

# **BOARD OF CONTRACT AND SUPPLY**CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Item Description: COMMUNITY NON-VIOLENCE PROGRAMMING - ONE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH TWO ONE-YEAR OPTIONS

Procurement/MinuteTraq #: 46857

**Date to be opened:** 10/21/2024

**Issuing Department**: Housing & Human Services

### **QUESTIONS**

- Please direct questions related to the bidding process, how to fill out forms, and how to submit a bid (Pages 1-8) to the Purchasing Department.
  - o Email: purchasing@providenceri.gov
    - Please use the subject line "Solicitation Question"
- Please direct questions relative to the Minority and Women's Business Enterprise Program and the corresponding forms (Pages 9-13) to the MBE/WBE Outreach Director for the City of Providence, Grace Diaz
  - o Email: gdiaz@providenceri.gov
    - Please use subject line "MBE WBE Forms"
- Please direct questions relative to the specifications outlined (beginning on page 14) to the issuing department's subject matter expert:
  - o Name: Emily Freedman
  - o Title: Director of Housing & Human Services
  - o Email Address: efreedman@providenceri.gov

#### **Pre-bid Conference**

There is no pre-bid conference scheduled for this item.

Deadline for questions submissions: 10/7/2024



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#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

# **Meeting Date: 10/21/2024**

Bids may be submitted up to **2:15 P.M.** on the above meeting date at the **Department of the City Clerk. Room 311, City Hall. 25 Dorrance Street, Providence.** At 2:15 P.M. all bids will be publicly opened and read at the Board of Contract Meeting in Conference Room 305, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of City Hall.

- Bidders must submit 2 copies of their bid in sealed envelopes or packages labeled with the captioned Item Description and the City Department to which the solicitation and bid are related and must include the company name and address on the envelope as well. (On page 1).
- If required by the Department, please keep the original bid bond and check in only one of the envelopes.
- Communications to the Board of Contract and Supply that are not competitive sealed bids (i.e. product information/samples) should have "**NOT A BID**" written on the envelope or wrapper.
- Only use form versions and templates included in this solicitation. If you have an old version of a form do not recycle it for use in this bid.
- The bid envelope and information relative to the bid must be addressed to:

Board of Contract and Supply Department of the City Clerk – City Hall, Room 311 25 Dorrance Street Providence, RI 02903

\*\*<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: This bid may include details regarding information that you will need to provide (such as proof of licenses) to the issuing department before the formalization of an award.

This information is <u>NOT</u> requested to be provided in your initial bid by design.

All bids submitted to the City Clerk become public record. Failure to follow instructions could result in information considered private being posted to the city's Open Meetings Portal and made available as a public record. The City has made a conscious effort to avoid the posting of sensitive information on the City's Open Meetings Portal, by requesting that such sensitive information be submitted to the issuing department only at their request.



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### **BID PACKAGE CHECKLIST**

Digital forms are available in the City of Providence Purchasing Department Office or online at <a href="http://www.providenceri.gov/purchasing/how-to-submit-a-bid/">http://www.providenceri.gov/purchasing/how-to-submit-a-bid/</a>

The bid package **MUST** include the following, in this order:

- Bid Form 1: Bidder's Blank as the cover page/ 1<sup>st</sup> page (see page 6 of this document)
- Bid Form 2: Certification of Bidder as 2<sup>nd</sup> page (see page 7 of this document)
- Bid Form 3: Certificate Regarding Public Records (see page 8 of this document)
- Bid Form 4: Affidavit of City Vendor (see pages 9 and 10 of this document)
- Forms from the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program: Based on Bidder Category. See forms and instructions enclosed (pages 11-112) or on:
   https://www.providenceri.gov/purchasing/minority-women-owned-business-mbewbe-procurement-program/

# \*Please note: MBE/WBE forms must be completed for EVERY bid submitted and must be inclusive of <u>ALL</u> required signatures. Forms without all required signatures will be considered <u>incomplete</u>.

- Bidder's Proposal/Packet: Formal response to the specifications outlined in this RFP, including pricing information and details related to the good(s) or service(s) being provided. Please be mindful of formatting responses as requested to ensure clarity.
- Financial Assurance, if requested (as indicated on page 5 of this document under "Bid Terms")

All of the above listed documents are REQUIRED. (With the exception of financial assurances, which are only required if specified on page 5.)

