



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

# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**Item Description:** URBAN WOOD DEPOT FACILITY PARTNERSHIP

**Date to be opened:** MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023

**Issuing Department:** PARKS

## **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.
  - Phone: (401) 680-5264
  - Email: [cburgess@providenceri.gov](mailto: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
  - Phone: (401) 680-5766
  - Email: [gdiaz@providenceri.gov](mailto:gdiaz@providenceri.gov)
    - Please use subject line “**MBE WBE Forms**”
- Please direct questions relative to the specifications outlined (beginning on page 14) to the issuing department’s subject matter expert:
  - Brian Byrnes – Deputy Superintendent
  - [BByrnes@providenceri.gov](mailto:BByrnes@providenceri.gov)

## **Pre-bid Conference (Non-Mandatory)**

**Tuesday, April 11 at 10:00am – Project Site: 45 Salem Street, Providence, RI**



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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION**

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

- Bidders must submit **2 copies** of their bid in sealed envelopes or packages labeled with the captioned **Item Description** and the **City Department to which the RFP and bid are related 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/ 1<sup>st</sup> page (*see page 6 of this document*)
- Bid Form 2: Certification of Bidder as 2<sup>nd</sup> page (*see page 7 of this document*)
- Bid Form 3: Certificate Regarding Public Records (*see page 8 of this document*)
- Forms from the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program: Based on Bidder Category. *See forms and instructions enclosed (pages 9-13) or on: <https://www.providenceri.gov/purchasing/minority-women-owned-business-mbewbe-procurement-program/>*

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

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

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

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



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**NOTICE TO VENDORS**

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



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**BID TERMS**

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

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

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

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

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



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**BID FORM 1: Bidders Blank**

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

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

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

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

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

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\*:  N/A  \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount in Figures\*:  N/A  \_\_\_\_\_

*\* 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:** *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.



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**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 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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:gdiaz@providenceri.gov) or (401) 680-5766.



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**MBE/WBE PARTICIPATION AFFIDAVIT**

Project /Item Description (as seen on RFP):

\_\_\_\_\_

Prime Bidder: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Email and Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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. **I understand that I may not make a substitution until I have obtained the written approval of the MBE/WBE Office.**

Initial \_\_\_\_\_

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

Initial \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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**SUBCONTRACTOR DISCLOSURE FORM**

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

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

Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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





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**Project Description**

The City of Providence Parks Department, in partnership with the Healthy Communities Office, is seeking a partner who will coordinate with the Forestry Division to develop, manage and co-operate a new Urban Wood Depot which will promote the environmental and economic benefits of urban wood waste utilization and urban forestry.

This partner, in collaboration with the City of Providence Parks Department's Forestry Division, will provide on-site management of the Urban Wood Depot and develop a facility that will make this wood available to the public and to the Parks Department for beneficial reuse. Services will also include education programs, community workshops, workforce development, and artisan classes for the community. A focus of this work will be to provide materials and classes related to building and maintaining urban agriculture facilities and community gardens. Outreach should prioritize under-represented communities.

Each year the City of Providence disposes of hundreds of yards of urban forest debris amassed from caring for street trees and managing the urban forest (e.g., pruning, tree removals, and storm debris). Traditional disposal of this waste costs \$30,000-\$80,000 a year. A more innovative, environmentally considerate, economical, and sustainable solution is to make this wood debris available to the public for free or reduced cost.

Providence's tree canopy consists of a variety of hardwoods that can be used for artistic reuse, including furniture and amenities. Woodworking/crafting classes using these materials will generate revenue to offset operations costs. Urban agriculture would be supported by this debris (e.g., wood chips for mulching, and lumber for garden beds and fencing).

The site is located on five former industrial lots on Salem Street in South Providence and is more than 42,000 square feet. The entire area is fenced, gated, and will have electric service. There are several bays to store and inventory material until reuse. The Forestry Division of the Parks Department has been hauling material there since the fall of 2022 and will continue to do so for years to come.

**Share your vision to bring new growth to this site. Please include the following information:**



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**Wood Material Access and Usage:** In what ways (e.g., wood chips, live edge slabs, garden grade lumber, artisan grade lumber, log cookies) is wood material made available to the community? What other services or goods would you provide to residents of Providence?

**Site Design and User Experience:** How would the Urban Wood Depot be laid out? What is missing, and what is the plan to develop this area? How and when is it open to the public?

**Program and Fund Development:** How would wood material sales allow free programs, classes, and products for the community? What is the fee structure, including no-cost options? What programs, classes, workshops, or seminars would you provide? How would you promote and recruit participants?

