown, under proper cultural practices as recommended by ANSI. Trees shall have straight trunks with a well-developed single (or central) leader. If trees are found not to be in compliance with the ANSI standards, trees may be rejected.
- All trees must be suitable for planting as street and park trees and should show signs of good trunk taper and free of branches to a point not less than 60% of tree height.
- B&B trees must have been harvested with a tree spade in this calendar year.
- The tree trunk shall be relatively straight, vertical, and free of wounds that penetrate to the wood (properly made pruning cuts, closed or not, are acceptable and are not considered wounds), sunburned areas, conks (fungal fruiting bodies), wood cracks, sap leakage, signs of boring insects, galls, cankers, girdling ties, or lesions (mechanical injury).
- Shoot growth (length and diameter) throughout the crown should be appropriate for the age and size of the species or cultivar.
- Trees shall not have dead, diseased, broken, distorted, or otherwise injured branches.
- All graft unions, where applicable, shall be completely closed without visible sign of graft rejection. All grafts shall be visible above the soil line. The root collar shall be within the upper five cm of the substrate/soil.

4.8 Planting Season

- Planting shall only be performed when weather and soil conditions are suitable for planting the materials specified in accordance with locally accepted practice.
- Contractor shall install plants during the planting time as described above unless otherwise approved in writing by Urban Forestry.
- In the event that the Contractor requests planting outside the dates of the planting season, approval of the request does not change the requirements of the warranty.

4.9 Site Examination

- Contractor shall examine the surface grades and soil conditions.
- Contractor shall notify Urban Forestry in writing of any unsatisfactory conditions as soon as contractor becomes aware.
- It is the responsibility of the Contractor to visit the planting sites and assess all requirements including the need for traffic control.

4.10 Delivery, Storage, and Handling

Contractor shall:

- Protect materials from deterioration during delivery and storage; and adequately protect plants from drying out, exposure of roots to sun, wind or the extremes of heat and cold temperatures.
- If planting is delayed more than 24 hours after delivery, set plants in a location protected from sun and wind.
- Provide adequate water to the root ball package or pot during the shipping and storage period.
- Not deliver more plants to the site than there is space with adequate storage conditions.
- Provide a suitable remote staging area for plants and other supplies.
- Provide protective covering over all plants during transporting.
- Provide protective covering on equipment that will cause bark damage during transportation, such as tailgate padding, etc.
- Trees must be handled, transported and planted in a manner that does not cause damage or injury to trunk / crown or root ball.
- Trees shall be lifted by the root ball and not by the trunk when being moved or set into the planting hole.
- Root systems of balled specimens shall be handled with sufficient care so that root balls shall not be broken. Broken balls or balls consisting of loose soil will not be accepted and shall be replaced.
- Trees shall be planted the day they arrive on site.

4.11 Planting Specifications

- Excavation for planting shall include the stripping and stacking of all acceptable topsoil encountered within the areas to be excavated for plant pits.
- Excess soil generated from the planting holes and not used as backfill or in establishing the final grades shall be removed from the site by Contractor.
- Contractor shall protect all areas from excessive compaction when trucking plants or other material to the planting site.
- All excavated holes shall be of a size that is a minimum of twice the diameter of the root ball for all trees. After pits are dug, roughen the sides of the pit and loosen soil in the bottom of the pit to a depth of 2" (inches).
- Center plant in pit. Crown of root ball shall be 2" (inches) above finish grade.
- Face plants with fullest growth into prevailing wind.
- Set plant plumb and hold rigidly in position backfill hole to half depth and tamp firmly. Once completed this step, proceed to fill hole with topsoil to grade and tamp firmly until soil has been tamped firmly around ball or roots. This two-stage tamping process ensures root ball is firmly secured in hole, and not able to list under high winds or wet conditions.
- Backfill for trees and shrubs shall consist of topsoil (see definition above).
- A soil ring shall be constructed of lightly tamped topsoil around the perimeter of the planting hole as per dimensions in the planting specification.

4.12 Staking and Tethering

- It is the responsibility of the Contractor to stake trees that are unstable due to modified or fractured root balls at the time of planting.
- All stakes must be rated at a 1.33lb/ft minimum.
- Urban Forestry may choose to reject these trees rather than utilize staking to temporarily support the tree.
- Plants shall stand plumb after staking.
- Stakes shall be removed by the Contractor at the end of the warranty period, if the tree was purchased with Maintenance.
- Stakes and tethers shall be in accordance with the COSA Standards Detail for Tree Planting, attached. (Appendix C)

4.13 Bark Protection

- Trunk protection collars (Arborguarde or plastic weeping tile, 4" diameter x 12" long) must be installed on all trees.
- The trunk protection collar pipe must be sliced vertically and wrapped around the base of each tree trunk.
- The protection collar shall be removed by Contractor at the end of the warranty period.

4.14 Mulching

- Bark mulch will be supplied by the Contractor and shall be comprised of aged, shredded bark and wood from an approved commercial bark nugget product.
- Bark mulch containing shredded wood shall be aged for one (1) year minimum prior to installation.
- There must be sufficient mulch to cover the planting pit.
- Mulch shall not be mounded or "volcanoed" at the base of the tree.
- Contractor shall apply 2" to 4" (inches) of mulch before settlement, covering the entire planting bed area.
- Contractor shall install no more than 2" (inches) of mulch over the top of the root balls of all plants.

4.15 Protection During Installation

- The Contractor shall protect planting and related work and other site work from damage due to planting operations, operations by other Contractors or trespassers.
- Damage done by the Contractor to existing or installed plants, or any other parts of the work or existing features to remain, including roots, trunk or branches of large existing trees, soil, paving, utilities, lighting, irrigation, other finished work and surfaces including those on adjacent property, shall be cleaned, repaired or replaced by the Contractor.
- Urban Forestry shall determine when such cleaning, replacement or repair is satisfactory.

4.16 Clean-Up

Contractor shall:

- During installation, keep the site free of trash, pavements reasonably clean and workarea in an orderly condition at the end of each day.
- Immediately clean up any spilled or tracked soil, fuel, oil, trash or debris from all surfaces within the project or on public right of ways and neighboring property.
- Once installation is complete, wash all soil from pavements and other structures. Ensure that mulch is confined to planting beds.
- Make all repairs to grades, ruts, and damage by the plant installer to the work or other work at the site.
- Remove and dispose of all excess planting soil, subsoil, mulch, plants, packaging, or other waste materials from the site.

4.17 Plant Maintenance Prior to Substantial Completion Acceptance

- During the project work period and prior to Substantial Completion Acceptance, the Contractor shall maintain all trees.
- Maintenance during the period prior to Substantial Completion Acceptance shall consist of pruning,

watering, mulching, removal of dead material, repairing and replacing of tree stakes, tightening and repairing of guys, repairing and replacing of damaged tree wrap material, resetting plants to proper grades and upright position.

4.18 Warranty & Maintenance

Unless otherwise indicated, the items below apply when the Warranty & Maintenance Option is purchased by the City.

4.18.1 Plant Warranty

- Depending on the project, the City may or may not require a 3-year maintenance period.
- Urban Forestry will only request warranty in cases where trees are grouped in 15 or more. Grouping may include a singular park, several streets in a neighborhood, or trees that are all planted within close proximity to each other.
- All trees indicated shall be under warranty for a minimum of 36 months. The Contractor agrees to replace defective work and defective plants. Urban Forestry shall make the final determination if plants meet these specifications or that plants are defective.
- The warranty shall begin on the date of Substantial Completion Acceptance by Urban Forestry Staff and continue for 3 years.
- City may conduct warranty inspections at 12, 24 and 36 months from time of acceptance. Trees identified for replacement at 12, 24 and 36 months shall be replaced as indicated by Urban Forestry. All replaced trees shall be under warranty for a period of 36 months from the time of replacement and acceptance by City's Urban Forestry staff.
- Plants determined to be defective shall be removed by the contractor within 10 business days of receiving notification from Urban Forestry and replaced without cost to City within 20 business days of initial notification.
- All stakes and tethers shall be removed by the contractor at the time of the first or final annual inspection at the discretion of Urban Forestry.
- Prior to completion of 36-month warranty period, all trees must be re-mulched, and all stakes must be removed.
- After Substantial Completion Acceptance and during the warranty period, the Contractor is exempt from replacing plants that are removed by others, lost or damaged by a third party, vandalism, or any natural disaster.
- At the end of the warranty period, Urban Forestry shall observe all warrantied work, upon written request of the Contractor. The request shall be received at least ten calendar days before the anticipated date for final observation.
- End of Warranty Final Acceptance will be given only when all the works and specifications of the contract have been met.
- All stakes must be spray painted the indicated color (Appendix B) based on the year and season planted to facilitate warranty tracking.

4.18.2 Straightening

Contractor shall:

- Maintain all plants in a plumb position throughout the warranty period.
- Straighten all trees that move out of plumb including those not staked.
- Plants to be straightened shall be excavated and the root ball moved to a plumb position, and then re-backfilled.
- Do not straighten plants by pulling the trunk.

4.18.3 Watering

- All newly planted trees shall be watered once on the day of planting
- Watering bag – **To be installed on all non-Maintenance/warranty trees only.**
 - 2"DBH: One bag

- 3"DBH+: Two bags
- All newly planted trees will be watered according to the watering schedule (Appendix D)
- The area in and around the planting site shall be watered slowly by Contractor to allow enough time for the water to penetrate the soil to a depth of 6" to 8" (inches) and in such a fashion to ensure that water does not run away from the root zone.
- Contractor shall use a deep root feeder (hard surface boulevards) or low-pressure open flow nozzle and hose (turf boulevards and parks).
- It is the responsibility of the Contractor to secure all necessary utility clearances when watering using a deep root feeder.
- The Contractor shall provide a water supply. All costs to provide water for the watering operation and all associated costs shall be borne by the Contractor. These costs may include hydrant permit and meter rental fees.
- Water shall be free of oils, acids, salts, and other substances.

4.18.4 Substantial Completion Acceptance

- Upon written request of the Contractor, Urban Forestry will observe all work for Substantial Completion Acceptance. The request shall be received at least ten calendar days before the anticipated date of the observation.
- Upon written notice from the Contractor, Urban Forestry shall review the work and determine if the work is substantially complete.
- The date of substantial completion of the planting shall be the date when Urban Forestry accepts that all work pertaining to the planting is complete.
- The Plant Maintenance period begins at date of written notification of substantial completion from Urban Forestry if warranty and maintenance is indicated by Urban Forestry.

4.18.5 End of Warranty Final Acceptance

- At the end of the Warranty Period Urban Forestry shall observe the work and establish that all provisions of the contract are complete, and the work is satisfactory.
- If the work is deemed unsatisfactory, the warranty will continue at no additional expense to Urban Forestry until the work has been completed, observed, and approved by Urban Forestry.
- If the work is satisfactory, the maintenance period will end on the date of the final observation.

005 - SUPPLEMENTAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

Original Contract Term:

This contract shall begin upon the effective date of the ordinance awarding the contract or April 1, 2023, whichever is later. This contract shall begin upon the date specified in the award letter, if it does not exceed \$50,000. City purchases under this contract shall terminate on March 31, 2026, or when City's expenditures under this contract reach \$4,000,000, whichever is sooner. The entire contract shall terminate upon completion of all Warranty and Maintenance work described herein for tree purchases and replacements, as applicable.

Renewals:

At City's option, this Contract may be renewed under the same terms and conditions for two (2) additional (1) year period(s). Renewals shall be in writing and signed by Director, without further action by the San Antonio City Council, subject to and contingent upon appropriation of funding therefore.

Temporary Short-Term Extensions:

City shall have the right to extend this contract under the same terms and conditions beyond the original term or any renewal thereof, on a month to month basis, not to exceed three months. Said month to month extensions shall be in writing, signed by Director, and shall not require City Council approval, subject to and contingent upon appropriation of funding therefore.

Temporary Contract Pending Award of Contract by City Council:

Occasionally, the City has a need for goods or services prior to the date set for the San Antonio City Council to consider a contract for award. If such a situation arises with regard to this solicitation, and if City intends to recommend Vendor's bid to the City Council for award of a contract, City may require Vendor to provide goods or services prior to the date set for City Council to consider the bid for award of a contract. City shall provide Vendor advance written notice if such occasion arises.

In such event, City's written notice shall constitute acceptance of Vendor's bid and shall result in a temporary contract to provide goods and/or services until City Council considers and awards the contract contemplated

in this solicitation. The total expenditure under the temporary contract shall not exceed \$50,000. The temporary contract shall begin on the date set forth in City's written notice and shall terminate when the total expenditure reaches \$50,000, or upon subsequent written notice from City, whichever shall occur sooner. Should City Council authorize award of a contract to Vendor pursuant to this solicitation, said award shall automatically terminate the temporary contract upon the effective date of the newly awarded contract.

During the term of the temporary contract, all goods or services shall be provided in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in this solicitation, with the exception of the Original Contract Term, which is modified as indicated above for the temporary contract.

