



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

# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**Item Description: PVD Young Makers Initiative - Service Provider**

**Date to be opened: March 30, 2020**

**Issuing Department: Department of Art, Culture + Tourism**

## **QUESTIONS**

- Please direct questions relative to the bidding process, how to fill out forms, and how to submit a bid (Pages 1-8) to Purchasing Agent Patti Jordan.
  - Phone: (401) 680-5264
  - Email: [pjordan@providenceri.gov](mailto:pjordan@providenceri.gov)
    - Please use the subject line “**RFP Question**”
- Please direct questions relative to the Minority and Women’s Business Enterprise Program and the corresponding forms (Pages 9-13) to the MBE/WBE Outreach Director for the City of Providence, Grace Diaz
  - Phone: (401) 680-5766
  - Email: [gdiaz@providenceri.gov](mailto:gdiaz@providenceri.gov)
    - Please use subject line “**MBE WBE Forms**”
- Please direct questions relative to the specifications outlined (beginning on page 14) to the issuing department’s subject matter expert, Micah Salkind, Special Projects Manager. Questions must be submitted prior to March 16, 2019 at 12:00 P.M. Answers will be publicly posted and shared by March 23, 2019.
  - Phone: (401)-680-5774
  - Email: [msalkind@providenceri.gov](mailto:msalkind@providenceri.gov)

## **Pre-bid Conference**

Applicants are strongly encouraged to participate in a Pre-bid Conference on Wednesday March 11th from 12:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. at The Doorley Building (444 Westminster ST., Providence, RI 02903) in the third floor Empire Conference Room. All questions and answers discussed at this pre-bid conference will be sent out with the formal Question and Answer.



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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION**

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

- Bidders must submit **2 copies** of their bid in sealed envelopes or packages labeled with the captioned **Item Description** and the **City Department to which the RFP and bid are related.** (On page 1)
- Communications to the Board of Contract and Supply that are not competitive sealed bids (i.e. product information/samples) should have “**NOT A BID**” written on the envelope or wrapper.
- Only use form versions and templates included in this RFP. If you have an old version of a form do not recycle it for use in this bid.
- The bid envelope and information relative to the bid must be addressed to:

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

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

*This information is NOT requested to be provided in your initial bid by design.*

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



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**BID PACKAGE CHECKLIST**

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

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

- Bid Form 1: Bidder's Blank as the cover page/ 1<sup>st</sup> page (*see page 6 of this document*)
- Bid Form 2: Certification of Bidder as 2<sup>nd</sup> page (*see page 7 of this document*)
- Certificate Regarding Public Records (*see page 8 of this document*)
- Forms from the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program: Based on Bidder Category. *See forms and instructions enclosed (pages 9-13) or on: <https://www.providenceri.gov/purchasing/minority-women-owned-business-mbewbe-procurement-program/>*

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

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

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

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



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**NOTICE TO VENDORS**

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



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**BID TERMS**

1. Financial assurances may be required in order to be a successful bidder for Commodity or Construction and Service contracts. If either of the first two checkboxes below is checked, the specified assurance must accompany a bid, or the bid will not be considered by the Board of Contract and Supply. The third checkbox indicates the lowest responsible bidder will be contacted and required to post a bond to be awarded the contract.
  - a)  A certified check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ must be deposited with the City Clerk as a guarantee that the Contract will be signed and delivered by the bidder.
  - b)  A bid bond in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ per centum (%) of the proposed total price, must be deposited with the City Clerk as a guarantee that the contract will be signed and delivered by the bidder; and the amount of such bid bond shall be retained for the use of the City as liquidated damages in case of default.
  - c)  A performance and payment bond with a satisfactory surety company will be posted by the bidder in a sum equal to one hundred per centum (100%) of the awarded contract.
  - d)  No financial assurance is necessary for this item.
2. Awards will be made within **sixty (60) days of bid opening**. All bid prices will be considered firm, unless qualified otherwise. Requests for price increases will not be honored.
3. Failure to deliver within the time quoted or failure to meet specifications may result in default in accordance with the general specifications. It is agreed that deliveries and/or completion are subject to strikes, lockouts, accidents and Acts of God.