**Collaboration** How do the Urban Wood Depot and the Forestry Division complement each other's efforts? How will this project include additional community partners?

**Share your vision and tell us how and why you would be the best partner for the Urban Wood Waste Depot.**

- Provide a formal proposal for the layout, utilization, and vision. Include an estimate for the project, including cost breakdowns and timelines.
- What are the dates and hours for operation? What does a sample calendar of events and classes look like?
- How will you furnish the equipment necessary for this operation?
- What programs, events, classes do you propose?
- Share your marketing and outreach plan?
- Please provide a budget and financial plan. What do you propose for a shared revenue plan with the Parks Department?

**The ideal operator will be chosen based on:**

Compatibility with Parks team, vision for the space, operation and programs, committee interview, experience with urban wood waste operations, access to the equipment needed to support the operation, ability to list the City of Providence as additionally insured per below, as well as the ability to leverage or attain funding and partners. We are particularly interested in partners with experience providing environmentally focused community programs, workforce development, and youth engagement. Viability and strength of financial proposal is also a strong consideration.

## **GENERAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS**

### **Calendar Year and Hours**

Subject to negotiation with the City, the successful bidder is expected to operate the Urban Wood Depot weekly

### **Start Date**

The successful bidder shall begin occupancy on July 1, 2023 and should begin operations by September 1, 2023.





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**Lease Term**

The partnership term for this contract (the "Primary Term") shall be for 2 years, with the end date being June 30, 2025, with a 5-year option (the "Option Term") to begin on July 1, 2025, that can be exercised only if both parties agree on terms.

**PARTNER RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Facility Changes**

The successful bidder may propose alterations at its own expense to the existing Urban Wood Depot without compensation, discounts, or abatement from the City. All requests must be approved in writing by the City Forester. Any and all improvements made to the facility become the sole property of the Providence Parks department and must remain after termination of the agreement.

**Equipment and Procurement**

The Partner shall procure all necessary equipment, supplies, and materials to operate the facility. This includes, but is not limited to, a front-end loader and a saw mill.

**Personnel**

The Partner shall hire the necessary personnel to operate the facility and will comply with all federal, state, and local labor and safety laws in the Vendor's employment practices. The Partner shall notify the Parks Department of any anticipated labor issues or employment circumstances that could adversely affect the operation of the Depot.

**Taxes**

The Partner shall be responsible for all federal, state, and local taxes resulting from the operation of the Depot.

**Health and Safety**

The Partner shall maintain the facility in a clean and sanitary manner and will comply with all federal, state, and local laws, codes, and regulations regarding health and safety concerns. The Partner shall notify the Parks Department immediately of any vandalism, accident, or damage at the facility or any safety hazard that exists.

**Trash Removal**

The Partner shall store trash in a suitable container provided by the Partner and coordinate its removal by Parks Department employees.

**Responsibilities of the Parties**

Unless otherwise specified in this Agreement, the responsibility of the parties shall be as outlined here:

- The Parks Department agrees to provide access to all wood material produced during normal Forestry division operations that is not earmarked for park projects.
- Partner is responsible for developing and managing 45 Salem Street-Urban Wood Depot in collaboration with the Forestry Division.
- Partner is responsible for sorting, grading, and processing materials delivered to the Urban Wood Depot.
- Partner will conduct community outreach and involvement.
- Partner is responsible for distributing wood products and materials and is permitted to sell wood products and





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materials.

- Partner shall maintain, adjust and repair Depot yard (in the area of their operations) throughout the season.
- Partner agrees to provide wood chips to Providence residents at least once a month during predetermined days and times.
- Partner will host community group training (workforce development).
- Partner will host Community Garden demonstrations annually/
- Partner agrees to create and host an additional free City-wide day of demonstrations.
- Partner agrees that all maintenance of the facility is its responsibility.
- Partner agrees to remove and dispose of all trash from their operations at the facility. The partner may have a small screened dumpster on-site.
- Partner agrees to work with partners and the Parks Department to connect the facility to residents. With a focus on under-represented communities.

**Access**

The Parks Department represents and warrants to Partner that they will have full access to the site but must coordinate with the Forestry Department for all operations occurring within shared spaces.

**Utilities**

The City will pay for installation of electric service. Any electric services used by the Partner will be their responsibility. The Partner is responsible for acquiring phone and internet service, if desired. For the first 2 years, the City will provide portable bathroom facilities. Thereafter, we would encourage the Partner to install and maintain composting toilets.

