

GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC AFFAIRS

REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSAL

("RFCSP")

for

CLOSED CAPTIONING SERVICES

(RFCSP 18-060, RFx: 6100010130)

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003 BACKGROUND

Currently the City of San Antonio's Government & Public Affairs Department uses EEG Enterprises, Inc. hardware for closed captions. The EEG hardware uses Icap software to provide captions during live television events. Primarily, these events are held on Wednesday afternoons and Thursdays. This service provides a real-time service to hearing impaired people regarding what is being verbalized on the television screen.

004 SCOPE OF SERVICE

The City of San Antonio's Government & Public Affairs Department is soliciting proposals from qualified Respondents to provide remote real-time closed captioning services for cablecast programming on the government access channel of the local cable system(s) in accordance with the specifications listed herein. The City will utilize this contract primarily for regularly scheduled City Council meetings, however, the Respondent should also be available to provide services during emergency notifications, news conferences, public hearings as well as any special session meetings and City produced programs.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1. The Respondent must be an established company performing this type of service. Respondents must prove beyond any doubt to the City that they are duly qualified, capable, bondable, etc. to fulfill and abide by the specifications herein listed.
- 2. Respondent shall comply with all Federal and State laws and City ordinances and codes applicable to contractor's operations under this contract.
- 3. Cost provided shall include all related charges, necessary to deliver the services described herein.
- 4. Hours provided are estimates only and are in no way binding upon the City of San Antonio. Estimated hours will be utilized for the purpose of evaluation.

SPECIFICATIONS

Respondent's steno-captioners shall be certified real-time reporters and/or registered merit reporters with a minimum of five (5) years' experience in real-time captioning of live television programming. The Respondent shall be required to provide a proof of State or National Court Reporters Associations (NCRA) certifications/credentials held by staffed steno-captioners.

The steno-captioner must encode at a minimum rate of 230 words per minute with an accuracy rate of ninety-eight percent (98%) or better (standard set by the NCRA). Final text will be publicized on the City's web site, thus the City will not accept more than a 2 percent overall error rate.

The City shall retain all rights to captioning scripts. Respondent shall deliver caption files to the A/V Manager, or other designee, within 24 hours of completion.

Respondent shall use real-time closed captioning software and be responsible for applicable licenses, software updates and maintenance as needed to perform required work.

Respondent shall provide real-time closed captioning hardware and shall perform all maintenance as needed to perform required work.

Respondent shall be required to keep an updated directory with proper spelling for words frequently utilized by the City.

Respondent shall be responsible for providing all necessary labor, equipment, software and hardware to enable delivery of closed captioning data via phone modem, which shall include but not be limited to computers, steno machines, modems, and back-up power source, etc.

Respondent shall be responsible for coordinating all necessary tests with the City and the local cable service provider(s) to perform quality assurance of the phone connection and equipment hook-up prior to beginning live session(s). A test signal shall be completed at least one half hour prior to broadcast time for the purpose of verifying that the system is operable.

Closed Captioning services shall be performed primarily for City Council Meetings, emergency City Council sessions, news conferences, public hearings and other City produced programs, which are typically scheduled on Wednesdays of each month between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. and Thursdays of each month between the hours of 9:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. However, Respondent shall have the ability to provide "on call" services for special meetings and/or sessions with 24 hours' notice.

The City estimates approximately 450 hours per year of real-time closed captioning services during regular business hours (Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.).

The City may have a limited need for closed captioning services between the hours of 7:00 p.m. through 12:00 a.m., as well as service coverage for extended council meetings, and/or special session meetings. Upon 24 hours notification, Respondent shall provide such services.

The City estimates approximately 70 hours per year of real-time closed captioning services during extended business hours (Monday –Friday, 7:01 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.). Upon 24 hours notification, Respondent shall provide such services.

The City may have a limited need for closed captioning services between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 7:01 a.m., as well as weekends and holidays, for special sessions or special meetings. Upon 24 hours notification, Respondent shall provide such services.

The City estimates approximately 20 hours per year of real-time closed captioning services during overnight hours, weekends and holidays (Monday-Friday 12:01 a.m. through 7:59 a.m. and all day Saturday and Sunday).

Respondent shall be responsible for providing closed captioning services as specified herein, any replacement designated to substitute for selected Respondent shall require prior written approval by Director of Government and Public Affairs, or designee, prior to scheduled date of service.