**The following entry applies only for COMMODITY BID TERMS:**

4. Payment for partial delivery will not be allowed except when provided for in blanket or term contracts.

**The following entries apply only for CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE BID TERMS:**

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



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**BID FORM 1: Bidders Blank**

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

Name of Bidder (Firm or Individual): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Agrees to bid on (Items(s) to be bid): \_\_\_\_\_

If the bidder's company is based in a state *other than Rhode Island*, list name and contact information for a local agent for service of process that *is located within Rhode Island*:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please visit <http://www.naics.com/search/> and identify the NAICS Code(s) for items being bid on. Enter the NAICS code(s) here or in parentheses next to each item listed immediately above: \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery Date (when applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Surety Company (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount in Writing: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount in Figures: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title



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**BID FORM 2: Certification of Bidder**

(Non-Discrimination/Hiring)

Upon behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (Firm or Individual Bidding),

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Person Making Certification),

being its \_\_\_\_\_ (Title or "Self"), hereby certify that:

1. Bidder does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation and/or religion in its business and hiring practices.
2. All of Bidder's employees have been hired in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.

I affirm by signing below that I am duly authorized on behalf of Bidder, on  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name



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**Certificate Regarding Public Records**

Upon behalf of \_\_\_\_\_(Firm or Individual Bidding),  
I, \_\_\_\_\_(Name of Person Making Certification), being its  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Title or "Self"), hereby certify an understanding that:

1. All bids submitted in response to Requests for Proposals (RFP's) and Requests for Qualification (RFQ's), documents contained within, and the details outlined on those documents become public record upon receipt by the City Clerk's office and opening at the corresponding Board of Contract and Supply (BOCS) meeting.
2. The Purchasing Department and the issuing department for this RFP/RFQ have made a conscious effort to request that sensitive/personal information be submitted directly to the issuing department and only at request if verification of specific details is critical the evaluation of a vendor's bid.
3. The requested supplemental information may be crucial to evaluating bids. Failure to provide such details may result in disqualification, or an inability to appropriately evaluate bids.
4. If sensitive information that has not been requested is enclosed or if a bidder opts to enclose the defined supplemental information prior to the issuing department's request in the bidding packet submitted to the City Clerk, the City of Providence has no obligation to redact those details and bears no liability associated with the information becoming public record.
5. The City of Providence observes a public and transparent bidding process. Information required in the bidding packet may not be submitted directly to the issuing department at the discretion of the bidder in order to protect other information, such as pricing terms, from becoming public. Bidders who make such an attempt will be disqualified.

I affirm by signing below that I am duly authorized on behalf of Bidder, on this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name





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**WBE/MBE Form Instructions**

The City of Providence actively seeks Minority and Women business enterprises to participate in bids to meet the City's procurement needs. Pursuant to the City of Providence Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21, Article II, Sec. 21-52 (Minority and Women's Business Enterprise) and Rhode Island General Laws (as amended), Chapter 31-14, et seq. (Minority Business Enterprise), Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) participation goals apply to contracts.

The goal for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) participation is **10%** of the total bid value.  
The goal for Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) participation is **10%** of the total bid value.  
The goal for combined MBE/WBE participation is **20%** of the total bid value.

Only businesses certified with the State of Rhode Island as minority and/or women business enterprises are counted towards the City's goals. Eligible minority or women-owned businesses are encouraged to seek certification from the State of Rhode Island Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office at: <http://odeo.ri.gov/offices/mbeco/>

**Note:** MBE certification with the State of Rhode Island on the basis of Portuguese heritage is not currently recognized by the City of Providence's MBE program.

**Bid Requirements:**

**All Bidders:** All bidders must complete and submit the *MBE/WBE Participation Affidavit* indicating whether or not they are a state-certified MBE/WBE and acknowledging the City's participation goals. Submission of this form is required with **every bid**. Your bid will not be accepted without an affidavit.

**Bidders who will be subcontracting:** Bidders who will be subcontracting must submit the *Subcontractor Disclosure Form* as part of their bid submission. All subcontractors, regardless of MBE/WBE status, must be listed on this form. Business NAICS codes can be found at <https://www.naics.com/search/>. Awarded bidders are required to submit *Subcontractor Utilization and Payment Reports* with each invoice.