Acceptance of Vendor's bid for the purposes of award of a temporary contract does not constitute award of the full contract with the Original Contract Term. Such a contract may only be awarded by the San Antonio City Council by passage of an ordinance. Neither does award of a temporary contract obligate City to recommend Vendor's bid for award to the City Council or guarantee that the City Council will award the contract to Vendor.

Insurance:

CONTRACTOR must provide a completed Certificate(s) of Insurance to CITY's Parks & Recreation Department. The certificate must be:

- clearly labeled with the legal name of the event in the Description of Operations block;
- completed by an agent and signed by a person authorized by the insurer to bind coverage on its behalf (CITY will not accept Memorandum of Insurance or Binders as proof of insurance);.
- properly endorsed and have the agent's signature, and phone number,

Certificates may be mailed or sent via email, directly from the insurer's authorized representative. CITY shall have no duty to pay or perform under this Agreement until such certificate and endorsements have been received and approved by CITY'S Parks & Recreation Department. No officer or employee, other than CITY'S Risk Manager, shall have authority to waive this requirement.

If the City does not receive copies of insurance endorsement, then by executing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR certifies and represents that its endorsements do not materially alter or diminish the insurance coverage for the Event.

The City's Risk Manager reserves the right to modify the insurance coverages, their limits, and deductibles prior to the scheduled event or during the effective period of this Agreement based on changes in statutory law, court decisions, and changes in the insurance market which presents an increased risk exposure.

CONTRACTOR shall obtain and maintain in full force and effect for the duration of this Agreement, at CONTRACTOR'S sole expense, insurance coverage written on an occurrence basis, by companies authorized and admitted to do business in the State of Texas and with an A.M. Best's rating of no less than A- (VII), in the following types and for an amount not less than the amount listed below. If the CONTRACTOR claims to be self-insured, they must provide a copy of their declaration page so the CITY can review their deductibles:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AMOUNTS</u>
1. Workers' Compensation	Statutory
2. Employers' Liability	\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000
3. Commercial General Liability Insurance to include coverage for the following: a. Premises/Operations b. Products/Completed Operations c. Personal/Advertising Injury d. Contractual Liability e. Independent Contractors *f. Damage to property rented by you g. Explosion, Collapse, Underground Property Hazard Liability	For <u>Bodily Injury</u> and <u>Property Damage</u> of \$1,000,000 per occurrence; \$2,000,000 General Aggregate, or its equivalent in Umbrella or Excess Liability Coverage must be on a per project aggregate. f.) \$300,000
4. Business Automobile Liability a. Owned/leased vehicles b. Non-owned vehicles c. Hired Vehicles	<u>Combined Single Limit</u> for <u>Bodily Injury</u> and <u>Property Damage</u> of \$1,000,000 per occurrence
5. Environmental Insurance –(Contractor's Pollution Liability (Claims-made coverage)	\$1,000,000 per occurrence; \$2,000,000 general aggregate for claims associated with hazardous materials, to include spills and mitigation.
*If Applicable	

CONTRACTOR must require, by written contract, that all subcontractors providing goods or services under this Agreement obtain the same insurance coverages required of CONTRACTOR and provide a certificate of insurance and endorsement that names CONTRACTOR and CITY as additional insureds. Respondent shall provide CITY with subcontractor certificates and endorsements the subcontractor starts work.

If a loss results in litigation, then the CITY is entitled, upon request and without expense to the City, to receive copies of the policies, declaration page and all endorsements. CONTRACTOR must comply with such requests within 10 days by submitting the requested insurance documents to the CITY at the following address:

City of San Antonio
Attn: Parks & Recreation Department
P.O. Box 839966
San Antonio, Texas 78283-3966

CONTRACTOR's insurance policies must contain or be endorsed to contain the following provisions:

- Name CITY and its officers, officials, employees, volunteers, and elected representatives as additional insureds by endorsement, as respects operations and activities of, or on behalf of, the named insured performed under contract with CITY. The endorsement requirement is not applicable for workers' compensation and professional liability policies.
- Endorsement that the "other insurance" clause shall not apply to CITY where CITY is an additional insured shown on the policy. CITY's insurance is not applicable in the event of a claim.

- Contractor shall submit a waiver of subrogation to include, workers' compensation, employers' liability, general liability and auto liability policies in favor of CITY; and

- Provide 30 days advance written notice directly to CITY of any suspension, cancellation, non-renewal or materials change in coverage, and not less than ten (10) calendar days advance written notice for nonpayment of premium.

Within five (5) calendar days of a suspension, cancellation, material change in coverage, or non-renewal of coverage, CONTRACTOR shall provide a replacement Certificate of Insurance and applicable endorsements to CITY. CITY shall have the option to suspend CONTRACTOR'S performance should there be a lapse in coverage at any time during this Agreement. Failure to provide and to maintain the required insurance shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

In addition to any other remedies CITY may have upon CONTRACTOR'S failure to provide and maintain any insurance or policy endorsements to the extent and within the time required, CITY may order CONTRACTOR to stop work and/or withhold any payment(s) which become due to CONTRACTOR under this Agreement until CONTRACTOR demonstrates compliance with requirements.

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as limiting the extent to which CONTRACTOR may be held responsible for payments of damages to persons or property resulting from CONTRACTOR'S or its subcontractors' performance of the work covered under this Agreement.

CONTRACTOR'S insurance shall be deemed primary and non-contributory with respect to any insurance or self - insurance carried by City for liability arising out of operations under this Agreement.

The insurance required is in addition to and separate from any other obligation contained in this Agreement and no claim or action by or on behalf of City shall be limited to insurance coverage provided.

CONTRACTOR and any subcontractor are responsible for all damage to their own equipment and/or property result from their own negligence.

Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Price Adjustments. The prices shown on the Price Schedule may be increased or decreased as follows, using the Consumer Price Index published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics ("BLS") of the United States Department of Labor.

The Base Price that is subject to price adjustment is the selling price shown on the original Price Schedule submitted by Vendor with its original bid.

The Consumer Price Index ("CPI") series that will be used to escalate the base payment is the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (Current Series); Series ID: CWUR0300SAS; Series Title: All items South urban, urban wage earners and clerical workers, not seasonally adjusted; Area: South; Item: All items; Base Period: 1982-84=100.

Base Period for Price Adjustment. The reference period from which changes in the CPI shall be measured is the effective date of the month and year in which this contract is awarded.

Date for Price Adjustment. Prices shall be adjusted annually (the "Price Adjustment Date").

Method of Calculation for Price Adjustment. To calculate the price adjustment, the following formula shall be used.

Divide the current index value (the value as of the Price Adjustment Date) by the index value for the Base Period. The resulting number is the percentage change in the index value between the current period and the Base Period (the "percentage change in index value").

Multiply the base price by the percentage change in index value. The sum equals the adjusted price.

Example: (The numbers shown below are for illustration purposes only.)

Current index value at time of calculation	115.5
Divided by index for base period	110.0
Equals percentage change in index value	1.050

Base price	\$1,000.00
Multiplied by the percentage change in index value	1.050
Equals adjusted price	\$1,050.00

The same procedure shall be followed for each price adjustment authorized herein, using the current CPI for the new Price Adjustment Date and the CPI for the Base Period

Version of Data for Price Adjustment. Calculations of price adjustments shall use the latest version of the CPI data published as of the Price Adjustment Date, without regard to later revisions.

If the CPI index referred to above is discontinued, the Parties shall use the most nearly comparable statistics published by the BLS, or, if the BLS ceases to publish such statistics, those published by a recognized financial authority, as determined solely by City.

Limitation of Price Adjustment. In no event shall the aggregate of all price adjustments authorized herein for any given Line Item exceed 10% of the original base price for that Line Item. If the calculation results in an increased price that would exceed this limitation, the price adjustment shall be limited to a maximum price adjustment of 10% of the original base price.

Written Requests for Price Adjustments. Price adjustments are not automatic. Vendor must submit a written request for a price adjustment to the Finance Department. Requests must be received by the Finance Department at least 60 days prior to the date the price adjustment is to take effect. If City does not wish to accept the price adjustment, City may terminate the contract for convenience.

City may initiate a price adjustment in the event of falling prices. City shall notify Vendor at least 60 days prior to the date the price adjustment is to take effect.

Incorporation of Attachments:

Each of the attachments listed below is an essential part of this contract, which governs the rights and duties of the parties, incorporated herein by reference, and shall be interpreted in the order of priority as appears below, with this document taking priority over all attachments:

- Attachment A – Part One – General Information
- Attachment A – Part Two – Experience, Background, Qualifications
- Attachment A – Part Three – Proposed Plan
- Attachment B – Price Schedule
- Attachment C – Contracts Disclosure Form
- Attachment D – Litigation Disclosure Form
- Attachment E – Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Program
- Attachment F – SBEDA Utilization Plan Commitment Form
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006 - GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

Electronic Proposal Equals Original: Vendor's electronically submitted proposal, City and Vendor each agree that this transaction may be conducted by electronic means, as authorized by Chapter 322, Texas Business & Commerce Code, known as the Electronic Transactions Act.

Delivery of Goods/Services:

Destination Contract: Vendor shall deliver all goods and materials F.O.B., City of San Antonio's designated facility, inside delivery, freight prepaid, to the address provided in this RFCSP or, if different, in the Purchase Order. Vendor shall bear the risk of loss until delivery. Freight charges will be paid only when expedited delivery is requested and approved in writing by the City. Vendor shall be responsible for furnishing necessary personnel or equipment and/or making necessary arrangements to off load at City of San Antonio facility, unless otherwise noted herein.

Failure to Deliver: When delivery is not met as provided for in the contract, the City may make the purchase on the open market, with any cost in excess of the contract price paid by Vendor, in addition to any other direct, indirect, consequential or incidental damages incurred by the City as a result thereof. In addition, Vendor may be removed from the City's list of eligible bidders.

Purchase Orders: Each time a City department wishes to place an order against this contract, it will issue Vendor a purchase order. Vendor must have the purchase order before making any delivery.

Acceptance by City: City shall have a reasonable time (but not less than 30 days) after receipt to inspect the goods and services tendered by Vendor. City at its option may reject all or any portion of such goods or services which do not, in City's sole discretion, comply in every respect with all terms and conditions of the contract. City may elect to reject the entire goods and services tendered even if only a portion thereof is nonconforming. If the City elects to accept nonconforming goods and services, the City, in addition to its other remedies, shall be entitled to deduct a reasonable amount from the price thereof to compensate the City for the nonconformity. Any acceptance by the City, even if non-conditional, shall not be deemed a waiver or settlement of any defect in such goods and services.

Testing: After award of contract, City may, at its sole option, test the product delivered to ensure it meets specifications. Initial testing shall be at City's expense. However, if the product does not to meet specifications, Vendor shall reimburse City for the costs of testing. City may withhold the cost of testing from any amounts owed to Vendor under this or any other contract, or invoice Vendor for same. If invoiced, Vendor shall pay City within 30 calendar days of the invoice.

Warranty: A minimum of 90-days product guarantee or the manufacturer's standard commercial warranty, whichever is greater, shall apply to all products and/or services purchased under this RFCSP, unless otherwise specified in the Specifications/Scope of Services section of this RFCSP. This warranty shall provide for replacement of defective merchandise, parts, and labor, and shall include pick-up of the defective merchandise from City and delivery of the replacement(s) to the same location. The warranty shall be effective from the date of acceptance of the merchandise, or completion of the service, as applicable.

REJECTION OF DISCLAIMERS OF WARRANTIES & LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY: ANY TERM OR CONDITION IN ANY DOCUMENT FURNISHED BY VENDOR, DISCLAIMING THE IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, OR ATTEMPTING TO LIMIT VENDOR'S LIABILITY SHALL BE OF NO FORCE OR EFFECT, AND SHALL BE STRICKEN FROM THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AS IF NEVER CONTAINED THEREIN.

Invoicing and Payment:

Invoice Submissions. City requires all original first-time invoices to be submitted directly to the Accounts Payable section of the Finance Department. The preferred method of delivery is electronically to the following e-mail address:

accounts.payable@sanantonio.gov

Invoices submitted electronically to the e-mail address above must be in separate .pdf format file. Multiple invoices cannot be submitted in a single .pdf file; however, Vendor may submit multiple, separate invoice files in a single e-mail. Any required documentation in support of the invoice should be compiled directly behind the invoice in the same .pdf file. Each electronically submitted file must have a unique identifying name that is not the same as any other file name.

Invoices submitted by electronic submission are only considered "original" when the submission comes directly from the Vendor to Accounts Payable using this e-mail address. Vendor may courtesy copy the ordering City department personnel on the e-mail.

Vendors not able to submit invoices with the required file formatting above may mail original invoices, on white paper only, to: City of San Antonio, Attn: Accounts Payable, P.O. Box 839976, San Antonio, Texas 78283-3976.

Information Required on Invoice:

All invoices must be in a form and content approved by the City. City may require modification of invoices if necessary in order to satisfy City that all billing is proper and pursuant to the terms of the contract. Invoices are required to show each City Purchase Order Number. Invoices must be legible. Items billed on invoices must be specific as to applicable stock, manufacturer, catalog or part number (if any). All invoices must show unit prices for each item being billed, the quantity of items being billed and the total for each item, as well as the total for all items on the invoice. If prices are based on list prices basis, then the list prices, the percentage discount or percentage surcharge, net unit prices, extensions and net total prices must be shown. Prompt payment discounts offered shall be shown separately on the invoice.

