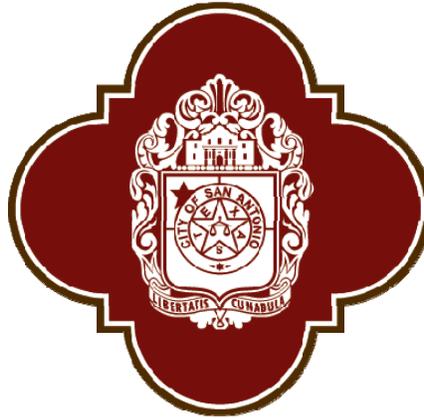


CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

FINANCE DEPARTMENT



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
("RFP")

for
INDEPENDENT AUDIT SERVICES

(RFP 17-010)

RELEASE DATE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2017
PROPOSAL DUE DATE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017

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 from the *10th business day after a contract solicitation has been released until 30 calendar days after the contract has been awarded ("black out" period):

- 1 legal signatory of a high-profile contract;
- 2 any individual seeking a high-profile contract;
- 3 any owner or officer of an entity seeking a high-profile contract;
- 4 the spouse of any of these individuals;
- 5 any attorney, lobbyist, or consultant retained to assist in seeking contract.

A high-profile contract cannot be awarded to the individual or entity if a prohibited contribution has been made by any of these individuals during the "black out" period.

For this solicitation, the first day contributions are prohibited is **Monday, January 30, 2017.
The first day contributions may be made is the 31st day after the contract is awarded at City Council "A" Session.*

RESTRICTIONS ON COMMUNICATIONS

In accordance with §2-61 of the City Code, Respondents are prohibited from communicating with: 1) City officials, as defined by §2-62 of the City Code of the City of San Antonio, regarding the RFP or proposal from the time the RFP has been released until the contract is posted for consideration as an agenda item during a meeting designated as an A session; and 2) City employees from the time the RFP has been released until the contract is awarded.

Restrictions extend to "thank you" letters, phone calls, emails and any contact that results in the direct or indirect discussion of the RFP 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 RFP entitled "Restrictions on Communication".

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003 - BACKGROUND

The City was incorporated in 1837 and chartered in 1951. It has a Council-Manager form of government with ten Council members and a Mayor, each serving two-year terms, limited to four consecutive terms. As of September 30, 2015, the City's geographic area was approximately 494 square miles, making it one of the largest cities in the United States. The United States Census Bureau cites the City as the second most populated city in the state of Texas and seventh most populated city in the country. As stated in the FY 2015 CAFR the City's population is estimated at 1,436,697. The population is anticipated to increase due to favorable cost of living; unemployment and diverse market. Meanwhile the City's size is additionally anticipated to continue to increase due to recent annexations around San Antonio.

Reporting Entity

As a municipal government, the City (primary government for purposes of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14), provides a vast array of services. The full range of services provided to its constituents includes ongoing programs to provide health, welfare, art, cultural, and recreational services; maintenance and construction of streets and drainage; public safety through police and fire protection; and urban redevelopment and housing. The City also considers the promotion of convention and tourism and participation in economic development programs as high priorities. The funding sources from which these services are provided include ad valorem, sales and use, and hotel occupancy tax receipts; utilities; grants; user fees; bond proceeds; tax increment financing; and other sources. Their related activity and balances are reported in the City's Governmental type funds.

The City also provides goods and services which are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the City's intent is that the cost of providing these goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis is to be financed or recovered primarily through user fees. These operations include Aviation, Parking, Solid Waste Management, Development Services and Market Square. Activities and balances related to these operations are reported in the City's Enterprise Funds.

Activities and balances related to the financing of goods or services provided by one City department or agency to other departments or agencies of the City or to other governmental units on a cost reimbursement basis are accounted for in the City's Internal Service Funds. The City accounts for activities and balances related to automotive repair, equipment renewal and replacement, central stores, temporary services, building maintenance, purchasing, data processing, programming, communications, capital improvements management and self-insurance programs in its Internal Service Funds.

The City maintains Fiduciary Funds to account for assets held in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units and/or other funds. The City also maintains Permanent Funds used to report resources that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, and not principal, may be used for purposes that support the City's programs.

In addition to the aforementioned activities, the financial reporting entity, as defined by GASB Statement No. 61, an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14 and No. 39, includes blended and discretely presented component units as well as a Joint Venture. Blended component units are legally separate organizations for which the City is financially accountable. Discretely presented component units are legally separate organizations which due to the nature and significance of their relationship with the City, exclusion from the reporting entity's financial statements would be misleading or incomplete. As of September 30, 2015, the City had twenty-six entities that met the definition of a component unit: thirteen blended component units; and thirteen discretely presented component units. There is potential for the City to report on additional component units in subsequent years. The blended and discretely presented component units are included based on information obtained from their separately issued audited financial reports. These component units and those which may be included in the future based on GASB Statements No. 14 and 39, as modified by GASB Statement No. 61, are included within the scope of work to be performed under the Contract but limited only to their respective incorporation into the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The City has a single Joint Venture with Bexar County in the ownership of Toyota Field (soccer stadium) which is managed by Spurs, Sports and Entertainment.

Annual Reports

On an annual basis, the City publishes a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), Financial and Compliance Reports on Federal and State Grants (Single Audit Report), the Schedule of Expenditures of Passenger Facility Charges (PFC Schedule), and a Local Government Financial Assurance Agreed Upon Procedure (AUP). Staff of the Finance

Department is responsible for the preparation of these annual reports and coordination of the City's annual audits.

The CAFR, which includes information on the City's financial position, results of operations, and the liquidity of its various funds, is submitted to rating agencies, document repositories, bondholders, and is also available to the general public. The City also submits the CAFR to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for participation in their Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program, an award that the City has received for the past forty (40) consecutive years (fiscal years 1976 - 2015). The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015 can be found at <http://www.sanantonio.gov/Finance/bfi/cafr>.

The Single Audit Report is submitted to the City's respective Federal and State Cognizant Audit Agencies and the respective Federal and State Agencies from which the City received grant funding during the fiscal year. A link to the Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015 can be found at <http://www.sanantonio.gov/Finance/bfi/singleaudits>.

The PFC Schedule is submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration annually upon completion of the City's audit. A copy of the PFC Schedule for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015 can be found at <http://www.sanantonio.gov/Finance/bfi/passengerfacilitycharges>.

The Letter on Internal Control and Accounting Procedures ("Management Letter") is prepared and communicated by the Audit Firm to the Audit Committee. The Management Letter focuses on internal control weakness discovered in the course of the audit of the financial statements. A copy of the Management Letter for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015 can be found at <http://www.sanantonio.gov/Finance/bfi/internalcontrols>.