**Waiver Requests:**

If the percentage of the total amount of the bid being awarded to MBE or WBE vendors is less than 20% (Box F on the Subcontractor Disclosure Form) and the prime contractor is not a Rhode Island State-certified MBE or WBE, the Bidder must complete the *MBE/WBE Waiver Request Form* for review. Waivers will be considered on a case by case basis.

No waiver will be granted unless the waiver request includes documentation that demonstrates that the Bidder has made good faith efforts to achieve the City's stated participation goals. Waivers must be reviewed and signed by the City of Providence's MBE/WBE Outreach Director, Grace Diaz, or her designee. Department Directors cannot recommend a bidder for award if this form is applicable and absent. If the bid does not meet the participation goals of the City of Providence and a waiver is not filed with the signature of the MBE/WBE Outreach Director or her designee, the bid will not be accepted.



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**Verifying MBE/WBE Certification**

It is the responsibility of the bidder to confirm that every MBE/WBE named in a proposal and included in a contract is certified by the Rhode Island Minority Business Enterprise Compliance office. The current MBE/WBE directory is available at the State of RI MBE Office, One Capitol Hill, 2nd Floor, Providence, RI, or online at <http://odeo.ri.gov/offices/mbeco/mbe-wbe.php>. You can also call (401) 574-8670 to verify certification, expiration dates, and services that the MBE/WBE is certified to provide. Note: MBE certification with the State of Rhode Island on the basis of Portuguese heritage is not currently recognized by the City of Providence's MBE program.

**Form Instructions:**

Access all bid forms from <http://www.providenceri.gov/oeo/> or <http://www.providenceri.gov/purchasing/minority-women-owned-business-mbewbe-procurement-program/>.

**Download** the forms as blank PDFs. Once saved on your computer, fill them out using the Adobe program. The fillable PDFs must be completed in Adobe in order to be saved properly. Google Chrome and similar platforms do not allow for the forms to be saved as filled PDFs. Therefore, please download the blank forms to your computer, then fill them out and save.

**Assistance with Form Requirements**

Examples of completed forms can be found on the City of Providence website at <http://www.providenceri.gov/oeo/> or <http://www.providenceri.gov/purchasing/minority-women-owned-business-mbewbe-procurement-program/>.

**Contract Requirements:**

Prime contractors engaging subcontractors must submit the *Subcontractor Utilization and Payment Report* to the City Department's Fiscal Agent with every invoice and with request for final payment. This form is not submitted as a part of the initial bid package.

For contracts with duration of less than 3 months, this form must be submitted along with the contractor's request for final payment. The form must include all subcontractors utilized on the contract, both MBE/WBE and non-MBE/WBE, the total amount paid to each subcontractor for the given period and to date. During the term of the contract, any unjustified failure to comply with the MBE/WBE participation requirements is a material breach of contract.

**Questions?**

For more information or for assistance with MBE/WBE Forms, contact the City of Providence MBE/WBE Outreach Director, Grace Diaz, at [mbe-wbe@providenceri.com](mailto:mbe-wbe@providenceri.com) or (401) 680-5766.



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**MBE/WBE PARTICIPATION AFFIDAVIT**

Item Discussion (as seen on RFP):

\_\_\_\_\_

Prime Bidder: \_\_\_\_\_

Prime Bidder (Company) Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Prime Bidder (Company) Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Which one of the following describes your business' status in terms of Minority and/or Woman-Owned Business Enterprise certification with the State of Rhode Island? \_\_\_\_\_ MBE \_\_\_\_\_ WBE \_\_\_\_\_ Neither MBE nor WBE

**By initialing the following sections and signing the bottom of this document in my capacity as the contractor or an authorized representative of contractor, I make this Affidavit:**

It is the policy of the City of Providence that minority business enterprises (MBEs) and women business enterprises (WBEs) should have the maximum opportunity to participate in procurements and projects as prime contractors and vendors. Pursuant to Sec. 21-52 of the Providence Code of Ordinances and Chapter 31-14 *et seq.* of the Rhode Island General Laws (as amended), MBE and WBE participation goals apply to contracts.

