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SECTION B

CONTRACT TYPE, SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICE

B.1 GENERAL INFORMATION

The District of Columbia Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Office of Contracts, on behalf of Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) (the "District") is seeking a Contractor to provide Adobe software and services under a Large Government Agency (LGA) agreement.

B.2 CONTRACT TYPE

The District contemplates award of a Firm Fixed Price Task Order contract.

B.3 <u>DESIGNATION OF SOLICITATION FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</u> SUPPLY SCHEDULE (DCSS)

This solicitation is designated only for certified small business enterprise (SBE) Offerors on the District of Columbia Supply Schedule (DCSS) under the provisions of the "Small, Local, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Act of 2005", effective October 20, 2005 (D.C. Law 16-33; D.C. Official Code § 2-218.01 et seq.) as amended and 27 DCMR § 2100 and 2104. Offerors must be certified and have an active DCSS contract at the time of submittal.

B.3.1 NONPROFIT FAIR COMPENSATION ACT OF 2020, D.C. Code § 2-222.01 et seq.

Nonprofit organizations, as defined in the Act, shall include in their rates the indirect costs incurred in provision of goods or performance of services under this contract pursuant to the nonprofit organization's unexpired Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA). If a nonprofit organization does not have an unexpired NICRA, the nonprofit organization may elect to instead include in its rates its indirect costs:

- (1) As calculated using a de minimis rate of 10% of all direct costs under this contract;
- (2) By negotiating a new percentage indirect cost rate with the awarding agency;
- (3) As calculated with the same percentage indirect cost rate as the nonprofit organization negotiated with any District agency within the past two years; however, a nonprofit organization may request to renegotiate indirect costs rates in accordance with B.3.2; or
- (4) As calculated with a percentage rate and base amount, determined by a certified public accountant using the nonprofit organization's audited financial statements from the immediately preceding fiscal year, pursuant to the OMB Uniform Guidance and certified in writing by the certified public accountant.
- **B.3.2** If this contract is funded by a federal agency, indirect costs shall be consistent with the requirements for pass-through entities in 2 C.F.R. § 200.331, or any successor regulations.

B.3.3 The Contractor shall pay its subcontractors which are nonprofit organizations the same indirect cost rates as the nonprofit organization subcontractors would have received as a prime contractor.

B.4 ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICING

The stated Price Per Unit for each Contract Line Item Number (CLIN) shall be fixed, inclusive of all of the Contractor's direct cost, indirect cost, and profit; including travel, material, and delivery costs. The price shall include all cost associated with the services described in and required by the Contract. The Total Estimated Price shall represent the price ceiling, fixed fee, or not to exceed amount of the Contract.

B.5 PRICE SCHEDULE – FIRM FIXED PRICE

B.5.1 BASE YEAR

Contract Line Item No. (CLIN)	Item Description	Unit	Firm Fixed Unit Price	Quantity	Total Price
001	Adobe Creative Cloud All Apps - Edition 4 for enterprise, Subscription Renewal, Monthly, 1 User, Large Government Agencies - Level 8 5000-9999 (VIP # Req.) 12 Month Term Adobe Inc. (65310105BC08E12)	Each	\$	45	\$
002	Adobe Acrobat Pro for enterprise, Subscription Renewal, Monthly, 1 User, Large Government Agencies - Level 8 5000-9999 (VIP # Req.) 12 Month Term Adobe Inc. 30 (65324170BC08A12)	Each	\$	615	\$
003	Adobe Captivate for Enterprise, Subscription Renewal Monthly, 1 User, Large Government Agencies - Level 8 5000-9999 (VIP # Reg.) 12 Month Term Adobe Inc. 30 (65297383BC08B12)	Each	\$	25	\$
Grand Total					\$

SECTION C

DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS/WORK STATEMENT

C.1 SCOPE

The District of Columbia Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Office of Contracts, on behalf of Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) (the "District") is seeking a Contractor to provide Adobe software and services under a Large Government Agency (LGA) agreement.

C.2 <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

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C.3 <u>BACKGROUND</u>

The Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) is the technology organization for the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) of the District of Columbia. OCIO acquires, develops, enhances, and maintains financial systems and tools that help to enforce the financial policies and laws that govern the District and enable timely and accurate reporting of the District's financial status.

The OCIO routinely research the IT industry for delivering world class technology services for the OCFO workforce and citizens of the District regarding financial systems (i.e., budget, payroll, business intelligence, core financials, integrated tax solutions, enterprise information systems, etc.) that provide accurate and timely information, as well as new tools and infrastructures.

C.4 REQUIREMENTS

- C.4.1 The Contractor shall provide services and software under an Adobe Large Government Agency Agreement ("LGA") agreement. The LGA shall include Creative Cloud Application, Acrobat DC and Adobe Captivate for Enterprise as specified section B.6 of this document.
- C.4.2 The Contractor shall be an authorized reseller of the required products and maintain certification throughout the term of the contract. The contractor shall provide documentation from Adobe that authorizes them to resell the required items under a Large Government Agreement (LGA).

SECTION D

PACKAGING AND MARKING

D.1 PACKAGING

All reports and deliverables that are in "hard copy" and physically transported through the U.S. mail or private courier services are to be securely packaged using the Contractor's best practices.

D.2 MARKING

- D.2.1 Unless otherwise specified herein, all reports and deliverables delivered under this contract must be plainly marked, stating the Contractor's name, contract number and addressed to the recipient, including the name of the office or floor, and the recipient's office telephone number as noted in the contract.
- D.2.2 In case of carload lots, the Contractor shall tag the car, stating Contractor's name and contract number. Any failure to comply with these instructions will place the material at the Contractor's risk.
- D.2.3 Deliveries by rail, water, truck or otherwise, must be within the working hours and in ample time to allow for unloading and if necessary, the storing of the materials or supplies before closing time. Deliveries at any other time will not be accepted unless specific arrangements have been previously made with the contact person identified in the contract at the delivery point.

SECTION E

INSPECTION, ACCEPTANCE AND WARRANTY OF SERVICES

E.1 <u>INSPECTION</u>

E.1.1 All supplies and services provided by the Contractor under this contract shall be subject to inspection by the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative ("COTR") identified in Section G.1 (b).

E.1.2 Inspection of Supplies

- (a) <u>Definition</u>. "Supplies," as used in this clause, includes, but is not limited to raw materials, components, intermediate assemblies, end products, and lots of supplies.
- (b) The Contractor shall be responsible for the materials or supplies covered by this contract until they are delivered at the designated point, but the Contractor shall bear all risk on rejected materials or supplies after notification of rejection. Upon the Contractor's failure to cure within ten (10) days after date of notification, the District may return the rejected materials or supplies to the Contractor at the Contractor's risk and expense.
- (c) The Contractor shall provide and maintain an inspection system acceptable to the District covering supplies under this contract and shall tender to the District for acceptance only supplies that have been inspected in accordance with the inspection system and have been found by the Contractor to be in conformity with contract requirements. As part of the system, the Contractor shall prepare records evidencing all inspections made under the system and the outcome. These records shall be kept complete and made available to the District during contract performance and for as long afterwards as the contract requires. The District may perform reviews and evaluations as reasonably necessary to ascertain compliance with this paragraph. These reviews and evaluations shall be conducted in a manner that will not unduly delay the contract work. The right of review, whether exercised or not, does not relieve the Contractor of the obligations under this contract.
- (d) The District has the right to inspect and test all supplies called for by the contract, to the extent practicable, at all places and times, including the period of manufacture, and in any event before acceptance. The District will perform inspections and tests in a manner that will not unduly delay the work. The District assumes no contractual obligation to perform any inspection and test for the benefit of the Contractor unless specifically set forth elsewhere in the contract.
- (e) If the District performs inspection or test on the premises of the Contractor or subcontractor, the Contractor shall furnish, and shall require subcontractors to furnish, without additional charge, all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safe and convenient performance of these duties. Except as otherwise provided in the contract, the District will bear the expense of District inspections or tests made at other than Contractor's or subcontractor's premises; provided, that in case of rejection, the District will not be liable for any reduction in the value of inspection or test samples.
 - (1) When supplies are not ready at the time specified by the Contractor for inspection or test, the Contracting Officer may charge the Contractor the