Additionally, the City and Nelson Gardens Energy entered into an agreement to construct four engine generators as part of a gas-to-energy project. The project required the gas-to-energy plant to be registered by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) as a Type IX MSW facility that recovers landfill gas for beneficial use. As part of the registration application, a Local Government Financial Assurance test is required. Agreed upon procedures relative to the financial ratios in the financial assurance test is required by TCEQ.

Accounting System/Software Utilized in Financial Reporting

The City utilizes SAP as its financial and accounting system. The City implemented SAP on October 1, 2004 to provide financial, grants, revenue, cash, and treasury management. Additional components included human resources, benefits administration, payroll, time and attendance, budget formulation and execution, purchasing, inventory, and fixed assets.

In July 2015, the City began utilizing Readsoft software to store and retrieve invoice images for vendor payment processing. Readsoft consists of imaging software to capture the invoice data using OCR which then transfers the image and data to SAP by creation of a work doc item for each invoice. Readsoft invoice processing software works inside the SAP system which includes a workflow functionality allowing Accounts Payable staff to send an invoice and associated data through SAP to a department user for issue resolution.

With the Customer First San Antonio Project (C1SA), the City has implemented two systems that make it easier for citizens and other customers to do business with us, particularly by driving more services online. Active Payment Manager is an enterprise point-of-sale (POS) system that integrates with SAP and several other software programs used at the department level. The POS is a single payment platform for various in-person and on-line transactions that also provides better reporting and controls on the back-end. Additionally, C1SA has implemented an enterprise reservation-registration system (RRS), called ActiveNet that makes it easier for customers to access, reserve and pay for facilities and events across the City. The RRS will help the City better manage the hundreds of facilities available for public use as well as a range of classes, workshops and other events. This is a multiphase project, with the first phase to go live in early 2017 and full implementation anticipated within 18 months.

As part of the BuildSA Project the City is implementing Accela Civic Platform. The City will utilize Accela Civic Platform, which consolidates the services provided by the Development Services Department into one system for customers. Accela Civic Platform helps citizens apply for permits, check the status of a violation, and offer historical information for a particular property. This software will simplify the permit process and feature online services for 24/7 access.

PMIS (PropWorks) is an Aviation Property and Revenue Management System. The system will provide a single point of entry for Aviation related Revenue Contract information and associated statistical information related to tenants at both San Antonio International and Stinson airports.

For word processing and spreadsheet applications related to financial reporting, the City utilizes Microsoft Office Products, Word and Excel. The City's CAFR and Single Audit Report are prepared utilizing this software. Microsoft Word is utilized for the word processing requirements of the documents such as the Management Discussion and Analysis, transmittal letters and notes to the financial statements and expenditures schedules. Microsoft Excel is utilized for the preparation of the financial statements, required supplementary schedules, financial schedules, the statistical sections and schedules of expenditures.

004 - SCOPE OF SERVICE

Independent Audit Services

The Charter of the City of San Antonio and Chapter 103 of the Texas Local Government Code require that an annual audit of the City's financial records and accounts be performed by an independent certified public accountant that is licensed in the State of Texas. In addition, as the City receives financial assistance in the form of Federal and State Grants, the Single Audit Report and PFC Schedule are also required.

The required annual audit is to be performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards adopted by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principals, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, State of Texas Single Audit and any other authoritative pronouncements which may be deemed applicable. These standards require that the audit be planned and performed to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The audit will include examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. It will also include a review of the system of internal controls and tests of transactions to the extent necessary. The objective of the audit will be an expression of an opinion the wording of which will be dependent on the facts and circumstances at the date of the reports. However, if the resulting opinion is other than "unmodified," the reasons will be required to be fully disclosed.

Independence

In the performance of these audit services, the selected firm must comply with the independence standards and all other standards promulgated by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, General Accounting Office and any other standards promulgated by any other authoritative body, as applicable to the performance of independent audit services. The selected firm will also be required to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations, including, but not limited to the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principals, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, State of Texas Single Audit Circular, Chapter 103 of the Texas Local Government Code, and Section 107 of the San Antonio Charter.

Mandatory Partner Rotation

In order to maintain Auditor Independence, Objectivity and Credibility, the City has adopted a policy of mandatory rotation of audit partners (from the prime contractor) every five years. If applicable, mandatory rotation policy will carry over from a prior City Contract to the Contract to be executed in connection with this RFP and will also apply to future RFPs for Independent Audit Services.

Staff Role/Audit Assistance

During the audit process, staff of the Finance Department will be responsible for the preparation of the aforementioned annual reports including the financial statements, related note disclosures, schedules of federal and state financial assistance, other required information/schedules, and supporting work papers. In addition, City staff will prepare any additional schedules deemed necessary by the selected firm. With regard to new accounting standards or pronouncements required to be implemented during the term of the Contract, City staff will prepare an initial analysis of the impact to the City to include a proposed implementation plan, if applicable. The implementation of these new standards or pronouncements will be coordinated with the selected firm.

The City maintains an independent internal audit function with the Office of the Internal Auditor reporting to the Mayor and Council, through the Audit Committee. The Office of the Internal Auditor will not provide staff hours towards assisting in the performance of the Contract to be executed in connection with this RFP.

Other Services

During the term of the Contract, the City may, on an as requested basis, utilize the selected firm for guidance on tax, compliance, and other non-audit consultation matters, perform various agreed upon procedures (beyond the Financial Assurance Test related to Nelson Gardens), contract compliance reviews or other services which may be required for a City bond offering. In addition, at its discretion, the City may request that the selected firm provide assistance with the preparation of aspects of the annual report or the analysis of new accounting standards or pronouncements.

The City may also periodically require services to assist in the resolution of audit findings and questioned costs reported to Federal and State Agencies.

Quality Control Reviews

On an annual basis, the City receives financial assistance in the form of Federal and State grants and as such, Federal and State agencies may conduct a Quality Control Review of the City's annual audit. In accordance with guidance provided in the President's Council on Integrity & Efficiency (PCIE) Position Statement No. 6, time expended by outside independent auditors with Federal agencies during a Quality Control Review is not expected to be charged to Federal awards. A Quality Control Review is viewed to be similar in nature to other quality control mechanisms such as training, auditor policies and procedures, and peer reviews. Therefore, the City will not reimburse the selected firm for charges associated with Quality Control Reviews conducted by Federal agencies.

