



BOARD OF CONTRACT AND SUPPLY
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Item Description: Benefit-Cost Analysis for Urban Trail Network (#36107)

Date to be opened: Monday, May 23, 2022

Issuing Department: Department of Planning and Development

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
 - 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
 - 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 via email only:
 - **Chris Martin, Principal Planner**
 - crmartin@providenceri.gov

Pre-bid Conference

No Pre-Bid Conference will be held.



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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 3rd floor of City Hall.

- Bidders must submit **3 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 and must include the company name and address on the envelope as well.** (On page 1).
- If required by the Department, please keep the original bid bond and check in only one of the envelopes.
- Communications to the Board of Contract and Supply that are not competitive sealed bids (i.e. product information/samples) should have “**NOT A BID**” written on the envelope or wrapper.
- Only use form versions and templates included in this 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/ 1st page (*see page 6 of this document*)
- Bid Form 2: Certification of Bidder as 2nd page (*see page 7 of this document*)
- Bid Form 3: 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 3 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 #: _____

Contact Email Address: _____

Agrees to bid on (Write the "Item Description" here): _____

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* _____

Delivery Date (if applicable): _____

Name of Surety Company (if applicable): _____

Total Amount in Writing*: _____

Total Amount in Figures*: _____

**** If you are submitting a unit price bid, please insert "Unit Price Bid"***

Use additional pages if necessary for additional bidding details.

Signature of Representation

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 Representation

Printed Name



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BID FORM 3: 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 Representation

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.

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



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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 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: _____

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. 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
					\$
					\$
					\$
					\$
					\$
					\$
A. MBE SUBCONTRACTED AMOUNT:					\$
B. WBE SUBCONTRACTED AMOUNT:					\$
C. NON MBE WBE SUBCONTRACTED AMOUNT:					\$
D. DOLLAR AMOUNT OF WORK DONE BY THE PRIME CONTRACTOR:					\$
E. TOTAL AMOUNT OF BID (SUM OF A, B, C, & D):					\$
F. PERCENTAGE OF BID SUBCONTRACTED TO MBEs AND WBEs. (Divide the sum of A and B by E and multiply result by 100).					%

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 Bidder

Printed Name



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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, 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.

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

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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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 (requested after an award is approved by the Board of Contract and Supply):

- **Business Tax ID**
- **Safety and COVID Plan:** The Consultant must provide the City with a copy of its Health and Safety Program, as required per OSHA, and must include current COVID-19 testing and screening procedures for the Consultant's employees.
- **Proof of Insurance:** The Consultant shall maintain the following insurance until termination of this Agreement and require the same insurance coverage for all of their subcontractors or consultants:
 - Commercial General Liability with policy limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for each occurrence and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) in the aggregate for bodily injury and property damage.
 - Automobile Liability covering vehicles owned, hired and non-owned vehicles used, by the Consultant with policy limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per accident for bodily injury, death of any person, and property damage arising out of the ownership, maintenance and use of those motor vehicles, along with any other statutorily required automobile coverage.
 - The Consultant may achieve the required limits and coverage for Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability through a combination of primary and excess or umbrella liability insurance, provided such primary and excess or umbrella liability insurance policies result in the same or greater coverage as the coverages required under Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability, and in no event shall any excess or umbrella liability insurance provide narrower coverage than the primary policy. The excess policy shall not require the exhaustion of the underlying limits only through the actual payment by the underlying insurers.
 - Workers' Compensation at statutory limits.
 - Employers' Liability with policy limits not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) each accident, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) each employee, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) policy limit.
 - Professional Liability covering negligent acts, errors and omissions in the performance of professional services with policy limits of not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) per claim and in the aggregate.
 - Additional Insured Obligations: To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Consultant shall cause the primary and excess



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or umbrella policies for Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability to include the City of Providence and Providence Public Building Authority as an additional insured for claims caused in whole or in part by the Consultant's negligent acts or omissions. The additional insured coverage shall be primary and non-contributory to any of the City's or Providence Public Building Authority's insurance policies and shall apply to both ongoing and completed operations.