- additional cost of inspection or test.
- (2) Contracting Officer may also charge the Contractor for any additional cost of inspection or test when prior rejection makes re-inspection or retest.
- (f) The District has the right either to reject or to require correction of nonconforming supplies. Supplies are nonconforming when they are defective in material or workmanship or otherwise not in conformity with contract requirements. The District may reject nonconforming supplies with or without disposition instructions.
- (g) The Contractor shall remove supplies rejected or required to be corrected. However, the Contracting Officer may require or permit correction in place, promptly after notice, by and at the expense of the Contractor. The Contractor shall not tender for acceptance corrected or rejected supplies without disclosing the former rejection or requirement for correction, and when required, shall disclose the corrective action taken.
- (h) If the Contractor fails to remove, replace, or correct rejected supplies that are required to be replaced or corrected within ten (10) days, the District may either (1) by contract or otherwise, remove, replace or correct the supplies and charge the cost to the Contractor or (2) terminate the contract for default. Unless the Contractor corrects or replaces the supplies within the delivery schedule, the Contracting Officer may require their delivery and make an equitable price reduction. Failure to agree to a price reduction shall be a dispute.
- (i) If this contract provides for the performance of District quality assurance at source, and if requested by the District, the Contractor shall furnish advance notification of the time (i) when Contractor inspection or tests will be performed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract, and (ii) when the supplies will be ready for District inspection.
- (j) The District request shall specify the period and method of the advance notification and the District representative to whom it shall be furnished. Requests shall not require more than 2 business days of advance notification if the District representative is in residence in the Contractor's plant, nor more than 7 business days in other instances.
- (k) The District will accept or reject supplies as promptly as practicable after delivery, unless otherwise provided in the contract. District failure to inspect and accept or reject the supplies shall not relieve the Contractor from responsibility, nor impose liability upon the District, for non-conforming supplies.
- (1) Inspections and tests by the District do not relieve the Contractor of responsibility for defects or other failures to meet contract requirements discovered before acceptance. Acceptance shall be conclusive, except for latent defects, fraud, gross mistakes amounting to fraud, or as otherwise provided in the contract.
- (m) If acceptance is not conclusive for any of the reasons in subparagraph (l) hereof, the District, in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law, or under provisions of this contract, shall have the right to require the Contractor (1) at no increase in contract price, to correct or replace the defective or nonconforming supplies at the original point—of delivery or at the Contractor's plant at the Contracting Officer's election, and in accordance with a reasonable delivery schedule as may be agreed upon between the Contractor and the Contracting Officer; provided, that the Contracting Officer may require a reduction in contract price if the Contractor fails to meet such delivery schedule, or (2) within a reasonable time after receipt by the Contractor of notice of defects or noncompliance, to repay such portion of the contract as is equitable under the circumstances if the Contracting Officer elects not to require correction or

replacement. When supplies are returned to the Contractor, the Contractor shall bear the transportation cost from the original point of delivery to the Contractor's plant and return to the original point when that point is not the Contractor's plant. If the Contractor fails to perform or act as required in (1) or (2) above and does not cure such failure within a period of 10 days (or such longer period as the Contracting Officer may authorize in writing) after receipt of notice from the Contracting Officer specifying such failure, the District will have the right to return the rejected materials at Contractor's risk and expense or contract or otherwise to replace or correct such supplies and charge to the Contractor the cost occasioned the District thereby.

E.1.3 Inspection of Services

- (a) Definition. "Services" as used in this clause includes services performed, workmanship, and material furnished or utilized in the performance of services.
- (b) The Contractor shall provide and maintain an inspection system acceptable to the District covering the services under this contract. Complete records of all inspection work performed by the Contractor shall be maintained and made available to the District during contract performance and for as long afterwards as the contract requires.
- (c) The District has the right to inspect and test all services called for by the contract, to the extent practicable at all times and places during the term of the contract. The District will perform inspections and tests in a manner that will not unduly delay the work.
- (d) If the District performs inspections or tests on the premises of the Contractor or subcontractor, the Contractor shall furnish, without additional charge, all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safety and convenient performance of these duties.
- (e) If any of the services do not conform to the contract requirements, the District may require the Contractor to perform these services again in conformity with contract requirements, at no increase in contract amount. When the defects in services cannot be corrected by performance, the District may require the Contractor to take necessary action to ensure that future performance conforms to contract requirements and reduce the contract price to reflect value of services performed. If the Contractor fails to promptly perform the services again or take the necessary action to ensure future performance in conformity to contract requirements, the District may (1) by contract or otherwise, perform the services and charge the Contractor any cost incurred by the District that is directly related to the performance of such services, or (2) terminate the contract for default.

E.2 ACCEPTANCE

Acceptance of all products and services provided under this contract shall be performed by the COTR. Acceptance means approval by the COTR of specific services as partial or complete performance of the contract.

E.3 WARRANTY OF SERVICES

E.3.1 The time period for this warranty provision is the life of the contract plus all active options and extensions.

E.3.2 Warranty Provision:

- (a) Notwithstanding inspection and acceptance by the District or any provision concerning the conclusiveness thereof, the Contractor warrants that all services performed under this contract will, at the time of acceptance, be free from defects in workmanship and conform to the requirements of this contract. The Contracting Officer shall give written notice of any defect or nonconformance to the Contractor within 30 days from the date of discovery. This notice shall state either:
 - (1) That the Contractor shall correct or re-perform any defective or nonconforming services; or
 - (2) That the District does not require correction or reperformance.
- (b) If the Contractor is required to correct or reperform, it shall be at no cost to the District, and any services corrected or reperformed by the Contractor shall be subject to this clause to the same extent as work initially performed. If the Contractor fails or refuses to correct or reperform, the Contracting Officer may, by contract or otherwise, correct or replace with similar services and charge to the Contractor the cost occasioned to the District thereby, or make an equitable adjustment in the contract price.
- (c) If the District does not require correction or reperformance, the Contracting Officer shall make an equitable adjustment in the contract price.

SECTION F

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE AND DELIVERABLES

F.1 TERM OF CONTRACT

The term of the contract shall be for a period of one year from the Contract Effective Date.

F.2 RESERVED

F.3 <u>DELIVERABLES</u>

F.3.1 The Contractor shall perform the activities required to successfully complete the District's requirements and submit each deliverable to the COTR identified in Section G in accordance with Section C.

SECTION G

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

G.1 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATORS

(a) Contracting Officer

i. The Contracting Officer (or "CO") for this contract is:

Anthony A. Stover, CPPO Contracting Officer Office of the Chief Financial Officer 1100 4th St. SW Suite E620 Washington, DC 20024 Telephone: (202) 442-7122

Fax: 202-442-6454

E-mail address: Anthony.stover@dc.gov

- ii. The Contracting Officer is the only official authorized to legally bind the District and make changes to the requirements, terms and conditions of this contract. Only the Contracting Officer can increase, decrease, extend or terminate this contract. All other changes are unauthorized.
- iii. The Contractor shall not comply with any order, directive or request that changes or modifies the requirements of this contract, unless issued in writing and signed by the Contracting Officer.
- iv. In the event the Contractor effects any change at the instruction or request of any person other than the Contracting Officer, the change will be considered to have been made without authority and no adjustment will be made in the contract price to cover any cost increase incurred as a result thereof.