Payment by City:

In accordance with the Texas Prompt Payment Act, City shall have not less than 30 days to pay for goods or services. Time for payment, including payment under discount terms, will be computed from the later of: (1) the date the City receives conforming goods under the contract; (2) the date performance of the service under the contract is completed; or (3) the date the City receives a correct and valid invoice for the goods or services. Payment is deemed to be made on the date of mailing of the check. Payment is made in US dollars only.

This provision shall not apply where there is a bona fide dispute between the City and Vendor about the goods delivered or the service performed that causes the payment to be late, or where the invoice is not mailed to the address provided herein.

The payment amount due on invoices may not be manually altered by City personnel. Once disputed items are reconciled, Vendor must submit a corrected invoice or a credit memorandum for the disputed amount.

NECESSITY OF TIMELY INVOICE / WAIVER OF PAYMENT: NOTWITHSTANDING THE FORGOING, THE CITY CANNOT PAY FOR ANY GOODS OR SERVICES WITHOUT AN INVOICE. VENDOR MUST INVOICE CITY NO LATER THAN 90 CALENDAR DAYS FROM THE DATE GOODS ARE DELIVERED OR SERVICES RENDERED. FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN INVOICE WITHIN SAID 90 DAY SHALL NEGATE ANY LIABILITY ON THE PART OF CITY AND CONSTITUTE A **WAIVER** BY VENDOR OF ANY AND ALL RIGHT OR CLAIMS TO COLLECT MONEYS THAT VENDOR MAY RIGHTFULLY BE OTHERWISE ENTITLED TO FOR GOODS OR SERVICES PERFORMED.

The total price for all goods and/or services is shown on the Price Schedule. No additional fees or expenses of Vendor shall be charged by Vendor nor be payable by City. The parties hereby agree that all compensable expenses of Vendor are shown on the Price Schedule. If there is a discrepancy on the Price Schedule between the unit price for an item, and the extended price, the unit price shall govern.

Change Orders:

In order to comply with Texas law governing purchases made by municipalities, the following rules shall govern all change orders made under this contract.

Any change orders that become necessary during the term of this contract as a result of changes in plans, specifications, and quantity of work to be performed, materials, equipment or supplies to be furnished must be in writing and conform to the requirements of City Ordinance 2011-12-08-1014, as hereafter amended.

Any other change will require approval of the City Council, City of San Antonio.

Changes that do not involve an increase in contract price may, however, be made by the Director.

No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise change, or affect the terms, conditions or specifications stated herein.

Termination:

Termination-Breach: Should Vendor fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner, as determined solely by the Director, its material obligations under this contract, or violate any of the material terms of this contract, the City shall have the right to immediately terminate the contract in whole or in part. Notice of termination shall be provided in writing to Vendor, effective upon the date set forth in the notice. City may, in City's sole discretion, provide an opportunity for Vendor to cure the default. If City elects to offer an opportunity to cure, City shall provide notice to Vendor specifying the matters in default and the cure period. If Vendor fails to cure the default within the cure period, City shall have the right, without further notice, to terminate the contract in whole or in part. Such termination shall not relieve Vendor of any liability to the City for damages sustained by virtue of any breach by Vendor.

Termination-Notice: City may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, without cause. City shall be required to give Vendor notice ten days prior to the date of termination of the contract without cause.

Termination-Funding: City retains the right to terminate this contract at the expiration of each of City's budget periods. This contract is conditioned on a best effort attempt by City to obtain and appropriate funds for payment of any debt due by City herein.

Termination by City may be affected by Director, without further action by the San Antonio City Council.

Independent Contractor: Vendor covenants and agrees that it is an independent contractor and not an officer, agent, servant or employee of City. City shall not be liable for any claims which may be asserted by any third party occurring in connection with the services to be performed by Vendor under this contract and that Vendor has no authority to bind City. The doctrine of respondeat superior shall not apply as between City and Vendor.

INDEMNIFICATION:

VENDOR covenants and agrees to FULLY INDEMNIFY, DEFEND and HOLD HARMLESS, CITY and the elected officials, employees, officers, directors, volunteers and representatives of CITY, individually and collectively, from and against any and all costs, claims, liens, damages, losses, expenses, fees, fines, penalties, proceedings, actions, demands, causes of action, liability and suits of any kind and nature, including but not limited to, personal or bodily injury, death and property damage, made upon the CITY directly or indirectly arising out of, resulting from or related to VENDOR'S activities under this Agreement, including any acts or omissions of VENDOR, any agent, officer, director, representative, employee, consultant or subcontractor of VENDOR, and their respective officers, agents employees, directors and representatives while in the exercise of the rights or performance of the duties under this Agreement. The indemnity provided for in this paragraph shall not apply to any liability resulting from the negligence of CITY, its officers or employees, in instances where such negligence causes personal injury, death, or property damage. IN THE EVENT VENDOR AND CITY ARE FOUND JOINTLY LIABLE BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, LIABILITY SHALL BE APPORTIONED COMPARATIVELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS, WITHOUT, HOWEVER, WAIVING ANY GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY AVAILABLE TO THE CITY UNDER TEXAS LAW AND WITHOUT WAIVING ANY DEFENSES OF THE PARTIES UNDER TEXAS LAW. In addition, Vendor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the City harmless from any claim involving patent infringement, trademarks, trade secrets, and copyrights on goods supplied.

The provisions of this INDEMNITY are solely for the benefit of the parties hereto and not intended to create or grant any rights, contractual or otherwise, to any other person or entity.

VENDOR shall advise CITY in writing within 24 hours of any claim or demand against CITY or VENDOR known to VENDOR related to or arising out of VENDOR's activities under this AGREEMENT and shall see to the investigation and defense of such claim or demand at VENDOR's cost. CITY shall have the right, at its option and at its own expense, to participate in such defense without relieving VENDOR of any of its obligations under this paragraph.

Assignment: Except as otherwise stated herein, Vendor may not sell, assign, pledge, transfer or convey any interest in this contract, nor delegate the performance of any duties hereunder, by transfer, by subcontracting or any other means, without the consent of Director. As a condition of such consent, if such consent is granted, Vendor shall remain liable for completion of the services and provision of goods outlined in this contract in the event of default by the successor vendor, assignee, transferee or subcontractor. Any attempt to transfer, pledge or otherwise assign this Contract without said written approval, shall be void ab initio and shall confer no rights upon any third person.

Ownership of Documents: Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 201, any and all Records produced by Vendor pursuant to the provisions of this contract are the exclusive property of City; and no such Record shall be the subject of any copyright or proprietary claim by Vendor. The term "Record" as used herein shall mean any document, paper, letter, book, map, photograph, sound or video recording, microfilm, magnetic tape, electronic medium, or other information recording medium, regardless of physical form or characteristic.

Vendor understands and acknowledges that as the exclusive owner of any and all such Records, City has the right to use all such Records as City desires, without restriction.

Records Retention:

Vendor and its subcontractors, if any, shall properly, accurately and completely maintain all documents, papers, and records, and other evidence pertaining to the services rendered hereunder ("Documents"), and shall make such Documents available to the City at their respective offices, at all reasonable times and as often as City may deem necessary during the contract period, including any extension or renewal hereof, and the record retention period

established herein, for purposes of audit, inspection, examination, and making excerpts or copies of same by City and any of its authorized representatives.

Vendor shall retain any and all Documents produced as a result of services provided hereunder for a period of four years ("Retention Period") from the date of termination of the contract. If, at the end of the Retention Period, there is litigation or other questions arising from, involving or concerning these Documents or the services provided hereunder, Vendor shall retain the records until the resolution of such litigation or other such questions. Vendor acknowledges and agrees that City shall have access to any and all such Documents at any and all times, as deemed necessary by City, during said Retention Period. City may, at its election, require Vendor to return the documents to City at Vendor's expense prior to or at the conclusion of the Retention Period. In such event, Vendor may retain a copy of the documents.

Vendor shall notify City, immediately, in the event Vendor receives any requests for information from a third party, which pertain to the Documents referenced herein. Vendor understands and agrees that City will process and handle all such requests.

S.B. 943 – Disclosure Requirements for Certain Government Contracts. For contracts (1) with a stated expenditure of at least \$1 million in public funds for the purchase of goods or services by the City, or (2) that result in the expenditure of at least \$1 million in public funds for the purchase of goods or services by the City in a given fiscal year, Vendor acknowledges that the requirements of the Texas Public Information Act, Government Code, Chapter 552, Subchapter J, pertaining to the preservation and disclosure of Contracting Information maintained by the City or sent between the City and a vendor, contractor, potential vendor, or potential contractor, may apply to this solicitation, response(s) and any resulting contract. Vendor agrees that the contract can be terminated if Vendor knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.

By submitting a response, Respondent warrants and certifies, and a contract awarded pursuant to this RFCSP is made in reliance thereon, that it, has not knowingly or intentionally failed to comply with this subchapter in a previous solicitation, response or contract. City hereby relies on Vendor's certification, and if found to be false, City may reject the response or terminate the Contract for material breach.

Severability: If any clause or provision of this contract is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable under present or future federal, state or local laws, including but not limited to the City Charter, City Code, or ordinances of the City of San Antonio, Texas, then and in that event it is the intention of the parties hereto that such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other clause or provision hereof and that the remainder of this contract shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable clause or provision was never contained herein. It is also the intention of the parties hereto that in lieu of each clause or provision of this contract that is invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, there be added as a part of the contract a clause or provision as similar in terms to such invalid, illegal or unenforceable clause or provision as may be possible, legal, valid and enforceable.

Compliance with Law: Vendor shall provide and perform all services required under this Agreement in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.

Certifications: Vendor warrants and certifies that Vendor and any other person designated to provide services hereunder has the requisite training, license and/or certification to provide said services, and meets all competence standards promulgated by all other authoritative bodies, as applicable to the services provided herein.

Non-waiver of Performance: Unless otherwise specifically provided for in this Agreement, a waiver by either Party of a breach of any of the terms, conditions, covenants or guarantees of this Agreement shall not be construed or held to be a waiver of any succeeding or preceding breach of the same or any other term, condition, covenant or guarantee herein contained. Further, any failure of either Party to insist in any one or more cases upon the strict performance of any of the covenants of this Agreement, or to exercise any option herein contained, shall in no event be construed as a waiver or relinquishment for the future of such covenant or option. In fact, no waiver, change, modification or discharge by either party hereto of any provision of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been made or shall be effective unless expressed in writing and signed by the party to be charged. No act or omission by a Party shall in any manner impair or prejudice any right, power, privilege, or remedy available to that Party hereunder or by law or in equity, such rights, powers, privileges, or remedies to be always specifically preserved hereby.

Venue: Venue of any court action brought directly or indirectly by reason of this contract shall be in Bexar County, Texas. This contract is made and is to be performed in Bexar County, Texas, and is governed by the laws of the State of Texas.

Non-discrimination: As a condition of entering into this agreement, Vendor represents and warrants that it will comply with the City's Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy, as described under Section III.C.1 of the SBEDA Ordinance. As part of such compliance, Vendor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, or on the basis of disability or other unlawful forms of discrimination in the solicitation, selection, hiring or commercial treatment of subcontractors, vendors, suppliers, or commercial customers, nor shall Vendor

retaliate against any person for reporting instances of such discrimination. Vendor shall provide equal opportunity for subcontractors, vendors and suppliers to participate in all of its public sector and private sector subcontracting and supply opportunities, provided that nothing contained in this clause shall prohibit or limit otherwise lawful efforts to remedy the effects of marketplace discrimination that have occurred or are occurring in the City's Relevant Marketplace. Vendor understands and agrees that a material violation of this clause shall be considered a material breach of this agreement and may result in termination of this agreement, disqualification of Vendor from participating in City contracts, or other sanctions. This clause is not enforceable by or for the benefit of, and creates no obligation to, any third party. Vendor shall include this nondiscrimination clause in all subcontracts for the performance of this contract.

As a party to this contract, Vendor understands and agrees to comply with the *Non-Discrimination Policy* of the City of San Antonio contained in Chapter 2, Article X of the City Code and further, shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran status, age or disability, unless exempted by state or federal law, or as otherwise established herein.

Attorney's Fees: Unless this RFCSP provides otherwise, the Parties hereto expressly agree that, in the event of litigation, each party hereby waives its right to payment of attorneys' fees

State Prohibitions on Contracts:

This section only applies to a contract that:

- (1) is between a governmental entity and a company with 10 or more full-time employees; and
- (2) has a value of \$100,000 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds of the governmental entity.

"Company" means a for-profit organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exists to make a profit. This term does not include a sole proprietorship.

Prohibition on Contracts with Companies Boycotting Israel.

Texas Government Code §2271.002 provides that a governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company for goods or services, unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it: (1) does not boycott Israel; and (2) will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.

"Boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes.