**Signage**

Signage on the exterior of the site will be provided by the Parks Department and that shall be consistent with Parks standards. Signage for any interior areas should be developed in conjunction with the Parks Department or submitted to the Parks Department for approval prior to posting.

**Insurance**

The Partner shall secure worker's compensation insurance for the benefit of each person employed by it in the operation of the facility. In addition, the Vendor shall furnish public liability and property damage insurance from a company authorized to do business in Rhode Island. The insurance shall have the following minimum limits:

- Public liability: \$1 million single-limit coverage
- Property damage: \$1 million single-limit coverage

Parks Department shall be listed as “additionally Insured” on a primary but noncontributing basis for General Liability per written contract or agreement.

Said policies shall be kept in force throughout the lease term; the Partner shall supply annually a Certificate of insurance indicating coverage with a cancellation provision that requires a 30-day written notice to the Parks Department.



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**RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY**

**Facility Maintenance and Repair**

The Partner shall bear the expense of repairs necessary because of his employees' acts or omissions. The Partner, however, is responsible for notifying the Parks Department in writing of any conditions that would, if left uncorrected, violates applicable health and safety codes.

Any damage to the site caused by third parties will be assessed and, if necessary, repaired by the Parks Department (e.g. damage to perimeter fencing or gates). Please notify Parks Department of any accidental damage or vandalism.

**Utility Outages**

The City shall not guarantee the uninterrupted provision of utilities and service except to ensure that all reasonable and diligent efforts will be pursued in restoring the interrupted services.

**Space Access**

The Forestry Department will be operating continuously within the site, so coordination will be required, particularly in shared spaces such as material storage areas and loading/unloading areas.

The City shall have access to the facility buildings and spaces for inspections and repairs and shall schedule access with the Partner.

**PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS AND CONDITIONS**

See Page 2 of this RFP for instructions on how to submit the bid. In addition to the forms contained in this RFP, submit a written proposal and attach it to this document.

Incomplete proposals may not be considered for award evaluation.

In submitting a proposal, the proposer agrees that the proposal remains valid for sixty (60) calendar days after the closing date of submission of proposals and may be extended beyond that time by mutual agreement.

**Inquiries**

Inquiries on this RFP or regarding a site visit shall be made in writing via email. Inquiries shall be made to:

Alexander J. Elton, City Forester: [aelton@providenceri.gov](mailto:aelton@providenceri.gov), please cc: Sam Greenwood, Parks Design Department Project Coordinator: [sgreenwood@providenceri.gov](mailto:sgreenwood@providenceri.gov)



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**AWARD CRITERIA**

The following criteria shall be used in evaluating proposals:

- Experience and management structure
- Proposer's experience in running similar facilities in urban areas
- Firm's key personnel
- Number of years in the business
- Membership in national and international associations
- Community outreach and free or low-cost programs, events, and memberships
- Quality of programs
- Capital projects proposed
- Seasonal versus year-round

**Proposed Operation**

Proposals from the Partner should be submitted on the most favorable terms possible from the cost and technical capability standpoint. The City reserves the right to accept other than the highest value proposals, to reject any or all proposals, and to waive any of the requirements of the bid selection procedures explained in this document. Upon selecting the Partner, the City will prepare, and the City and the Partner will enter into, an appropriate agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of parties' rights and obligations. Such contract will incorporate by reference and follow substantially the terms set forth herein, except the City reserves the right to incorporate standard contractual requirements.

No bidder shall have any cause of action against the City arising out of failure to award a contract to the bidder, the failure to consider any proposal or the methods by which proposals are assessed.

The City reserves the right to award the contract in the best interest of the Parks Department.

**General Information**

- Name and address of the firm
- Contact person - phone number and email.
- Principals in the firm, i.e., all persons who hold a financial interest in the business
- Key personnel and qualifications
- Description of litigation, if any, in the last five years or currently pending
- Verification of good standing with the Rhode Island Tax Division

**Experience**

(i.e. construction and property maintenance, equipment operation, sawmill equipment operation, wood products and lumber sales, grant writing and administering, teaching and training positions). Include years of experience, relevant registrations, licenses, and insurance.



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**Credit and/or banking references.**

**Proposed Operation**

- Hours of operation
- Proposed management and key personnel
- Proposed capital investment
- Preliminary marketing plan
- Start-up schedule after contract signing

**Capital Improvements & Rental Payments**

In addition to proposing an annual rental payment, the bidder is free to propose capital improvements to enhance the Urban Wood Depot. Please include proposed projects, estimated costs, and timeline. If including a kiln, woodworking shop, or similar seasonal structure, please provide details and outline how programs and operations could be extended year-round. All capital improvements would become the property of the City at the end of the lease term. In short, our evaluation of proposals will look at proposed capital improvements, total lease term rental payments, and the quality of the operations and programs of the bidder.