(b) Contracting Officer Technical Representative (COTR)

i. The COTR for this contract is:

Lisa Pierson Contracting Officer Technical Representative (COTR) Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) 1100 4th St. SW E620 Washington, DC 20024 (202) 442-6352 lisa.pierson@dc.gov

ii. The COTR is responsible for general administration of the contract and advising the Contracting Officer as to the Contractor's compliance or noncompliance with the contract. The COTR has the responsibility of ensuring the work conforms to the

requirements of the contract and such other responsibilities and authorities as may be specified in the contract. These include:

- a. Keeping the Contracting Officer fully informed of any technical or contractual difficulties encountered during the performance period and advising the Contracting Officer of any potential problem areas under the contract;
- b. Coordinating site entry for Contractor personnel, if applicable;
- c. Reviewing invoices for completed work and approving invoices if the Contractor's costs are consistent with the negotiated amounts and progress is satisfactory and commensurate with the rate of expenditure;
- d. Reviewing and approving invoices for deliverables to ensure receipt of goods and services.
- e. Timely processing of invoices and vouchers in accordance with the District's payment provisions; and
- f. Maintaining a file that includes all contract correspondence, modifications, records of inspections and invoice or vouchers.
- iii. The COTR does NOT have the authority to:
 - a. Award, agree to, or sign any contract, delivery order or task order. Only the Contracting Officer shall make contractual agreements, commitments or modifications;
 - b. Grant deviations from or waive any of the terms and conditions of the contract;
 - c. Increase the dollar limit of the contract or authorize work beyond the dollar limit of the contract,
 - d. Authorize the expenditure of funds by the Contractor;
 - e. Change the period of performance; or
 - f. Authorize the use of District property, except as specified under the contract.
- iv. The Contractor will be fully responsible for any changes not authorized in advance, in writing, by the Contracting Officer; may be denied compensation or other relief for any additional work performed that is not so authorized; and may also be required, at no additional cost to the District, to take all corrective action necessitated by reason of the unauthorized changes.

G.2 INVOICE PAYMENT

G.2.1 The District will make payments to the Contractor, upon the submission of proper invoices, at the prices stipulated in this contract, for supplies delivered and accepted or services performed and accepted, less any discounts, allowances or adjustments provided for in this contract.

- G.2.2 The District will pay the Contractor on or before the 30th day after receiving a proper invoice from the Contractor. The District reserves the right to conduct post payment reviews or audits.
- G.2.3 Unless otherwise specified in this contract, and with presentation of a properly executed invoice:
 - a) Payment will be made on completion and acceptance of each item for which the price is stated in the Pricing Schedule in Section B,
 - b) Payment will be made on completion and acceptance of each percentage or milestone of work in accordance with the prices stated in the Pricing Schedule in Section B, or
 - c) Payment may be made on partial deliveries of goods and services accepted by the District if the Contractor requests it and the amount due on the deliveries warrants it as determined by the District.

G.3 <u>INVOICE SUBMITTAL</u>

- **G.3.1** The Contractor shall create and submit payment requests in an electronic format through the DC Vendor Portal, https://vendorportal.dc.gov
- **G.3.2** The Contractor shall submit proper invoices on a monthly basis or as otherwise specified in Section G.4.
- **G.3.3** To constitute a proper invoice, the Contractor shall enter all required information into the Portal after selecting the applicable purchase order number which is listed on the Contractor's profile.

G.4 THE QUICK PAYMENT ACT

G.4.1 Interest Penalties to Contractors

- G.4.1.1 The District will pay interest penalties on amounts due to the Contractor under the Quick Payment Act, D.C. Official Code § 2-221.01 *et seq.*, as amended, for the period beginning on the day after the required payment date and ending on the date on which payment of the amount is made. Interest shall be calculated at the rate of at least 1% per month. No interest penalty shall be paid if payment for the completed delivery of the item of property or service is made on or before the required payment date. The required payment date shall be:
- G.4.1.1.1 The date on which payment is due under the terms of this contract;

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G.4.1.1.3 *Intentionally Deleted*

G.4.1.1.4 30 calendar days, excluding legal holidays, after receipt of a proper invoice for the amount of the payment due.

G.4.1.2 No interest penalty shall be due to the Contractor if payment for the completed delivery of goods or services is made on or before:

G.4.1.2.1 *Intentionally Deleted*

G.4.1.2.2 *Intentionally Deleted* or

- G.4.1.2.3 15th day after any other required payment date.
- G.4.1.3 Any amount of an interest penalty which remains unpaid at the end of any 30-day period shall be added to the principal amount of the debt and thereafter interest penalties shall accrue on the added amount.

G.4.2 Payments to Subcontractors

- G.4.2.1 The Contractor shall take one of the following actions within seven (7) days of receipt of any amount paid to the Contractor by the District for work performed by any subcontractor under the contract:
- G.4.2.1.1 Pay the subcontractor(s) for the proportionate share of the total payment received from the District that is attributable to the subcontractor(s) for work performed under the contract; or
- G.4.2.1.2 Notify the CO and the subcontractor(s), in writing, of the Contractor's intention to withhold all or part of the subcontractor's payment and state the reason for the nonpayment.
- G.4.2.2 The Contractor shall pay subcontractors or suppliers interest penalties on amounts due to the subcontractor or supplier beginning on the day after the payment is due and ending on the date on which the payment is made. Interest shall be calculated at the rate of at least 1% per month. No interest penalty shall be paid on the following if payment for the completed delivery of the item of property or service is made on or before the:

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- G.4.2.2.3 15th day after any other required payment date.
- G.4.2.3 Any amount of an interest penalty which remains unpaid by the Contractor at the end of any 30-day period shall be added to the principal amount of the debt to the subcontractor and thereafter interest penalties shall accrue on the added amount.
- G.4.2.4 A dispute between the Contractor and subcontractor relating to the amounts or entitlement of a subcontractor to a payment or a late payment interest penalty under the Quick Payment Act does not constitute a dispute to which the District is a party. The District may not be interpleaded in any judicial or administrative proceeding involving such a dispute.

G.4.3 Subcontract requirements

- G.4.3.1 The Contractor shall include in each subcontract under this contract a provision requiring the subcontractor to include in its contract with any lower-tier subcontractor or supplier the payment and interest clauses required under paragraphs (1) and (2) of D.C. Official Code § 2-221.02(d).
- G.4.3.2 The Contractor shall include in each subcontract under this contract a provision that obligates the Contractor, at the election of the subcontractor, to participate in negotiation or mediation as an alternative to administrative or judicial resolution of a dispute between them.

G.5 ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT PAYMENTS

- G. 5.1 The Contractor may assign funds due or to become due as a result of the performance of this contract to a bank, trust company, or other financing institution.
- G.5.2 Any assignment shall cover all unpaid amounts payable under this contract, and shall not be made to more than one party.
- G.5.3 Notwithstanding an assignment of contract payments, the Contractor, not the assignee, is required to prepare invoices. Where such an assignment has been made, the original copy of the invoice must refer to the assignment and must show that payment of the invoice is to be made directly to the assignee as follows:

"Pursuant to the instrument of assignment dated	, make payment of this invoice to
(name and address of assignee)."	

SECTION H

SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

H.1 STAFFING

The Contractor shall not employ or permit the employment of any unfit or unqualified person or persons not skilled in the tasks assigned to them by the contractor. The Contractor shall at all times employ sufficient labor to carry out functions and services in the manner and time prescribed by the Contract. The Contractor shall be responsible to the District for all acts and omissions of the Contractor's employees, agents and subcontractors and the Contractor shall enforce strict discipline among the Contractor's employees, agents and subcontractors performing the services under the Contract. Employees, agents and subcontractors of the Contractor shall, at the written request of the District, and within the District's sole discretion, be removed immediately by the Contractor from work relating to the Contract.

H.2 SUBCONTRACTS

The Contractor hereunder shall not subcontract any of the Contractor's work or services to any subcontractor without the prior, written consent of the Contracting Officer in consultation with the COTR. Any such subcontract shall specify that the Contractor and the subcontractor shall be subject to every provision of this Contract. Notwithstanding any such subcontract approved by the District, the Contractor shall remain liable to the District for all Contractor's work and services required hereunder, including any work conducted by a subcontractor.