General Performance Conditions

With respect to the general conditions the selected firm will be required to perform or provide as follows:

- A. To be sufficiently staffed with personnel qualified to render the professional services as requested.
- B. To advise the City on pending Governmental Accounting issues.
- C. To conduct the examination with minimal disruption and interference with the City's normal day-to-day operations.
- D. To retain working papers for at least five years and to make them available for examination by the City or its authorized representatives as required.
- E. To work with the City in meeting its goal to reduce the timeframe in which the examination and final documents for the CAFR, Single Audit Report, Management Letter, PFC Schedule and Local Government Financial Assurance AUP are completed and delivered after the fiscal year-end, so that the fieldwork of the City's financial records, to include all auditor recommended adjustments, management letter items and Single Audit are completed by January 31st. The City recognizes that due to the timing of non-major component unit reports the CAFR may not be completed by the end of January; however the anticipation is that those component units be the only pending item left with a final release no later than February 14th of the following year. In the event February 14th is not attainable, written communication shall be provided to the City indicating the revised date for completion of the examination to include explanation for the delay.
- F. To provide normal consultation on various matters, at no additional charge during the term of the Contract.
- G. To make available training on mutually agreed topics to professional accounting and finance staff of the City's Finance Department, Office of the Internal Auditor, and Departmental personnel equivalent to sixteen (16) continuing professional education (CPE) hours per fiscal year. These services will be considered as part of the fee structure for the independent audit.

005 - ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Intellectual Property.

If selected, Respondent agrees to abide by the following regarding intellectual property rights:

Respondent shall pay all royalties and licensing fees. Respondent shall hold the City harmless and indemnify the City from the payment of any royalties, damages, losses or expenses including attorney's fees for suits, claims or otherwise, growing out of infringement or alleged infringement of copyrights, patents, materials and methods used in the project. It shall defend all suits for infringement of any Intellectual Property rights. Further, if Respondent has reason to believe that the design, service, process or product specified is an infringement of an Intellectual Property right, it shall promptly give such information to the City.

Upon receipt of notification that a third-party claims that the program(s), hardware or both the program(s) and the hardware infringe upon any United States patent or copyright, Respondent will immediately:

Either:

obtain, at Respondent's sole expense, the necessary license(s) or rights that would allow the City to continue using the programs, hardware, or both the programs and hardware, as the case may be, or,

alter the programs, hardware, or both the programs and hardware so that the alleged infringement is eliminated, and

reimburse the City for any expenses incurred by the City to implement emergency backup measures if the City is prevented from using the programs, hardware, or both the programs and hardware while the dispute is pending.

Respondent further agrees to:

assume the defense of any claim, suit, or proceeding brought against the City for infringement of any United States patent or copyright arising from the use and/or sale of the equipment or software under this Agreement,

assume the expense of such defense, including costs of investigations, reasonable attorneys' fees, expert witness fees, damages, and any other litigation-related expenses, and

indemnify the City against any monetary damages and/or costs awarded in such suit;

Provided that:

Respondent is given sole and exclusive control of all negotiations relative to the settlement thereof, but that Respondent agrees to consult with the City Attorney of the City during such defense or negotiations and make good faith effort to avoid any position adverse to the interest of the City,

the Software or the equipment is used by the City in the form, state, or condition as delivered by Respondent or as modified without the permission of Respondent, so long as such modification is not the source of the infringement claim,

the liability claimed shall not have arisen out of the City's negligent act or omission, and the City promptly provide Respondent with written notice within 15 days following the formal assertion of any claim with respect to which the City asserts that Respondent assumes responsibility under this section.

Ownership and Licenses.

In accordance with Texas law, Respondent acknowledges and agrees that all local government records created or received in the transaction of official business or the creation or maintenance of which were paid for with public funds are declared to be public property and subject to the provisions of Chapter 201 of the Texas Local Government Code and Subchapter J, Chapter 441 of the Texas Government Code. Thus, no such local government records produced by or on the behalf of Respondent pursuant to this Contract shall be the subject of any copyright or proprietary claim by Respondent.

The term "local government 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 and regardless of whether public access to it is open or restricted under the laws of the state, created or received by local government or any of its officials or employees pursuant to law including an ordinance, or in the transaction of official business.

Respondent acknowledges and agrees that all local government records, as described in herein, produced in the course of the work required by any contract awarded pursuant to this RFP, will belong to and be the property of City. Respondent, if awarded this contract, will be required to turn over to City, all such records as required by said contract. Respondent, if awarded this contract, shall not, under any circumstances, release any records created during the course of performance of the contract to any entity without City's written permission, unless required to do so by a Court of competent jurisdiction.

In accordance herewith, Respondent, if selected, agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations governing documents and ownership, access and retention thereof.

006 - TERM OF CONTRACT

A contract awarded in response to this RFP will be for a three (3) year period. The City shall have the option to extend the contract for (2) one year periods, not to exceed a total of five periods, upon Council approval. If the contract is extended for both of the one year periods, it will include the audits of the City's records and accounts for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. The term of the contract is subject to and contingent upon an annual appropriation of funds by the Council of the City.

007 - PRE-SUBMITTAL CONFERENCE

A Pre-Submittal Conference will be held at Finance Department Purchasing Division, Large Conference Room, Riverview Towers, 111 Soledad, 11th Floor, San Antonio, Texas 78205 at **1:00 p.m., Central Time, on Wednesday, January 18, 2017**. Respondents are encouraged to prepare and submit their questions in writing 3 calendar days 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. Respondents that are not able to attend in person may participate by Conference Call. Respondents may call the toll-free number listed below and enter access code to participate the day of the conference.

Toll Free Dial-In Number: 1-877-226-9790
Access Code: 4511640

This meeting place is accessible to disabled persons. The Riverview Towers are wheelchair accessible. The accessible entrance is located at main entrance. Accessible parking spaces are located at Rand Garage, next door to Riverview Tower. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request. Interpreters for the Deaf must be requested at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. For 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. Only written responses shall be official and all other forms of communication with any officer, employee or agent of the City shall not be binding on the City. Respondents are encouraged to resubmit their questions in writing, to the City Staff person identified in the Restrictions on Communication section, after the conclusion of the Pre-Submittal Conference.

008 - PROPOSAL 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.

Please submit one (1) **COMPLETE** original hard copy of your proposal, signed in ink, eight (8) hard copies **WITH ONLY TABS and documents for the General Information Form; Experience, Background, and Qualifications; Proposed Plan, etc. (NO SBEDA, VOSB OR PRICING TO BE INCLUDED)** and one (1) copy of the proposal on compact disk (CD) or USB flash drive containing an Adobe PDF version of the entire proposal. Each of the item requirements listed below must be labeled with the heading indicated below as a separate file on the CD or USB flash drive.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. The summary shall highlight the key points and strengths of the proposal, including challenges perceived by Respondent and their solutions.