The City shall make every effort to schedule work with enough notice, however the contractor must be available to provide services as needed on 24-hours' notice and provide a twenty four (24) hour telephone number.

SAMPLE

Vendors must submit a video sample of past live steno-captioning service performed via internet link (Youtube, Dropbox, Google Drive, etc.) or via DVD in your proposal submission. Links to samples must be attached as part of your Experience, Background and Qualifications, Attachment A, Part Two. If submitting a DVD, it must be clearly labeled and included with the Respondent's submittal.

005 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

<u>Statutory Requirements</u>. Exceptions to the following provisions and exhibits by Respondent and/or their agent will lead to automatic disgualification of Respondent's proposal from consideration.

Sections: Venue, Jurisdiction and Arbitration Intellectual Property Undisclosed Features Ownership and Licenses Certifications Acceptance Criteria (if required)

Exhibits:

Insurance Requirements Indemnification Requirements

<u>Venue, Jurisdiction and Arbitration</u>. For any dispute or claim arising under the award of a contract for this proposal, venue shall be in Bexar County, Texas, and the laws of the State of Texas shall apply. The City will not contractually agree to engage in binding arbitration and will not contractually agree to relinquish its right to a trial by jury.

<u>Undisclosed Features</u>. CONTRACTOR warrants that the code and software provided to the City of San Antonio under this agreement does not contain any undisclosed features or functions that would impair or might impair the CITY'S use of the equipment, code or software. Specifically, but without limiting the previous representation, CONTRACTOR warrants there is no "Trojan Horse," lock, "time bomb," backdoor or similar routine. This Agreement shall not now nor will it hereafter be subject to the self-help provisions of the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act or any other law. CONTRACTOR specifically disclaims any unilateral self-help remedies.

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 RFCSP, 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.

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

006 TERM OF CONTRACT

A contract awarded in response to this RFCSP will be for a one (1) year period. The City shall have the option to renew for an additional four (4), one (1) year periods without additional City Council approval.

Temporary Short Term Extensions.

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

Temporary Contract Pending Award of Contract by City Council

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

In such event, City's written notice shall constitute acceptance of Vendor's bid and shall result in a temporary contract to provide goods and/or services until City Council considers and awards the contract contemplated in this solicitation. The total expenditure under the temporary contract shall not exceed \$50,000. The temporary contract shall begin on the date set forth in City's written notice and shall terminate when the total expenditure reaches \$50,000, or upon subsequent written notice from City, whichever shall occur sooner. Should City Council authorize award of a contract to Vendor pursuant to this solicitation, said award shall automatically terminate the temporary contract upon the effective date of the newly awarded contract.

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

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

007 PRE-SUBMITTAL CONFERENCE

A Pre-Submittal Conference will be held at the City of San Antonio's Finance Department-Purchasing Division, Riverview Towers, 111 Soledad Street, Suite 1100, Hill Country Conference Room at 10:00 A.M, Central Time, on May 22, 2018. 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.

This meeting place is accessible to disabled persons. The 111 Soledad Street, Suite 1100, Hill Country Conference Room is wheelchair accessible. The accessible entrance is located at the main entrance

location, as necessary. 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.

Conference Bridge: Toll Free Dial-In Number: 1-877-226-9790

WebEx Meeting number: 4511640

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.

If submitting a hard copy proposal, submit one (1) COMPLETE original hard copy of your proposal, signed in ink, six (6) hard copies WITH ONLY TABS and documents for the General Information Form; Experience, Background, and Qualifications; Proposed Plan, etc. (NO Pricing, SBEDA, Local Preference, and/or Veteran-Owned Small Business Preference Forms SHOULD BE INCLUDED in the 6 copies) and one (1) copy of the COMPLETE 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.

If submitting electronically through City's portal, scan and upload these documents with your proposal. Each of the items listed below must be uploaded as a separate attachment, labeled with the heading indicated below.

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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.

<u>GENERAL INFORMATION FORM</u>. Use the Form found in this RFCSP as Attachment A, Part One.

EXPERIENCE, BACKGROUND & QUALIFICATIONS. Prepare and submit your firms response based on the requirements stated in the RFCSP and include as Attachment A, Part Two.

<u>PROPOSED PLAN</u>. Prepare and submit the Proposal based on the requirements stated in the RFCSP and include as Attachment A, Part Three.