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**SUPPLEMENTAL BID FORM**

To whom it may concern:

1. The undersigned, having familiarized (himself) (themselves) (itself) with the **Urban Wood Depot Facility Partnership** bid affecting the cost of work, and with the Contract Documents (which includes the Invitation for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, Form of Bid Bond, Form of Agreements, form of Non-Collusive Affidavit, Addenda (if any), Drawings, Technical Specification, Form of Surety Bond(s); as prepared by the Providence Parks Department, and on file in the office of the City Clerk 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, City Hall, Providence, RI 02903, hereby proposes to furnish all supervision, technical personnel, labor, materials, machinery, tools, equipment and services including utility and transportation services, and to perform such other required work for the **Urban Wood Depot Facility Partnership** and such other required and incidental work, complete, all in accordance with the above listed documents and for the unit prices for work in-place for the following items and quantities.

2. In submitting this Bid, the bidder understands that the right is reserved by The Providence Parks Department to reject any and all Bids, If written notice of acceptance of this Bid is mailed, telegraphed or delivered to the undersigned within (90) days after the opening thereof, or at any time thereafter before this Bid is withdrawn, the undersigned agrees to execute and deliver an Agreement in the prescribed form and furnish the required bond within (10) days after the Agreement is presented to him/her for signature.

Herewith in accordance with the instructions to Bidders.

3. Attached hereto is an affidavit in proof that the undersigned has not colluded with any person in respect to this. Bid or any bids for the Contractor for which this Bid is submitted. Also attached is a Statement of Bidder's Qualifications.

4. Application unit prices are contained in the Agreement (established as the result of either a Unit Price Bid or a Supplemental Schedule of Unit Prices), the City of Providence may order the Contractor to proceed with desired changes in the work, the value of such changes to be determined by the measured quantities involved and the application unit prices specified in the Contract.

5. The City of Providence reserves the right to determine the lowest responsible Bidder based on past experience with the City and/or recommendations by City and/or state agencies with an interest in this procurement. The City reserves the right to award the project to the appropriate bidder in the best interest of the City of Providence.

**CERTIFICATION OF NON-SEGREGATED FACILITIES**

The Bidder certifies that he/she does not maintain or provide for his/her employees any segregated facilities at any of his establishments, and that he/she does not permit his/her employees to perform their services at any location, under his/her control, where segregation facilities are maintained. The Bidder agrees that a breach of this certification will be a violation of the Equal Opportunity Clause in any contract resulting from acceptance of this Bid. As used in this certification, term "segregation facilities" means any waiting rooms, work rooms, rest rooms and wash rooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation and housing facilities provided for employee which are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on basis of race, color, religion, or national origin, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise. The Bidder agrees that (except where he/she has obtained identical certification from proposed subcontractors for specific time periods) he/she will obtain identical certification from proposed subcontractor prior to the award of subcontracts exceeding \$10,000.00 which are not exempt from provisions of the Equal Opportunity Clause, and that he /she will retain such certifications in his/her files.

**NOTE: The penalty for making false statements in offers is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. & 1001.**



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DATE \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

Name of Bidder and Official Address:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Authorized Representative (Contact):  
\_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Signature)*

Title \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Bidder shall indicate, in space provided,  
the earliest possible Project Start-up Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

**ADDENDA:** The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the following Addenda, if any, and has included the provisions thereof in this Bid (If Any):

<u>Addendum No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Addendum No.</u>	<u>Date</u>
_____	_____, 20__	_____	_____, 20__
_____	_____, 20__	_____	_____, 20__

**Sub-Contractors (If Any):**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Scope of Work:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MBE / WBE**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Scope of Work:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MBE / WBE**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Scope of Work:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MBE / WBE**

Questions regarding this bid package shall be submitted via e-mail to Liza Perez at [operez@providenceri.gov](mailto:operez@providenceri.gov) and [aelton@providenceri.gov](mailto:aelton@providenceri.gov), please cc: [sgreenwood@providenceri.gov](mailto:sgreenwood@providenceri.gov), no later than five (5) working days before the bid opening date.