The goal for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) participation is 10% of the total bid value.  
The goal for Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) participation is 10% of the total bid value.  
The goal for combined MBE/WBE participation is 20% of the total bid value.

**I acknowledge the City of Providence's goals of supporting MBE/WBE certified businesses.** Initial \_\_\_\_\_

If awarded the contract, I understand that my company must submit to the Minority and Women's Business Coordinator at the City of Providence (MBE/WBE Office), copies of all executed agreements with the subcontractor(s) being utilized to achieve the participation goals and other requirements of the RI General Laws. **I understand that these documents must be submitted prior to the issuance of a notice to proceed.** Initial \_\_\_\_\_

**I understand that, if awarded the contract, my firm must submit to the MBE/WBE Office canceled checks and reports required by the MBE/WBE Office on a quarterly basis verifying payments to the subcontractors(s) utilized on the contract.** Initial \_\_\_\_\_

If I am awarded this contract and find that I am unable to utilize the subcontractor(s) identified in my Statement of Intent, I understand that I must substitute another certified MBE and WBE firm(s) to meet the participation goals. **I understand that I may not make a substitution until I have obtained the written approval of the MBE/WBE Office.**  
Initial \_\_\_\_\_

**If awarded this contract, I understand that authorized representatives of the City of Providence may examine the books, records and files of my firm from time to time, to the extent that such material is relevant to a determination of whether my firm is complying with the City's MBE/WBE participation requirements.**  
Initial \_\_\_\_\_

**I do solemnly declare and affirm under the penalty of perjury that the contents of the foregoing Affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Bidder

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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**SUBCONTRACTOR DISCLOSURE FORM**

**Fill out this form only if you WILL SUBCONTRACT with other parties. If you will not subcontract any portion of the proposed bid, do not fill out this form.**

Prime Bidder: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary NAICS Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Item Description (as seen on RFP): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list all Subcontractors below.** Include the total dollar value that you propose to share with each subcontractor and the dollar amount to be subcontracted. Please check off MBE and WBE where applicable. The directory of all state-certified MBE/WBE firms is located at [www.mbe.ri.gov](http://www.mbe.ri.gov). Business NAICS codes can be found at <https://www.naics.com/search/>

Proposed Subcontractor	MBE	WBE	Primary NAICS Code	Date of Mobilization	\$ Value of Subcontract
					\$
					\$
					\$
					\$
<b>A. MBE SUBCONTRACTED AMOUNT:</b>					\$
<b>B. WBE SUBCONTRACTED AMOUNT:</b>					\$
<b>C. NON MBE WBE SUBCONTRACTED AMOUNT:</b>					\$
<b>D. DOLLAR AMOUNT OF WORK DONE BY THE PRIME CONTRACTOR:</b>					\$
<b>E. TOTAL AMOUNT OF BID (SUM OF A, B, &amp; C):</b>					\$
<b>F. PERCENTAGE OF BID SUBCONTRACTED TO MBEs AND WBEs. (Divide A by D and multiply result by 100).</b>					%

Please read and initial the following statement acknowledging you understand. If the percentage of the total amount of the bid being awarded to MBE or WBE vendors is less than 20% (Box F) and the prime contractor is NOT a Rhode Island State-certified MBE or WBE, **you must fill out the MBE/WBE WAIVER REQUEST FORM for consideration by City of Providence MBE/WBE Outreach Director.** Initial \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Prime Contractor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed



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**MBE/WBE WAIVER REQUEST FORM**

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

Submit this form to the City of Providence MBE/WBE Outreach Director, Grace Diaz, at [mbe-wbe@providenceri.gov](mailto:mbe-wbe@providenceri.gov), for review **prior to bid submission**. This waiver applies only to the current bid which you are submitting to the City of Providence and does not apply to other bids your company may submit in the future.

Prime Bidder: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Trade: \_\_\_\_\_

Item Discussion (as seen on RFP):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

To receive a waiver, you must list the certified MBE and/or WBE companies you contacted, the name of the primary individual with whom you interacted, and the reason the MBE/WBE company could not participate on this project.