\*\*\*Failure to meet specified deadlines, follow specific submission instructions, or enclose all required documents with all applicable signatures will result in disqualification, or in an inability to appropriately evaluate bids.



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### **NOTICE TO VENDORS**

- 1. The Board of Contract and Supply will make the award to the lowest qualified and responsible bidder.
- 2. In determining the lowest responsible bidder, cash discounts based on preferable payment terms will not be considered.
- 3. Where prices are the same, the Board of Contract and Supply reserves the right to award to one bidder, or to split the award.
- 4. No proposal will be accepted if the bid is made in collusion with any other bidder.
- 5. Bids may be submitted on an "equal in quality" basis. The City reserves the right to decide equality. Bidders must indicate brand or the make being offered and submit detailed specifications if other than brand requested.
- 6. A bidder who is an out-of-state corporation shall qualify or register to transact business in this State, in accordance with the Rhode Island Business Corporation Act, RIGL Sec. 7-1.2-1401, et seq.
- 7. The Board of Contract and Supply reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
- 8. Competing bids may be viewed in person at the Department of the City Clerk, City Hall, Providence, immediately upon the conclusion of the formal Board of Contract and Supply meeting during which the bids were unsealed/opened. Bids may also be accessed electronically on the internet via the City's Open Meetings Portal.
- 9. As the City of Providence is exempt from the payment of Federal Excise Taxes and Rhode Island Sales Tax, prices quoted are not to include these taxes.
- 10. In case of error in the extension of prices quoted, the unit price will govern.
- 11. The contractor will **NOT** be permitted to: a) assign or underlet the contract, or b) assign either legally or equitably any monies or any claim thereto without the previous written consent of the City Purchasing Director.
- 12. Delivery dates must be shown in the bid. If no delivery date is specified, it will be assumed that an immediate delivery from stock will be made.
- 13. A certificate of insurance will normally be required of a successful vendor.
- 14. For many contracts involving construction, alteration and/or repair work, State law provisions concerning payment of prevailing wage rates apply (<u>RIGL Sec. 37-13-1 et seq.</u>)
- 15. No goods should be delivered, or work started without a Purchase Order.
- 16. Submit 2 copies of the bid to the City Clerk, unless the specification section of this document indicates otherwise.
- 17. Bidder must certify that it does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation and/or religion in its business and hiring practices and that all of its employees are lawfully employed under all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations. (See Bid Form 2.)



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### **BID TERMS**

1.	Financial assurances may be required in order to be a successful bidder for Commodity or Construction and Service contracts. If either of the first two checkboxes below is checked, the specified assurance must accompany a bid, or the bid will not be considered by the Board of Contract and Supply. The third checkbox indicates the lowest responsible bidder will be contacted and required to post a bond to be awarded the contract.			
	a)	A certified check for \$ must be deposited with the City Clerk as a guarantee that the Contract will be signed and delivered by the bidder.		
	b)	A bid bond in the amount of per centum (%) of the proposed total price, must be deposited with the City Clerk as a guarantee that the contract will be signed and delivered by the bidder; and the amount of such bid bond shall be retained for the use of the City as liquidated damages in case of default. Any person signing a bid bond as an attorney-in-fact shall include with the bid bond an original, or a photocopy or facsimile of an original, power of attorney.		
	c)	A performance and payment bond with a satisfactory surety company will be posted by the bidder in a sum equal to one hundred per centum (100%) of the awarded contract.		
	d)	X No financial assurance is necessary for this item.		
2.	Av	vards will be made within <b>nighty</b> (90) days of bid opening. All bid prices will be considered firm,		

- unless qualified otherwise. Requests for price increases will not be honored.
- 3. Failure to deliver within the time quoted or failure to meet specifications may result in default in accordance with the general specifications. It is agreed that deliveries and/or completion are subject to strikes, lockouts, accidents, and Acts of God.

# The following entry applies only for COMMODITY BID TERMS:

4. Payment for partial delivery will not be allowed except when provided for in blanket or term contracts. The following entries apply only for CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE BID TERMS:

- 5. Only one shipping charge will be applied in the event of partial deliveries for blanket or term contracts.
- 6. Prior to commencing performance under the contract, the successful bidder shall attest to compliance with the provisions of the Rhode Island Worker's Compensation Act, RIGL 28-29-1, et seq. If exempt from compliance, the successful bidder shall submit a sworn Affidavit by a corporate officer to that effect, which shall accompany the signed contract.
- 7. Prior to commencing performance under the contract, the successful bidder shall, submit a certificate of insurance, in a form and in an amount satisfactory to the City.