By submitting an offer to or executing contract documents with the City of San Antonio, Company hereby verifies that it does not boycott Israel, and will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract. City hereby relies on Company's verification. If found to be false, City may terminate the contract for material breach.

Prohibition on Contracts with Companies Boycotting Certain Energy Companies.

Texas Government Code §2274 provides that a governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company for goods or services, unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it: (1) does not boycott energy companies; and (2) will not boycott energy companies during the term of the contract.

"Boycott energy company" means, without an ordinary business purpose, refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations with a company because the company: (A) engages in the exploration, production, utilization, transportation, sale, or manufacturing of fossil fuel-based energy and does not commit or pledge to meet environmental standards beyond applicable federal and state law; or (B) does business with a company described in (A).

By submitting an offer to or executing contract documents with the City of San Antonio, Company hereby verifies that it does not boycott energy companies and will not boycott energy companies during the term of the contract. City hereby relies on Company's verification. If found to be false, City may terminate the contract for material breach.

Prohibition on Contracts with Companies that Discriminate Against Firearm and Ammunition Industries.

Texas Government Code §2274 provides that a governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company for goods or services, unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it: (1) does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and (2) will not discriminate during the term of the contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association.

"Discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association": (A) means, with respect to the entity or association, to: (i) refuse to engage in the trade of any goods or services with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; (ii) refrain from continuing an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; or (iii) terminate an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association.

By submitting an offer to or executing contract documents with the City of San Antonio, Company hereby verifies that it does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and will not discriminate during the term of the contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. City hereby relies on Company's verification. If found to be false, City may terminate the contract for material breach.

Contracts with Companies Engaged in Business with Iran, Sudan, or Foreign Terrorist Organization Prohibited: Texas Government Code §2252.152 provides that a governmental entity may not enter into a governmental contract with a company that is identified on a list prepared and maintained under Texas Government Code §§2270.0201 or 2252.153. Vendor hereby certifies that it is not identified on such a list and that it will notify City should it be placed on such a list while under contract with City. City hereby relies on Vendor's certification. If found to be false, or if Vendor is identified on such list during the course of its contract with City, City may terminate the Contract for material breach.

Binding Contract: This contract shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, and successors and assigns, except as otherwise expressly provided for herein.

Entire Agreement: This contract, including City's final electronically posted online version together with its authorizing ordinance and its price schedule(s), attachments, addendums, purchase orders, and exhibits, if any, and Respondent's proposal, constitutes the final and entire agreement between the parties hereto and contains all of the terms and conditions agreed upon. City's solicitation documents shall control over Respondent's proposal in the event of a conflict. No other agreements, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this contract shall be deemed to exist or to bind the parties hereto, unless same be in writing, dated subsequent to the date hereof, and be duly executed by the parties, in accordance with the Change Order provision herein. **Parties agree that City's final electronically posted online version of this solicitation contains the agreed upon specifications, scope of services, and terms and conditions of this contract, and shall control in the event of a conflict with any printed version signed and submitted by Vendor.**

007 - SIGNATURE PAGE

By submitting a proposal Respondent represents that:

(s) he is authorized to bind Respondent to fully comply with the terms and conditions of City's Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals for the prices stated therein;

(s) he has read the entire document, including the final version issued by City, and agreed to the terms therein;

Respondent is in good standing with the Texas State Comptroller's Office; and

to the best of his/her knowledge, all information is true and correct.

Complete the following and sign on the signature line below. Failure to sign and submit this Signature Page will result in rejection of your proposal.

Respondent Information
(Please Print or Type)

Vendor ID No. _____

Signer's Name _____

Name of Business _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Telephone No. _____

Fax No. _____

City's Solicitation No. 6100016274 (23-016)

Signature of Person Authorized to Sign Proposal

Title of Person Authorized to Sign Proposal

Date

008 - STANDARD DEFINITIONS

Whenever a term defined by the Uniform Commercial Code (“UCC”), as enacted by the State of Texas, is used in the Contract, the UCC definition shall control, unless otherwise defined in the Contract.

All-or-None Proposal – a request for competitive sealed proposal in which the City will award the entire contract to one respondent only.

Alternate Proposal - two or more proposals with substantive variations in the item or service offered from the same respondent in response to a solicitation.

Assignment - a transfer of claims, rights or interests in goods, services or property.

Change Order - a change to the plans or specifications of the contract, or an increase or decrease in the quantity of work to be performed or of materials, equipment, or supplies to be furnished, issued by the Director after the proposal has been accepted by the City.

City - the City of San Antonio, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation.

Contract - the binding legal agreement between the City and Vendor.

Respondent - the respondent whose proposal is accepted by the City and is, therefore, the person, firm or entity providing goods or services to the City under a contract.

Director – the Director of City’s Finance Department, or Director’s designee.

Equal or Equivalent - terms to indicate that similar products or other brands may be acceptable for purchase if specifications and functional requirements are met.

Line Item - a listing of items in a proposal for which a respondent is expected to provide separate pricing.

Non-Responsive Proposal - a proposal or offer that does not comply with the terms and conditions, or specifications and/or requirements of the RFCSP.

Offer - a complete, signed response to an RFCSP that, if accepted, would bind Respondent to perform the resultant contract. The term “offer” is synonymous with the terms “bid” and “proposal”.

Payment Bond - a particular form of security provided by the Respondent to protect the City against loss due to the Respondent’s failure to pay suppliers and subcontractors.

Performance Bond - a particular form of security provided by the Respondent to protect the City against loss due to the Respondent’s inability or unwillingness to complete the contract as agreed.

Performance Deposit - security provided by the Respondent to protect City against loss due to the Respondent’s inability or unwillingness to complete the contract as agreed.

Pre-Submittal Conference - a meeting conducted by the City, held in order to allow respondents to ask questions about the proposed contract and particularly, the contract specifications.

Proposal - a complete, signed response to a solicitation. The term “proposal” is synonymous with the terms “offer” and “bid”.

Proposal Bond or Proposal Guarantee - security to ensure that Respondent (a) will not withdraw the proposal within the period specified for acceptance, and (b) will furnish any required bonds or performance guarantees, and any necessary insurance within the time specified in the solicitation.

Proposal Opening - a public meeting during which proposal responses are opened and the names of respondents are read aloud.

Purchase Order - a validly issued order placed by an authorized City department for the purchase of goods or services, written on the City's standard purchase order form, and which is Vendor's authority to deliver to and invoice the City for the goods or services specified in a RFCSP for the price stated in Vendor's proposal.

Request for Competitive sealed Proposal (RFCSP) – a solicitation for a specified good or a service, evaluated on the basis of price and other factors.

Respondent - a person, firm or entity that submits a proposal in response to a solicitation. The respondent whose proposal is accepted by City may also be referred to herein as Respondent, Vendor or Supplier. The term "respondent" is synonymous with the term "bidder".

Responsible Offeror - a respondent who is known to have the necessary competence and qualifications to perform and provide all requirements of an intended contract.

Responsive Offeror - a respondent who tenders a proposal which meets all requirements of the RFCSP and is a responsible offeror.

Sealed Proposal - a proposal submitted as a sealed document by a prescribed time to the location indicated in the RFCSP. The contents of the proposal will not be made public prior to the award of the contract.

Specifications - a description of what the City requires and what the respondent must offer; a description of the physical or functional characteristics of a product or material, or the nature of a service or construction item.

Subcontractor - a person, firm or entity providing goods or services to a vendor to be used in the performance of the Vendor's obligations under the contract with City.

Supplier - the respondent whose proposal is accepted by the City and is, therefore, the person, firm or entity providing goods or services to the City under a contract.

Vendor - the respondent whose proposal is accepted by the City and is, therefore, the person, firm or entity providing goods or services to the City under a contract.

Waiver of Irregularity - noting, but disregarding an immaterial variance within a proposal.

009 - ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A, PART ONE

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Respondent Information:** Provide the following information regarding the Respondent.

(NOTE: Co-Respondents are two or more entities proposing as a team or joint venture with each signing the contract, if awarded. Sub-contractors are not Co-Respondents and should not be identified here. If this proposal includes Co-Respondents, provide the required information in this Item #1 for each Co-Respondent by copying and inserting an additional block(s) before Item #2.)

Respondent Name: _____
(NOTE: Give exact legal name as it will appear on the contract, if awarded.)

Principal Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone No. _____ Fax No: _____

Website address: _____

Email address: _____

Year established: _____

Provide the number of years in business under present name: _____

Social Security Number or Federal Employer Identification Number: _____

Texas Comptroller's Taxpayer Number, if applicable: _____
(NOTE: This 11-digit number is sometimes referred to as the Comptroller's TIN or TID.)

DUNS NUMBER: _____

Business Structure: Check the box that indicates the business structure of the Respondent.

Individual or Sole Proprietorship if checked, list Assumed Name, if any: _____

Partnership

Corporation if checked, check one: For-Profit Nonprofit

Also, check one: Domestic Foreign

Other if checked, list business structure: _____

Printed Name of Contract Signatory: _____

Job Title: _____

Provide any other names under which Respondent has operated within the last 10 years and length of time under for each:

Provide address of office from which this project would be managed:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone No. _____ Fax No: _____

Annual Revenue: \$ _____

Total Number of Employees: _____

Total Number of Current Clients/Customers: _____

Briefly describe other lines of business that the company is directly or indirectly affiliated with:

List Related Companies:

2. Contact Information: List the one person who the City may contact concerning your proposal or setting dates for meetings.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone No. _____ Fax No: _____

Email: _____

3. Does Respondent anticipate any mergers, transfer of organization ownership, management reorganization, or departure of key personnel within the next twelve (12) months?

Yes ___ No ___

4. Is Respondent registered with the Texas Secretary of State?

Yes ___ No ___ If "Yes", provide your registered filing number associated with your registration. The filing number is the unique 10-digit number assigned by the Secretary of State (SOS) to each business organization, name, registration, or name reservation filed with the SOS.

5. Where is the Respondent's corporate headquarters located (City, State, and Physical Address)?

6. Local/County Operation: Does the Respondent have an office located in San Antonio, Texas?

Yes ___ No ___ If "Yes", respond to a and b below:

a. How long has the Respondent conducted business from its San Antonio office?

Years _____ Months _____

b. State the number of full-time employees at the San Antonio office.

If "No", indicate if Respondent has an office located within Bexar County, Texas:

Yes ___ No ___ If "Yes", respond to c and d below:

c. How long has the Respondent conducted business from its Bexar County office?

Years _____ Months _____

d. State the number of full-time employees at the Bexar County office. _____

7. Debarment/Suspension Information: Has the Respondent or any of its principals been debarred or suspended from contracting with any public entity?

Yes ___ No ___ If "Yes", identify the public entity and the name and current phone number of a representative of the public entity familiar with the debarment or suspension, and state the reason for or circumstances surrounding the debarment or suspension, including but not limited to the period of time for such debarment or suspension.

8. Surety Information: Has the Respondent ever had a bond or surety canceled or forfeited?

Yes ___ No ___ If "Yes", state the name of the bonding company, date, amount of bond and reason for such cancellation or forfeiture.

9. Bankruptcy Information: Has the Respondent ever been declared bankrupt or filed for protection from creditors under state or federal proceedings?

Yes ___ No ___ If "Yes", state the date, court, jurisdiction, cause number, amount of liabilities and amount of assets.

10. Disciplinary Action: Has the Respondent ever received any disciplinary action, or any pending disciplinary action, from any regulatory bodies or professional organizations? Yes ___ No ___ If "Yes", state the name of the regulatory body or professional organization, date and reason for disciplinary or impending disciplinary action.

11. Previous Contracts:

a. Has the Respondent ever failed to complete any contract awarded?

Yes ___ No ___ If "Yes", state the name of the organization contracted with, services contracted, date, contract amount and reason for failing to complete the contract.

b. Has any officer or partner proposed for this assignment ever been an officer or partner of some other organization that failed to complete a contract?

Yes ___ No ___ If "Yes", state the name of the individual, organization contracted with, services contracted, date, contract amount and reason for failing to complete the contract.

c. Has any officer or partner proposed for this assignment ever failed to complete a contract handled in his or her own name?

Yes ___ No ___ If "Yes", state the name of the individual, organization contracted with, services contracted, date, contract amount and reason for failing to complete the contract.

12. Financial Review: Is your firm publicly traded? Yes ___ No ___ If "Yes", provide your firm's SEC filing number.

REFERENCES

Provide three (3) reference letters from three (3) separate organizations/companies/firms, that the Respondent has provided services to, similar to those contained within the Scope of this RFCSP, within the past three (3) years.

The contact person named on the reference letter should be familiar with the day-to-day management of the contract and would be able to provide type, level, and quality of services performed. In addition, please provide the contact information below for the references you have submitted or for additional references.