H.3 RESERVED

H.4 WARRANTIES

- H.4.1 The Contractor warrants and agrees that it is lawfully organized and constituted under all federal, state and local laws, ordinances and other authorities of its domicile and is otherwise in full compliance with all legal requirements of its domicile.
- H.4.2 The Contractor warrants and agrees that it is of legal authority and capacity to enter into and perform under the Contract, and that it has the financial ability to perform its obligations under such Contract.
- H.4.3 The Contractor warrants and agrees that it has been duly authorized to operate and do business in all places where it will be required to do business under the Contract that it has obtained or will obtain all necessary licenses and permits required in connection with such Contract; and that it will fully comply with all laws, decrees, labor standards and regulations of its domicile and wherever performance occurs during the term of such Contract.
- H.4.4 The Contractor warrants and agrees that it has no present interest and shall not acquire any interest which would conflict in any manner with its duties and obligations under the Contract.

- H.4.5 The Contractor warrants and agrees that all systems analysis, systems design and programming pursuant to the Contract or for use in its performance there under has been and shall be prepared or done in a high quality, professional and competent manner using only qualified personnel.
- H.4.6 The Contractor further represents and warrants that all programs implemented in its performance under the contract shall meet the performance standards required there under and shall correctly and accurately perform their intended functions on the equipment supplied by the District or Contractor.
- H.4.7 The Contractor warrants and agrees that all services provided by it under the Contract shall be performed in a prompt, high quality, professional and competent manner using only qualified personnel.
- H.4.8 The Contractor warrants and agrees that it will not take any action inconsistent with any of the terms, conditions, agreements, or covenants set forth in this Contract without the express written consent of the District.
- H.4.9 The Contractor warrants and agrees that it shall keep all equipment in good condition and repair, and shall not permit anything to be done that may materially impair the value thereof. The Contractor shall use such equipment only in the ordinary course of its performance under the Contract and shall not permit such equipment to be used in violation of any applicable law, regulation or policy of insurance. The Contractor agrees to develop a maintenance and replacement schedule subject to approval by the District and agrees to comply with that schedule.
- H.4.10 The Contractor warrants and agrees that it shall not sell, assign, lease, transfer, pledge, hypothecate, or otherwise dispose of any component of any goods, system proposed in the Contract or any interest therein, or permit any of it to become a fixture or accession to other goods or property without the prior written consent of the District.

H.5 DISCLOSURE OF LITIGATION

The Contractor shall provide complete disclosure of any material civil or criminal litigation or indictment either threatened or pending involving the Contractor. The Contractor shall also disclose any material litigation threatened or pending for subcontractors, consultants, and/or lobbyists. For purposes of this section, material refers to any action or pending action that a reasonable person knowledgeable in the industry would consider relevant or any development such a person would want to be aware of in order to stay fully apprised of the total mix of information relevant to the industry and its operations. This is a continuing disclosure requirement; any litigation commencing after submission of a response to a solicitation or execution of a contract shall be disclosed in a written statement within fifteen (15) days of its occurrence. The Contractor shall be required to file with the District comprehensive monthly reports regarding all threatened or pending litigation involving the Contractor's District of Columbia operations and all threatened or pending litigation that may be considered material to the overall operations of the Contractor.

H.6 CONTINUITY OF SERVICES

The Contractor recognizes that the services provided under this contract are vital to the District of Columbia and must be continued without interruption and that, upon contract expiration or termination, a successor, either the District Government or another Contractor, at the District's option, may continue to provide these services. If another Contractor is awarded a future contract for performance of the required services, the original Contractor shall cooperate fully with the District and the new Contractor in any transition activities that the Contracting Officer deems necessary during the term of the contract. To that end, the Contractor agrees to exercise its best efforts and cooperation to effect an orderly and efficient transition to a successor.

H.7 BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS AND OTHER INTEGRITY REQUIREMENTS

- H.7.1 The District may initiate investigations into the backgrounds of any of the Contractor's officers, principals, investors, owners, employees, vendors, subcontractors, or subcontractors' officers, principals, owners, employees or vendors, or any other associates of the Contractor(s) it deems appropriate. Such background investigations may include the completion of certain documents, and fingerprint identification by appropriate law enforcement agencies.
- H.7.2 The Contractor agrees that, during the term of the Contract and any renewal thereof, it shall be obligated to provide such information about its officers, directors, employees and owners, as well as all information about its subcontractors' officers, directors, employees and owners, as the District may prescribe. The Contractor also agrees that the District may conduct background investigations of such persons.
- H.7.3 The District may also require that contractors (1) fully cooperate with official inquiries by responding to questions truthfully and under oath when required, whether orally or in writing, (2) provide documents and other information of official interest, and (3) attend integrity training.
- H.7.4 To advise Contractor individuals of the high expectation of integrity, in addition to Attachment J.2, Doing Business with Integrity, all Contractor personnel, including direct or indirect employees and any employed by a subcontractor, assigned to the Contract shall be subject to annually attend the OCFO/OIO Integrity and Ethics Training at the District's direction. The training may be in-person and last up to four hours or may be web-based and last up to two hours.

H.8 <u>DIVERSION, REASSIGNMENT AND REPLACEMENT OF KEY PERSONNEL</u>

The key personnel specified in the contract are considered to be essential to the work being performed hereunder. Prior to diverting any of the specified key personnel for any reason, the Contractor shall notify the CO at least thirty (30) calendar days in advance and shall submit justification, including proposed substitutions, in sufficient detail to permit evaluation of the impact upon the contract. The Contractor shall obtain written approval of the CO for any proposed substitution of key personnel.

H.9 ADVISORY AND ASSISTANCE SERVICES

This contract is a "non-personal services contract". The Contractor and the Contractor's employees: (1) shall perform the services specified herein as independent contractors, not as employees of the government; (2) shall be responsible for their own management and administration of the work required and bear sole responsibility for complying with any and all technical, schedule, financial requirements or constraints attendant to the performance of this contract; (3) shall be free from supervision or control by any government employee with respect to the manner or method of performance of the service specified; but (4) shall, pursuant to the government's right and obligation to inspect, accept or reject work, comply with such general direction of the CO, or the duly authorized representative of the CO as is necessary to ensure accomplishment of the contract objectives.

H.10 OCFO/OCIO CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING

In the OCFO's ongoing effort to protect OCFO data, networks and computers against cyber attackers all Contractor personnel, including direct or indirect employees and any employed by a subcontractor, assigned to the Contract shall take and must pass the OCFO/OCIO Cybersecurity Awareness Training at the District's direction. The training is web-based, designed to heighten cybersecurity awareness so that the OCFO is less likely to become a victim of cybercrimes. The training is typically completed in one to two hours. The training shall be taken and must be passed annually by all Contractor personnel, during the term of the Contract.

SECTION I

CONTRACT CLAUSES

I.1 LAWS AND REGULATIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

To the extent applicable, the provisions of the following acts, together with the provisions of applicable regulations made pursuant to said acts are hereby incorporated by reference into this contract; together with the laws and regulations of the District of Columbia:

- A. Contract Work Standards Act of August 13, 1962, also known as the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act of 1962, 76 Stat. 357-360.
- B. Buy American Act, Act of March 3, 1983, c.212, Title III, 47 Stat. 1520, as amended.
- C. Walsh-Healy Public Contracts Act, Act of June 30, 1936, c.881, 49 Stat. 2036, as amended. (Applies only when contract is \$10,000 or more).
- D. Mayor's Order 85-85, dated June 10, 1985, as amended, entitled: "Compliance with Equal Opportunity Obligations in Contracts."
- E. Public Law 93-112, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504, as amended.
- F. Mayor's Order 83-265, dated November 9, 1983 entitled: Employment Agreement Goals and Objectives for all District of Columbia Projects."
- G. D.C. Law 5-93, dated May 9, 1984, the First Source Employment Agreement Act of 1984.
- H. Protecting Pregnant Workers Fairness Act of 2016, D.C. Official Code § 32-1231.01 et seq. (PPWF Act).
- I. Unemployed Anti-Discrimination Act of 2012, D.C. Official Code § 32-1361 et seq.
- J. Fair Criminal Record Screening Amendment Act of 2014, effective December 17, 2014 (D.C. Law 20-152)
- K. Title I of the Way to Work Amendment Act of 2006, effective June 8, 2006 (D.C. Law 16-118, D.C. Official Code §2-220.01 et seq.), as amended, ("Living Wage Act of 2006") which applies to all contracts for services in the amount \$100,000 or more in a 12-month period. The current living wage rate, the Living Wage Act Fact Sheet which includes exemption information, and the Living Wage Act Poster may be found at https://does.dc.gov/service/office-wage-hour-compliance-0 or contact the Department of Employment Services at (202) 724-7000.