Title



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### **BID FORM 1: Bidders Blank**

- 1. Bids must meet the attached specifications. Any exceptions or modifications must be noted and fully explained.
- 2. Bidder's responses must be in ink or typewritten, and all blanks on the bid form should be completed.
- 3. The price or prices proposed should be stated both in **WRITING** and in **FIGURES**, and any proposal not so stated may be rejected. **Contracts exceeding twelve months must specify annual costs for each year.**
- 4. Bids **SHOULD BE TOTALED** so that the final cost is clearly stated (unless submitting a unit price bid), however **each item should be priced individually**. Do not group items. Awards may be made on the basis of *total* bid or by *individual items*.
- 5. All bids MUST BE SIGNED IN INK.

Name of Bidder (Firm or Individual):	
Contact Name:	
Business Address:	
Business Phone #:	
Contact Email Address:	
Agrees to bid on (Write the "Item Description" here):	
If the bidder's company is based in a state <u>other than Rhode</u>	
<i>Island</i> , list name and contact information for a local agent	
for service of process that is located within Rhode Island	
Delivery Date (if applicable):	
Name of Surety Company (if applicable):	
Total Amount in Writing*:	
Total Amount in Figures*:	
*If you are submitting a unit price bid, please insert "Unit Price Bid"	
Use additional pages if necessary for additional bidding details.	
	Signature of Representation



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# **BID FORM 2: Certification of Bidder**

(Non-Discrimination/Hiring)

Up	pon behalf of	(Firm or Individual Bidding),	(Firm or Individual Bidding),			
Ι,		(Name of Person Making Certification),	(Name of Person Making Certification),			
bei	ing its	(Title or "Self"), hereby certify that:				
1.	Bidder does not unlawfully discriminate on orientation and/or religion in its business an	the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual d hiring practices.				
2.	. All of Bidder's employees have been hired in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.					
I af	affirm by signing below that I am duly authoriz	ed on behalf of Bidder, on				
this	isday of	20				
		Signature of Represe	entation			
		Printe	ed Name			

Printed Name



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# **BID FORM 3: Certificate Regarding Public Records**

Upon	behalf of	(Firm or Individual Bidding),
Ι,		(Name of Person Making Certification),
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unders	rstanding that:	
1.	. All bids submitted in response to Requests for Prop (RFQ's), documents contained within, and the detair record upon receipt by the City Clerk's office and of and Supply (BOCS) meeting.	ils outlined on those documents become public
2.		be submitted directly to the issuing
3.	. The requested supplemental information may be crusuch details may result in disqualification, or an ina	
4.	•	is enclosed or if a bidder opts to enclose the ng department's request in the bidding packet has no obligation to redact those details and
5.	•	parent bidding process. Information required in the issuing department at the discretion of the
I affir	rm by signing below that I am duly authorized on beha	alf of Bidder, on
this	day of20_	·
		Signature of Representation



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### **BID FORM 4: Affidavit of City Vendor**

Per our Code of Ordinances Sec. 21.-28.1 (e), this form applies to a) the business, b) any political action committee whose name includes the name of the business, c) all persons holding ten (10) percent or greater equity interest or five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or greater cash value interest in the business at any time during the reporting period, d) all executive officers of the business entity, e) any spouse or dependent child of any individual identified in a) though d) above.

Executive officers who are not residents of the state of Rhode Island are exempted from this requirement.

Per <u>R.I.G.L.</u> § 36-14-2, "Business" means a sole proprietorship, partnership, firm, corporation, holding company, joint stock company, receivership, trust, or any other entity recognized in law through which business for profit or not for profit is conducted.