Reference No. 1		
Firm/Company Name:		
Contact Name:	Title:	
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Telephone No:	Fax No:	
Date and Description of Service(s) Provided:		
Email Address:		
Reference No. 2		
Firm/Company Name:		
Contact Name:	Title:	
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Telephone No:	Fax No:	
Date and Description of Service(s) Provided:		
Email Address:		
Reference No. 3		
Firm/Company Name:		
Contact Name:	Title:	
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Telephone No:	Fax No:	
Date and Description of Service(s) Provided:		
Email Address:		

ATTACHMENT A, PART TWO
EXPERIENCE, BACKGROUND, QUALIFICATIONS

Respondent shall use this document to demonstrate how they meet the requirements set forth in this solicitation. This form may be modified as needed to comply with the requirement to document company information. *Failure to return this document may result in the proposal being considered non-responsive.*

Name of Contact Person for Solicitation Proposal:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip Code:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	
Number of Years' Experience: Planting Trees: Watering Trees:	Estimated Number of Trees: Planted: Watered:
List all Personnel who will be responsible for the management and day-to-day operations of the services solicited.	
Name/Title:	
Name/Title:	
Name/Title:	
Name/Title:	
Indicate if you or any personnel have been convicted of a felony within the past 7 years:	
__ Yes __ No	
1. Description of Tree Planting & Care:	
2. Description of types of methods and equipment used in past Tree Planting & Care contracts:	

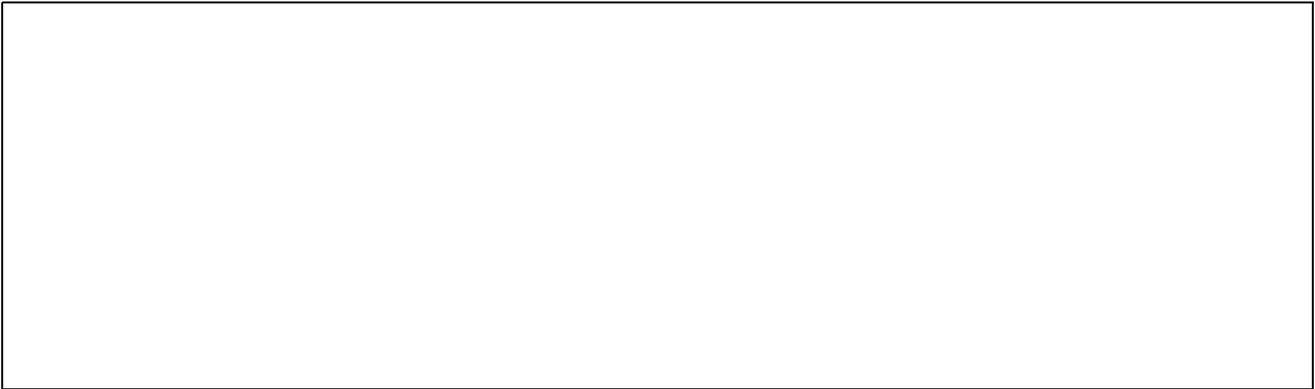
3. Indicate any Tree Planting & Care contracts you have had in the past:

4. Please list past Tree Planting & Care projects with corresponding reference names, phone numbers and email:

5. Indicate the number of years Respondent has been in the business of providing tree supply, planting, watering and care services. Indicate if this is the Respondent's primary line of business. If not, state the Respondent's primary line of business. Please describe the Respondent's ability to accomplish the requested service.

6. Describe Respondent's specific experience with public entities clients, especially large municipalities or authorities. If Respondent has provided services for the City in the past, identify the name of the project and the department for which Respondent provided those services.

7. If Respondent is proposing as a team or joint venture or has included sub-contractors, describe the rationale for selecting the team and the extent to which the team, joint ventures and/or sub-contractors have worked together in the past.



ATTACHMENT A, PART THREE

PROPOSED PLAN

Prepare and submit narrative responses to address the following items. If Respondent is proposing as a team or joint venture, provide the same information for each member of the team or joint venture.

1. Layout respondent's proposed planting plan including: nursery stock sourcing, lead time, storage location and duration, method of planting including equipment, utility & underground locate process, communication plan etc.
2. Layout respondent's proposed maintenance plan including: Inspections, watering, watering schedule, pruning, correction etc.
3. Describe list of equipment and supplies Respondent expects to use in the field for this proposed contract.
4. Provide an organizational and/or management structure chart for this company or organization.
5. Provide any additional relevant information about the Respondent's qualifications.
6. Indicate the range of wages that you have established for the Manager, Crew Leader(s) and Laborer classifications.
7. Provide minimum qualifications and information regarding what factors determines starting wages and subsequent increases. Indicate what benefits (e.g., retirement, medical, dental, vision, life insurance, disability insurance, wellness, leave and holidays, skills pay, tuition assistance, employee assistance program, etc.) will be provided to these job classifications and provide a cost per employee related to these benefits.
8. Indicate what amount and percent of the costs are paid by you and what amount and percent are paid by the employee for each individual benefit. (Use charts to make this information clear.)
9. Indicate if the benefits provided to these job classes are the same, and at the same cost, as benefits provided or made available to other job classifications in your company.

ATTACHMENT B

PRICE SCHEDULE

*****Posted as a separate Excel document*****

Please complete the following:

Prompt Payment Discount: _____% _____ days. (If no discount is offered, Net 30 will apply.)

Representative/Order Contact Information:

Name _____

Title _____

Email _____

Phone _____

ATTACHMENT C
CONTRACTS DISCLOSURE FORM

Complete and submit a Contracts Disclosure Form with the proposal. The Contracts Disclosure Form may be downloaded at:

- Link to complete form electronically: <https://webapp1.sanantonio.gov/ContractsDisclosure/>
- Link to access PDF form to print and handwrite information: <https://www.sanantonio.gov/portals/0/files/clerk/ethics/ContractsDisclosure.pdf>

1. Download form and complete all fields. All fields must be completed prior to submitting the form.
2. All Respondents must include the following information in the required Contracts Disclosure Form at the time the original proposal is submitted:
 - a. names of the agency board members and executive committee members,
 - b. list of positions they hold as an individual or entity seeking action on any matter listed:
 - (1) The identity of any individual who would be a party to the transaction;
 - (2) The identity of any entity that would be a party to the transaction and the name of:
 - a. Any individual or entity that would be a subcontractor to the transaction;
 - b. Any individual or entity that is known to be a partner or a parent entity of any individual or entity who would be a party to the transaction, or any subsidiary entity that is anticipated to be involved in the execution of the transaction; and
 - c. The board members, executive committee members, and officers of entities listed above; and
 - (3) The identity of any lobbyist, attorney or consultant employed for purposes relating to the transaction being sought by any individual or entity who would be a party to the transaction.
 - c. names and titles of officers of the organization.
3. Click on the "Print" button and place the copy in your proposal response as indicated in the Proposal Checklist.

NOTE: it is recommended not to use Chrome browser to access this form. If you have difficulty accessing, please contact the Staff Contact Person identified on the Title page of this RFCSP

ATTACHMENT D

LITIGATION DISCLOSURE FORM

Respond to each of the questions below by checking the appropriate box. Failure to fully and truthfully disclose the information required by this Litigation Disclosure form may result in the disqualification of your proposal from consideration or termination of the contract, once awarded.

Have you or any member of your Firm or Team to be assigned to this engagement ever been indicted or convicted of a felony or misdemeanor greater than a Class C in the last five (5) years?

Yes ___ No ___

Have you or any member of your Firm or Team to be assigned to this engagement been terminated (for cause or otherwise) from any work being performed for the City of San Antonio or any other Federal, State or Local Government, or Private Entity?

Yes ___ No ___

Have you or any member of your Firm or Team to be assigned to this engagement been involved in any claim or litigation with the City of San Antonio or any other Federal, State or Local Government, or Private Entity during the last ten (10) years?

Yes ___ No ___

If you have answered “Yes” to any of the above questions, please indicate the name(s) of the person(s), the nature, and the status and/or outcome of the information, indictment, conviction, termination, claim or litigation, as applicable. Any such information should be provided on a separate page, attached to this form and submitted with your proposal.

ATTACHMENT E

SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVOCACY (SBEDA) PROGRAM

Annual Contract for Tree Planting and Care Exhibit 1

I. SBEDA Program

The CITY has adopted a Small Business Economic Development Advocacy Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2016-05-19-0367 and as amended, also referred to as “SBEDA” or “the SBEDA Program”), which is posted on the City’s Economic Development Department (EDD) website page and is also available in hard copy format upon request to the CITY. The SBEDA Ordinance Compliance Provisions contained in this section of the Agreement are governed by the terms of the SBEDA Ordinance, as well as by the terms of the SBEDA Ordinance Policy & Procedure Manual established by the CITY pursuant to this Ordinance, and any subsequent amendments to this referenced SBEDA Ordinance and SBEDA Policy & Procedure Manual that are effective as of the date of the execution of this Agreement. Unless defined in a contrary manner herein, terms used in this section of the Agreement shall be subject to the same expanded definitions and meanings as given those terms in the SBEDA Ordinance and as further interpreted in the SBEDA Policy & Procedure Manual.

II. SBEDA Program Compliance – Affirmative Procurement Initiatives

The CITY has applied the following contract-specific Affirmative Procurement Initiatives (API) to this contract. CONTRACTOR hereby acknowledges and agrees that the selected API requirement shall also be extended to any change order or subsequent contract modification and, absent SBO’s granting of a waiver, that its full compliance with the following API terms and conditions are necessary to attain satisfactory performance under this Agreement:

Please note that failure to meet the subcontracting API requirements (when applicable) will deem the response non-responsive. To be SBEDA eligible a Prime or Subcontractor must be certified as a Small Business Enterprise (SBE) through the South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency AND must be headquartered or have a significant business presence in the San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area. The guidelines and steps to be certified by SCTRCA are available at: <https://sctrca.org/get-certified/>.

SBE Prime Contract Program. In accordance with the SBEDA Ordinance, Section III.D.7.a, this contract is being awarded pursuant to the SBE Prime Contract Program, and as such, RESPONDENT affirms that if it is presently certified as an SBE (see *Small Business Enterprise* definition), RESPONDENT agrees not to subcontract more than 49% of the contract value to a non-SBE firm.

M/WBE Prime Contract Program. In accordance with the SBEDA Ordinance, Section III.D.8 b, this contract is being awarded pursuant to the M/WBE Prime Contract Program and as such, RESPONDENT affirms that if it is presently certified as an M/WBE (see *Minority/Women Business Enterprise* definition), RESPONDENT agrees not to subcontract more than 49% of the contract value to a non-M/WBE firm.

The **Subcontractor/Supplier Utilization Plan** which CONTRACTOR submitted to City with its response for this contract and that contains the names of the certified M/WBE and AABE Subcontractors to be used by CONTRACTOR on this contract, the respective percentages of the total prime contract dollar value to be awarded and performed by each M/WBE and AABE Subcontractor, and documentation including a description of each M/WBE and AABE Subcontractor’s scope of work and confirmation of each M/WBE and AABE Subcontractor’s commitment to perform such scope of work for an agreed upon dollar amount is hereby attached and incorporated by reference into the material terms of this Agreement.

In the absence of a waiver granted by the SBO, failure of a Prime CONTRACTOR to attain this M/WBE and AABE subcontracting goal as required in the solicitation shall render its response non-Responsive. Also, in the absence of a waiver granted by the SBO, failure of a Prime CONTRACTOR to attain a subcontracting goal for M/WBE and AABE participation in the performance of its contract or otherwise comply with the provisions of this API shall be considered a material breach of contract, grounds for termination of that contract with the City and shall be subject to any penalties and sanctions available under the terms of the SBEDA Ordinance, its contract with the City or by law.

Subcontractor Diversity: The City of San Antonio strongly encourages each bidder to be as inclusive as possible, and to reach out to all segments of the M/WBE community. While the relative availability of ready, willing, and able firms within

various ethnic and gender categories will vary significantly from contract to contract based upon the particular trades that are involved, overall in the San Antonio **Other Services** industry, as reflected in the City's Centralized Vendor Registration system for the month of October 2022, African-American owned firms represent approximately 2.46% of available subcontractors, Hispanic-American firms represent approximately 10.81%, Asian-American firms represent approximately 0.83%, Native American firms represent approximately 0.13%, and Women-owned firms represent approximately 5.02% of available **Other Services** subcontractors

III. Solicitation Response and Contract Requirements and Commitment

Respondent understands and agrees that the following provisions shall be requirements of this solicitation and the resulting contract, if awarded, and by submitting its Response, Respondent commits to comply with these requirements.

Waiver Request - A Respondent may request, for good cause, a full or partial Waiver of a **specified subcontracting goal** included in this solicitation by submitting the *Subcontracting Goal- Waiver Request* form (available at <http://www.sanantonio.gov/SBO/Forms.aspx>) with its solicitation response. The Respondent's Waiver request must fully document Subcontractor unavailability despite the Respondent's good faith efforts to comply with the goal. Such documentation shall include all good faith efforts made by Respondent including, but not limited to, which Subcontractors were contacted (with phone numbers, e-mail addresses and mailing addresses, as applicable) and the method of contact. **Late Waiver requests will not be considered.** More information on the good faith effort criteria is available within the Subcontracting Goal – Waiver Request Evaluation Criteria at <http://www.sanantonio.gov/SBO/Forms.aspx>.