I.2 – I.15 RESERVED

I.16 NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

- A. The Contractor shall maintain as confidential, and shall not disclose to third parties without the District's prior written consent, any District information including, but not limited to, the District's business activities, practices, systems, conditions, products, services, public information and education plans and related materials, and game and marketing plans.
- B. The Contractor shall at all times obtain the prior written approval from the Contracting Officer before it, any of its officers, agents, employees or subcontractors, either during or after expiration or termination of the contract, make any statement, or issue any material, for publication through any medium of communication, bearing on the work performed or data collected under this contract.
- C. No information regarding the Contractor's performance of the contract shall be disclosed by the Contractor to anyone other than District Government officials unless written approval is obtained in advance from the Contracting Officer.
- D. The District shall ensure that its personnel do not disclose to any non-District person or organization information concerning the process the Contractor uses to provide services under the awarded contract.

I.17 GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

Contractor use of Government property shall be governed by Chapter 41 of Title 27 of the D.C. Municipal Regulations.

I.18 – I.23 RESERVED

1.24 CONTRACTS IN EXCESS OF \$1 MILLION DOLLARS

Any contract in excess of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) within a 12-month period shall not be binding or give rise to any claim or demand against the District unless first approved by the Council of the District of Columbia and signed by the Contracting Officer.

I.25 CONTRACTS THAT CROSS FISCAL YEARS

Continuation of this contract beyond the current fiscal year is contingent upon future fiscal appropriations.

I.26 RESERVED

I.27 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990 ("ADA")

During the performance of the contract, the Contractor and any of its subcontractors shall comply with the ADA. The ADA makes it unlawful to discriminate in employment against a qualified individual with a disability. See 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.

- I.28 RESERVED
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I.30 INSURANCE

A. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS. The Contractor at its sole expense shall procure and maintain, during the entire period of performance under this contract, the types of insurance specified below. The Contractor shall have its insurance broker or insurance company submit a Certificate of Insurance to the CO giving evidence of the required coverage prior to commencing performance under this contract. In no event shall any work be performed until the required Certificates of Insurance signed by an authorized representative of the insurer(s) have been provided to, and accepted by, the CO. All insurance shall be written with financially responsible companies authorized to do business in the District of Columbia or in the jurisdiction where the work is to be performed and have an A.M. Best Company rating of A-/VII or higher. The Contractor shall require all of its subcontractors to carry the same insurance required herein.

All required policies shall contain a waiver of subrogation provision in favor of the Government of the District of Columbia.

The Government of the District of Columbia shall be included in all policies required hereunder to be maintained by the Contractor and its subcontractors (except for workers' compensation, professional liability and crime) as an additional insureds for claims against The Government of the District of Columbia relating to this contract, with the understanding that any affirmative obligation imposed upon the insured Contractor or its subcontractors (including without limitation the liability to pay premiums) shall be the sole obligation of the Contractor or its subcontractors, and not the additional insured. The additional insured status under the Contractor's and its subcontractors' Commercial General Liability insurance policies shall be effected using the ISO Additional Insured Endorsement form CG 20 10 11 85 (or CG 20 10 07 04 and CG 20 37 07 04) or such other endorsement or combination of endorsements providing coverage at least as broad and approved by the CO in writing. The Contractor and its subcontractors' liability policies (except for workers' compensation, professional liability, and crime) shall be endorsed using ISO form CG 20 01 04 13 or its equivalent so as to indicate that such policies provide primary coverage (without any right of contribution by any other insurance, reinsurance or self-insurance, including any deductible or retention, maintained by an Additional Insured) for all claims against the additional insured arising out of the performance of this Statement of Work by the Contractor or its subcontractors, or anyone for whom the Contractor or its subcontractors may be liable. These policies shall include a separation of insureds clause applicable to the additional insured.

If the Contractor and/or its subcontractors maintain broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown below, the District requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or the higher limits maintained by the Grantee and subcontractors.

1. <u>Commercial General Liability Insurance ("CGL")</u> - The Contractor shall provide evidence satisfactory to the CO with respect to the services performed that it carries a CGL policy,

written on an occurrence (not claims-made) basis, on Insurance Services Office, Inc. ("ISO") form CG 00 01 04 13 (or another occurrence-based form with coverage at least as broad and approved by the CO in writing), covering liability for all ongoing and completed operations of the Contractor, including ongoing and completed operations under all subcontracts, and covering claims for bodily injury, including without limitation sickness, disease or death of any persons, injury to or destruction of property, including loss of use resulting therefrom, personal and advertising injury, and including coverage for liability arising out of an Insured Contract (including the tort liability of another assumed in a contract) and acts of terrorism (whether caused by a foreign or domestic source). Such coverage shall have limits of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence, a \$2,000,000 general aggregate (including a per location or per project aggregate limit endorsement, if applicable) limit, a \$1,000,000 personal and advertising injury limit, and a \$2,000,000 products-completed operations aggregate limit.

- 2. <u>Automobile Liability Insurance</u> The Contractor shall provide evidence satisfactory to the CO of commercial (business) automobile liability insurance written on ISO form CA 00 01 10 13 (or another form with coverage at least as broad and approved by the CO in writing) including coverage for all owned, hired, borrowed and non-owned vehicles and equipment used by the Contractor, with minimum per accident limits equal to the greater of (i) the limits set forth in the Contractor's commercial automobile liability policy or (ii) \$1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage.
- 3. i) Workers' Compensation Insurance The Contractor shall provide evidence satisfactory to the CO of Workers' Compensation insurance in accordance with the statutory mandates of the District of Columbia or the jurisdiction in which the contract is performed.
 - ii) <u>Employer's Liability Insurance</u> The Contractor shall provide evidence satisfactory to the CO of employer's liability insurance as follows: \$500,000 per accident for injury; \$500,000 per employee for disease; and \$500,000 for policy disease limit.
 - iii) All insurance required by this paragraph 3 shall include a waiver of subrogation endorsement for the benefit of Government of the District of Columbia.
- 4. <u>Crime Insurance (3rd Party Indemnity)</u> The Contractor shall provide a Crime policy including 3rd party fidelity to cover the dishonest acts of Contractor, its employees and/or volunteers which result in a loss to the District. The policy shall provide a limit of \$100,000 per occurrence.
- 5. Cyber Liability Insurance The Contractor shall provide evidence satisfactory to the Contracting Officer of Cyber Liability Insurance, with limits not less than \$5,000,000 per occurrence or claim, \$5,000,000 aggregate. Coverage shall be sufficiently broad to respond to the duties and obligations as is undertaken by Contractor in this agreement and shall include, but not limited to, claims involving infringement of intellectual property, including but not limited to infringement of copyright, trademark, trade dress, invasion of privacy violations, information theft, damage to or destruction of electronic information, release of private information, alteration of electronic information, extortion and network security. The policy shall provide coverage for breach response costs as well as regulatory fines and