Name of the person making this affidavit:	
Position in the "Business"	
Name of Entity	
Address:	
Phone number:	
The number of persons or entities in your entity that a	re required to report under Sec. 2128.1 (e):
Read the following paragraph and answer one of t	he options:
are not in writing within the 12 month period preceding	bid submission with the City of Providence, or with respect to the contracts than the date of notification that the contract has reached the \$100,000 threshold, dar year to (please list all persons or entities required under Sec. 2128.1 (e)).
<ul> <li>a. Members of the Providence City Council?   • If Yes, please complete the following: Recipient(s) of the Contribution: Contribution Date(s):</li> </ul>	es □ No  Contribution Amount(s):
<ul> <li>b. Candidates for election or reelection to the Provid</li> <li>If Yes, please complete the following: Recipient(s) of the Contribution:</li> </ul>	dence City Council?   Yes   No
Contribution Date(s):	Contribution Amount(s):



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c.	<ul> <li>The Mayor of Providence?   Yes   No</li> <li>If Yes, please complete the following:  Recipient(s) of the Contribution:</li> </ul>		
	Contribution Date(s):	Contribution Amount(s):	
d.	Candidates for election or reelection to the office of  If Yes, please complete the following: Recipient(s) of the Contribution: Contribution Date(s):	Mayor of Providence? ☐ Yes  Contribution Amount(s):	□ No
	Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury.		



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# MBE/WBE Participation Plan

Please complete separate forms for each MBE/WBE subcontractor/supplier to be utilized on the solicitation.

Bidder's Name:							
Bidder's Address:							
Point of Contact:							
Telephone:							
Email:							
Procurement #:							
Project Name:							
Which one of the following describes your business' status in terms of Minority and/or Woman Owned Business Enterprise certification with the State of Rhode Island? (Check all that apply).  This form is intended to capture commitments between the prime contractor/vendor and MBE/WBE subcontractors and suppliers, including a description of the work to be performed and the percentage of the work as submitted to the prime contractor/vendor. Please note that all MBE/WBE subcontractors/suppliers must be certified by the Office of Diversity, Equity and Opportunity at the time of bid. The MBE/WBE Directory can be found here. Please visit, the <a href="City's MBE/WBE">City's MBE/WBE</a> page for details of the program (e.g. instructions and requirements).  Nonprofit organizations are not required to complete the rest of this form.  Construction projects unable to identify subcontractors prior to bid submission (e.g. Design Build) are required to provide updates to the MBE/WBE Outreach Office							
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Type of RI Certification	on:	□МВЕ		WBE		□Neither	
Address:							
Point of Contact:							
Telephone:							
Email:							
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Prime Contractor/Vo		88			Title		Date
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Subcontractor/Suppl	ier Signature				Title		Date

<sup>\*</sup>If you did not meet the 20% MBE/WBE combined participation goal, submit a Waiver Request Form.



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### **MBE/WBE Waiver Request Form**

Fill out this form only if you did not meet the 20% MBE/WBE participation goal. State-certified MBE or WBE Prime Bidders are NOT REQUIRED to fill out this form.

Submit this form to the City of Providence MBE/WBE Outreach Director, Grace Diaz, at <a href="mailto:govmailto:mbe-wbe@providenceri.gov">gdiaz@providenceri.gov</a>, for review **prior to bid submission.** This waiver applies only to the current bid which you are submitting to the City of Providence and does not apply to other bids your company may submit in the future. **In case a waiver is needed**, **City Department Directors should not** recommend a bidder for an award if this form is not included, absent or is not signed by the city of Providence MBE/WBE director.

Company Name, Address:		Trade			
Project /Item Description (as seen	on RFP):				
			e name of the primary individual with		
whom you interacted, and the reas					
MBE/WBE Company Name	Individual's Name	Company Name	Why did you choose not to work with this company?		
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certified businesses as partners.	associated with the fulfillme	nt of this contract, a good faith e	ffort will be made to select MBE/WE		
Signature of Prime Contractor /		Name	Date Signed		
or Duly Authorized Representative	e				
Signature of City of Providence MBE/WBE Outreach Director /		Name of City of Providence BE Outreach Director	Date Signed		
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# **BID PACKAGE SPECIFICATIONS**

Request for Proposals (RFP): Community Non-Violence Programming

### Introduction

The City of Providence is dedicated to fostering a safe and resilient community. While the City of Providence has committed significant resources to proactively address residents' behavioral health needs, there is recognition that additional investments in nonviolence and conflict resolution programming to empower residents to de-escalate and resolve conflict without additional interventions is needed. Additionally, when a conflict escalates, the City seeks to also provide appropriate intervention services. Through this Request for Proposals, the City seeks to offer a funding opportunity for initiatives focused on non-violence programming and interventions within schools and broader community settings. Proposals are sought from qualified non-profit organizations to invest a total of \$237,500 in both upstream, in-school non-violence strategies and additional services targeting individuals engaged in or at risk of becoming involved in conflict.