- The Consultant shall provide certificates of insurance to the City that evidence compliance with the requirements listed herein. All insurance coverages shall be approved in advance by the City and all carriers shall be admitted to do business in the State in which the Project is located and shall have a rating of A-VII or better by A.M. Best Company. All insurance, except professional liability coverage, should name the City of Providence and Providence Public Building Authority as an additional insured, include waiver of subrogation in favor of City, and provide that coverage is primary and non-contributory to any other valid and collectible insurance available to the City. As to professional liability coverage, that coverage shall provide to compensate the City for all negligent acts, errors or omissions by the Consultant, its firms, its agents, employees and consultants arising out of this agreement. Said professional liability coverage shall have a deductible not exceeding \$100,000 per occurrence. Professional liability coverage shall remain in effect for at least three (3) years from date of Substantial Completion.

BID PACKAGE SPECIFICATIONS

Introduction

The City of Providence seeks services from a qualified consultant firm(s), which will be known as the "Consultant", to conduct a Benefit-Cost Analysis that satisfies the requirements of USDOT Discretionary Grant Programs for the next phases of the City's Urban Trail Network.

Project Area Description

The Project Area includes the following segments of the planned Urban Trail Network:

<u>Segment</u>	<u>New Lane- Miles of Bicycle/SUP Facility</u>	<u>Segment Scope</u>
Broadway-Greene-Fountain (Barton to Empire)	2.2	New two-way protected bicycle facility and bus islands
Broadway (Barton to Valley) + Broadway/Valley/Westminster/Troy Intersection	0.43	New two-way protected bicycle facility and intersection improvements for people walking, biking, and driving
Lower Manton Ave (Delaine to San Souci)	0.16	New two-way protected bicycle facility
Huntington Ave (Carter to Cranston)	1.14	Road diet; new off-road shared use path and new linear stormwater park
Huntington/Cranston Intersection	--	New two-way protected bicycle facility and intersection improvements for people walking, biking, and driving
Salvati Way (Union to Cranston)	0.7	Road diet; new off-road shared use path and linear stormwater improvements



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Eagle Street-Atwells Ave + Eagle/Atwells Intersection	0.5	Road diet; new off-road shared use path and linear stormwater improvements; addition of on street parking; intersection improvements for people walking, biking, and driving
Lower Broad Street (Hawthorne to Montgomery)	1.14	New two-way protected bicycle facility and bus islands
Total	6.27	

Background

In 2020, the City released its Great Streets Master Plan, establishing a vision for a network of pedestrian, bicycle, & public realm investments that build out a citywide Urban Trail Network (UTN), which: connects every neighborhood with safe routes for people walking, running, & biking; ensures residents & visitors can safely, comfortably travel to schools, jobs, parks, libraries, & museums; & connects investments like the Riverwalk to every neighborhood so everyone, including Historically Disadvantaged Neighborhoods can enjoy them. The overall UTN is comprised of a combination of off road shared use paths, on road protected bicycle facilities, and neighborhood greenways on local neighborhood streets. By filling a gap in the regional trail network the UTN will connect 55 miles of regional trails to one another, Downtown Providence, & Historically Disadvantaged Neighborhoods. Once complete, the UTN will connect 166,792 people living within ¼-mile of the network (a 458% increase over 2017 levels) & 99,324 people working within ¼-mile of the network (a 257% increase). The City has completed more than 33 lane-miles (42%) of the UTN since 2017, funded by \$6M from the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP), more than \$1.5M from the State Transportation Improvement Program, & \$1M from the RI Dept. of Environmental Management's Green Economy Bond. 22 lane-miles were constructed in 2021 alone; 20 additional lane-miles are funded for design & construction in 2022-23 using local funding.

With new USDOT funding opportunities on the horizon, the City seeks to develop the information required by USDOT discretionary grant programs, including a benefit-cost analysis, in order to be ready to pursue near-term funding opportunities as they arise for construction of the next several segments of the urban trail network as listed in the project area description.

Project Oversight

Services under this selection will be coordinated and managed under the direction of the City of Providence Department of Planning and Development. The selected Consultant shall work with the City of Providence Department of Planning and Development in coordination with the Department of Public Works and other agencies and partners as required.