Exception Request - A Respondent may, for good cause, request an Exception to the application of the SBEDA Program if the Respondent submits the *Exception to SBEDA Program Requirements Request* form (available at <http://www.sanantonio.gov/SBO/Forms.aspx>) with its solicitation response. The Respondent's Exception request must fully document why: (1) the value of the contract is below the \$50,000 threshold for application of the SBEDA Program; or (2) no commercially-useful subcontracting opportunities exist within the contract scope of work; or (3) the type of contract is outside of the scope of the SBEDA Ordinance. **Late Exception Requests will not be considered.**

IV. SBEDA Program Compliance – General Provisions

As CONTRACTOR acknowledges that the terms of the CITY's SBEDA Ordinance, as amended, together with all requirements, guidelines, and procedures set forth in the CITY's SBEDA Policy & Procedure Manual are in furtherance of the CITY's efforts at economic inclusion and, moreover, that such terms are part of CONTRACTOR's scope of work as referenced in the CITY's formal solicitation that formed the basis for contract award and subsequent execution of this Agreement, these SBEDA Ordinance requirements, guidelines and procedures are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement, and are considered by the Parties to this Agreement to be material terms. CONTRACTOR voluntarily agrees to fully comply with these SBEDA program terms as a condition for being awarded this contract by the CITY. Without limitation, CONTRACTOR further agrees to the following terms as part of its contract compliance responsibilities under the SBEDA Program:

1. CONTRACTOR shall cooperate fully with the Small Business Office and other CITY departments in their data collection and monitoring efforts regarding CONTRACTOR's utilization and payment of Subcontractors, S/M/WBE firms, and HUBZone firms, as applicable, for their performance of Commercially Useful Functions on this contract including, but not limited to, the timely submission of completed forms and/or documentation promulgated by SBO, through the Originating Department, pursuant to the SBEDA Policy & Procedure Manual, timely entry of data into monitoring systems, and ensuring the timely compliance of its subcontractors with this term;
2. CONTRACTOR shall cooperate fully with any CITY or SBO investigation (and shall also respond truthfully and promptly to any CITY or SBO inquiry) regarding possible non-compliance with SBEDA requirements on the part of CONTRACTOR or its subcontractors or suppliers;
3. CONTRACTOR shall permit the SBO, upon reasonable notice, to undertake inspections as necessary including, but not limited to, contract-related correspondence, records, documents, payroll records, daily logs, invoices, bills, cancelled checks, and work product, and to interview Subcontractors and workers to determine whether there has been a violation of the terms of this Agreement;
4. CONTRACTOR shall notify the SBO, in writing on the Change to Utilization Plan form, through the Originating Department, of any proposed changes to CONTRACTOR's Subcontractor / Supplier Utilization Plan for this contract, with an explanation of the necessity for such proposed changes, including documentation of Good Faith Efforts made

by CONTRACTOR to replace the Subcontractor / Supplier in accordance with the applicable Affirmative Procurement Initiative. All proposed changes to the Subcontractor / Supplier Utilization Plan including, but not limited to, proposed self-performance of work by CONTRACTOR of work previously designated for performance by Subcontractor or supplier, substitutions of new Subcontractors, terminations of previously designated Subcontractors, or reductions in the scope of work and value of work awarded to Subcontractors or suppliers, shall be subject to advanced written approval by the Originating Department and the SBO.

5. CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify the Originating Department and SBO of any transfer or assignment of its contract with the CITY, as well as any transfer or change in its ownership or business structure.
6. CONTRACTOR shall retain all records of its Subcontractor payments for this contract for a minimum of four years or as required by state law, following the conclusion of this contract or, in the event of litigation concerning this contract, for a minimum of four years or as required by state law following the final determination of litigation, whichever is later.
7. In instances wherein the SBO determines that a Commercially Useful Function is not actually being performed by the applicable S/M/WBE or HUBZone firms listed in a CONTRACTOR's Subcontractor / Supplier Utilization Plan, the CONTRACTOR shall not be given credit for the participation of its S/M/WBE or HUBZone Subcontractor(s) or joint venture partner(s) toward attainment of S/M/WBE or HUBZone firm utilization goals, and the CONTRACTOR and its listed S/M/WBE firms or HUBZone firms may be subject to sanctions and penalties in accordance with the SBEDA Ordinance.
8. CONTRACTOR acknowledges that the CITY will not execute a contract or issue a Notice to proceed for this project until the CONTRACTOR for this project have registered and/or maintained active status in the CITY's Centralized Vendor Registration System (CVR), and CONTRACTOR has represented to CITY which primary commodity codes each Subcontractor will be performing under for this contract. CITY recommends all Subcontractors to be registered in the CVR.

For more information please see link: <http://www.sanantonio.gov/SBO/Compliance>

V. Violations, Sanctions and Penalties

In addition to the above terms, CONTRACTOR acknowledges and agrees that it is a violation of the SBEDA Ordinance and a material breach of this Agreement to:

1. Fraudulently obtain, retain, or attempt to obtain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining, retaining, or attempting to obtain or retain Certification status as an SBE, MBE, WBE, M/WBE, HUBZone firm, Emerging M/WBE, or ESBE for purposes of benefitting from the SBEDA Ordinance;
2. Willfully falsify, conceal or cover up by a trick, scheme or device, a material fact or make any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations, or make use of any false writing or document, knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry pursuant to the terms of the SBEDA Ordinance;
3. Willfully obstruct, impede or attempt to obstruct or impede any authorized official or employee who is investigating the qualifications of a business entity which has requested Certification as an S/M/WBE or HUBZone firm;
4. Fraudulently obtain, attempt to obtain or aid another person fraudulently obtaining or attempting to obtain public monies to which the person is not entitled under the terms of the SBEDA Ordinance; and
5. Make false statements to any entity that any other entity is, or is not, certified as an S/M/WBE for purposes of the SBEDA Ordinance.

Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to the provisions of Section III. E. 13. of the SBEDA Ordinance and any other penalties, sanctions and remedies available under law including, but not limited to:

1. Suspension of contract;
2. Withholding of funds;
3. Rescission of contract based upon a material breach of contract pertaining to S/M/WBE Program compliance;

4. Refusal to accept a response or proposal; and
5. Disqualification of CONTRACTOR or other business firm from eligibility for providing goods or services to the City for a period not to exceed two years (upon City Council approval).

VI. Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy Compliance

As a condition of entering into this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR represents and warrants that it has complied with throughout the course of this solicitation and contract award process, and will continue to comply with, the CITY's Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy, as described under Section III. C. 1. of the SBEDA Ordinance. As part of such compliance, CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation or, on the basis of disability or other unlawful forms of discrimination in the solicitation, selection, hiring or commercial treatment of Subcontractors, vendors, suppliers, or commercial customers, nor shall the company retaliate against any person for reporting instances of such discrimination. The company shall provide equal opportunity for Subcontractors, vendors and suppliers to participate in all of its public sector and private sector subcontracting and supply opportunities, provided that nothing contained in this clause shall prohibit or limit otherwise lawful efforts to remedy the effects of marketplace discrimination that have occurred or are occurring in the CITY's Relevant Marketplace. The company understands and agrees that a material violation of this clause shall be considered a material breach of this Agreement and may result in termination of this Agreement, disqualification of the company from participating in CITY contracts, or other sanctions. This clause is not enforceable by or for the benefit of, and creates no obligation to, any third party. CONTRACTOR's certification of its compliance with this Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy as submitted to the CITY pursuant to the solicitation for this contract is hereby incorporated into the material terms of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall incorporate this clause into each of its Subcontractor and supplier agreements entered into pursuant to CITY contracts.

VII. Prompt Payment

Upon execution of this contract by CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall be required to submit to CITY accurate progress payment information with each invoice regarding each of its Subcontractors, including HUBZone Subcontractors, to ensure that the CONTRACTOR's reported subcontract participation is accurate. CONTRACTOR shall pay its Subcontractors in compliance with Chapter 2251, Texas Government Code (the "Prompt Payment Act") within ten days of receipt of payment from CITY. In the event of CONTRACTOR's noncompliance with these prompt payment provisions, no final retainage on the Prime Contract shall be released to CONTRACTOR, and no new CITY contracts shall be issued to the CONTRACTOR until the CITY's audit of previous subcontract payments is complete and payments are verified to be in accordance with the specifications of the contract.

VIII. Definitions

Affirmative Procurement Initiatives (API) – Refers to various S/M/WBE Program tools and Solicitation Incentives that are used to encourage greater prime and subcontract participation by S/M/WBE firms, including bonding assistance, evaluation preferences, subcontracting goals and joint venture incentives. (For full descriptions of these and other S/M/WBE Program tools, see Section III.D of Attachment A to the SBEDA Ordinance). To be eligible for the benefits of race- and gender-conscious APIs as provided in the SBEDA Ordinance, M/WBE firms must also satisfy the size standards for being a Small Business Enterprise or SBE as defined herein.

Annual Aspirational Goal – a non-mandatory annual aspirational percentage goal for overall M/WBE Prime and subcontract participation in City of San Antonio contracts is established each year for Construction, Architectural & Engineering, Professional Services, Other Services, and Goods & Supplies contract Industry Categories. This Annual Aspirational Goal is to be set (and thereafter adjusted) by the Goal Setting Committee (GSC) based upon the M/WBE availability by industry in accordance with the City's 2015 Disparity Study findings, along with relative M/WBE availability data to be collected by the City through its CVR system, and the utilization of M/WBEs. Any adjusted Annual Aspirational Goals for a given industry should not exceed the Expected Availability for award dollar weights as found in the 2015 Disparity Study. Annual Aspirational Goals are not to be routinely applied to individual contracts, but are intended to serve as a benchmark against which to measure the overall effectiveness of the S/M/WBE Program on an annual basis, and to gauge the need for future adjustments to the degree of aggressiveness of remedies being applied under the Program. Percentage Goals for S/M/WBE participation may be established by the GSC on a contract-by-contract basis based upon similar data and analysis for the particular goods and services being purchased in a given contract.

Award – the final selection of a Respondent for a specified Prime Contract or subcontract dollar amount. Contract awards are made by the City to Prime Contractors or vendors and by Prime Contractors or vendors to Subcontractor or sub-vendors, usually pursuant to a solicitation process. (Contract awards are distinguished from contract payments, the first, only reflect

the anticipated dollar amounts the second, reflect actual dollar amounts that are paid to a contractor under an awarded contract).

Best Value Contracting – a purchasing solicitation process through which the Originating Department may evaluate factors other than price. Evaluation criteria for selection may include a Respondent’s previous experience and quality of product or services procured, and other factors identified in the applicable statute.

Centralized Vendor Registration System (CVR) – a mandatory electronic system of hardware and software programs by which the City recommends all prospective Respondents and Subcontractors that are ready, willing and able to sell goods or services to the City to register. All businesses awarded a City contract shall be required to register in the CVR. The CVR system assigns a unique identifier to each registrant that is then required for the purpose of submitting solicitation responses and invoices, and for receiving payments from the City. The CVR-assigned identifiers are also used by the Goal Setting Committee for measuring relative availability and tracking utilization of SBE and M/WBE firms by Industry or commodity codes, and for establishing Annual Aspirational Goals and Contract-by-Contract Subcontracting Goals.

Certification – the process by which the Small Business Office (SBO) staff determines a firm to be a bona-fide small, minority-, women-owned, or emerging small business enterprise. Emerging Small Business Enterprises (ESBEs) are automatically eligible for Certification as SBEs. Any firm may apply for multiple Certifications that cover each and every status category (e.g., SBE, ESBE, MBE, or WBE) for which it is able to satisfy eligibility standards. The SBO staff may contract these certification services to a regional Certification agency or other entity. For purposes of Certification, the City may accept any firm that is certified by local government entities and other organizations identified herein that have adopted Certification standards and procedures similar to those followed by the SBO, provided the prospective firm satisfies the eligibility requirements set forth in the Ordinance No. 2016-05-19-0367 Section III.E.6.

City – refers to the City of San Antonio, Texas.

Commercially Useful Function – an S/M/WBE firm performs a Commercially Useful Function when it is responsible for execution of the work of the contract and is carrying out its responsibilities by actually performing, staffing, managing and supervising the work involved. To perform a Commercially Useful Function, the S/M/WBE firm must also be responsible, with respect to materials and supplies used on the contract, for negotiating price, determining quantity and quality, ordering the material, and installing (where applicable) and paying for the material itself. To determine whether an S/M/WBE firm is performing a Commercially Useful Function, an evaluation must be performed of the amount of work subcontracted, normal industry practices, whether the amount the S/M/WBE firm is to be paid under the contract is commensurate with the work it is actually performing and the S/M/WBE credit claimed for its performance of the work, and other relevant factors. Specifically, an S/M/WBE firm does not perform a Commercially Useful Function if its role is limited to that of an extra participant in a transaction, contract or project through which funds are passed in order to obtain the appearance of meaningful and useful S/M/WBE participation, when in similar transactions in which S/M/WBE firms do not participate, there is no such role performed.

Control – the authority of a person or business owner to sign responses to solicitations and contracts, make price negotiation decisions, sell or liquidate the business and have the primary authority to direct the day-to-day management and operation of a business enterprise without interference from others.