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

EXPERIENCE, BACKGROUND AND QUALIFICATIONS. Use the Form found in this RFP as Attachment A, Part Two.

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

*PRICE SCHEDULE. Use the Price Schedule that is found in this RFP as Attachment B.

CONTRACTS DISCLOSURE FORM. Instructions regarding Contracts Disclosure Form are in RFP Attachment C and restated below:

<https://www.sanantonio.gov/eforms/atty/ContractsDisclosureForm.pdf>

Instructions for completing the Contracts Disclosure form:

Download form and complete all fields. All fields must be completed prior to submitting the form.

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

LITIGATION DISCLOSURE FORM. Complete and submit the Litigation Disclosure Form, found in this RFP as Attachment D. 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 RFP as Attachment E.

*VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS (VOSB) PREFERENCE PROGRAM TRACKING FORM. Complete, sign, and submit VOSB Tracking Form found in this RFP as Attachment F.

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES (Form 1295). Complete, sign, have notarized, and submit Form 1295, found in this RFP as Attachment G.

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 RFP Exhibit 2 if awarded a contract in response to this RFP. Respondent shall also submit a copy of their current insurance certificate.

SIGNATURE PAGE. Respondent must complete, sign and submit the Signature Page found in this RFP as Attachment H. 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.

PROPOSAL CHECKLIST. Complete and submit the Proposal Checklist found in this RFP as Attachment I.

Respondent is expected to examine this RFP 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.**

009 - CHANGES TO RFP

Changes to the RFP, made prior to the due date for proposals shall be made by issuing Addendums. It is Respondent's responsibility to check for Addendums until the proposal due date. City will assume that all Respondents have reviewed all Addendums by 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 RFP.

010 - SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

Proposals must be submitted in hard copy format only.

Submission of Hard Copy Proposals.

Respondent shall submit one **COMPLETE** original signed in ink, **eight (8)** hard copies **WITH ONLY TABS and documents for General Information Form; Experience, Background and Qualifications; Proposed Plan, etc. (NO**

SBEDA, VOSB OR PRICING TO BE INCLUDED) and one copy of the proposal on compact disk (CD) or USB flash drive containing an Adobe PDF version of the entire proposal in a sealed package clearly marked with the project name, **"Independent Audit Services"** on the front of the package. The name and address of Respondent, the due date for submission of proposals, RFP number, and title of the solicitation shall be marked on the outside of the envelope(s). 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 must be received in the Office of the City Clerk no later than **11:00 a.m.**, Central Time, on **Monday, February 13, 2017** at the address below. Any proposal or modification received after this time shall not be considered, and will be returned, unopened to the Respondent. Respondents should note that delivery to the P.O. Box address in a timely manner does not guarantee its receipt in the Office of the City Clerk by the deadline for submission. Therefore, Respondents should strive for early submission to avoid the possibility of rejection for late arrival.

Mailing Address:

City of San Antonio - Office of the City Clerk
Attn: **Finance - RFP for Independent Audit Services**
P.O. Box 839966
San Antonio, Texas 78283-3966

Physical Address:

City of San Antonio - Office of the City Clerk
Attn: **Finance - RFP for Independent Audit Services**
100 Military Plaza
1st Floor, City Hall San Antonio, Texas 78205

Proposals sent by facsimile or email will not be accepted.

Proposal Format. Each proposal shall be typewritten, single spaced and submitted on 8 ½" x 11" white paper. If submitting a hard copy, place proposal inside a three-ring binder. The use of recycled paper and materials is encouraged. Unnecessarily elaborate brochures, artwork, bindings, visual aids, expensive paper, or other materials beyond that sufficient to present a complete and effective submission are not required. Font size shall be no less than 12-point type. All pages shall be numbered and, in the case of hard copy submissions, printed one-sided. Margins shall be no less than 1" around the perimeter of each page. Websites or URLs shall not be submitted in lieu of the printed submission. **ORIGINAL** proposals must include **ALL** the sections and attachments in the sequence listed in the RFP Section 008, Proposal Requirements, and each section and attachment must be indexed, for hard copy submissions, **ONLY REQUIRED SECTIONS AND ATTACHMENTS listed by asterisk (*) in Section 008, Proposal Requirements MUST** be divided by tabs and indexed in a Table of Contents page. For CD's, 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.

Modified Proposals. Proposals may be modified provided such modifications are received prior to the time and date set for submission of proposals, and submitted in the same manner as original proposals. For hard copy proposals, provide a cover letter with the proposal, indicating it is a modified proposal and that the original proposal is being withdrawn.

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

Certified Vendor Registration Form. If Respondent has not completed City's Certified Vendor Registration (CVR) Form, Respondent is required to do so prior to the due date for submission of proposals. The CVR form may be accessed at: <http://www.sanantonio.gov/purchasing/>. 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.

Correct Legal Name. Respondents who submit proposals to this RFP shall correctly state the true and correct name of the individual, proprietorship, corporation, and /or partnership (clearly identifying the responsible general partner and all other partners who would be associated with the contract, if any). No nicknames, abbreviations (unless part of the legal title), shortened or short-hand, or local "handles" will be accepted in lieu of the full, true and correct legal name of the entity. These names shall comport exactly with the corporate and franchise records of the Texas Secretary of State and Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. Individuals and proprietorships, if operating under other than an individual name, shall match with exact Assumed Name filings. Corporate Respondents and limited liability company Respondents shall include the 11-digit Comptroller's Taxpayer Number on the General Information form found in this RFP as Attachment A, Part One.

If an entity is found to have incorrectly or incompletely stated its name or failed to fully reveal its identity on the General Information form, the Director of the Finance Department shall have the discretion, at any point in the contracting process, to suspend consideration of the proposal.

Firm Offer. All provisions in Respondent's proposal, including any estimated or projected costs, shall remain valid for one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days following the deadline date for submissions or, if a proposal is accepted, throughout the entire term of the contract.

Confidential or Proprietary Information. All proposals become the property of the City upon receipt and will not be returned. Any information deemed to be 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 to be confidential by Respondent may not be considered confidential under Texas law, or pursuant to a Court order.

Cost of Proposal. Any cost or expense incurred by the Respondent that is associated with the preparation of the Proposal, attendance at the Pre-Submittal Conference and Site Tours, or during any phase of the selection process, shall be borne solely by Respondent.

