

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

REAL ESTATE TITLE ABSTRACT RESEARCH

Date to be opened: November 7, 2022

Issuing Department: Department of Inspection & Standards

The City of Providence Department of Inspection and Standards (DIS) is currently accepting proposals from qualified applicants to provide real estate title abstract services for the period beginning on September 1, 2022 through September 1, 2024. Any contract awarded shall be subject to a 60 day probationary period. Anytime within said 60 day probationary period, DIS shall have the right to terminate the contract in its sole discretion without recourse. Thereafter, DIS shall have the right to terminate the contract in its sole discretion with 30 days written notice to the successful bidder.

The successful person or firm will be experienced in the provision of real estate title abstract services and will demonstrate the capacity to meet the needs of a municipal department, and the ability to provide volume title abstract services in an expeditious manner.

Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit bids.

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 Chevell Burgess.
 - o Phone: (401) 680-5264
 - o Email: cburgess@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
 - o Phone: (401) 680-5766
 - o Email: gdiaz@providenceri.gov
 - Please use subject line "MBE WBE Forms"
- Please direct questions relative to the specifications outlined (beginning on page 14) to the issuing department's subject matter expert:
 - o Ashley Pereira Administrative Assistant
 - o apereira@providenceri.gov



Pre-bid Conference

PLEASE NOTE HERE IF THERE IS A PRE-BID CONFERENCE, IF IT'S REQUIRED, AND WHEN & WHERE IT WILL BE HELD.

IF THERE IS NO PRE-BID CONFERENCE, PLEASE NOTE THAT HERE.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

Bids may be submitted up to 2:15 P.M. on the above meeting date at the <u>Department of the City Clerk. Room</u> 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 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 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 <u>do not</u> recycle it for use <u>in this bid</u>.
- 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 <u>NOT</u> requested to be provided in your initial bid by design.

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



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.)



BID TERMS

1.	and mu thin	ancial assurances may be required in order to be a successful bidder for Commodity or Construction I Service contracts. If either of the first two checkboxes below is checked, the specified assurance ast accompany a bid, or the bid will not be considered by the Board of Contract and Supply. The rd checkbox indicates the lowest responsible bidder will be contacted and required to post a bond to 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.		vards will be made within sixty (60) days of bid opening. All bid prices will be considered firm, ess qualified otherwise. Requests for price increases will not be honored.					
3.	unless qualified otherwise. Requests for price increases will not be honored. 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.



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 co	ntact 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.	
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	Signature of Representation
	Title



BID FORM 2: Certification of Bidder

(Non-Discrimination/Hiring)

Up	on behalf of	(Firm or Individual Bidding),			
Ι,		(Name of Person Making Certification),			
being its		(Title or "Self"), hereby certify that:			
1.	Bidder does not unlawfully discriminat orientation and/or religion in its busines	on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual s 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.					
Ιa	ffirm by signing below that I am duly aut	orized on behalf of Bidder, on			
thi	sday of	20			
		Signature of Representation			
		Printed Name			



BID FORM 3: Certificate Regarding Public Records

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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: In addition to the MBE/WBE Participation Affidavit, 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:

- a) 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.
- b) If the prime contractor company has the capacity to perform the whole project, the City of Providence requires the contractor to meet the city's goal of a combined 20% of MBE and WBE participation.
- c) If the contractor is a nonprofit organization, the City of Providence requires the nonprofit organization to provide the MBE/WBE Participation Affidavit Form and proof of its nonprofit status.
- d) If the contractor has researched the RI Certified minority list (http://odeo.ri.gov/offices/mbeco/mbe-wbe.php) and the state does not have any companies in the desired trade, the City of Providence requires the contractor to provide the MBE/WBE Participation Affidavit Form.
- e) Waivers will be considered for approval on a case-by-case basis.



Verifying MBE/WBE Certification

It is the responsibility of the bidder to confirm that every MBE or WBE named in a proposal and included on 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 property. 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/peo/ or http://www.peo/ or http://www.peo/ or http://www.peo/</a

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 request for final payment. A copy of all forms should be sent to the MBE/WBE Outreach Director Office, Grace Diaz at gdiaz@providenceri.gov. This form is not submitted as a part of the initial bid package.