### **Purpose**

This RFP aims to support and implement innovative and effective non-violence programming that addresses violence and conflict both proactively and reactively within schools and the broader community. Evidence-based modalities for educational programs, conflict mediation and de-escalation training, mental health support, and/or spiritual support with the goal of creating a safer environment for all Providence residents are encouraged.

### **Investment Priority Areas**

**Responsive proposals must address at least one of the following focus areas.** The priority focus areas for this funding opportunity are:

- Upstream Non-Violence Programming: Initiatives designed to address and prevent violence before it
  occurs. These programs should be proactive and aimed at creating systemic changes within schools and
  communities.
- 2. **In-School Interventions:** Programs and strategies implemented directly within schools to foster a culture of non-violence. This includes curriculum enhancements, peer mediation programs, conflict resolution training, and other related interventions.
- 3. Direct Services for Individuals Engaged in Violence:
  - Evidence-Based Models: Programs that offer educational, mental health, and/or spiritual support. The services should: a. Enhance participants' ability to analyze and identify different forms of conflict. b. Empower participants to develop cooperative problem-solving strategies to improve community environments by decreasing tension and hostility. c. Increase participants' awareness of and fluency in basic, intermediate, and advanced conflict reconciliation and mediation techniques.
  - **Recruitment:** Proactively identify and refer high-risk youth to participate in programming.



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o Conflict Intervention: Proactively identify interpersonal conflicts at risk of escalating to violence, and provide trauma-informed, anti-racist, anti-stigma, strength-based interventions for mediation and reconciliation. Refer at-risk residents to basic needs and/or social services as needed.

**Participant Stipends:** Reasonable and necessary stipends may be paid to participants to reduce barriers to participation in the above programming types. Such stipends may include transportation costs, replacement of wages for attendance hours, and/or childcare costs as appropriate.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for this funding, organizations must:

- Be a registered non-profit organization, community-based organization, or educational institution in good standing with the Secretary of State.
- Demonstrate experience and expertise in non-violence programming, conflict resolution, and support for individuals engaged in violence.
- Demonstrate experience providing conflict reconciliation and mediation trainings.
- Demonstrate experience providing trainings to historically underinvested communities, including but not limited to:
  - o Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC)
  - o Residents with limited English-language proficiency
  - o LGBTQIA+ residents
  - o Residents with involvement in the criminal justice system
  - o Residents experiencing homelessness
- Be located in or primarily serve residents of Providence.

### **Proposal Requirements**

Interested organizations should submit a proposal that includes the following:

- 1. **Cover Letter:** Brief introduction of the organization, including contact information and the amount of funding requested.
- 2. **Project Description:** Detailed description of the proposed program or intervention, including objectives, activities, and expected outcomes.
- 3. **Implementation Plan:** Timeline and steps for executing the project, including key milestones.
- 4. **Budget:** Detailed budget outlining how the funds will be used, including personnel costs, materials, participant stipends, subcontractors, and/or other expenses. The selected vendors must be prepared to operate the program on a predominately reimbursement basis.
- 5. **Evaluation Plan:** Methods for measuring the effectiveness and impact of the program, including any metrics or evaluation tools to be used.
- 6. **Sustainability Plan:** Explanation of how the program will be sustained beyond the initial funding period.



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- 7. **Organizational Qualifications:** Information on the organization's experience, staff qualifications, and past successes related to non-violence programming, conflict resolution, and working with historically underinvested communities.
- 8. **Letters of commitment-** If applying with partners, provide letters of commitment from all partner organizations certifying their role and responsibilities in the proposed work plan.
- 9. **Supporting documents** (*optional*) (*maximum 5 pages*) Provide documents, links, communications materials, etc. that provide any relevant background information about the organization and experience with similar projects.

### **Scoring Criteria**

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

## 1. Alignment with Funding Priorities (30 points):

How well does the proposal align with the investment priority areas and address the needs identified in the RFP?

# 2. Effectiveness and Innovation of the Program (25 points):

- o Does the proposal describe an innovative and evidence-based approach to non-violence programming and conflict resolution?
- o Are the goals and objectives clearly defined and supported by research or best practices?