PRICE SCHEDULE. Use the Pricing Schedule that is found in this RFCSP as Attachment B.

<u>*CONTRACTS DISCLOSURE FORM</u>. Use the Form in RFCSP Attachment C which is posted separately or Respondent may download a copy at:

http://www.sanantonio.gov/Ethics/ForCompliance/Vendors-And-Conflict-of-Interest-Reports

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 the copy in your proposal as indicated in the Proposal Checklist.

<u>LITIGATION DISCLOSURE FORM</u>. Complete and submit the Litigation Disclosure Form, found in this RFCSP 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.

*<u>SBEDA SUBCONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER UTILIZATION PLAN FORM.</u> Complete, sign and return as Attachment E.

*VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM (VOSBPP) TRACKING FORM. Complete, sign and return as Attachment F.

*CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES FORM. Respondent shall review information regarding Certificate of Interested Parties Form (Form 1295) provided in RFCSP Attachment G and submit Form 1295 as directed.

Form 1295 must be completed online. In Box 3 of the form, provide the solicitation number shown on the cover page of this solicitation (e.g. IFB 6100001234, RFO 6100001234 or RFCSP 6100001234). The form 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 showing the Certification Number and Date Filed in the Certification of Filing box at the upper right corner. Sign Form 1295 and submit it with your response to this solicitation.

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

<u>FINANCIAL INFORMATION</u>. Submit a recent copy of a Dun and Bradstreet financial report, or other credit report, on Respondent and its partners, affiliates and subtenants, if any.

<u>*SIGNATURE PAGE</u>. Respondent must complete, sign and submit the Signature Page found in this RFCSP 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.

<u>PROPOSAL CHECKLIST</u>. Complete and submit the Proposal Checklist found in this RFCSP as Attachment I.

ADDENDA. Sign and submit addenda, if any.

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

009 CHANGES TO RFCSP

Changes to the RFCSP, made prior to the due date for proposals shall be made directly to the original RFCSP. Changes are captured by creating a replacement version each time the RFCSP is changed. It

is Respondent's responsibility to check for new versions until the proposal due date. City will assume that all proposals received are based on the final version of the RFCSP as it exists on the day proposals are due.

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

010 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Proposals may be submitted electronically though the portal or in hard copy format.

Submission of Hard Copy Proposals.

Respondent shall submit one (1) <u>COMPLETE</u> original signed in ink, six (6) hard copies *WITH ONLY TABS and documents for General Information Form; Experience, Background and Qualifications; Proposed Plan, etc. (NO Pricing, SBEDA, AND/OR Veteran-Owned Small Business Preference Forms TO BE INCLUDED in the 6 copies)* and one (1) COMPLETE 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, "*CLOSED CAPTIONING SERVICES*" on the front of the package. The name and address of Respondent, the due date for submission of proposals, RFCSP 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 2:00 p.m., Central Time, on Monday, June 11, 2018** 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.

<u>Mailing Address:</u> Office of the City Clerk Attn: RFCSP 18-060, 6100010130-Closed Captioning Services P.O. Box 839966 San Antonio, Texas 78283-3966

<u>Physical Address:</u> Office of the City Clerk Attn: RFCSP 18-060, 6100010130-Closed Captioning Services 100 Military Plaza, City Hall, 1st Floor San Antonio, Texas 78205

Proposals sent by facsimile or email will not be accepted.

<u>Submission of Electronic Proposals</u>. Submit one **(1) COMPLETE** proposal electronically by the due date provided on the Cover Page. All times stated herein are Central Time. Any proposal or modification received after the time and date stated on the Cover Page shall be rejected. All forms in this solicitation which require a signature must have a signature affixed thereto, either by manually signing the document, prior to scanning it and uploading it with your submission, or affixing it electronically.

<u>Proposal Format</u>. 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 or other securely bound fashion. The use of recycled paper and materials is encouraged. Unnecessarily elaborate brochures, artwork, bindings, visual aides, 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 proposal or electronic submission through City's portal. **ORIGINAL and/or ELECTRONIC** proposals must include **ALL** the sections and attachments in the sequence listed in the RFCSP Section 008, Proposal Requirements, and each section and attachment must be indexed and, 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 electronic submissions, whether through the portal or on a CD, 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.

<u>Modified Proposals</u>. Proposals may be modified provided such modifications are received prior to the due date for submission of proposals and submitted in the same manner as original proposal. 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. For electronic proposals, a modified proposal will automatically replace a prior proposal submission.