For contracts with durations 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, A copy of all forms should be sent to the MBE/WBE Outreach Director Office, Grace Diaz at gdiaz@providenceri.gov. 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 gdiaz@providenceri.gov or (401) 680-5766.



MBE/WBE PARTICIPATION AFFIDAVIT Project /Item Description (as seen on RFP): Contact Email and Phone Prime Bidder: Company Name, Address and Trade: 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. <u>I understand that I may not make a</u> substitution until I have obtained the written approval of the MBE/WBE Office. 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. 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. Printed Name Signature of Bidder

Date

Company Name



SUBCONTRACTOR DISCLOSURE FORM

proposed bid, do not fill out this form. Prime Bidder:			Primary NAICS			
Code:						
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MBE/WBE Waiver Request Form

MBE/WBE Outreach Director

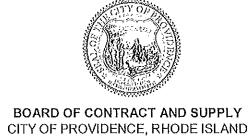
Fill out this form only if you did not meet the 20% MBE/WBE participation goal.

State-certified MBE or WBE Prime Bidders are NOT REQUIRED to fill out this form.

Submit this form to the City of Providence MBE/WBE Outreach Director, Grace Diaz, at 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. In case a waiver is need it City Department Directors should not recommend a bidder for award if this form is not included, absent or is not signed by the city of Providence MBE/WBE director.

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MBE/WBE Outreach Director



BID PACKAGE SPECIFICATIONS

Things to consider when developing your specifications:

Background Information Scope of Work Selection Criteria



DESCRIPTION AND / OR SPECIFICATIONS

To perform real estate title abstract services for properties located within the City of Providence for the City of Providence, Department of Inspection and Standards in accordance with Rhode Island General Laws (RIGL) and Rhode Island Title Standards.

Specifications for searching titles:

- 1. To examine title for property that DIS intends to issue all necessary notices or orders to ensure compliance with the State Building Code and the Rhode Island Property Maintenance Code. Title Services will need to identify: any person, agent, operator, firm or corporation having a legal or equitable interest in any given property.
- 2. To prepare, scan, and electronically forward all research, reports, title abstracts, and examination reports to DIS with all pertinent pages of identified documents included. A form example of an acceptable title abstract is attached hereto as an exhibit for reference.
- 3. To maintain a master list of all titles requested by and provided to DIS in excel form and remitted to DIS monthly or more frequently if requested.
- 4. Titles shall be forwarded to DIS as completed rather than in batches. All titles shall be returned within two (2) weeks of request with the exception of "emergency" title requests, which shall be forwarded within 48 hours of any emergency title request. DIS estimates, but in no way guarantees, an average of 50-100 title requests per month, of which approximately 10-20 may be requested as emergency title searches.
- 5. The bidder will be responsible for all errors and omissions in the examination of said titles and to exonerate DIS and the City of Providence from any and all expenses occasioned by said errors and omissions.
- 6. The awarded bidder will send a representative(s) to defend the awarded bidder's work in court, if necessary in the event that an error or omission is claimed by any party.
- 7. The awarded bidder will prepare all affidavits and reports to be filed with the appropriate court should the City of Providence, Law Department or any court so require.
- 8. The awarded bidder shall meet with the DIS Director and or his designee within seven (7) days of award and thereafter from time to time as requested to ensure that the needs of the department are being met.

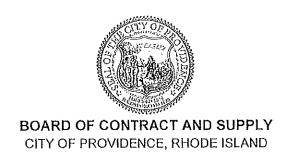


[EXHIBIT]

REPORT ON TITLE EXAMINATION

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REMARKS:			



SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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

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

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

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.
- USE THESE BULLETS TO OUTLINE ITEMS YOU WILL NEED VENDORS TO PRODUCE ON REQUEST IF YOU SEEK TO AWARD THIS BID TO THEM.
- E.G. PROOF OF INSURANCE



CITY OF PROVIDENCE STANDARD TERMS & CONDITIONS

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

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



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

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

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