Anticipated Project Schedule

Release of Request for Proposals:	Monday, April 25, 2022
Proposals Due:	2:15 PM EST on Monday, May 23, 2022
Contract Signing and Notice to Proceed:	June 2022
Completion of this Scope of Work:	August 2022



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Project Tasks and Deliverables

1. **Project Management:** Identify a project manager, who will serve as the primary contact person between the Consultant and the City of Providence and be responsible for ongoing oversight and management activities including:
 - a. **Produce Invoices, Monthly Progress and Budget Reports:** Monitor the rate of progress on authorized project tasks and acceptable fulfillment of work as well Monthly Progress Reports to the City. Monthly Progress Reports shall outline work-hours and costs expended per task and a statement as to whether or not sufficient work-hours remain to complete tasks as authorized. Payment invoices shall be processed only if the required Monthly Progress Reports are current. ***Invoices shall be submitted no more than monthly and shall be submitted by the 20th day of each month in order to be processed in a timely fashion. Any invoices received after the 20th day of each month will not be processed until the following month.*** Invoices shall be submitted on AIA G702 -1992 entitled "Application and Certificate for Payment" and G-703-1992 entitled "Continuation Sheets" in native MS Excel format as a pencil copy. A detailed schedule of values shall be submitted on the G-703-1992 sheet approved by both the City's Project Manager and the Providence Public Buildings Authority (PPBA) which shall serve as the invoice. The Consultant can submit the detailed back up in the form they are accustomed to.
 - b. **Coordinate and attend Regular Staff Coordination Meetings, Associated Meeting Materials, and Meeting Summary Notes:** Coordinate and attend regular (bi-weekly) virtual meetings with City staff to discuss findings and critical issues and review project status. The Consultant shall provide meeting agendas, materials, and minutes and shall also be responsible for hosting the virtual meetings on a platform of their choosing such as Zoom or Microsoft Teams.
 - c. **Produce Monthly MBE/WBE Reports:** Monthly monitoring and reporting of City MBE and WBE requirements must accompany all invoices. The City shall supply the Consultant with forms required to be completed by the Consultant and submitted with each invoice.

Deliverables:

- Invoices
 - Monthly progress and budget reports
 - Meeting agendas for biweekly staff coordination meetings
 - Meeting materials for biweekly staff coordination meetings
 - Meeting notes for biweekly staff coordination meetings
2. **Draft Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA):** The Consultant shall produce a Benefit-Cost Analysis that shall include all information and sections suggested and required by the latest USDOT guidance for Benefit-Cost Analyses for discretionary grant programs, including, but not limited to an analysis of baselines and alternatives, demand forecasting, inflation adjustments, discounting, an appropriate analysis period, safety benefits, travel time savings, operating cost savings, emissions reduction benefits, facility amenity benefits, health benefits, agglomeration benefits, noise pollution, stormwater runoff, wildlife impacts, benefits to existing and additional users, modal diversion, work zone impacts, state of good repair, resilience, geographic extent, property value increases, capital costs, operating and maintenance costs, residual value and remaining service life, innovative technologies and techniques, a comparison of benefits to costs, net present value (NPV) a benefit-cost ratio (BCR), an economic impact analysis, financial impacts, distributional effects. The BCA shall include both a narrative (such as a technical memo) and detailed calculations used in the analysis. For the BCA narrative, each section shall detail all assumptions, calculations, and results of the BCA. The narrative and calculations shall provide enough



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information to allow USDOT reviewers to understand the analysis and reproduce the results. The Consultant shall document and describe all data sources in addition to information on how each source feeds into the analysis.

The BCA shall separate out each segment described in the “Project Area Description” section of this RFP to maximize the City’s flexibility in applying for grants of varying sizes and scopes

Deliverables:

- PDF and Microsoft Word Document of Draft Benefit-Cost Analysis
- Unlocked native Excel files and other files used to generate information contained within the Benefit-Cost Analysis

3. **Final Benefit-Cost Analysis:** The Consultant shall revise the draft Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) and produce a final document that incorporates comments and feedback from City staff.