011 - RESTRICTIONS ON COMMUNICATION

Respondents are prohibited from communicating with: 1) City officials, as defined by §2-62 of the City Code of the City of San Antonio, regarding the RFP or proposals from the time the RFP has been released until the contract is posted for consideration as a City Council agenda item during a meeting designated as an A session; and 2) City employees from the time the RFP has been released until the contract is awarded. These restrictions extend to "thank you" letters, phone calls, emails and any contact that results in the direct or indirect discussion of the RFP 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 ask verbal questions concerning this RFP at the Pre-Submittal Conference.

Respondents may submit written questions concerning this RFP to the Staff Contact Person listed below until 2:00 p.m., central time, on Wednesday, January 25, 2017. Questions received after the stated deadline will not be answered. All questions shall be sent by e-mail to:

Debra Light
Procurement Specialist III
City of San Antonio, Finance Department – Purchasing Division
Debra.light@sanantonio.gov

A Respondent that has an ongoing business relationship with the City may communicate with City employees to the extent necessary to perform the Respondent's duties and obligations related to that business relationship.

Questions submitted and the City's responses will be posted with this solicitation.

Respondents may provide responses to questions asked of them by the Staff Contact Person after responses are received and opened. The Staff Contact Person may request clarification to assist in evaluating Respondent's proposal. 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. The point of contact, David Rodriguez, may be reached by telephone at (210) 207-0071 or by e-mail at David.Rodriguez3@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.

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

City reserves the right to contact any Respondent to negotiate if such is deemed desirable by City. Such negotiations, initiated by City staff persons, shall not be considered a violation by Respondent of this section.

012 - EVALUATION CRITERIA

The City will conduct a comprehensive, fair, and impartial evaluation of all proposals received in response to this RFP. The City may appoint a selection committee to perform the evaluation. Each Proposal will be analyzed to determine overall responsiveness and qualifications under the RFP. Criteria to be evaluated may include the items listed below. The selection committee may select all, some or none of the Respondents for interviews. If the City elects to conduct interviews, Respondents may be interviewed and re-scored based upon the same criteria. The City may also request additional information from Respondents at any time prior to final approval of a selected Respondent. The City reserves the right to select one, or more, or none of the Respondents to provide services. Final approval of a selected Respondent is subject to the action of the City of San Antonio City Council.

Evaluation Criteria:

A. Experience, Background and Qualifications (40 points)

B. Proposed Plan (45 points)

- 40 points for response to Proposed Plan
- Up to 5 points if subcontracting is 46% or more (not to exceed 50%)

C. Price Schedule (15 points)

D. Minority and/or Women-Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Subcontracting Program - Subcontract or self-perform at least forty percent (40%) of total contract value to SBEDA eligible small M/WBE firms, certified through South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency, headquartered or having a significant business presence within the San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area (SAMSA). Please see the definition of M/WBE in RFP Exhibit 1, SBEDA ORDINANCE COMPLIANCE PROVISIONS.

013 - AWARD OF CONTRACT AND RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

City reserves the right to award one, more than one or no contract(s) in response to this RFP.

The Contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the Respondent(s) whose Proposal(s) is deemed most advantageous to City, as determined by the selection committee, upon approval of the City Council.

City may accept any Proposal in whole or in part. If subsequent negotiations are conducted, they shall not constitute a rejection or alternate RFP on the part of City. However, final selection of a Respondent is subject to City Council approval.

City reserves the right to accept one or more proposals or reject any or all proposals received in response to this RFP, and to waive informalities and irregularities in the proposals received. City also reserves the right to terminate this RFP, and reissue a subsequent solicitation, and/or remedy technical errors in the RFP process.

City will require the selected Respondent(s) to execute a contract with the City, prior to City Council award. No work shall commence until City signs the contract document(s) and Respondent provides the necessary evidence of insurance as required in this RFP and the Contract. Contract documents are not binding on City until approved by the City Attorney. In the event the parties cannot negotiate and execute a contract within the time specified, City reserves the right to terminate negotiations with the selected Respondent and commence negotiations with another Respondent.

This RFP does not commit City to enter into a Contract, award any services related to this RFP, nor does it obligate City to pay any costs incurred in preparation or submission of a proposal or in anticipation of a contract.

If selected, Respondent will be required to comply with the Insurance and Indemnification Requirements established herein.

The successful Respondent must be able to formally invoice the City for services rendered, incorporating the SAP-generated contract and purchase order numbers that shall be provided by the City.

Conflicts of Interest. Respondent acknowledges that it is informed that the Charter of the City of San Antonio and its Ethics Code prohibit a City officer or employee, as those terms are defined in the Ethics Code, from having a financial interest in any contract with City or any City agency such as City-owned utilities. An officer or employee has a “prohibited financial interest” in a contract with City or in the sale to City of land materials, supplies or service, if any of the following individual(s) or entities is a party to the contract or sale: the City officer or employee; his parent, child or spouse; a business entity in which he or his parent, child or spouse owns ten (10) percent or more of the voting stock or shares of the business entity, or ten (10) percent or more of the fair market value of the business entity; or a business entity in which any individual or entity above listed is a subcontractor on a City contract, a partner or a parent or subsidiary business entity.

Respondent is required to warrant and certify that it, its officers, employees and agents are neither officials nor employees of the City, as defined in Section 2-42 of the City’s Ethics Code. (Contracts Disclosure – form may be found online at <https://www.sanantonio.gov/eforms/atty/ContractsDisclosureForm.pdf>.)

Independent Contractor. Respondent agrees and understands that, if selected, it and all persons designated by it to provide services in connection with a contract, are and shall be deemed to be an independent contractors, responsible for their respective acts or omissions, and that the City shall not in any way be responsible for Respondent’s actions, and that none of the parties hereto will have authority to bind the others or to hold out to third parties, that it has such authority.

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 City Clerk if those persons meet the requirements under §176.066(a) of the statute.

By law this questionnaire must be filed with 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/filinginfo/conflict_forms.htm

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/Portals/0/Files/Ethics/OCC-CIQ-Addendum.pdf>

When completed, the CIQ Form and the CIQ-A Form should be submitted together, either by mail or hand delivery, to the Office of the City Clerk. If mailing, mail to: Office of the City Clerk, P.O. Box 839966, San Antonio, TX 78283-3966.

If delivering by hand, deliver to: Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 2nd floor, 100 Military Plaza, San Antonio, TX 78205.