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## **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

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

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

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

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

**You must be able to provide:**

- Business Tax ID (W-9) will be requested after an award is approved by the Board of Contract and Supply.
- Proof of Insurance



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**CITY OF PROVIDENCE STANDARD TERMS & CONDITIONS**

1. The terms “you” and “your” contained herein refer to the person or entity that is a party to the agreement with the City of Providence (“the City”) and to such person’s or entity’s employees, officers, and agents.
2. The Request For Proposals (“RFP”) and these Standard Terms and Conditions together constitute the entire agreement of the parties (“the Agreement”) with regard to any and all matters. By your submission of a bid proposal or response to the City’s RFP, you accept these Standard Terms & Conditions and agree that they supersede any conflicting provisions provided by bid or in any terms and conditions contained or linked within a bid and/or response. Changes in the terms and conditions of the Agreement, or the scope of work thereunder, may only be made by a writing signed by the parties.
3. You are an independent contractor and in no way does this Agreement render you an employee or agent of the City or entitle you to fringe benefits, workers’ compensation, pension obligations, retirement or any other employment benefits. The City shall not deduct federal or state income taxes, social security or Medicare withholdings, or any other taxes required to be deducted by an employer, and this is your responsibility to yourself and your employees and agents.
4. You shall not assign your rights and obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the City. Any assignment without prior written consent of the City shall be voidable at the election of the City. The City retains the right to refuse any and all assignments in the City’s sole and absolute discretion.
5. Invoices submitted to the City shall be payable sixty (60) days from the time of receipt by the City. Invoices shall include support documentation necessary to evidence completion of the work being invoiced. The City may request any other reasonable documentation in support of an invoice. The time for payment shall not commence, and invoices shall not be processed for payment, until you provide reasonably sufficient support documentation. In no circumstances shall the City be obligated to pay or shall you be entitled to receive interest on any overdue invoice or payment. In no circumstances shall the City be obligated to pay any costs associated with your collection of an outstanding invoice.
6. For contracts involving construction, alteration, and/or repair work, the provisions of applicable state labor law concerning payment of prevailing wage rates (R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 37-13-1 et seq., as amended) and the City’s First Source Ordinance (Providence Code of Ordinances §§ 21-91 et seq., as amended) apply.
7. With regard to any issues, claims, or controversies that may arise under this Agreement, the City shall not be required to submit to dispute resolution or mandatory/binding arbitration. Nothing prevents the parties from mutually agreeing to settle any disputes using mediation or non-binding arbitration.
8. To the fullest extent permitted by law, you shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City, its employees, officers, agents, and assigns from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, allegations, demands, actions, causes of action, suits, obligations, fines, penalties, judgments, liabilities, costs and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys’ fees, of any nature whatsoever arising out of, in connection with, or resulting from the performance of the work provided in the Agreement.
9. You shall maintain throughout the term of this Agreement the insurance coverage that is required by the RFP or, if none is required in the RFP, insurance coverage that is considered in your industry to be commercially reasonable, and you agree to name the City as an additional insured on your general liability policy and on any umbrella policy you carry.
10. The City shall not subject itself to any contractual limitations on liability. The City shall have the time permitted within the applicable statute of limitations, and no less, to bring or assert any and all causes of action, suits, claims or demands the City may have arising out of, in connection with, or resulting from the performance of the work provided in the Agreement, and in no event does the City agree to limit your liability to the price of the Agreement or any other monetary limit.
11. The City may terminate this Agreement upon five (5) days’ written notice to you if you fail to observe any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, or if the City believes your ability to perform the 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





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to the last business address known by the party providing notice.

13. In no event shall the Agreement automatically renew or be extended without a writing signed by the parties.
14. You agree that products produced or resulting from the performance of the Agreement are the sole property of the City and may not be used by you without the express written permission of the City.
15. For any Agreement involving the sharing or exchange of data involving potentially confidential and/or personal information, you shall comply with any and all state and/or federal laws or regulations applicable to confidential and/or personal information you receive from the City, including but not limited to the Rhode Island Identity Theft Protection Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-49.3-1, during the term of the Agreement. You shall implement and maintain appropriate physical, technical, and administrative security measures for the protection of, and to prevent access to, use, or disclosure of, confidential and/or personal information. In the event of a breach of such information, you shall notify the City of such breach immediately, but in no event later than twenty-four (24) hours after discovery of such breach.
16. The Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Rhode Island. You expressly submit yourself to and agree that any and all actions arising out of, in connection with, or resulting from the performance of the Agreement or relationship between the parties shall occur solely in the venue and jurisdiction of the State of Rhode Island or the federal court located in Rhode Island.
17. The failure of the City to require performance of any provision shall not affect the City's right to require performance at any time thereafter, nor shall a waiver of any breach or default of this Agreement constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach or default or a waiver of the provision itself.
18. If any term or provision of this Agreement, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall, in any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby, and each term and provision shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.