Deliverables:

- PDF and Microsoft Word Document of Final Benefit-Cost Analysis
- Unlocked native Excel files and other files used to generate information contained within the Benefit-Cost Analysis

Proposal Submittal Requirements and Evaluation and Selection Process

All proposals delivered to the City shall be initially reviewed to determine whether they are responsive or nonresponsive to the requisites of this RFP. All responsive proposals will then be evaluated and rated based on the proposal submittal requirements and evaluation criteria below and on the following pages. Please read information regarding each requirement and the criteria for each carefully.

The City reserves the right to award the full contract to one proposer, split the award among more than one proposer, award a partial contract for specific tasks outlined in this RFP, award no contract, and/or re-release this RFP as it deems in the best interest of the City of Providence.

1. **Completed forms as listed on Page 3 of this RFP:** These forms and documents are required as part of the proposal. Please ensure all required forms are properly completed and signed. Failure to complete all forms may result in disqualification at the sole discretion of the City of Providence.

(5 possible points)

Non-Responsive (0 pts): Provided completed forms as required by the RFP

Meets Requirements (5 pts): Failed to provide completed forms as required by the RFP

2. **Cover Letter** signed by an officer of the contractor, binding the contractor to all of the commitments made in the proposal and describing how you and your team understand the Project. Failure to provide a cover letter signed



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by an officer of the contractor, binding the contractor to all of the commitments made in the proposal may result in disqualification.

(5 possible points)

Non-Responsive (0 pts): Failed to provide cover letter signed by an officer of the contractor, binding the contractor to all of the commitments made in the proposal

Meets Requirements (5 pts): Provided cover letter signed by an officer of the contractor, binding the contractor to all of the commitments made in the proposal

3. **Project Approach and Understanding:** Include a Scope of Work that outlines the specific tasks and deliverables required for the project as well as a Project Approach and Understanding Narrative that describes how you and your team understand the Project, unique elements of your understanding and approach, and how you will meet the requirements, purpose, objectives, and specific needs of this project and the City of Providence. Please note that the architecture and landscape architecture portions of this scope of services is of the utmost importance to the success of this project. Having an experienced architecture and landscape architecture team who have successfully constructed similar contemporary, world-class buildings and structures with civic importance are critical elements of the project approach.

(30 possible points)

Non-Responsive (0 pts): A narrative describing the consultant's understanding of the Project and how they will meet the requirements, purpose, objectives, and specific needs of this project and the City of Providence was not included in the Proposal; and/or

Poor (6 points): A Scope of Work that outlines the specific tasks and deliverables required for the project was not included in the proposal. Narrative provides poor understanding of the Project and lacks detailed enough evidence to demonstrate that they will be able to meet the requirements, purpose, objectives, and specific needs of this project and the City of Providence and/or

Below Average (12 pts): Scope of Work does not include the specific tasks and deliverables required for the project. Narrative reflects some understanding, but serious concerns remain regarding consultant's understanding of and approach to the requirements, purpose, objectives, and specific needs of this project and the City of Providence.

Average (18 points): Scope of Work includes the specific tasks and deliverables required for the project. Narrative reflects a basic understanding of the requirements, purpose, objectives, and specific needs of this project and the City of Providence. No major concerns regarding consultant's understanding of and approach to the requirements, purpose, objectives, and specific needs of this project and the City of Providence. If there are concerns, they are only minor.



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Above Average (24 pts): Scope of Work includes the specific tasks and deliverables required for the project. Narrative very clearly reflects strong understanding of the requirements, purpose, objectives, and specific needs of this project and the City of Providence. No concerns regarding consultant's understanding of and approach to requirements, purpose, objectives, and specific needs of this project and the City of Providence.

Excellent (30 points): Scope of Work includes the specific tasks and deliverables required for the project. Narrative very clearly reflects extremely strong understanding of the requirements, purpose, objectives, and specific needs of this project and the City of Providence in an innovative way that exceeds other proposals and is beneficial to the City of Providence. No concerns regarding consultant's understanding of and approach to the requirements, purpose, objectives, and specific needs of this project and the City of Providence. Scope of Work includes the specific tasks and deliverables required for the project.