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

014 - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Following is a list of **projected dates/times** with respect to this RFP:

RFP Release Date:	Friday, January 13, 2017
Pre-Submittal Conference:	Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. Central Time
Final Questions Accepted:	Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Central Time
Proposal Due:	Monday, February 13, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. Central Time

015 - RFP EXHIBITS

RFP EXHIBIT 1

SBEDA ORDINANCE COMPLIANCE PROVISIONS

A. 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.**

B. 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.

C. 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 mix and to the 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 to be distinguished from contract payments in that they only reflect the anticipated dollar amounts instead of 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 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 this Ordinance in Section III.E.6.

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

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 non-Construction services 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 S/M/WBE 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.

D. 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.

E. SBEDA Program Compliance – Affirmative Procurement Initiatives

The CITY has applied the following contract-specific Affirmative Procurement Initiatives 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 material to its satisfactory performance under this Agreement:

M/WBE Subcontracting Program. In accordance with SBEDA Ordinance Section III. D. 6. (b), this contract is also being awarded pursuant to the M/WBE Subcontracting Program. CONTRACTOR agrees to subcontract or self-perform at least **forty percent (40%)** of its prime contract value to certified M/WBE firms headquartered or having a Significant Business Presence within the San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area (SAMSA). If the Prime CONTRACTOR is a certified M/WBE firm, then the CONTRACTOR is allowed to self-perform up to the entire M/WBE subcontracting goal amount with its own forces. To the extent that the certified M/WBE Prime CONTRACTOR does not self-perform a portion of the M/WBE subcontracting goal, it shall be responsible for complying with all other requirements of this API for that portion of work that is subcontracted.

The Subcontractor/Supplier Utilization Plan which CONTRACTOR submitted to City with its response for this contract (or, as appropriate, that it agrees to submit during the price proposal negotiation phase of this contract), and that contains the names of the certified M/WBE 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 Subcontractor, and documentation including a description of each M/WBE Subcontractor's scope of work and confirmation of each M/WBE 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 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 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 in its efforts to exercise good faith in achieving the M/WBE subcontracting goal of 40% that has been established for this contract. 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 architecture and engineering industry, as reflected in the City's Centralized Vendor Registration system for the month of October 2016, African-American owned firms represent approximately 2.24% of available subcontractors, Hispanic-American firms represent approximately 7.33%, Asian-American firms represent approximately 0.71%, Native American firms represent approximately 0.12%, and Women-owned firms represent approximately 3.98% of available professional services subcontractors.

F. 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.

G. 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.

H. 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).

RFP EXHIBIT 2

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

A) Prior to the commencement of any work under this Agreement, Consultant shall furnish copies of all required endorsements and completed Certificate(s) of Insurance to the City's Finance Department, which shall be clearly labeled "Independent Audit Services" in the Description of Operations block of the Certificate. The Certificate(s) shall be completed by an agent and signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The City will not accept a Memorandum of Insurance or Binder as proof of insurance. The certificate(s) must be signed by the Authorized Representative of the carrier, and list the agent's signature and phone number. The certificate shall be mailed, with copies of all applicable endorsements, directly from the insurer's authorized representative to the City. The City shall have no duty to pay or perform under this Agreement until such certificate and endorsements have been received and approved by the City's Finance Department. No officer or employee, other than the City's Risk Manager, shall have authority to waive this requirement.

B) The City reserves the right to review the insurance requirements of this Article during the effective period of this Agreement and any extension or renewal hereof and to modify insurance coverages and their limits when deemed necessary and prudent by City's Risk Manager based upon changes in statutory law, court decisions, or circumstances surrounding this Agreement. In no instance will City allow modification whereby City may incur increased risk.

C) A Consultant's financial integrity is of interest to the City; therefore, subject to Consultant's right to maintain reasonable deductibles in such amounts as are approved by the City, Consultant shall obtain and maintain in full force and effect for the duration of this Agreement, and any extension hereof, at Consultant's sole expense, insurance coverage written on an occurrence basis, unless otherwise indicated, by companies authorized 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:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AMOUNTS</u>
1. Commercial General Liability Insurance to include coverage for the following: a. Premises/Operations b. Products/Completed Operations c. Personal/Advertising Injury	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
2. Professional Liability (Claims-made basis) To be maintained and in effect for no less than two years subsequent to the completion of the professional service.	\$1,000,000 per claim, to pay on behalf of the insured all sums which the insured shall become legally obligated to pay as damages by reason of any act, malpractice, error, or omission in professional services.

D) Consultant agrees to require, by written contract, that all subcontractors providing goods or services hereunder obtain the same categories of insurance coverage required of Consultant herein, and provide a certificate of insurance and endorsement that names the Consultant and the CITY as additional insureds. Policy limits of the coverages carried by subcontractors will be determined as a business decision of Consultant. Respondent shall provide the CITY with said certificate and endorsement prior to the commencement of any work by the subcontractor. This provision may be modified by City's Risk Manager, without subsequent City Council approval, when deemed necessary and prudent, based upon changes in statutory law, court decisions, or circumstances surrounding this agreement. Such modification may be enacted by letter signed by City's Risk Manager, which shall become a part of the contract for all purposes.

E) As they apply to the limits required by the City, the City shall be entitled, upon request and without expense, to receive copies of the policies, declaration page, and all required endorsements. Consultant shall be required to comply with any such requests and shall submit requested documents to City at the address provided below within 10 days. Consultant shall pay any costs incurred resulting from provision of said documents.

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

F) Consultant agrees that with respect to the above required insurance, all insurance policies are to contain or be endorsed to contain the following provisions:

- Name the City, 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 the City, with the exception of the workers' compensation and professional liability policies;
- Provide for an endorsement that the "other insurance" clause shall not apply to the City of San Antonio where the City is an additional insured shown on the policy;
- Workers' compensation, employers' liability, general liability and automobile liability policies will provide a waiver of subrogation in favor of the City.
- Provide advance written notice directly to City of any suspension or non-renewal in coverage, and not less than ten (10) calendar days advance notice for nonpayment of premium.

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

H) In addition to any other remedies the City may have upon Consultant's failure to provide and maintain any insurance or policy endorsements to the extent and within the time herein required, the City shall have the right to order Consultant to stop work hereunder, and/or withhold any payment(s) which become due to Consultant hereunder until Consultant demonstrates compliance with the requirements hereof.

I) Nothing herein contained shall be construed as limiting in any way the extent to which Consultant may be held responsible for payments of damages to persons or property resulting from Consultant's or its subcontractors' performance of the work covered under this Agreement.

J) It is agreed that Consultant's insurance shall be deemed primary and non-contributory with respect to any insurance or self-insurance carried by the City of San Antonio for liability arising out of operations under this Agreement.

K) It is understood and agreed that the insurance required is in addition to and separate from any other obligation contained in this Agreement and that no claim or action by or on behalf of the City shall be limited to insurance coverage provided.