<u>Certified Vendor Registration Form.</u> 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 <u>http://www.sanantonio.gov/purchasing/</u>. 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 shorthand 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 RFCSP 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 form found in this RFCSP 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.

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

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

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

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

Changes that do not involve an increase in contract price may be made by the City's Chief Technology Officer (CTO).

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

<u>Confidential or Proprietary Information</u>. 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. Respondent acknowledge that exemptions to Public Information Act requests may require a brief to be submitted to the Texas Attorney General explaining why the claimed exceptions apply to the information in issue. The City shall not be obligated to submit the brief supporting those claimed exceptions. Respondent shall be solely responsible for submitting the brief and the documents in issue to the Texas Attorney General.

<u>Cost of Proposal</u>. Any cost or expense incurred by the Respondent that is associated with the preparation of the Proposal, the Pre-Submittal conference, if any, or during any phase of the selection process, shall be borne solely by Respondent.

Termination.

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

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

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

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

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 or the Corporation Board, regarding the RFCSP or proposals from the time the RFCSP has been released until the contract is posted for consideration as a Board agenda item; and 2) City employees and Corporation Board from the time the RFCSP 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 RFCSP and/or proposal submitted by Respondent. Violation of this provision by Respondent and/or its agent may lead to disqualification of Respondent's proposal from consideration.

Exceptions to the Restrictions on Communication with City employees include:

• Respondents may ask verbal questions concerning this RFCSP at the Pre-Submittal Conference.

 Respondents may submit written questions concerning this RFCSP to the Staff Contact Person listed below until 2:00 p.m., Central Time, on May 30, 2018. Questions received after the stated deadline will not be answered. All questions shall be sent by e-mail to:

Kristen McAvoy, Procurement Specialist III City of San Antonio, IT Procurement Office kristen.mcavoy@sanantonio.gov

 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 <u>David.Rodriguez3@sanantonio.gov</u>. 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.

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. During interviews, if any, verbal questions and explanations will be permitted. The City reserves the right to exclude any persons from interviews as it deems in its best interests.

Upon completion of the evaluation process, Respondents shall receive a notification letter indicating the recommended firm, anticipated City Council agenda date, and a review of the solicitation process. 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 submissions received in response to this RFCSP. City may appoint a selection committee to perform the evaluation. Each submission will be analyzed to determine overall responsiveness and qualifications under this RFCSP. Criteria to be evaluated will include the items listed below. In accordance with §252.042, Texas Local Government Code, the selection committee may select all, some or none of the respondents who are judged to be reasonably qualified for award of the contract for interviews. Should the City elect to conduct interviews, selection for interviews will be based on initial scoring, prior to interviewing. Interviews are not an opportunity to change a submission. If the City elects to conduct interviews, respondents may be interviewed and re-scored based upon the same criteria. City may also request information from respondents at any time prior to final approval of a selected respondent, or seek best and final offers from respondents deemed reasonably qualified for award. Final approval of a selected respondent is subject to the action of the San Antonio City Council.

Evaluation Criteria:

Experience, Background, Qualifications (15 points)

Proposed Plan (30 points)

Pricing (35 points)

SBE Prime Contract Program (10 points)

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

M/WBE Prime Contract Program (10 points)

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

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

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 RFCSP.

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. 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 RFCSP, and to waive informalities and irregularities in the proposals received. City also reserves the right to terminate this RFCSP, and reissue a subsequent solicitation, and/or remedy technical errors in the RFCSP process.

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

This RFCSP does not commit City to enter into a Contract, award any services related to this RFCSP, 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. If Respondent takes exception to the terms and conditions of this RFCSP, the City may deem the Respondent non-responsive and not evaluate their proposal.

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.

<u>Conflicts of Interest</u>. 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/Ethics/ForCompliance/Vendors-And-Conflict-of-Interest-Reports)

<u>Independent Contractor</u>. 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 City shall in no 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.

<u>State of Texas Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (Form CIQ)</u>. 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/Ethics/ForCompliance/Vendors-And-Conflict-of-Interest-Reports

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, 1st 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 BONDS

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015 SOFTWARE ESCROW REQUIREMENT

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016 ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

All deliverables submitted to the City hereunder shall be submitted to a designated City employee for approval and that such deliverables comply in all material respects with the requirements as set forth in a Statement of Work.