<b>MBE/WBE Company Name</b>	<b>Individual's Name</b>	<b>Company Trade</b>	<b>Why did you choose not to work with this company?</b>

I acknowledge the City of Providence's goal of a combined MBE/WBE participation is 20% of the total bid value. I am requesting a waiver of \_\_\_\_\_ % MBE/WBE (20% minus the value of **Box F** on the Subcontractor Disclosure Form). If an opportunity is identified to subcontract any task associated with the fulfillment of this contract, a good faith effort will be made to select MBE/WBE certified businesses as partners.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Prime Contractor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of City of Providence  
MBE/WBE Outreach Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of City of Providence  
MBE/WBE Outreach Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed



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## **BID PACKAGE SPECIFICATIONS**

### **Background**

The City of Providence (“City”) invites all interested, qualified provider(s) (“Proposer(s)”) to submit proposals to provide operations and services for the PVD Young Makers (“Young Makers”) program on behalf of the City in accordance with the terms, conditions, and scope of work identified in this Request for Proposal (RFP”).

As the "Creative Capital," the City of Providence has a national reputation as a hub for maker activity. In order to promote equity and increase young people’s access to local Maker experts, spaces, and tools, the City launched the **PVD Young Makers Initiative** in 2018 with its nine community libraries and the state library. PVD Young Makers has focused on expanding young people’s access to advanced digital tools and Maker culture across the city. In addition to exposing kids to exciting technologies, this initiative has bolstered STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) learning, promoted creativity and positive youth development, and prepared young people for the 21<sup>st</sup> century global workforce.

The services to be furnished pursuant to this RFP may include, but are not limited to, the following as needed:

1. Provide staffing for scheduled programming
2. Allocate funding to purchase materials for, and provide ongoing maintenance of, all tools used for the program including, but not limited to laser cutters, 3D printers, microcontrollers, and other technologies;

### **Funding Availability**

The total funding request from a single vendor through this RFP can be up to \$165,000 in year one and \$90,000 in year two, contract extension pending. Funding for the FY2021 and FY2022 PVD Young Makers program is contingent upon approval by the Providence City Council. The City is accepting bids from either single providers or single providers with collaborators who will operate as sub-contractors to operate this initiative. The budget outlined in your bid should include the cost of both technology and programming to make this initiative successful. The City of Providence will not be responsible for the purchase and maintenance of the technology utilized for the program. At the end of the contract term, the City may seek a buyout as outlined in Section 7- Budget if the City chooses to keep the technology.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

#### **Qualified Applicants:**

- Established community-based organizations
- Private non-profit agencies/institutions
- Educational institutions
- Independent contractors



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**Multiple Applicants:**

Proposer(s) that apply together in one proposal must provide a Partnership Work Plan which will outline who the primary applicant (i.e. Prime Contractor) will be and who will serve as a subcontractor(s). Primary applicants are expected to serve as the fiscal agent for this proposal and will designate a project manager. If two or more entities are applying as a joint proposal, please demonstrate clear division of work and how you will determine the responsibilities of each subcontractor on this project. Partnerships between two or more entities will be awarded extra points in the rubric.

**Program Requirements:**

**Reporting Requirement:**

Providers chosen through this RFP will be required to report on monthly statistics and provide an annual report regarding overall progress at the end of each program year for as long as the service has been contracted. Reports may include, but not be limited to: number of youth served, skills mastery of youth served, program highlights, feedback and improvements, etc. Reporting requirements will be developed in conjunction with the selected vendor.

**Timeline:**

Providers will be expected to provide a final program design and work plan by June 15, 2020. Program must begin July 1, 2020 and extend through June 30, 2021, with the possibility of contract extension thereafter.

**Partnerships:**

PVD Young Makers has flourished in its first pilot two and a half years through a dynamic set of partnerships between the current service provider and four primary partner organizations. The City of Providence seeks a program partner that will maintain these partnerships with Providence Community Libraries, the Providence Public Library, Rhode Island Museum of Science and Art, and Young Voices. Successful applicants will have existing partnerships or be able to demonstrate that they are able and willing to partner with these entities by securing letters of support from each partner.