L) Consultant and any Subcontractors are responsible for all damage to their own equipment and/or property.

RFP EXHIBIT 3

INDEMNIFICATION

RESPONDENT covenants and agrees to FULLY INDEMNIFY, DEFEND and HOLD HARMLESS, the CITY and the elected officials, employees, officers, directors, volunteers and representatives of the 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 RESPONDENT' activities under this Agreement, including any acts or omissions of RESPONDENT, any agent, officer, director, representative, employee, respondent or subcontractor of RESPONDENT, 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 RESPONDENT 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.

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

Optional Provisions:

Defense Counsel - CITY shall have the right to select or to approve defense counsel to be retained by RESPONDENT in fulfilling its obligation hereunder to defend and indemnify CITY, unless such right is expressly waived by CITY in writing. RESPONDENT shall retain CITY approved defense counsel within seven (7) business days of CITY'S written notice that CITY is invoking its right to indemnification under this Contract. If RESPONDENT fails to retain Counsel within such time period, CITY shall have the right to retain defense counsel on its own behalf, and RESPONDENT shall be liable for all costs incurred by CITY. CITY shall also have the right, at its option, to be represented by advisory counsel of its own selection and at its own expense, without waiving the foregoing.

Employee Litigation - In any and all claims against any party indemnified hereunder by any employee of RESPONDENT, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation herein provided shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for RESPONDENT or any subcontractor under worker's compensation or other employee benefit acts.

RFP EXHIBIT 4

VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS PREFERENCE PROGRAM (VOSBPP) ORDINANCE

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 2013-12-05-0864, effective for solicitations issued after January 15, 2014, all solicitations issued by the City are subject to tracking of Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB) participation.

For more information on the program, refer to the Veteran-Owned Small Business Program Tracking Form attached to this solicitation.

Respondent must complete and return the attached Veteran-Owned Small Business Preference Program Tracking Form.

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RFP ATTACHMENT A, PART ONE

GENERAL INFORMATION FORM

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: _____

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: _____

(NOTE: This RFP solicits proposals to provide services under a contract which has been identified as "High Profile". Therefore, Respondent must provide the name of person that will sign the contract for the Respondent, if awarded.)

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 authorized and/or licensed to do business in Texas?

Yes ___ No ___ If "Yes", list authorizations/licenses.

5. Where is the Respondent's corporate headquarters located? _____

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. References:

Provide three (3) references that Respondent has provided services to within the past three (3) years. The contact person named should be familiar with the day-to-day management of the Respondent and be willing to respond to questions regarding the type, level, and quality of service provided.

Reference No. 1:

Firm/Company Name _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Date and Type of Service(s) Provided: _____

Reference No. 2:

Firm/Company Name _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Date and Type of Service(s) Provided: _____

Reference No. 3:

Firm/Company Name _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Date and Type of Service(s) Provided: _____

RFP ATTACHMENT A, PART TWO

EXPERIENCE, BACKGROUND AND QUALIFICATIONS

Prepare and submit narrative responses to address the following items. If Respondent is proposing as a team, provide the same information for each member of the team (to include the prime and all subcontractors).

1. Describe Respondent's experience relevant to the Scope of Services requested by this RFP. List and describe relevant audit engagements of similar size and scope performed over the past four years.
2. Describe Respondent's specific experience with public entity clients, especially large municipalities. 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. Specifically expand on your experience in the areas of:
 - a. the issuance and refunding of municipal bonds, related disclosures, and performing related agreed upon procedures;
 - b. requirements associated with auditing Federal and State Grants;
 - c. requirements associated with auditing Passenger Facility Charges;
 - d. audit resolution of Federal and State audit findings and questioned costs; and,
 - e. implementation of GASB Statements and Interpretations; and
 - f. interpretation and analysis of actuarial studies.
3. Describe Respondent's specific experience with methods and procedures for auditing automated accounting systems and records. Describe specific experience and automated methods for auditing SAP Financial Systems.
4. Describe the rationale for selecting the team and the extent to which the Respondent and subcontractors have worked together in the past.
5. Identify the number and professional qualifications (to include licenses, certifications, associations) of staff to be assigned to the audit engagement and relevant experience on projects of similar size and scope.
6. Describe the firm's training/development program for your professional staff and how the firm ensures that professional staff is informed of new accounting and auditing standards as well other issues which may affect governmental accounting and auditing.
7. Please provide brief resumes for key personnel and subcontractors to include at a minimum the individual's name, title, years of experience, description of current and prior experience, licenses and certifications, and office locations of those professionals that would be assigned to the City's engagement.
8. Is the firm, and subcontractors, members of the AICPA Governmental Audit Quality Center? Are you willing to become and maintain membership as part of this engagement?
9. Additional Information. Identify any additional skills, experiences, qualifications, and/or other relevant information about the Respondent's qualifications.

RFP ATTACHMENT A, PART THREE

PROPOSED PLAN

Prepare and submit the following items.

1. Audit Work Plan – Provide a detailed work plan outlining the steps or approach to assist the City in meeting its goal to reduce the timeframe in which the examination and final documents are completed and delivered after the fiscal year-end. The goal is for the City's financial records, to include audit fieldwork, adjustments, management letters, Single Audit, AUP of its records to be completed by January 31st; and the final reports to include component units to be issued no later than February 14th of the following year. The plan should include at a minimum, itemized tasks, resource requirements for the Respondent and the City, and audit timeline.
2. Staffing Plan –
 - a. Describe the plan to utilize subcontracting resources on the audit engagement, incorporating hours, fees and percentage of total Contract.
 - b. State the percentage of time by position that key personnel will devote to be dedicated on site during the audit engagement.
 - c. Provide an organizational chart of the audit team indicating Type of Position, Name of individual, and identify as staff of the Respondent or Subcontractor.
 - d. Describe how subcontractor(s) will be utilized on the audit engagement. Entail the actual type of work, tasks, responsibilities, staff levels, etc.
 - e. State the primary work assignment and the percentage of time key personnel and subcontractors will devote to the audit engagement if awarded the contract.
 - f. Describe the Respondents ability to provide additional staff resources to meet key deadlines and milestones
 - g. List other resources, including total number of employees, number and location of offices, number and types of equipment available to support this audit engagement.
 - h. Describe the Respondents ability to provide expertise in specialized areas or topics if required (i.e. new regulatory statements, taxation, payroll or legal).
 - i. Describe the Respondents ability to provide expertise and additional resources to perform other services (e.g. agreed upon procedures, contract compliance reviews, etc.) while performing the audit.
3. Training Plan – Describe the training plan/program which would be utilized to provide the City's professional accounting staff with Texas State Board of Public Accountancy certified continuing professional education at a level of 16 hours per fiscal year.
4. Partner Rotation Plan – Describe the Respondents ability and plan to rotate the engagement partner every five years as required by the City; which will include, if applicable, any carry over from a prior City Contract to the Contract to be awarded in connection with this RFP or future RFPs for Independent Audit Services.
5. Additional Information. Provide any additional plans and/or relevant information about Respondent's approach to providing the required services.