In the event of any nonconformity or nonfunctionality of deliverables, the City shall provide Respondent written notification within 14 days of delivery. Upon receipt of such notice of nonconformity or nonfunctionality, Respondent shall have 14 days to cure the nonconformity or nonfunctionality.

Upon delivery of the cure, the City will have 14 days to evaluate and determine if such cure is acceptable. In the event the Deliverable remains unacceptable, the City will provide a second notice of nonconformity or nonfunctionality of the system within 30 days of delivery. Respondent shall have an additional 14 days to cure the nonconformity or nonfunctionality.

Upon delivery of the cure, the City will have 14 days to evaluate and determine if such cure is acceptable. In the event the Deliverable remains unacceptable the City will provide Respondent with a third notice of any nonconformity or nonfunctionality of the system and Respondent will forfeit 50% of retained balances on hold with the City at the time the third notice is provided to Respondent.

A retainage in the amount of 10% of the deliverable price shall be held by the City, to be paid upon final acceptance. The City Project Team will review, approve, and sign off on the deliverable. Upon acceptance of each milestone, the Contractor will be paid 90% of the agreed upon milestone.

Upon final acceptance, Contractor shall invoice the City for the 10% final acceptance hold-back payment.

017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

RFCSP Release	Friday, 05/11/2018
Pre-Submittal Conference	Tuesday, 05/22/2018 at 10:00 AM. Central Time
Final Questions Accepted	Wednesday, 05/30/2018 at 2:00 PM. Central Time
Proposal Due	Monday, 06/11/2018 at 2:00 PM. Central Time

RFCSP EXHIBIT 1

SBEDA Ordinance Compliance Provisions

A. 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.

B. 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, email 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 <u>http://www.sanantonio.gov/SBO/Forms.aspx</u>)* 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.

C. <u>SBEDA Program Compliance – Affirmative Procurement Initiatives</u>

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:

SBE Prime Contract Program. In accordance with the SBEDA Ordinance, Section III. D. 7. (a), this contract is being awarded pursuant to the SBE Prime Contract Program, and as such, CONTRACTOR

affirms that if it is presently certified as an SBE (see *Small Business Enterprise* definition), CONTRACTOR agrees not to subcontract more than 49% of the contract value to a non-SBE firm, **and**

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

D. <u>SBEDA Program Compliance – General Provisions</u>

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:

- 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;
- 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 <u>all</u> Subcontractors to be registered in the CVR.

E. <u>Definitions</u>

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 <u>all</u> 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 Certifications, 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 firm does not perform a Commercially Useful Function. 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 (RFCSPs 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.

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

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

<u>Native Americans</u>: 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.

F. <u>Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy Compliance</u>

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;
- 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;
- 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).

EXHIBIT 2

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

If selected to provide the services described in this RFCSP, Respondent shall be required to comply with the insurance requirements set forth below:

INSURANCE

Prior to the commencement of any work under this Agreement, Respondent shall furnish copies of all required endorsements and an original completed Certificate(s) of Insurance to the City's Government & Public Affairs Office, which shall be clearly labeled "Closed Captioning 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. City will not accept a Memorandum of Insurance or Binder as proof of insurance. The certificate(s) must have the agent's signature and phone number, and be mailed, with copies of all applicable endorsements, directly from the insurer's authorized representative to City. City shall have no duty to pay or perform under this Agreement until such certificate and endorsements have been received and approved by City's Government & Public Affairs Office. No officer or employee, other than City's Risk Manager, shall have authority to waive this requirement.

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 whereupon City may incur increased risk.

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

TYPE	AMOUNTS
1. Commercial General Liability Insurance to include coverage for the following:	For <u>B</u> odily <u>I</u> njury and <u>P</u> roperty <u>D</u> amage of:
 a. Premises/Operations b. Products/Completed Operations c. Personal/Advertising Injury 	\$1,000,000.00 per occurrence; \$2,000,000.00 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.	\$1,000,000.00 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.
*If Applicable	

Respondent agrees to require, by written contract, that all subcontractors providing goods or services hereunder obtain the same insurance coverages required of Respondent herein, and provide a certificate of insurance and endorsement that names Respondent and City as additional insureds. Respondent shall provide 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.