4. **Qualifications and Recent Relevant Experience:** Provide **resumes and past project information sheets** regarding the history and experience of the lead consultant and all subconsultants proposed to be part of the project team. Resumes shall include the name(s), business address, phone number, email addresses, and resumes of individuals proposed to participate in all work efforts identified and needing to be performed to meet the intent of this project. The Project Manager shall be clearly identified along with the roles of other significant project participants. The Prime Consultant and subconsultants shall be collectively scored based on their demonstrated level of experience and competence in the following areas of expertise.

Please also clearly indicate your team's experience with each of the following Areas of Expertise:

- Successful completion of Benefit-Cost Analyses for municipal and state governments for bicycle, pedestrian, bus, park/open space, **and** stormwater improvement projects in line with USDOT's requirements for Benefit-Cost Analyses

(30 possible points)

Non-Responsive (0 pts): Resumes and/or past project information sheets are either not included or do not provide any evidence to demonstrate past success in the stated areas of expertise outlined above.

Poor (6 points): Resumes and past project information sheets provide little evidence to demonstrate past success in the stated areas of expertise outlined above.

Below Average (12 pts): Resumes and past project information sheets reflect experience and background in some, but not all, of the stated areas of expertise outlined above.

Average (18 points): Resumes and past project information sheets reflect experience and background in all of the stated areas of expertise outlined above.

Above Average (24 pts): Resumes and past project information sheets very clearly reflect strong experience and background bringing successful projects to fruition in all of the stated areas of expertise outlined above.



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Excellent (30 points): Resumes and past project information sheets very clearly reflect extremely strong experience and background in all of the stated areas of expertise outlined above in a way that exceeds other proposals and is very beneficial to the City of Providence and to the success of this project.

5. **References:**

- a. ***Provide three relevant references for the lead Consultant as well as three relevant references for each subconsultant proposed to be a part of the project team.*** These may overlap with references for specific projects. Each reference should have the person's full name, email address, and phone number listed.
- b. ***Provide at least one reference for each project listed as part of each firm's qualifications.*** The reference must have been directly involved in the project on behalf of the hiring agency and have direct experience supervising the work of the consultant. Each reference should have the person's full name, email address, and phone number listed.

(10 possible points)

Non-Responsive (0 pts)

- 3 relevant references were not provided for lead Consultant; ***and/or***
- 3 relevant references were not provided for each subconsultant proposed to be a part of project team; ***and/or***
- No references were provided for each project listed as part of each firm's qualifications.

Poor (2 points)

- 3 relevant references were provided for lead Consultant, however two or more did not recommend working with lead Consultant or expressed serious concerns regarding quality of consultant's work; and/or
- 3 relevant references were provided for each subconsultant; however, two or more references did not recommend working with a subconsultant or expressed serious concerns regarding quality of a subconsultant's work; and/or
- References were provided for each project, but one or more were not directly involved in the project on behalf of hiring agency and/or references did not have direct experience supervising work of consultant.

Below Average (4 pts)

- 3 relevant references were provided for lead Consultant; however, one reference did not recommend working with lead Consultant or expressed serious concerns regarding quality of consultant's work; and/or
- 3 relevant references were provided for each subconsultant, however one reference did not recommend working with a subconsultant or expressed serious concerns regarding quality of a subconsultant's work; and/or
- References were provided for each project, but one or more did not recommend working with consultant or expressed serious concerns regarding quality of consultant's work.

Average (6 points)

- 3 relevant references were provided for lead Consultant and each subconsultant. No serious concerns regarding quality of consultant's or subconsultants' work.
- References were provided for each project listed. No serious concerns were expressed by references regarding quality of work.



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Above Average (8 pts)

- 3 relevant references were provided for lead Consultant and each subconsultant. No serious concerns regarding quality of the consultant's or subconsultants' work and majority of references enthusiastically recommended working with consultants and subconsultants.
- References were provided for each project listed. No serious concerns were expressed regarding quality of consultant's or subconsultants' work and majority of references enthusiastically recommended working with consultants and subconsultants.