### 3. Experience and Expertise (20 points):

- o Does the organization have demonstrated experience and success in providing non-violence programming, conflict reconciliation and mediation training of similar scope and complexity?
- o Has the organization successfully worked with historically underinvested communities?

### 4. Implementation and Sustainability (15 points):

- o Is the implementation plan detailed, feasible, and well-structured?
- o How will the program be sustained beyond the initial funding period?

### 5. Budget and Cost-Effectiveness (10 points):

- o Is the budget detailed and reasonable?
- o Does the proposal demonstrate effective use of funds?

#### **Submission Guidelines**

• Proposals must be submitted in accordance with instructions on page 2. Late proposals cannot be accepted.

#### **Deliverables**

Quarterly and annual reporting on recruitment, training, and conflict intervention services provided is required. Reports should include the following but are not limited to:



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- De-identified demographic information about participants:
  - o Age
  - o Race/Ethnic origin
  - Neighborhood of residents
  - o Education level
  - o Income
  - o Employment status
  - o History of involvement with the criminal legal system
- Outreach and recruitment efforts
- Number of conflicts responded to and the outcomes
- Number of and dollar amount of stipends administered (if applicable).
- Back-up financial documentation for payment disbursement.
- Attend additional program-related meetings with HHS staff and other partners.

#### **Review and Selection Process**

Proposals will be reviewed by a review panel. The panel will score proposals based on the criteria outlined above. The City reserves the right to award the full contract to one proposer, split the award among more than one proposer, award a partial contract for specific tasks outlined in this RFP, award no contract, and/or to re-release this RFP as it deems in the best interest of the City of Providence. Additionally, this award is not a guarantee or a promise of business.

Bid Opening Date: 10/21/2024

Award Date: 11/4/2024

Contract period: one year, with up to two option years.

### **Funding Decisions**

Funding for this program is limited. Applications that meet all general guidelines and requirements may not necessarily receive an award. The City may fund a project for the full amount requested, less than the full amount, or not at all. There are no requirements or expectations that the City must award all funds via this solicitation. The City reserves the right to postpone or cancel this solicitation if it deems it to be in the best interests of the City to do so. The City reserves the right to waive any technical or formal errors or omissions.

Successful applicants shall be in complete compliance with all of the specifications, terms, and conditions of this solicitation and related programs. The City shall not be liable for any costs incurred in the preparation of proposals or for any work performed in connection therein. Applicants must be current to the City on any loan, contractual, or tax obligation as due, and with any rules, regulations, or provisions on any existing or past City contracts.



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### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

If the issuing department for this RFP determines that your firm's bid is best suited to accommodate their need, you will be asked to provide proof of the following prior to formalizing an award.

An inability to provide the outlined items at the request of the department may lead to the disqualification of your bid.

This information is <u>NOT</u> requested to be provided in your initial bid that you will submit to the City Clerk's office by the "date to be opened" noted on page 1. This list only serves as a list of items that your firm should be ready to provide on request.

<u>All bids submitted to the City Clerk become public record</u>. Failure to follow instructions could result in information considered private being posted to the city's Open Meetings Portal and made available as a public record.

### You must be able to provide:

- Business Tax ID will be requested after an award is approved by the Board of Contract and Supply.
- Proof of Insurance.
- Certificate of Good Standing with the Rhode Island Secretary of State.



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#### CITY OF PROVIDENCE STANDARD TERMS & CONDITIONS

- 1. The terms "you" and "your" contained herein refer to the person or entity that is a party to the agreement with the City of Providence ("the City") and to such person's or entity's employees, officers, and agents.
- 2. The Request For Proposals ("RFP") and these Standard Terms and Conditions together constitute the entire agreement of the parties ("the Agreement") with regard to any and all matters. By your submission of a bid proposal or response to the City's RFP, you accept these Standard Terms & Conditions and agree that they supersede any conflicting provisions provided by bid or in any terms and conditions contained or linked within a bid and/or response. Changes in the terms and conditions of the Agreement, or the scope of work thereunder, may only be made by a writing signed by the parties.
- 3. You are an independent contractor and in no way does this Agreement render you an employee or agent of the City or entitle you to fringe benefits, workers' compensation, pension obligations, retirement or any other employment benefits. The City shall not deduct federal or state income taxes, social security or Medicare withholdings, or any other taxes required to be deducted by an employer, and this is your responsibility to yourself and your employees and agents.
- 4. You shall not assign your rights and obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the City. Any assignment without prior written consent of the City shall be voidable at the election of the City. The City retains the right to refuse any and all assignments in the City's sole and absolute discretion.
- 5. Invoices submitted to the City shall be payable sixty (60) days from the time of receipt by the City. Invoices shall include support documentation necessary to evidence completion of the work being invoiced. The City may request any other reasonable documentation in support of an invoice. The time for payment shall not commence, and invoices shall not be processed for payment, until you provide reasonably sufficient support documentation. In no circumstances shall the City be obligated to pay or shall you be entitled to receive interest on any overdue invoice or payment. In no circumstances shall the City be obligated to