As they apply to the limits required by City, City shall be entitled, upon request and without expense, to receive copies of the policies, declaration page and all endorsements thereto and may require the deletion, revision, or modification of particular policy terms, conditions, limitations or exclusions (except where policy provisions are established by law or regulation binding upon either of the parties hereto or the underwriter of any such policies). Respondent shall be required to comply with any such requests and shall submit a copy of the replacement certificate of insurance to City at the address provided below within 10 days of the requested change. Respondent shall pay any costs incurred resulting from said changes.

City of San Antonio Attn: Government & Public Affairs Office P.O. Box 839966 San Antonio, Texas 78283-3966

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

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

In addition to any other remedies the City may have upon Respondent'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 Respondent to stop work hereunder, and/or withhold any payment(s) which become due to Respondent hereunder until Respondent demonstrates compliance with the requirements hereof.

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

It is agreed that Respondent'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.

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 City shall be limited to insurance coverage provided.

Respondent and any subcontractors are responsible for all damage to their own equipment and/or property.

INDEMNIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

If selected to provide the services described in this RFCSP, Respondent shall be required to comply with the indemnification requirements set forth below:

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'S activities under this Agreement, including any acts or omissions of RESPONDENT, any agent, officer, director, representative, employee, consultant 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's 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:

<u>Defense Counsel</u> - 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.

<u>Employee Litigation</u> - 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.

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 Preference Program Tracking Form attached to this solicitation.

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

STATE OF TEXAS & CITY OF SAN ANTONIO REQUIREMENTS

Non-Discrimination

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

Prohibition on Contracts with Companies Boycotting Israel

Texas Government Code §2270.002 provides that a governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company for goods or services, unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it:

- (1) does not boycott Israel; and
- (2) will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.

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

"Company" means a for-profit sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exists to make a profit.

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

<u>Contracts with Companies Engaged in Business with Iran, Sudan, or Foreign Terrorist</u> <u>Organization Prohibited</u>

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

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

<u>Intellectual Property</u>. 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, trademarks, trade secrets, 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 or any other intellectual property infringe upon any United States or International patent, copyright or trademark, 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, both the programs and hardware or any other intellectual property 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, copyright, trademark or any other intellectual property rights 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.

INTERLOCAL PARTICIPATION

The City may, from time to time, enter into Interlocal Cooperation Purchasing Agreements with other governmental entities or governmental cooperatives (hereafter collectively referred to as "Entity" or "Entities") to enhance the City's purchasing power. At the City's sole discretion and option, City may inform other Entities that they may acquire items listed in this Request for Offer (hereafter "RFCSP"). Such acquisition(s) shall be at the prices stated herein, and shall be subject to vendor's acceptance. Entities desiring to acquire items listed in this RFCSP shall be listed on a rider attached hereto, if known at the time of issuance of the RFCSP. City may issue subsequent riders after contract award setting forth additional Entities desiring to utilize this contract. VENDOR shall sign and return any subsequently issued riders within ten calendar days of receipt.

In no event shall City be considered a dealer, remarketer, agent or other representative of Vendor or Entity. Further, City shall not be considered and is not an agent; partner or representative of the Entity making purchases hereunder, and shall not be obligated or liable for any such order.

Entity purchase orders shall be submitted to Vendor by the Entity.

Vendor authorizes City's use of Vendor's name, trademarks and Vendor provided materials in City's presentations and promotions regarding the availability of use of this contract. The City makes no representation or guarantee as to any minimum amount being purchased by City or Entities, or whether Entity will purchase utilizing City's contract.

CITY WILL NOT BE LIABLE OR RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OBLIGATIONS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PAYMENT, AND FOR ANY ITEM ORDERED BY AN ENTITY OTHER THAN CITY.

EXHIBIT 8

CITY TECHNICAL STANDARDS

ATTACHED AS A SEPERATE DOCUMENT

CITY SECURITY POLICIES

ATTACHED AS A SEPERATE DOCUMENT

019 RFCSP ATTACHMENTS

RFCSP ATTACHMENT A, PART ONE

GENERAL INFORMATION FORM

 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.)