Excellent (10 points)

- 3 relevant references were provided for lead Consultant and each subconsultant. No concerns expressed regarding quality of consultant's or subconsultants' work and all references enthusiastically recommended working with consultants and subconsultants.
- References were provided for each project listed. No concerns were expressed regarding quality of consultant's or subconsultants' work and all references enthusiastically recommended working with consultants and subconsultants.

6. Proposed Project Schedule broken down by task and subtask on a monthly basis

(10 possible points)

Non-Responsive (0 pts): Project schedule is either not provided or does not fit within the schedule required for completion of the project as outlined by the schedule provided in this RFP.

Poor (2 points): Project schedule is provided but is not broken down by task and subtask on a monthly basis, however the schedule meets the required completion date for the project.

Good (10 points): Project schedule is provided and is broken down by task and subtask on a monthly basis. The schedule meets the required completion date for the project.

7. **Cost Proposal and Labor Breakdown:** Include a cost proposal and labor breakdown that ***divides the budget into tasks, subtasks, man-hours, and hourly rates*** for individual team members of both the prime consultant and all subconsultants proposed to participate in all work efforts identified and necessary to meet the intent of the project.

Reimbursable expenses may be included in the Cost Proposal as a lump sum, not to exceed amount by Bidders. Reimbursable Expenses may be included in addition to compensation for the Consultant's professional services and may include expenses incurred by the Consultant directly related to the Project as outlined below. ***If included in your proposal, the lump sum, not to exceed Reimbursable Expenses amount shall be included as part of your bid total on the bid forms and shall be clearly indicated within your cost proposal.*** As part of the contract that results from this RFP, reimbursement shall be allowed for the following items only, and receipts and invoices from all consultants and sub-consultants must be included with each request for reimbursable expenses, as provided for below. No additional reimbursable expenses shall be allowed.

- Mileage rates shall be reimbursable for the use of a vehicle to or from necessary site visits for mileage exceeding 100 miles (per one way trip), at an amount not to exceed \$0.575 per mile driven. Requests for mileage reimbursement must be clearly dated, listed as part of invoices, and annotated as to which person they pertain to.



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- Air fare, bus fare, and train fare shall be reimbursable to or from necessary site visits for economy or coach fares only if travel exceeds 100 miles (per one way trip).
- Associated baggage fees for air, bus, and train fare shall also be considered reimbursable. Copies of receipts for all fares must be included, clearly dated, annotated as to which person they pertain to, and attached to invoices.
- Car sharing and ride sharing costs, such as Zip Car, Uber, Lyft or other similar services to facilitate travel, shall be reimbursable for travel to or from necessary site visits for economy or base fares only if said travel exceeds 100 miles (per one way trip). Copies of receipts for all such costs must be included, clearly dated, annotated as to which person they pertain to and attached to invoices.
- Meal costs shall be reimbursable as follows, only for trips exceeding 100 miles (per one way trip): Breakfast costs shall not exceed \$14.00 per person including tip and taxes. Lunch costs shall not exceed \$16.00 per person including tip and taxes. Dinner costs shall not exceed \$26.00 per person including tip and taxes. Reimbursed meal expenses are reimbursable only if the business trip is overnight or long enough that there is a need to stop for a meal to properly perform one's duties. Alcoholic beverages shall not be considered reimbursable expenses. Copies of receipts for all meals must be included, clearly dated, annotated as to which person and meal (breakfast, lunch, or dinner) they pertain to and attached to invoices.
- Lodging costs shall be reimbursable in an amount not to exceed \$155 per night including taxes and fees. Reimbursed lodging expenses are reimbursable only if the business trip is overnight or long enough that there is a need to stop for substantial sleep or rest to properly perform one's duties. Copies of receipts for all lodging expenses must be included, clearly dated, annotated as to which person they pertain to, and attached to invoices. Requests may be made, on a case-by-case basis, for lodging costs in excess to the \$155 per night maximum if it is determined that no adequate lodging is available below this cap. Lodging costs in excess of \$155 per night shall not be reimbursable unless requested in advance and approved in writing by Martina Haggerty, Director of Special Projects. If granted, documentation of the written approval must also be attached to the invoice.
- Specialized equipment rental costs shall be reimbursable only if requested in advance and approved in writing by Martina Haggerty, Director of Special Projects. If granted, documentation of the written approval must also be attached to the invoice. Copies of receipts must also be attached to invoices along with a clear explanation of the date and necessity of use.
- Printing costs shall be reimbursable only for items printed to facilitate public engagement and community meetings, or for printing of deliverables to Client. Copies of receipts for printing must also be attached to invoices along with a clear explanation of the date and necessity of use.
- Language translation services for community outreach and engagement, including public meetings and project materials including print and digital material, shall be reimbursable.
- Copies of invoices from translation service providers or receipts for services must be attached to invoices along with a clear explanation of the date and necessity of use.
- Shipping and mailing costs shall be reimbursable as deemed necessary for the shipment or mailing of documents or equipment. Copies of receipts for shipping costs must be attached to invoices along with a clear explanation of the date and reason for having incurred such costs.