RFP ATTACHMENT B

PRICE SCHEDULE

Provide the proposed base pricing* and incremental fee schedules for the Independent Audit Services, to include: 1) advising the City on pending Governmental Accounting issues, 2) additional audit effort to test known GASB Statement requirements that will become effective during this contract period, 3) providing for the completion of the examination and final documents for the CAFR, Single Audit Report, Management Letter, PFC Schedule and Local Government Financial Assurance AUP, 4) providing normal consultation on various matters and 5) training:

The City has historically had ten opinion units; with the anticipation of the 2017 Bond program and creation of Tricentennial and Visit SA the City will have an average of 12 opinion units. The City historically has averaged 14 major single audit programs but with an increase in the threshold for major fund determination, low risk auditee level, and expiration of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant expenditures, the City anticipates an average of 8 major programs.

*Base pricing entails 12 CAFR opinion units 8 major single audit programs, the PFC audit and Local Government Financial Assurance AUP. Incremental fees may be charged or savings realized if opinion units or single audit programs tested do not meet the base threshold for that fiscal year.

Further, describe the hour and fee split of the contract for each year between the prime and subcontractors.

Participation of Firms					
<i>Independent Audit Services</i>					
	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
Hours:					
Prime					
Subcontractors					
Total Hours					
Sub Hrs % Total Hrs	%	%	%	%	%
Base Fees:					
Prime	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Subcontractors					
Total Base Fees	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Sub Base Fees % Total Base Fees	%	%	%	%	%
Incremental Fees:					
Opinion Unit	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Major Program	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

Describe the hourly fee structure for other requested services such as assistance with the preparation of aspects of the annual report, analysis of new accounting standards or pronouncements beyond those currently issued and effective during the contract period [which should be included in the base price], tax, compliance and other non-audit consultation matters, performing various agreed upon procedures, contract compliance reviews, other services which may be required for a City bond offering, or services to assist in the resolution of audit findings and questioned costs reported by Federal and State agencies.

<i>Other Services:</i>					
Position	FY2017 Hourly Rate	FY2018 Hourly Rate	FY2019 Hourly Rate	FY2020 Hourly Rate	FY2021 Hourly Rate
Partner	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Manager					
Senior					
Staff					

*Price Schedules not completed as requested may deem a proposal as non – responsive and therefore disqualified from consideration.

RFP ATTACHMENT C
CONTRACTS DISCLOSURE FORM

Contracts Disclosure Form may be downloaded at <https://www.sanantonio.gov/eforms/atty/ContractsDisclosureForm.pdf>

Instructions for completing the Contracts Disclosure Form are listed below:

1. Download form and complete all fields. Note: All fields must be completed prior to submitting the form.
2. Click on the "Print" button and place copy in proposal response as indicated in the Proposal Checklist.

RFP 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.

RFP ATTACHMENT E

SBEDA FORM(S)

Posted as separate documents.

RFP ATTACHMENT F

VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM TRACKING FORM(S)

Posted as separate documents.

RFP ATTACHMENT G

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES (Form 1295)

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/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm

Print your completed Form 1295 and sign it in front of a notary. Submit your signed and notarized 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 RFP number shown on the cover page of this solicitation.

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.

RFP ATTACHMENT H

SIGNATURE PAGE

By submitting a proposal, Respondent represents that:

If Respondent is a corporation, Respondent will be required to provide a certified copy of the resolution evidencing authority to enter into the contract, if other than an officer will be signing the contract.

If awarded a contract in response to this RFP, Respondent agrees to comply with the insurance and indemnification requirements and provisions set out in RFP Exhibits 2 & 3 with no alterations, revisions or changes.

If awarded a contract in response to this RFP, Respondent agrees to comply with all representations made by Respondent in Respondent's proposal and during proposal presentation & interview process, if any.

Respondent has fully and truthfully submitted a Litigation Disclosure form with the understanding that failure to disclose the required information may result in disqualification of proposal from consideration.

Respondent agrees to fully and truthfully submit the General Information Form and understands that failure to fully disclose requested information may result in disqualification of proposal from consideration or termination of contract, once awarded.

Respondent shall comply with the City's Ethics Code, particularly Section 2-61 that prohibits a person or entity seeking a City contract - or any other person acting on behalf of such a person or entity - from contacting City officials or their staff prior to the time such contract is posted as a City Council agenda item.

(S) he is authorized to submit this proposal on behalf of the entity.

Acknowledgement of Prohibition regarding Campaign and Officeholder Contributions

I acknowledge that this contract has been designated a "high-profile" contract. I have read and understand the provisions regarding high profile contracts that appear on the cover page of this RFP.

If submitting your proposal by paper, 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 Entity Name

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

(NOTE: If proposal is submitted by Co-Respondents, an authorized signature from a representative of each Co-Respondent is required. Add additional signature blocks as required.)

Co-Respondent should answer any questions or provide any information directed specifically to Co-Respondent.

Co-Respondent Entity Name

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

RFP ATTACHMENT I

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 Form and References RFP Attachment A, Part One	
Experience, Background and Qualifications RFP Attachment A, Part Two	
Proposed Plan RFP Attachment A, Part Three	
Price Schedule RFP Attachment B	
*Contracts Disclosure Form Per instructions in RFP Attachment C	
Litigation Disclosure Form RFP Attachment D	
*SBEDA Form RFP Attachment E; and Associated Certificates, if applicable	
*Veteran-Owned Small Business Preference Program Tracking Form RFP Attachment F	
*Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295) RFP Attachment G	
Proof of Insurability (See RFP Exhibit 2) Insurance Provider's Letter Copy of Current Certificate of Insurance	
*Signature Page RFP Attachment H	
Proposal Checklist RFP Attachment I	
One COMPLETE (1) Original, eight (8) copies WITH ONLY TABS and documents for General Information Form; Experience, Background and Qualifications; Proposed Plan, etc. (NO SBEDA, VOSB AND/OR PRICING TO BE INCLUDED) and one (1) CD or USB flash drive of entire proposal in PDF format if submitting in hard copy.	
*Signed Addendums, if applicable.	