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 Fe	ederal Employer Identification No	ımber:
Texas Comptroller's Taxpaye (NOTE: This 11-digit numbe	er Number, if applicable: r is sometimes referred to as the	Comptroller's TIN or TID.)
DUNS NUMBER:		
	ne box that indicates the busines	
Partnership Corporation If checke Also, check one:	ed, check one:For-Profit Domestic business structure:	Nonprofit Foreign
Printed Name of Contract Sig Job Title:	natory:	
Provide any other names un of time under for each:	der which Respondent has ope	rated within the last 10 years and

	Telephone No	Fax N	No:
	Annual Revenue: \$		
	Total Number of Employe	es:	
	Total Number of Current (Clients/Customers:	
	Briefly describe other line	s of business that the company	is directly or indirectly affiliated with:
	List Related Companies:		
2.	Contact Information: Liss setting dates for meetings		may contact concerning your proposal or
	Name:	Title:	
	Address:		
	City:	State:	Zip Code:
	Telephone No	Fax N	No:
	Email:		
3.		ate any mergers, transfer of org re of key personnel within the n	anization ownership, management ext twelve (12) months?
	Yes No		
4.	Is Respondent authorized	and/or licensed to do business	in Texas?
	Yes No	If "Yes", list authorizations/lice	enses.
5.	Where is the Respondent	's corporate headquarters locate	ed?
6.	Local/County Operation	: Does the Respondent have a	n office located in San Antonio, Texas?
	Yes No	If "Yes", respond to a and b be	elow:

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? 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.

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 contract and be willing to respond to questions regarding the type, level, and quality of service provided.

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

RFCSP ATTACHMENT A, PART TWO

EXPERIENCE, BACKGROUND, QUALIFICATIONS

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

- 1. Provide documentation for State or National Court Reporters Associations (NCRA) certifications/credentials held by staffed steno-captioners that will be assigned to this project.
- 2. Identify the number and professional qualifications (to include licenses, certifications, associations) of staff to be assigned to the project and relevant experience on projects of similar size and scope.
- 3. Describe Respondent's experience relevant to the Scope of Services requested by this RFCSP. List and describe relevant projects of similar size and scope performed over the past five years. Identify associated results or impacts of the project/work performed.
- 4. Describe Respondent's specific experience with public entities 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.
- 5. List other resources, including total number of employees, number and location of offices, number and types of equipment available to support this project.
- 6. If Respondent is proposing as a team or joint venture or has included sub-contractors, describe the rationale for selecting the team and the extent to which the team, joint venturers and/or sub-contractors have worked together in the past.
- 7. State the primary work assignment and the percentage of time key personnel will devote to the project if awarded the contract.
- 8. Describe what experience your firm has with real time captioning and working in similar setting as described in the scope herein.
- 9. Vendors must submit a video sample of past live steno-captioning service performed via internet link (Youtube, Dropbox, Google Drive, etc.) or via DVD in your proposal submission. Links to samples must be attached as part of your Experience, Background and Qualifications, Attachment A, Part Two. If submitting a DVD, it must be clearly labeled and included with the Respondent's submittal.
- 10. Additional Information. Identify any additional skills, experiences, qualifications, and/or other relevant information about the Respondent's qualifications.

RFCSP ATTACHMENT A, PART THREE

PROPOSED PLAN

Prepare and submit the following items.

Staffing Plan:

Due to the nature of this contract, the vendor must be available to respond to the needs on a short notice. Describe Respondent's Staffing Plan for providing scheduled services and non-scheduled services. Provide a weekly staffing schedule to support this project.

For each person to be assigned to work under the contract, provide certifications, licenses, experience and education. Include the person(s) who will be assigned primary responsibility for administration of the resulting contract and for supervision of performance of work under the contract, if different. Provide 24/7 telephone numbers and e-mail addresses for this person(s).

Provide a reporting/workflow hierarchy reflecting Respondent's proposed team to perform under the contract.

Describe Respondent's plan to keep employees skills current. Describe how continuing education/training will be provided especially as relevant to the technology used to provide the services.

Describe the process of how Respondent will meet the required response time(s). Include information on how Respondent meets (or will meet) the requirement to (establish) ensure services are available to the City as needed.

Operating Plan:

Describe the proposed plan to conduct operations, including solution to specific tasks, tools used, staff assigned and schedule of events.

Describe Respondent's Electronic Recordkeeping System and what tools are used to record and retrieve data. Respondent shall include video sample of services in real time and sample scripts for review.

Describe your ability to obtain and maintain any necessary proprietary tools and equipment necessary to perform the requirements of the scope of services.

Describe Respondent's tools that will be used to perform the requirements of this contract and provide an inventory of equipment/software/etc used.