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Once all proposals have been scored on the technical evaluation criteria listed above, only proposals receiving scores of 74 or greater out of 90 possible points shall be scored on the cost proposal, which shall have a maximum score of 20 points to be added to the total score of the proposals.

Cost Proposals will be scored and ranked as follows: the Respondent submitting the lowest Cost Proposal will be awarded the maximum number of points, which shall be the number of points the City chooses as part of the overall weighting of criteria; the next-lowest Cost Proposal will be awarded points based on the product of: (a) the ratio of the lowest Cost Proposal divided by the next-lowest Cost Proposal; and (b) the amount of points awarded for the lowest Cost Proposal, with such product rounded up to the nearest one hundredth (0.01) of a point; the process will continue for each of the remaining Cost Proposals, with points being awarded based on the product of: (a) the ratio of the lowest Cost Proposal divided by the respective Respondent's Cost Proposal; and the points awarded for the lowest Cost Proposal with such product rounded up to the nearest one hundredth (0.01) of a point.

(20 total possible points)

Lowest Cost Proposal: 20 points

Next Lowest Cost Proposal: (Lowest Cost Proposal/Next Lowest Cost Proposal) x 20 pts

3rd Lowest Cost Proposal: (Lowest Cost Proposal/Third Lowest Cost Proposal) x 20 pts

4th Lowest Cost Proposal: (Lowest Cost Proposal/Fourth Lowest Cost Proposal) x 20 pts

Etc...

Non-Responsive: 0 points (No Cost Proposal provided)

Interviews: The City may reach out for clarification, up to and including interviews, from all teams who **received scores of 74 or greater out of 90 possible points (on the technical evaluation criteria listed as 1-6 in this RFP)**, which shall (if interviews are conducted) have a maximum score of 20 points to be added to the total score of the proposals. If the City chooses to conduct interviews, all teams with technical evaluation scores of 74 or greater will be invited for separate interviews with the City.

Non-Responsive (0 pts): Proposer declined opportunity for interview.

Poor (4 pts): Proposer was not well prepared for interview and/or interview team raised major concerns about proposer's understanding, approach, and/or experience.

Average (12 pts): Proposer was prepared for interview and no major concerns were raised by the interview team regarding proposer's understanding, approach, and/or experience.



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Excellent (20 pts): Proposer was extremely well prepared for interview and no concerns were raised by the interview team regarding proposer's understanding, approach, and/or experience.

Scoring Sheet (to be completed by City Evaluation Team)

		Lead Consultant: _____	Lead Consultant: _____	Lead Consultant: _____
Technical Evaluation Criteria	Cover Letter			
	Completed Forms			
	Qualifications and Relevant Experience			
	Project Approach and Understanding			
	References			
	Proposed Project Schedule			
Technical Evaluation Score (subtotal of above)				
Cost Proposal Score				
Interview Score				
Total Score (Technical Evaluation Score + Cost Proposal Score + Interview Score)				