- pay any costs associated with your collection of an outstanding invoice.
- 6. For contracts involving construction, alteration, and/or repair work, the provisions of applicable state labor law concerning payment of prevailing wage rates (R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 37-13-1 et seq., as amended) and the City's First Source Ordinance (Providence Code of Ordinances §§ 21-91 et seq., as amended) apply.
- 7. With regard to any issues, claims, or controversies that may arise under this Agreement, the City shall not be required to submit to dispute resolution or mandatory/binding arbitration. Nothing prevents the parties from mutually agreeing to settle any disputes using mediation or non-binding arbitration.
- 8. To the fullest extent permitted by law, you shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City, its employees, officers, agents, and assigns from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, allegations, demands, actions, causes of action, suits, obligations, fines, penalties, judgments, liabilities, costs and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, of any nature whatsoever arising out of, in connection with, or resulting from the performance of the work provided in the Agreement.
- 9. You shall maintain throughout the term of this Agreement the insurance coverage that is required by the RFP or, if none is required in the RFP, insurance coverage that is considered in your industry to be commercially reasonable, and you agree to name the City as an additional insured on your general liability policy and on any umbrella policy you carry.
- 10. The City shall not subject itself to any contractual limitations on liability. The City shall have the time permitted within the applicable statute of limitations, and no less, to bring or assert any and all causes of action, suits, claims or demands the City may have arising out of, in connection with, or resulting from the performance of the work provided in the Agreement, and in no event does the City agree to limit your liability to the price of the Agreement or any other monetary limit.
- 11. The City may terminate this Agreement upon five (5) days' written notice to you if you fail to observe any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, or if the City believes your ability to perform the

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terms and conditions of this Agreement has been materially impaired in any way, including but in no way limited to loss of insurance coverage, lapsing of a surety bond, if required, declaration of bankruptcy, or appointment of a receiver. In the event of termination by the City, you shall be entitled to just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed and expenses incurred up to the date of termination.

- 12. Written notice hereunder shall be deemed to have been duly served if delivered in person to the individual or member of the firm or entity or to an officer of the entity for whom it was intended, or if delivered at or sent by registered or certified mail to the last business address known by the party providing notice.
- 13. In no event shall the Agreement automatically renew or be extended without a writing signed by the parties.
- 14. You agree that products produced or resulting from the performance of the Agreement are the sole property of the City and may not be used by you without the express written permission of the City.
- 15. For any Agreement involving the sharing or exchange of data involving potentially confidential and/or personal information, you shall comply with any and all state and/or federal laws or regulations applicable to confidential and/or personal information you receive from the City, including but not limited to the Rhode Island Identity Theft Protection Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-49.3-1, during the term of the Agreement. You shall implement and maintain appropriate physical, technical, and administrative security measures for the protection of, and to prevent access to, use, or disclosure of, confidential and/or personal information. In the event of a breach of such information, you shall notify the City of such breach immediately, but in no event later than twenty-four (24) hours after discovery of such breach.
- 16. The Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Rhode Island. You expressly submit yourself to and agree that any and all actions arising out of, in connection with, or resulting from the performance of the Agreement or relationship between the parties shall occur solely in the venue and jurisdiction of the State of Rhode Island or the federal court located in Rhode Island.
- 17. The failure of the City to require performance of any provision shall not affect the City's right to

- require performance at any time thereafter, nor shall a waiver of any breach or default of this Agreement constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach or default or a waiver of the provision itself.
- 18. If any term or provision of this Agreement, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall, in any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby, and each term and provision shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.