Maintenance Plan:

Describe Respondent's plan to ensure all tools used shall function and meet the City's requirements throughout term of the contract.

Other:

Additional Information - Provide any additional plans and/or relevant information about Respondent's approach to providing the required services.

RFCSP ATTACHMENT B

PRICE SCHEDULE

Respondent's proposal must be based on the proposed contract term, including renewal periods, stated in this RFCSP. Proposing a different term of the contract, or renewal terms may lead to disqualification of Respondent's proposal from consideration. As such, Respondent must provide pricing in the manner set forth in the RFCSP's Price Schedule. Failure to do so may lead to disqualification of Respondent's proposal from consideration.

Description	Hourly Rate
Regular business hours	
(Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.)	
Extended business hours	
(Monday – Friday, 7:01 p.m12:00 a.m.)	
Overnight hours, weekends and holidays	
Monday - Friday 12:01 a.m. through 7:59 a.m. and all	
day Saturday and Sunday).	

RFCSP ATTACHMENT C

CONTRACTS DISCLOSURE FORM

Contracts Disclosure Form may be downloaded at http://www.sanantonio.gov/Ethics/ForCompliance/Vendors-And-Conflict-of-Interest-Reports

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. All respondents must include the following information in the required Contracts Disclosure Form at the time the original proposal is submitted:
 - a. names of the agency board members,
 - b. list of positions they hold as board members, and
 - c. names and titles of officers of the organization.
- 3. Click on the "Print" button and place the copy in proposal response as indicated in the Proposal Checklist.

RFCSP ATTACHMENT D

LITIGATION DISCLOSURE FORM

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

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

Yes ____ No ____

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

Yes ____ No ____

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

Yes ____ No ____

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

RFCSP ATTACHMENT E

SBEDA SUBCONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER UTILIZATION PLAN

POSTED AS A SEPARATE DOCUMENT.

RFCSP ATTACHMENT F

VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS PREFERENCE PROGRAM TRACKING FORM

Posted as a separate document, if applicable.

RFCSP 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 and sign your completed Form 1295. Submit your signed Form 1295 with your response to this solicitation. Where requested to provide the name of the public entity with whom you are contracting, insert "City of San Antonio". Where requested to provide the contract number, provide the RFCSP number shown on the cover page of this solicitation (e.g. IFB 6100001234, RFO 6100001234 or RFCSP 6100001234).

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

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

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

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

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

(1) receives compensation from the business entity for the person's participation;

(2) communicates directly with the governmental entity or state agency on behalf of the business entity regarding the contract; and

(3) is not an employee of the business entity or of an entity with a controlling interest in the business entity.

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

RFCSP ATTACHMENT I

SIGNATURE PAGE

Respondent, and co-respondent, if any, must complete City's Certified Vendor Registration (CVR) Form prior to the due date for submission of proposals. The CVR Form may be accessed at: <u>http://www.sanantonio.gov/purchasing/</u>

By submitting a proposal, whether electronically or by paper, 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 RFCSP, Respondent will be able and willing to comply with the insurance and indemnification requirements set out in RFCSP Exhibits 2 & 3.

If awarded a contract in response to this RFCSP, Respondent will be able and willing to comply with all representations made by Respondent in Respondent's proposal and during Proposal process.

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 Respondent 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.

To 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.

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-

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Co-Respondent Entity Name

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

RFCSP 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.

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Document	Initial to Indicate Document is Attached to Proposal
Table of Contents	
General Information Form	
RFCSP Attachment A, Part One	
Experience, Background and Qualifications	
RFCSP Attachment A, Part Two	
Proposal Solution	
RFCSP Attachment A, Part Three	
Price Schedule	
RFCSP Attachment B	
*Contracts Disclosure form	
RFCSP Attachment C	
Litigation Disclosure	
RFCSP Attachment D	
SBEDA Subcontractor/Supplier Utilization Plan Form RFCSP Attachment E	
Veteran-Owned Small Business Preference Program Tracking Form RFCSP Attachment F	
*Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295) RFCSP Attachment G	
Proof of Insurability (See RFCSP Exhibit 2)	
Insurance Provider's Letter	
Copy of Current Certificate of Insurance	
Financial Information	
*Signature Page	
RFCSP Attachment H	
Proposal Checklist	
RFCSP Attachment I	
One (1) Original, Six (6) Copies and one (1) CD or USB Flash Drive of entire proposal in PDF format.	

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