- penalties as well as credit monitoring expenses with limits sufficient to respond to these obligations. This insurance requirement will be considered met if the general liability insurance includes an affirmative cyber endorsement for the required amounts and coverages. Shared limits with the Professional Liability coverage will be acceptable.
- 6. Employment Practices Liability The Contractor shall provide evidence satisfactory to the Contracting Officer with respect to the operations performed to cover the defense of claims arising from employment related wrongful acts including but not limited to: Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, Wrongful Termination, or Workplace Torts, whether between employees of contractor or against third parties. Employment Practices Liability coverage must specifically state Third Party Liability coverage is included. Contractor will indemnify and defend the District of Columbia should it be named co-defendant or be subject to or party of any claim. Coverage shall also extend to Temporary Help Firms and Independent Contractors hired by Contractor. The policy shall provide limits of not less than \$1,000,000 for each wrongful act and \$2,000,000 annual aggregate for each wrongful act.
- 7. <u>Installation Floater Insurance</u> For projects involving District property being installed, fabricated or erected by a contractor, the contractor shall provide an installation floater policy with a limit equal to the full contract value. The policy shall cover property while located at the project site, at temporary locations, or in transit; deductibles will be the sole responsibility of the contractor.
- 8. Professional Liability Insurance (Errors & Omissions) The Contractor shall provide Professional Liability Insurance (Errors and Omissions) to cover liability resulting from any error or omission in the performance of professional services under this Contract. The policy shall provide limits of \$5,000,000 per claim or per occurrence for each wrongful act and \$5,000,000 annual aggregate. The Contractor warrants that any applicable retroactive date precedes the date the Contractor first performed any professional services for the Government of the District of Columbia and that continuous coverage will be maintained or an extended reporting period will be exercised for a period of at least ten years after the completion of the professional services. Shared limits with the Cyber Liability coverage will be acceptable.
- 9. Commercial Umbrella or Excess Liability The Contractor shall provide evidence satisfactory to the CO of commercial umbrella or excess liability insurance with minimum limits equal to the greater of (i) the limits set forth in the Contractor's umbrella or excess liability policy or (ii) \$5,000,000 per occurrence and \$5,000,000 in the annual aggregate, following the form and in excess of all liability policies. All liability coverages must be scheduled under the umbrella and/or excess policy. The insurance required under this paragraph shall be written in a form that annually reinstates all required limits. Coverage shall be primary to any insurance, self-insurance or reinsurance maintained by the District and the "other insurance" provision must be amended in accordance with this requirement and principles of vertical exhaustion.

B. PRIMARY AND NONCONTRIBUTORY INSURANCE.

The insurance required herein shall be primary to and will not seek contribution from any other insurance, reinsurance or self-insurance including any deductible or retention, maintained by the Government of the District of Columbia.

- C. DURATION. The Contractor shall carry all required insurance until all contract work is accepted by the District of Columbia and shall carry listed coverages for ten years for construction projects following final acceptance of the work performed under this contract and two years for non-construction related contracts.
- D. LIABILITY. These are the required minimum insurance requirements established by the District of Columbia. HOWEVER, THE REQUIRED MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS PROVIDED ABOVE WILL NOT IN ANY WAY LIMIT THE CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY UNDER THIS CONTRACT.
- E. CONTRACTOR'S PROPERTY. Contractor and subcontractors are solely responsible for any loss or damage to their personal property, including but not limited to tools and equipment, scaffolding and temporary structures, rented machinery, or owned and leased equipment. A waiver of subrogation shall apply in favor of the District of Columbia.
- F. MEASURE OF PAYMENT. The District shall not make any separate measure or payment for the cost of insurance and bonds. The Contractor shall include all of the costs of insurance and bonds in the contract price.
- G. NOTIFICATION. The Contractor shall ensure that all policies provide that the CO shall be given thirty (30) days prior written notice in the event of coverage and / or limit changes or if the policy is canceled prior to the expiration date shown on the certificate. The Contractor shall provide the CO with ten (10) days prior written notice in the event of non-payment of premium. The Contractor will also provide the CO with an updated Certificate of Insurance should its insurance coverages renew during the contract.
- H. CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE. The Contractor shall submit certificates of insurance giving evidence of the required coverage as specified in this section prior to commencing work. Certificates of insurance must reference the corresponding contract number. Evidence of insurance shall be submitted as directed in the District's notification of award to the Contractor. The CO may request and the Contractor shall promptly deliver updated certificates of insurance, endorsements indicating the required coverages, and/or other evidence of the insurance policies. If the insurance initially obtained by the Contractor expires prior to completion of the contract, renewal certificates of insurance and additional insured and other endorsements shall be furnished to the CO prior to the date of expiration of all such initial insurance. For all coverage required to be maintained after completion, an additional certificate of insurance evidencing such coverage shall be submitted to the CO on an annual basis as the coverage is renewed (or replaced).
- I. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION. The Contractor agrees that the District may disclose the name and contact information of its insurers to any third party which presents a claim against

the District for any damages or claims resulting from or arising out of work performed by the Contractor, its agents, employees, servants or subcontractors in the performance of this contract.

J. CARRIER RATINGS. All Contractor's and its subcontractors' insurance required in connection with this contract shall be written by insurance companies with an A.M. Best Insurance Guide rating of at least A- VII (or the equivalent by any other rating agency) and licensed in the in the District.

I.31 – I.33 RESERVED

I.34 FORCE MAJEURE

Neither the Contractor nor the District shall be deemed in default or otherwise liable hereunder due to either party's inability to perform by reason of any fire, earthquake, flood, epidemic, accident, explosion, casualty, strike, lockout, labor controversy, riot, civil disturbance, act of public enemy, embargo, war, act of God, or any municipal, county, state or national ordinance or law, or any executive, administrative or judicial orders (which judicial orders are not the result of any act or omission to act which would constitute a default hereunder), or any failure or delay of any transportation, power or other essential thing required, or similar causes beyond the parties control.

I.35 GOVERNING LAW

This contract shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the District of Columbia, including, but not limited to, the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Reform Act of 2010, (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code §§ 2-351.01, et seq. and D.C. MUN. REGS. tit. 27.

I.36 ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

A conflict in language shall be resolved by giving precedence to the document in the highest order of priority that contains language addressing the issue in question. The following documents are incorporated into the contract by reference and made a part of the contract in the following order of precedence:

- (1) Task Order (herein referenced as "Contract")
- (2) Contract Attachments
- (3) Contractor's DC Supply Schedule Contract

SECTION J

ATTACHMENTS

The following Attachments are hereby incorporated:

Attachment J.1 Doing Business with Integrity

Attachment J.2 Bidder/Offeror Certifications

Attachment J.3 Past Performance Evaluation Form

AUTHORIZED OFFICERS

K.1

SECTION K

REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS AND OTHER STATEMENTS OF OFFERORS

The Offeror includes, but as contract a of action (coagainst the lawe any pe	t is not limited to appeals or protest ourt or administra District are not au nding legal claim	ny pending legal o, Federal and D ets, claims for mo ative) against the utomatically pre ms against the D	l clair bistric oney e Dis eclude istrict	ms against the District. Pending legal clet court litigation, administrative actions damages from the District, and any other strict. Offerors with pending legal claimed from contract award. If Offerors does to please indicate this below.
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SECTION L

INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS AND NOTICES TO CONTRACTORS

L.1 SOLICITATION CONDITIONS

- L.1.1 The District reserves the right to accept/reject any/all bids or proposal resulting from this solicitation.
- L.1.2 The District may reject as non-responsive any bid or proposal that fails to conform in any material respect to this solicitation.
- L.1.3 The Contracting Officer may waive minor informality or irregularity in bids received or provide limited exchanges to clarify or resolve ambiguities, apparent minor mistakes or irregularities in proposals received whenever it is determined that such action is in the best interest of the District.
- L.1.4 All bid or proposal documents will be retained by the District, and therefore will not be returned to the offeror.
- L.1.5 Offerors are expected to examine the Scope of Work and all instructions and attachments in this Solicitation. Failure to do so shall be at the sole risk of the Offeror.
- L.1.6 The District shall not be liable for any costs incurred by any Offeror associated with the preparation of a bid or proposal submitted in response to this Solicitation.
- L.1.7 The District will reject any bid or proposal that fails to include a subcontracting plan that is required by law, pursuant to Section H.3.