Economic Inclusion – efforts to promote and maximize commercial transactions within, between and among all segments of the business population, regardless of race or gender, within the Relevant Marketplace.

Emerging SBE (ESBE) – a certified SBE corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship or other legal entity for the purpose of making a profit, which is independently owned and operated by Individuals legally residing in, or that are citizens of, the United States or its territories whose annual revenues and number of employees are no greater than 25% of the small business size standards for its industry as established by the U.S. Small Business Administration, and meets the Significant Business Presence requirements as defined herein.

Emerging M/WBE – a certified M/WBE firm whose annual revenues and number of employees are no greater than 25% of the small business size standards for its industry as established by the U.S. Small Business Administration, and meets the Significant Business Presence requirements as defined herein.

Evaluation Preference – an API that may be applied by the Goal Setting Committee to Construction, Architectural & Engineering, Professional Services, Other Services, and Goods and Supplies contracts that are to be awarded on a basis that includes factors other than lowest price, and wherein responses that are submitted to the City by S/M/WBE firms may be awarded additional Points in the evaluation process in the scoring and ranking of their proposals against those submitted by other prime Respondents.

Formal Solicitation – an invitation for bids, request for proposals, request for qualifications or other solicitation document issued by a City department for a contract that requires City Council approval, in accordance with the procurement rules adopted by the City Manager or designee through a memorandum issued by the City Manager or designee, an Administrative Directive or a procurement manual issued under the authority of the City Manager or designee, and/or pursuant to statutory requirements.

Goal Setting Committee (GSC) – a committee, or series of committees, appointed and chaired by the City Manager or designee from the Executive Team that includes, at a minimum, the EDD Director or designee, and the Director of Finance or Director of Transportation and Capital Improvements (TCI) or their designees, the Director or designee of the Originating Department (if the Originating Department is neither Finance nor TCI,) all without duplication of designees and two citizens appointed by City Council who are eligible to vote during the goal setting committee on contracts valued at \$3,000,000 and above. The City Manager or designee may also appoint two ex-officio members of the Small Business Advocacy Committee to serve on any GSC purely in an advisory and non-voting capacity. The GSC establishes S/M/WBE Program Goals for the City of San Antonio (e.g., Annual Aspirational Goals, Contract-by-Contract Subcontracting Goals, and determining which M/WBE segments are eligible for Segmented Subcontracting Goals annually) based upon Industry Categories, vendor availability, project-specific characteristics, and M/WBE utilization. The GSC also makes determinations about which Affirmative Procurement Initiatives (APIs) are to be applied to specific contracts based upon various criteria.

Good Faith Efforts – documentation of the Respondent's intent to comply with S/M/WBE Program Goals and procedures including, but not limited to, the following: (1) documentation as stated in the solicitation reflecting the Respondent's commitment to comply with SBE or M/WBE Program Goals as established by the GSC for a particular contract; or (2) documentation of efforts made toward achieving the SBE or M/WBE Program Goals (e.g., solicitations of bids/proposals/qualification statements from all qualified SBE or M/WBE firms listed in the Small Business Office's directory of certified SBE or M/WBE firms; correspondence from qualified SBE or M/WBE firms documenting their unavailability to perform SBE or M/WBE contracts; documentation of efforts to subdivide work into smaller quantities for subcontracting purposes to enhance opportunities for SBE or M/WBE firms; documentation of a Prime Contractor's posting of a bond covering the work of SBE or M/WBE Subcontractors; documentation of efforts to assist SBE or M/WBE firms with obtaining financing, bonding or insurance required by the Respondent; and documentation of consultations with trade associations and CONTRACTORS that represent the interests of SBE and/or M/WBEs in order to identify qualified and available SBE or M/WBE Subcontractors.)

HUBZone Firm – a business that has been certified by U.S. Small Business Administration for participation in the federal HUBZone Program, as established under the 1997 Small Business Reauthorization Act. To qualify as a HUBZone firm, a small business must meet the following criteria: (1) it must be owned and Controlled by U.S. citizens; (2) at least 35 percent of its employees must reside in a HUBZone; and (3) its Principal Place of Business must be located in a HUBZone within the San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area. [See 13 C.F.R. 126.200 (1999).]

Independently Owned and Operated – ownership of an SBE firm must be direct, independent and by Individuals only. Ownership of an M/WBE firm may be by Individuals and/or by other businesses provided the ownership interests in the M/WBE firm can satisfy the M/WBE eligibility requirements for ownership and Control as specified herein in Section III.E.6. The M/WBE firm must also be Independently Owned and Operated in the sense that it cannot be the subsidiary of another firm that does not itself (and in combination with the certified M/WBE firm) satisfy the eligibility requirements for M/WBE Certification.

Individual – an adult person that is of legal majority age.

Industry Categories – procurement groupings for the City of San Antonio inclusive of Construction, Architectural & Engineering, Professional Services, Other Services, and Goods & Supplies (i.e., manufacturing, wholesale and retail distribution of commodities). This term may sometimes be referred to as “business categories.”

Joint Venture Incentives – an API that provides inducements for non-SBE and non-M/WBE firms to collaborate with SBE or M/WBE partners in responses to solicitations and performing a Prime Contract to supply goods to, or to perform on behalf of, the City. Joint ventures are manifested by written agreements between two or more Independently Owned and Controlled business firms to form a third business entity solely for purposes of undertaking distinct roles and responsibilities in the completion of a given contract. Under this business arrangement, each joint venture partner shares in the management of the joint venture and also shares in the profits or losses of the joint venture enterprise commensurately with its contribution to the venture. Incentives under this API may include Evaluation Preferences that are tied to the percentage of SBE or M/WBE participation in the joint venture, expedited issuance of building permits and extra contract option years in certain Other Services and Goods & Supplies contracts.

Minority/Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) – firm that is certified as either a Minority Business Enterprise or as a Women Business Enterprise, and which is at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned, managed and Controlled by one or more Minority Group Members and/or women, and that is ready, willing and able to sell goods or services that are purchased by the City of San Antonio.

M/WBE Directory – a listing of M/WBEs that have been certified for participation in the City’s M/WBE Program APIs.

M/WBE Subcontracting Program – an API in which Prime Contractors or vendors are required to make Good Faith Efforts to subcontract a specified percentage of the value of prime contract dollars to certified M/WBE firms. Such subcontracting goals may be set and applied by the GSC on a contract-by-contract basis to those types of contracts that provide subcontract opportunities for performing Commercially Useful Functions wherein:

- (1) There have been ongoing disparities in the utilization of available M/WBE Subcontractors; or
- (2) Race-Neutral efforts have failed to eliminate persistent and significant disparities in the award of prime contracts to M/WBEs in a particular Industry Category or industry segment (e.g., Construction contracts, Professional Services contracts, and Architectural and Engineering contracts), and subcontract opportunities are limited outside of City contracts.

When specified by the GSC, the M/WBE Subcontracting Program may also be required to reflect Good Faith Efforts that a Prime Contractor or vendor has taken (or commits to taking in the case of solicitations that do not include a detailed scope of work or those in which price cannot be considered a factor in evaluation), toward attainment of subcontracting goals for M/WBE firms.

M/WBE Evaluation Preference – an API that the City may apply to requests for proposals or qualifications (RFPs or RFQs) on City Construction, Architectural & Engineering, Professional Services, Other Services, and Goods & Supplies contracts that are issued pursuant to a Best Value Contracting method or other methods of procurement wherein criteria other than lowest price are factored into the selection process. M/WBEs that submit responses for these kinds of solicitations are awarded additional Points in the scoring of their responses when evaluating and ranking their responses against those submitted by non-minority firms. Where specified in contract specifications as approved by the Goal Setting Committee, the M/WBE Evaluation Preference may be limited to Emerging M/WBE firms.

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) – any legal entity, except a joint venture, that is organized to engage in for-profit transactions, which is certified as being at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned, managed and Controlled by one or more Minority Group Members, and that is ready, willing and able to sell goods or services that are purchased by the City. To qualify as an MBE, the enterprise shall meet the Significant Business Presence requirement as defined herein. Unless otherwise stated, the term “MBE” as used in the SBEDA Ordinance is not inclusive of women-owned business enterprises (WBEs).

Minority Group Members – African-Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans and Native Americans legally residing in, or that are citizens of, the United States or its territories, as defined below:

African-Americans: Persons with origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

Hispanic-Americans: Persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Spanish or Central and South American origin.

Asian-Americans: Persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent or the Pacific Islands.

Native Americans: Persons having no less than 1/16th percentage origin in any of the Native American Tribes, as recognized by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs and as demonstrated by possession of personal tribal role documents.

Originating Department – the City department or authorized representative of the City which issues solicitations or for which a solicitation is issued.

Payment – dollars actually paid to Prime Contractors and/or Subcontractors and vendors for City contracted goods and/or services.

Points – the quantitative assignment of value for specific evaluation criteria in the vendor selection process used in some Construction, Architectural & Engineering, Professional Services, Other Services, and Goods & Supplies contracts (e.g., up to 20 points out of a total of 100 points assigned for S/M/WBE participation as stated in response to a Request for Proposals).

Prime Contractor – the vendor or contractor to whom a purchase order or contract is issued by the City of San Antonio for purposes of providing goods or services for the City.

Race-Conscious – any business classification or API wherein the race or gender of business owners is taken into consideration (e.g., references to M/WBE programs and APIs that are listed herein under the heading of “Race-Conscious”). To be eligible for the benefits of race- and gender-conscious APIs as provided in this Ordinance, M/WBE firms must also satisfy the size standards for being a Small Business Enterprise or SBE as defined herein.

Race-Neutral – any business classification or API wherein the race or gender of business owners is not taken into consideration (e.g., references to SBE programs and APIs that are listed herein under the heading of “Race-Neutral”).

Relevant Marketplace – the geographic market area affecting the S/M/WBE Program as determined for purposes of collecting data for the 2015 Disparity Study, and for determining eligibility for participation under various programs established by the SBEDA Ordinance, is defined as the San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area (SAMSA), currently including the counties of Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall, Medina and Wilson.

Respondent – a vendor submitting a bid, statement of qualifications, or proposal in response to a solicitation issued by the City.

Responsible – a firm which is capable in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and has the integrity and reliability which will assure good faith performance of contract specifications.

Responsive – a firm’s submittal (bid, response or proposal) conforms in all material respects to the solicitation (Invitation for Bid, Request for Qualifications, or Request for Proposal) and shall include compliance with S/M/WBE Program requirements.

San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area (SAMSA) – also known as the Relevant Marketplace, the geographic market area from which the City’s 2015 Disparity Study analyzed contract utilization and availability data for disparity (currently including the counties of Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall, Medina and Wilson).

Segmented M/WBE Goals – the application of multiple goals for M/WBE participation within Annual Aspirational Goals or for M/WBE Subcontracting Goals on an individual City contract wherein an overall combined M/WBE goal is accompanied by subsets of one or more smaller goals. Such segmented goals specifically target the participation of a particular segment of business enterprises owned and Controlled by WBEs or certain Minority Group Members (e.g., African-Americans or Hispanic-Americans) based upon relative availability and significantly greater patterns of underutilization and disparity within an industry as compared to other gender and Minority Group Member categories of M/WBEs. The application of Segmented M/WBE Goals is intended to ensure that those segments of M/WBEs that have been most significantly and persistently underutilized receive a fair measure of remedial assistance.

SBE Directory – a listing of small businesses that have been certified for participation in the City’s SBE Program APIs.

Significant Business Presence – to qualify for this Program, a S/M/WBE must be headquartered or have a *significant business presence* for at least one year within the Relevant Marketplace, defined as: an established place of business in one or more of the eight counties that make up the San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area (SAMSA), from which 20% of its full-time, part-time and contract employees are regularly based, and from which a substantial role in the S/M/WBE’s performance of a Commercially Useful Function is conducted. A location utilized solely as a post office box, mail drop or telephone message center or any combination thereof, with no other substantial work function, shall not be construed to constitute a significant business presence.

Small Business Enterprise (SBE) – a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship or other legal entity for the purpose of making a profit, which is Independently Owned and Operated by Individuals legally residing in, or that are citizens of, the United States or its territories, and which meets the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) size standard for a small business in its particular industry(ies) and meets the Significant Business Presence requirements as defined herein.

Small Business Office (SBO) – the office within the Economic Development Department (EDD) of the City that is primarily responsible for general oversight and administration of the SBEDA Program.

Small Minority Women Business Enterprise Program (S/M/WBE Program) – the combination of SBE Program and M/WBE Program features contained in this Ordinance.

Solicitation Incentives – additional inducements or enhancements in the solicitation process that are designed to increase the chances for the selection of S/M/WBE firms in competition with other firms. Such inducements and enhancements may include such terms as additional contract option years, increased quantities in supply contracts, and evaluation preferences, where not prohibited by law. These solicitation incentives may be applied as appropriate to solicitations, contracts, and letter agreements for Construction, Architecture and Engineering services, Professional Services, Other Services, and Goods & Supplies contracts, including change orders and amendments.