**Maintenance of Tools and Equipment:**

A major part of this initiative will focus on maintaining youth and community access to advanced digital tools. Providers will be expected to maintain access to the appropriate tools and technologies needed for their program and will be responsible for the upkeep and updating of these assets during the length of their contract with the City of Providence as well as for restocking the consumables necessary to keep them operable. The City of Providence may seek a buyout as outlined in Section 7- Budget if the City chooses to keep the technology.

**Program Design: Major Elements**

The proposed Young Makers Initiative must serve Providence youth until June 30, 2021, with a possibility of a contract extension thereafter. We are seeking a provider to maintain a program that allocates a small portion of funds directly to technology such as laser cutters, 3D printers, microcontrollers, and other technologies, and a large portion of funds to direct implementation of a far-reaching youth program that will remain free for all participants.





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Organizations may include combinations of different types of programming to meet these goals including: drop-in afterschool activities, enrollment-based programs, and professional development for educators to incorporate programming into classroom learning.

Development of activities and learning sites will be judged based on the quality of the experience that they provide to youth. A high quality site is one that:

- Incorporates mastery-based learning in academic, technical, and youth-development skillsets
  - Creates a clear roadmap for youth to track progress and master concepts/skills
  - Aligns activities and curriculum with STEAM Academic standards, including Common Core standards and New Generation Science Standards
  - Advocates for a growth-mindset that encourages persistence, experimentation and challenge seeking; and allows for mistakes to drive learning
  - Encompasses skill-building activities that begin from a perspective of youth strengths, interests, and preferences
- Creates opportunities for diverse Providence youth to learn and utilize advanced technology
  - Exposes youth from historically underserved neighborhoods of Providence to digital tools and their application in real-world problem-solving
  - Empowers youth to engage in new forms of thinking, including computational thinking, through the use of these tools
  - Empowers youth to develop their creative practice through hands-on training relevant to global workforce
- Creates a hub for youth Makers that engages with the broader community of STEAM leaders and Makers in Providence and Rhode Island
  - Builds strong learning communities, between adults and youth, to learn from one another and solve problems within our community
  - Builds youth understanding of STEAM and Maker career opportunities by exposing them to professionals in these fields
  - Creates or expands professional development opportunities for educators throughout Providence who would like to embrace Maker culture in their classroom

## **Questions and Supplemental Documentation**

Please provide succinct answers to the questions in each section and provide the supplemental documentation requested. Please note that each category may have multiple sub-questions. Sub-questions (ordered *a, b, c*, etc.) may either be answered individually or together as one narrative.

### *1. Program Design (20 Points)*





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Please describe your vision for the PVD Young Makers Initiative and how you expect the program to become sustainable within two years without solely relying on public funding.

*2. Programmatic Content (20 Points)*

- A. Describe each component of programming that you intend to offer through this award. Include targeted populations and age groups, duration, objectives, activities and curriculum of each component.
- B. What role would youth have in influencing the curriculum/program design? How would the program respond to changing interests and priorities of participating and target youth?
- C. Describe the learning environment that you will create through your program design. What are the key skills that youth will gain? How will they demonstrate mastery of these skills?

*3. Outreach (20 Points)*

- A. How will you ensure equitable representation of Providence youth in this program? Please provide specific examples of how you would recruit populations who are underrepresented in STEAM fields.
- B. How do you intend to work with parents, the City of Providence, and Providence Public Libraries and other youth-serving organizations to maximize opportunities for student involvement?
- C. How will you ensure active participation, retention, and attendance of students in this program? Additionally, how will you encourage broader family and parent engagement throughout the program duration?
- D. Please provide examples of how you have conducted outreach in the past. This can be demonstrated through materials or examples of programs/events.

*4. Technology (20 Points)*

- A. How do you plan to maximize exposure to digital tools (i.e. 3D Printers, Digital Embroidery Machines, Laser Cutters, etc.) during the program? Please describe what tools and technologies you would propose adding to the program and why.
- B. How will your program use technology to develop a growth-mindset that encourages persistence, experimentation and challenge seeking; and allows for mistakes to drive learning?
- C. Please provide a list of technologies that you would be interested in purchasing to enhance existing offerings, as well as the technologies that you already have in-house and would utilize as part of your program. See attached inventory (appendix A).