L.2 EXPLANATION TO PROSPECTIVE OFFERORS

- L.2.1 If a prospective offeror has any questions, exceptions/alternatives it wishes to present to the District, or assumptions (referred to collectively herein as "inquiries") relative to this solicitation, the prospective offeror shall email inquiries to the point of contact on Page 1 of this solicitation no later *June 10*, 2025. The District may not consider any inquiries received after the date specified. An amendment to the solicitation will be posted online on the Solicitation Gateway at https://bit.ly/2GXc2r5 if that information is necessary in responding to the solicitation, or if the lack of its dissemination would be prejudicial to other prospective offerors. Oral explanations or instructions given before the award of the contract will not be binding on the District.
- L.2.2 Upon the release of this Solicitation and during the selection process, there shall be no communication concerning this Solicitation between any prospective Offeror and/or its representatives, and employees of the Government of the District of Columbia, consultants or advisors to the Government of the District of Columbia; and elected or appointed officials of the Government of the District of Columbia or their staff, except as provided for in this Solicitation.

Any violation of this provision by any prospective Offeror and/or its representatives may be grounds for immediate disqualification.

L.3 PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF BIDS

- L.3.1 The District may reject as non-responsive any bids submitted on forms not included in or required by the solicitation. Bidders shall make no changes to the requirements set forth in the solicitation. See Section L.12 for delivery details.
- L.3.2 Bidders shall complete and provide the following as its bid submission:
 - 1. Completed Section B, Price Schedule
 - 2. Section K, Representations, Certifications and Other Statements of Offerors
 - 3. Solicitation, Offer and Award form (cover page) of this solicitation
 - 4. Acknowledgement of Amendments signed cover page of any amendments to this solicitation, if any
 - 5. The Offeror's Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) D-U-N-S Number, recent financial statement prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS) by a certified public accountant, or a copy of the Offeror's most recently submitted IRS tax filing
 - 6. Attachment J.2, Bidder/Offeror Certifications
 - 7. Attachment J.3, Past Performance Evaluation Forms from three (3) clients, recent or ongoing, the Bidder has provided services similar to those required in the solicitation (the District may contact references)
 - 8 The Offeror's active DC Supply Schedule contract and amendments/modifications

L.4 SIGNING BIDS, PROPOSALS, AND CERTIFICATIONS

Each bid or proposal must show a full business address and telephone number and email address of the Offeror and be **SIGNED BY A PERSON OR PERSONS LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE ENTITY TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT.** All correspondence concerning the bid or proposal or resulting contract will be mailed to the address shown on the bid or proposal in the absence of written instructions from the Offeror or contractor to the contrary. Any bid or proposal submitted by a partnership must be signed with the partnership name by a general partner with authority to bind the partnership. Any bid or proposal submitted by a corporation must be signed with the name of the corporation, followed by the signature and title of the person having authority to sign for the corporation. Upon request, an Offeror shall provide to the District satisfactory evidence of authority of the person signing on behalf of the corporation. If an agent signs a bid or proposal, the Offeror shall submit to the Contracting Officer evidence satisfactory to the Contracting Officer of the agent's authority to bind the Offeror. The Offeror shall complete and sign all Representations, Certifications and Acknowledgements in this solicitation. Failure to do so may result in a bid or proposal being rejected.

L.5 ERRORS IN BIDS OR PROPOSALS

Offerors shall thoroughly familiarize themselves with the terms and conditions of this Solicitation, acquainting themselves with all available information regarding difficulties that may be encountered and the conditions under which the work is to be accomplished. Offerors will not be relieved from assuming all responsibility for properly estimating the difficulties and the cost of performing the services required herein due to their failure to investigate the conditions or to become acquainted with all information, schedules and liability concerning the services to be performed. In event of a discrepancy between a unit price and a total price, the unit price shall govern.

L.6 BIDS OR PROPOSALS FOR ALL OR PART

Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, the Contracting Officer may make award either on all items or on any of the items according to the best interests of the District. Unless prohibited by the solicitation, an Offeror may specify that the Offeror will accept award based on all of the items required.

L.7 WITHDRAWAL OR MODIFICATION OF BIDS OR PROPOSALS

An Offeror may modify or withdraw its bid or proposal upon written notice via the location or system designated in the solicitation for submission of bids or proposals, but not later than the exact time set for opening of bids or due date for proposals.

L.8 <u>LATE BIDS OR PROPOSALS, LATE MODIFICATIONS, AND LATE WITHDRAWALS</u>

- L.8.1 Any bid or proposal or modification to any bid or proposal received at the location designated in the solicitation after the time and date set for receipt of bids or proposals shall be considered "late" unless it was received prior to the contract award and any of the following applies:
 - (a) It was sent by registered or certified mail not later than five (5) calendar days before the date and time specified for receipt of offers;
 - (b) It was sent by mail and the contracting officer determines that the late receipt was due solely to mishandling by the District after receipt at the location specified in the solicitation;
 - (c) Section L.12 requires electronic delivery and it was sent electronically as prescribed by Section L.12 by the offeror prior to the time and date specified and there is objective evidence in electronic form confirming that the offer was received prior to the date and time specified for receipt; or
 - (d) It was the only proposal received.

- L.8.2 Any request for withdrawal or request for modification of an offer received after the time and date set for receipt of bids or proposals is late.
- L.8.3 A late bid or proposal, late request for modification, or late request for withdrawal shall not be considered, except as provided in this section.
- L.8.4 A late modification of a successful bid or proposal which makes its terms more favorable to the District shall be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.
- L.8.5 A late bid or proposal, late modification of offer, or late withdrawal of offer that is not considered shall be held unopened, unless opened for identification, until after award and then retained with unsuccessful offers.
- L.8.6 If any information received electronically is unreadable, the contracting officer immediately shall notify the offeror and permit the offeror to resubmit the unreadable portion of the information. The method and time for resubmission shall be prescribed by the contracting officer after consultation with the offeror, and documented in the contract file. The resubmission shall be considered as if it were received at the date and time of the original unreadable submission for the purpose of determining timeliness, provided the offeror complies with the time and format requirements for resubmission prescribed by the contracting officer.

L.9 CONTRACT AWARD

If the District awards a contract as a result of this solicitation, the District will send to the successful offeror one copy of the contract electronically and notice to unsuccessful offeror.

L.10 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AMENDMENTS

The Offeror shall acknowledge receipt of any amendments to this solicitation (a) by signing and returning the amendment; or (b) by identifying the amendment number and date in the space for amendment(s) on the Offeror's submitted Solicitation, Offer and Award Form, page 1 of the solicitation. The District must receive the acknowledgement by the date and time specified for receipt of bids or proposals. The Offeror's failure to acknowledge an amendment may result in rejection of bid or proposal.

L.11 ACCEPTANCE PERIOD

The Offerors agrees that its bid or proposal remains valid for the period specified in Box #12 of the Solicitation, Offer and Award Form (page 1 of this solicitation).

L.12 GATEWAY UPLOAD OF BIDS

- L.12.1 The Offeror shall submit its bid in a single file or Zip folder uploaded to the Gateway portal.
- L.12.2 To upload to the Gateway portal:
 - 1. Login,

- 2. Click "View" on the Public Solicitation
- 3. Click "Register as a Respondent"
- 4. Click "Solicitations" tab, "My Solicitations"
- 5. Click "View" on the solicitation
- 6. Under the Response Status section, complete "Indicate your organization's response status", then click "Submit"
- 7. Upload solicitation response in the My File section **Note: Uploads cannot be deleted or replaced, and each file size should not be larger than 1GB**
- L.12.3 All documents should be in a .pdf file. The District will not be responsible for corruption of any file submitted. All files should be conspicuously named with the company name, solicitation number, and BID. See format below:

 "ABCCo.CFOPD-20-R-000Bid"
- L.12.4 If your company does not already have a Gateway Login Account, at https://dc.cobblestonesystems.com/gateway/, navigate to the Document Library tab and download the "CobbleStone Contractor Self-Registration Guide" for credentials to Login to the Gateway. Gateway assistance and support requests must be emailed to <a href="https://occupiedocupy.com/occupiedocupy.