Subcontractor – any vendor or contractor that is providing goods or services to a Prime Contractor in furtherance of the Prime Contractor's performance under a contract or purchase order with the City. A copy of the binding agreement between the Prime Contractor and the Subcontractor shall be submitted prior to the City's issuance of a notice to proceed.

Suspension – the temporary stoppage of an SBE or M/WBE firm's beneficial participation in the City's S/M/WBE Program for a finite period of time due to cumulative contract payments the S/M/WBE firm received during a fiscal year that exceed a certain dollar threshold as set forth in Section III.E.7, or pursuant to the Penalties and Sanctions set forth in Section III.E.13.

Subcontractor/Supplier Utilization Plan – a binding part of this contract agreement which states the CONTRACTOR's commitment for the use of Joint Venture Partners and / or Subcontractors/Suppliers in the performance of this contract agreement, and states the name, scope of work, and dollar value of work to be performed by each of CONTRACTOR's Joint Venture partners and Subcontractors/Suppliers in the course of the performance of this contract, specifying the S/M/WBE Certification category for each Joint Venture partner and Subcontractor/Supplier, as approved by the SBO Manager. Additions, deletions or modifications of the Joint Venture partner or Subcontractor/Supplier names, scopes of work, of dollar values of work to be performed requires an amendment to this agreement to be approved by the EDD Director or designee.

Women Business Enterprises (WBEs) - any legal entity, except a joint venture, that is organized to engage in for-profit transactions, that is certified for purposes of the SBEDA Ordinance as being at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned, managed and Controlled by one or more non-minority women Individuals that are lawfully residing in, or are citizens of, the United States or its territories, that is ready, willing and able to sell goods or services that are purchased by the City and that meets the Significant Business Presence requirements as defined herein. Unless otherwise stated, the term "WBE" as used in this Ordinance is not inclusive of MBEs.

ATTACHMENT F
SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVOCACY (SBEDA) PROGRAM UTILIZATION PLAN
COMMITMENT FORM

Posted as a separate document

ATTACHMENT G

VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS (VOSB) TRACKING FORM

Posted as a separate document

WORKING WITH COSA

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO



Working with COSA ----- Keys to faster payments

Welcome to doing business with the City of San Antonio (COSA)! We appreciate our suppliers and vendors and offer the following guidelines to ensure we are in the best position to process your payments quickly and timely:

- ❖ COSA works on a Purchase Order (PO) system. It is the vendor’s responsibility to obtain a valid Purchase Order from the ordering department each time an order is placed.
 - The PO number is required to be included on all invoices and should be included on shipping documents where possible.
 - City PO numbers begin with “45” or “80” and are 10 digits in length.
 - Invoices received without a valid PO number are subject to return for correct billing.
 - Payment date is determined from the later of: date of receipt of goods/service or the date of receipt of a valid invoice by the City plus the number of days/ payment terms agreed to in the contract.
 - PO’s are issued for a specific quantity and/or dollar value. Vendors should fill orders up to that amount and have a method of tracking when the PO value has been met. When the PO is complete, the vendor should contact the ordering City Department for a new PO number before further goods or services are provided.
 - Please ensure your invoice billing is in the same quantity and net price values as the bid. The PO will be set up per the contract and the invoicing must match the detail on the PO.

- ❖ It is our policy to not make manual corrections to invoices. Most City contracts do not allow miscellaneous charges, delivery charges and other surcharges.
 - Credit memos will be accepted to offset pricing issues.
 - Other erroneous items included may result in rejection of the invoice and will require a new, correct invoice.

- ❖ Original invoices and monthly statements should be submitted directly to Accounts Payable: Please ensure you have rules in place in your system that will prevent unauthorized requests to change the billing address.

By Mail:

City of San Antonio
Finance Department / Accounts Payable
P.O. Box 839976
San Antonio, TX 78283-3976

By Delivery service:

City of San Antonio
Finance Department / Accounts Payable
100 W Houston St.
San Antonio, TX 78205

By Electronic submission: .pdf format is required. Please ensure each invoice is submitted as a separate file and each file name is a unique identifier (no file should have the same name as another file being submitted).

Multiple files may be sent on one e-mail.

Accounts.Payable@sanantonio.gov

Original, first time submission invoices

only apteam@sanantonio.gov

Statements & status inquiries

Please note: Invoices submitted by electronic submission are only considered “original” when the submission comes directly from the vendor to Accounts Payable using this e-mail address. You may courtesy copy departmental personnel on the e-mail if requested.

- ❖ At a minimum, all invoices should include the following fields and information:
 - Vendor name, address and phone number
 - dba name (if applicable)
 - Remit address for payments (if applicable)
 - Ship to name, address and Department Name
 - Invoice number – ensure it is a unique number for each invoice
 - Invoice date
 - Purchase Order number
 - Payment terms including discounts or retainage terms
 - Line item detail for each item ordered including quantity, unit price, total
 - Total invoice amount

*****To prevent FRAUD from occurring, please do not include Banking information on submitted invoices.*****

- ❖ Please ensure COSA receives a legible invoice, the original white or top copy, no colored paper please.
- ❖ The City is sales tax exempt. Please ensure your system is properly maintained to ensure sales tax is not included on your invoices. If you need a State of Texas Sales Tax exemption form, contact the ordering Department.
- ❖ Change of address or change of remittance address notifications should be submitted in writing to vendors@sanantonio.gov or fax to (210) 207-7270 along with appropriate documentation. An updated W-9 showing the new address is required.
- ❖ Each COSA vendor is assigned to a specific AP Specialist, ready to answer your inquiries. For the contact name, please call the Accounts Payable section’s main phone number (210) 207-2064 and ask to be directed.

We thank you for taking the time to review this information and look forward to working with you.

***Finance Department
City of San Antonio***

ATTACHMENT J

CITY HOLIDAYS AND CLOSURES

Holidays are defined as City recognized holidays as published on the City's web site at <http://www.sanantonio.gov/gpa/holidaysandclosures>

ATTACHMENT K

Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SERVICES SECURITY ADDENDUM

The goal of this document is to augment the CJIS Security Policy to ensure adequate security is provided for criminal justice systems while (1) under the control or management of a private entity or (2) connectivity to FBI CJIS Systems has been provided to a private entity (contractor). Adequate security is defined in Office of Management and Budget Circular A- 130 as "security commensurate with the risk and magnitude of harm resulting from the loss, misuse, or unauthorized access to or modification of information."

The intent of this Security Addendum is to require that the Contractor maintain a security program consistent with federal and state laws, regulations, and standards (including the CJIS Security Policy in effect when the contract is executed), as well as with policies and standards established by the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Advisory Policy Board (APB).

This Security Addendum identifies the duties and responsibilities with respect to the installation and maintenance of adequate internal controls within the contractual relationship so that the security and integrity of the FBI's information resources are not compromised. The security program shall include consideration of personnel security, site security, system security, and data security, and technical security.

The provisions of this Security Addendum apply to all personnel, systems, networks and support facilities supporting and/or acting on behalf of the government agency.

1.1 Definitions

1.2 Contracting Government Agency (CGA) - the government agency, whether a Criminal Justice Agency or a Noncriminal Justice Agency, which enters into an agreement with a private contractor subject to this Security Addendum.

1.3 Contractor - a private business, organization or individual which has entered into an agreement for the administration of criminal justice with a Criminal Justice Agency or a Noncriminal Justice Agency.

2.1 Responsibilities of the Contracting Government Agency.

2.2 The CGA will ensure that each Contractor employee receives a copy of the Security Addendum and the CJIS Security Policy and executes an acknowledgment of such receipt and the contents of the Security Addendum. The signed acknowledgments shall remain in the possession of the CGA and available for audit purposes.

3.1 Responsibilities of the Contractor.

3.2 The Contractor will maintain a security program consistent with federal and state laws, regulations, and standards (including the CJIS Security Policy in effect when the contract is executed), as well as with policies and standards established by the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Advisory Policy Board (APB).

4.1 Security Violations.

4.2 The CGA must report security violations to the CJIS Systems Officer (CSO) and the Director, FBI, along with indications of actions taken by the CGA and Contractor.

4.3 Security violations can justify termination of the appended agreement.

4.4 Upon notification, the FBI reserves the right to:

- a. Investigate or decline to investigate any report of unauthorized use;

- b. Suspend or terminate access and services, including telecommunications links. The FBI will provide the CSO with timely written notice of the suspension. Access and services will be reinstated only after satisfactory assurances have been provided to the FBI by the CGA and Contractor. Upon termination, the Contractor's records containing CHRI must be deleted or returned to the CGA.

5.1 Audit

5.2 The FBI is authorized to perform a final audit of the Contractor's systems after termination of the Security Addendum.

6.1 Scope and Authority

6.2 This Security Addendum does not confer, grant, or authorize any rights, privileges, or obligations on any persons other than the Contractor, CGA, CJA (where applicable), CSA, and FBI.

6.3 The following documents are incorporated by reference and made part of this agreement: (1) the Security Addendum; (2) the NCIC 2000 Operating Manual; (3) the CJIS Security Policy; and (4) Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20. The parties are also subject to applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

6.4 The terms set forth in this document do not constitute the sole understanding by and between the parties hereto; rather they augment the provisions of the CJIS Security Policy to provide a minimum basis for the security of the system and contained information and it is understood that there may be terms and conditions of the appended Agreement which impose more stringent requirements upon the Contractor.

6.5 This Security Addendum may only be modified by the FBI and may not be modified by the parties to the appended Agreement without the consent of the FBI.

6.6 All notices and correspondence shall be forwarded by First Class mail to:

Assistant Director
Criminal Justice Information Services Division, FBI 1000 Custer Hollow Road
Clarksburg, West Virginia 26306

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SERVICES SECURITY
CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that I am familiar with the contents of (1) the Security Addendum, including its legal authority and purpose; (2) the NCIC 2000 Operating Manual; (3) the CJIS Security Policy; and (4) Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20, and agree to be bound by their provisions.

I recognize that criminal history record information and related data, by its very nature, is sensitive and has potential for great harm if misused. I acknowledge that access to criminal history record information and related data is therefore limited to the purpose(s) for which a government agency has entered into the contract incorporating this Security Addendum. I understand that misuse of the system by, among other things: accessing it without authorization; accessing it by exceeding authorization; accessing it for an improper purpose; using, disseminating or re-disseminating information received as a result of this contract for a purpose other than that envisioned by the contract, may subject me to administrative and criminal penalties. I understand that accessing the system for an appropriate purpose and then using, disseminating or re-disseminating the information received for another purpose other than execution of the contract also constitutes misuse. I further understand that the occurrence of misuse does not depend upon whether or not I receive additional compensation for such authorized activity. Such exposure for misuse includes, but is not limited to, suspension or loss of employment and prosecution for state and federal crimes.

Signature of Contractor Employee

Date

Printed or Typed Contractor Employee Name

Sex:

Race:

DOB:

State/ID or DL:

Signature of Contractor Representative

Date

Printed or Typed Name of Contractor Representative

Organization Name and Representative's Title

Texas Signatory Page

The undersigned parties agree that the *Security Addendum* is now a part of the contract between the entities. The parties agree to abide by all requirements of the *Security Addendum* and the *CJIS Security Policy*, and it shall remain in force for the term of the contract. Any violation of this addendum constitutes a breach of the contract.

To the extent there is a conflict between a confidentiality clause in the underlying contract and the *Security Addendum* and/or the *CJIS Security Policy*, the *Security Addendum* and the *CJIS Security Policy* shall govern any information covered by the *Security Addendum* and/or the *CJIS Security Policy*.

(To be signed and dated by the vendor and law enforcement agency representative(s) who signed the original contract, or at least who have authority to bind each entity.)

Printed Name of Agency Representative

Signature of Agency Representative

Title

Agency Name and ORI

Date

Printed Name of Vendor (Contractor) Representative

Signature of Vendor (Contractor) Representative

Title

Vendor Organization Name

Date

ATTACHMENT L
PROPOSAL CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to ensure that all required documents have been included in the proposal and appear in the correct order.

Document	Initial to Indicate Document is Attached to Proposal
Table of Contents	
Executive Summary	
General Information and References: RFCSP Attachment A, Part One	
Experience, Background & Qualifications: RFCSP Attachment A, Part Two	
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Litigation Disclosure Form, Attachment D	
*Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Program Utilization Plan Commitment Form, Attachment F	
*Veteran Owned Small Business Preference Program (VOSBPP) Tracking Form, Attachment G	
*Certificate of Interested Parties, Attachment I (HB 1295)	
Financial Information: Financial Statement, Dun and Bradstreet report, or Credit report	
Proof of Insurability: Insurance Provider's Letter, Copy of Current Certificate of Insurance	
*Signature Page - RFCSP Section 007	
Addenda, if any	
Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS), Attachment K	
Proposal Checklist, Attachment L	
One (1) COMPLETE electronic submission.	

***Documents marked with an asterisk on this checklist require a signature.
Be sure they are signed prior to proposal submission.**

ATTACHMENT M

SPRAY PAINT SCHEDULE

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ATTACHMENT N

PLANTING SPECIFICATIONS

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ATTACHMENT O

WATERING SCHEDULE

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