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*5. Collaboration (20 Points)*

- A. Please describe any partnerships that are central to your program design and include letters of support or recommitment.
- B. Please describe how your staffing model allows for collaboration between Maker professionals and educators/youth development professionals. Please describe any professional development opportunities that you will offer for educators and youth development professionals to further enhance youth access to Making.
- C. How will you work with local design, Maker and STEAM communities and professionals to enrich the overall experience and learning in your program?

*6. Demonstrated Experience (20 Points)*

- A. Please attach a resume of the program director and key staff members to this application.
- B. Please describe your experience with and capacity to deliver a quality program to a population of diverse learners. What evidence do you have of past success?
- C. What are some of the challenges you have faced in executing a similar program? How did you overcome those challenges?
- D. What types of technology do you currently work with and have certifications in? Will you use this technology to supplement the PVD Young Makers Initiative?

*7. Budget (15 points)*

- A. Please submit two budgets: 1) Budget Year 1 (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021) and 2) Budget Year 2 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) utilizing the Excel template provided at this link:<https://goo.gl/pd1kE7>. Fill out, print, and attach to your bid packet. The budgets outlined in this RFP should include the cost of both technology and programming for this initiative.
- B. Please include any in-kind or leveraged support resources provided by your organization to ensure the success of this program.
- C. Please attach a narrative explaining each of the costs outlined in the budget.
- D. Please include a technology buyout option for the City at the end of both Budget Year 1 and Budget Year 2. The buyout should include the total cost of technology, related supplies, and warranties. Upon execution of contract, the successful vendor shall work with a designated point of contact from the City to provide the following: Inventory of technology, hardware, software and peripherals



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purchased under the contract; Supplies or consumables purchased under this contract to be turned over to the City; Vendor contacts for both supplies and consumables, as well as maintenance and warranty contacts. The actual cost of hardware should already be included in your budget as outlined in Sub A under Section 7- *Budget*.

**Application Information**

Question and Answer Period

Applicants are strongly encouraged to participate in a Pre-bid Conference on Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. at The Doorley Building (444 Westminster ST., Providence, RI 02903) in the third floor Empire Conference Room. All questions and answers discussed at this pre-bid conference will be sent out with the formal Question and Answer.

Applicants may ask questions regarding the RFP by sending an email to Micah Salkind at [msalkind@providencri.gov](mailto:msalkind@providencri.gov). Questions must be submitted prior to March 16, 2020 at 12:00 P.M. Answers will be publicly posted and shared by March 23, 2020.

**Review and Selection Process**

Universal Threshold

Proposals failing to satisfy all of the following criteria will be eliminated from considerations and not read or ranked.

- Submitted on time;
- Signed by the signatory authority of the respondent organization; and
- Appropriately formatted as provided in this RFP

Rating System

Points will be awarded to each proposal based on the following format.

<b>Categories</b>	<b>Maximum Score</b>
Program Design	20
Programmatic Content	20
Outreach	20
Technology	20
Collaboration	20
Demonstrated Experience	20
Budget	15



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<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>135</b>
<b>Bonus Points</b>	
Lowest Bid	15
Partnership Work Plan	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>160</b>

Timeline

RFP Release: March 2, 2020

- Pre bid Conference: March 11, 2020 at 12:00 P.M. at 444 Westminister St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Empire Conference Room
- Questions Due: March 16, 2020 at 12:00 P.M.
- Answers Posted: March 23, 2020
- Proposal Due: March 30, 2020 at 2:15 P.M.
- Notification of Awards: April 27, 2020
- Latest Program Start Date: July 1, 2020
- Date for Completion: June 30, 2021 with a possibility of contract extension.

Procurement Process dates may be subject to change.

Notification of Award/Negotiations

Respondents will receive written notification of the status of their proposal. Those respondents not selected may submit a written request for information regarding the reasons for denial to: Micah Salkind, msalkind@providenceri.gov

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

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

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

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

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

**You must be able to provide:**

- Business Tax ID will be requested after an award is approved by the Board of Contract and Supply.