L.13 PROCUREMENT PROTESTS

Any actual or prospective Offeror or contractor, who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or award of a contract, must file a protest with the Contract Appeals Board no later than 10 business days after the basis of protest is known or should have been known, whichever is earlier. A protest based on alleged improprieties in a solicitation which are apparent prior to bid opening or the time set for receipt of initial proposals shall be filed with the Board prior to bid opening or the time set for receipt of initial proposals. In procurements in which proposals are requested, alleged improprieties which do not exist in the initial solicitation, but which are subsequently incorporated into this solicitation, must be protested no later than the next closing time for receipt of proposals following the incorporation. The aggrieved person shall also mail a copy of the protest to the Contracting Officer.

L.14 STANDARDS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- L.14.1 The prospective contractor must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the District the capability in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements, therefore, the prospective contractor must submit evidence, upon request by the District, of the following:
 - (a) Financial resources adequate to perform the contract or the ability to obtain them;
 - (b) Ability to comply with the required or proposed delivery or performance schedule, taking into consideration all existing commercial and governmental business commitments:
 - (c) A satisfactory performance record;

- (d) A satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;
- (e) The necessary organization, experience, accounting and operational controls, and technical skills or the ability to obtain them;
- (f) Compliance with the applicable District licensing and tax laws and regulations;
- (g) The necessary production, construction, and technical equipment and facilities or the ability to obtain them;
- (h) not exhibited a pattern of overcharging the District;
- (i) the prospective contractor does not have an outstanding debt with the District or Federal government in delinquent status of more than the greater of \$1,000 or 1% of the contract value, up to \$25,000; and
- (j) the prospective contractor is otherwise qualified and is eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and rules.
- L.14.2 If the prospective contractor fails to supply the information requested, the Contracting Officer shall make the determination of responsibility or non-responsibility based upon available information. If the available information is insufficient to make a determination of responsibility, the Contracting Officer shall determine the prospective contractor to be non-responsible.

L.15 RESTRICTION ON DISCLOSURE AND USE OF DATA

L.15.1 Offerors who include in their bid or proposal data that they do not want disclosed to the public or used by the District except for use in the procurement process shall mark the title page with the following legend:

"This bid or proposal includes data that shall not be disclosed outside the District and shall not be duplicated, used or disclosed in whole or in part for any purpose except for use in the procurement process.

If, however, a contract is awarded to this offeror as a result of or in connection with the submission of this data, the District will have the right to duplicate, use, or disclose the data to the extent consistent with the District's needs in the procurement process. This restriction does not limit the District's rights to use, without restriction, information contained in this proposal if it is obtained from another source. The data subject to this restriction are contained in sheets (insert page numbers or other identification of sheets)."

L.15.2 Mark each sheet of data it wishes to restrict with the following legend:

"Use or disclosure of data contained on this sheet is subject to the restriction on the title page of this bid or proposal."

L.16 INITIAL OFFERS

The CO reserves the right to reject any or all bids or proposals determined to be inadequate or unacceptable. The District may award contracts on the basis of initial offers received, without

discussion. Therefore, each initial offer should contain the Offeror's best terms from a standpoint of price, technical and any other factors of award.

SECTION M

EVALUATION OF BIDS

M.1 EVALUATION FOR AWARD

M.1.1 The District anticipates contract award will be made to the responsive, responsible lowest bid or the lowest evaluated bid, whichever is applicable.

M.2 EVALUATION OF OPTION YEARS

M.2.1 The District will evaluate bids for award purposes by evaluating the total price for all options as well as the base year. Evaluation of options shall not obligate the District to exercise them. The total District's requirements may change during the option years. Quantities to be awarded will be determined at the time each option is exercised.

M.3 EVALUATION OF CONTRACT LINE-ITEM NUMBERS

M.3.1 The bidder must bid on all CLINs to be considered for this award. Failure to bid on all CLINs may render the bid non-responsive and disqualify a bid.

M.4 PREFERENCES FOR CERTIFIED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

Under the provisions of the "Small, Local, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Act of 2005", as amended, D.C. Official Code §2-218.01 *et seq*. (the Act), the District shall apply preferences in evaluating bids or proposals from businesses that are small, local, disadvantaged, resident-owned, longtime resident, veteran-owned, local manufacturing or local with a principal office located in an enterprise zone of the District of Columbia.

M.4.1 Application of Preferences

For evaluation purposes, the allowable preferences for Certified Business Enterprises under the Act for are as follows:

- M.4.1.1 Three percent reduction in the bid price in the case of an Invitation for Bids (IFB) or the addition of three points on a 100-point scale in the case of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a small business enterprise (SBE) certified by the Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD), as applicable;
- M.4.1.2 Five percent reduction in the bid price in the case of an IFB or the addition of five points on a 100-point scale in the case of an RFP for a resident-owned business enterprise (ROB) certified by the DSLBD, as applicable;
- M.4.1.3 Ten percent reduction in the bid price in the case of an IFB or the addition of five points on a 100-point scale in the case of an RFP for a longtime resident business (LRB) certified by the DSLBD, as applicable;

- M.4.1.4 Two percent reduction in the bid price in the case of an IFB or the addition of two points on a 100-point scale in the case of an RFP for a local business enterprise (LBE) certified by the DSLBD, as applicable;
- M.4.1.5 Two percent reduction in the bid price in the case of an IFB or the addition of two points on a 100-point scale in the case of an RFP for a local business enterprise with its principal office located in an enterprise zone (DZE) and certified by the DSLBD, as applicable;
- M.4.1.6 Two percent reduction in the bid price in the case of an IFB or the addition of two points on a 100-point scale in the case of an RFP for a disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) certified by the DSLBD, as applicable;
- M.4.1.7 Two percent reduction in the bid price in the case of an IFB or the addition of two points on a 100-point scale in the case of an RFP for veteran-owned business enterprise (VOB) certified by the DSLBD, as applicable; and
- M.4.1.8 Two percent reduction in the bid price in the case of an IFB or the addition of two points on a 100-point scale in the case of an RFP for local manufacturing business enterprise (LME) certified by the DSLBD, as applicable; and
- M.4.1.9 Ten percent reduction in the bid price in the case of an IFB or the addition of five points on a 100-point scale in the case of an RFP for an equity impact enterprise (EIE) certified by the DSLBD, as applicable.

M.4.2 Maximum Preference Awarded

Notwithstanding the availability of the preceding preferences, the maximum total preference to which a certified business enterprise is entitled under the Act is twelve percent (12%) for bids submitted in response to an IFB or the equivalent of twelve (12) points on a 100-point scale for proposals submitted in response to an RFP. There will be no preference awarded for subcontracting by the prime contractor with certified business enterprises.

M.4.3 Preferences for Certified Joint Ventures

When the DSLBD, as applicable, certifies a joint venture, the certified joint venture will receive preferences for categories in which the joint venture and the joint venture partner are certified, subject to the maximum preference limitation set forth in the preceding paragraph.

M.4.4 Offeror's Submission for Preferences

- M.4.4.1 Any Offeror seeking to receive preferences on this solicitation must submit at the time of, and as part of its bid or proposal, the following documentation, as applicable to the preference being sought:
- M.4.4.1.1 Evidence of the contractor's or joint venture's certification by the DSLBD as a CBE, to include a copy of the certification from the DSLBD.

M.4.4.2 Any contractor seeking certification in order to receive preferences under this solicitation must contact the:

DC Department of Small and Local Business Development ATTN: CBE Certification Program 441 Fourth Street, N.W., Suite 850N Washington, DC 20001

M.4.4.3 All contractors are encouraged to contact the DSLBD at (202) 727-3900 if additional information is required on certification procedures and requirements.