

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Item Description: Telephony Services and Support (Exp. 6/30/26) with a 2-Year Option

Procurement/MinuteTraq #: 48397

Date to be opened: 3/24/2025

Issuing Department: Providence Water Supply Board

QUESTIONS

- Please direct questions related to the process, how to fill out forms, and how to submit an application(Pages 1-8) to the Purchasing Department.
 - o Email: <u>purchasing@providenceri.gov</u>
 - Please use the subject line "Solicitation Question"
- Please direct questions relative to the Minority and Women's Business Enterprise Program and the corresponding forms (Pages 10-11) to the MBE/WBE Outreach Director for the City of Providence, Grace Diaz
 - 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 Name: Pedro Santos
 - o Title: Director of Information Technology
 - o Email Address: pedros@provwater.com

Pre-submission Conference

There is no pre-bid conference scheduled for this item.

Deadline for questions submissions:

March 17, 2025

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

Meeting Date: 3/24/2025

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 Conference Room 305, 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 solicitation 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 solicitation. 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

**<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: 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.

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)
- Bid Form 4: Affidavit of City Vendor (see pages 9 and 10 of this document)
- Forms from the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program: Based on Bidder Category. See forms and instructions enclosed (pages 10-11) 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 <u>ALL</u> required signatures. Forms without all required signatures will be considered <u>incomplete</u>.

- 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, <u>if requested</u> (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.

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.)

BID TERMS

1.	Financial assurances may be required in order to be a successful bidder for Commodity or Construction and Service contracts. <u>If either of the first two checkboxes below is checked, the specified assurance</u> 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 <u>\$</u> 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. Any person signing a bid bond as an attorney-in-fact shall include with the bid bond an original, or a photocopy or facsimile of an original, power of attorney.
	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 **nighty (90) 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, <u>RIGL 28-29-1</u>, 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 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

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 discrimina orientation and/or religion in its business	e on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual ss and hiring practices.			
2.	2. All of Bidder's employees have been hired in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.				
I at	ffirm by signing below that I am duly au	horized on behalf of Bidder, on			
this	sday of	20			
		Signature of Representation			
		Printed Name			

BID FORM 3: Certificate Regarding Public Records

Upon beł	half of	(Firm or Individual Bidding),			
I,		Name of Person Making Certification),			
		(Title or "Self"), hereby certify an			
understan	nding that:				
(F re	All bids submitted in response to Requests for Proposal RFQ's), documents contained within, and the details of ecord upon receipt by the City Clerk's office and open and Supply (BOCS) meeting.	outlined on those documents become public			
2. The ef					
3. T	The requested supplemental information may be crucia uch details may result in disqualification, or an inability				
4. If de su	f sensitive information that has not been requested is e lefined supplemental information prior to the issuing d ubmitted to the City Clerk, the City of Providence has lears no liability associated with the information become	nclosed or if a bidder opts to enclose the epartment's request in the bidding packet no obligation to redact those details and			
5. The the bit	The City of Providence observes a public and transpare the bidding packet may not be submitted directly to the bidder in order to protect other information, such as private make such an attempt will be disqualified.	ent bidding process. Information required in issuing department at the discretion of the			
I affirm b	by signing below that I am duly authorized on behalf o	of Bidder, on			
this	day of20	<i>.</i>			
	-	Signature of Representation			

Printed Name

BID FORM 4: Affidavit of City Vendor

Per our Code of Ordinances Sec. 21.-28.1 (e), this form applies to a) the business, b) any political action committee whose name includes the name of the business, c) all persons holding ten (10) percent or greater equity interest or five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or greater cash value interest in the business at any time during the reporting period, d) all executive officers of the business entity, e) any spouse or dependent child of any individual identified in a) though d) above.

Per R.I.G.L. § 36-14-2, "Business" means a sole proprietorship, partnership, firm, corporation, holding company, joint stock company,

Executive officers who are not residents of the state of Rhode Island are exempted from this requirement.

rec	ceivership, trust, or any other entity recognized in law thro	rough which business for profit or not for profit is conducted.
Na	ame of the person making this affidavit:	
Pos	osition in the "Business"	
Na	ame of Entity	
Ad	ldress:	
Pho	none number:	
Th	ne number of persons or entities in your entity that are req	juired to report under Sec. 2128.1 (e):
Re	ead the following paragraph and answer one of the opt	tions:
are	e not in writing within the 12 month period preceding the	ubmission with the City of Providence, or with respect to the contracts that date of notification that the contract has reached the \$100,000 threshold, ear to (please list all persons or entities required under Sec. 2128.1 (e)).
a.	y	□ No
	• If Yes, please complete the following: Recipient(s) of the Contribution:	
	Contribution Date(s):	Contribution Amount(s):
b.	Candidates for election or reelection to the Providence	City Council? □ Yes □ No
	• If Yes, please complete the following:	
	Recipient(s) of the Contribution: Contribution Date(s):	Contribution Amount(s):
c.	The Mayor of Providence? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
.	• If Yes, please complete the following:	
	Recipient(s) of the Contribution:	
	Contribution Date(s):	Contribution Amount(s):
d.	Candidates for election or reelection to the office of Ma	ayor of Providence? □ Yes □ No
	• If Yes, please complete the following:	
	Recipient(s) of the Contribution: Contribution Date(s):	Contribution Amount(s):
	Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury.	Position

MBE/WBE Participation Plan

Please complete separate forms for each MBE/WBE subcontractor/supplier to be utilized on the solicitation.

Bidder's Name:						
Bidder's Address:						
Point of Contact:						
Telephone:						
Email:						
Procurement #:						
Project Name:						
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? (Check all that apply).					Neither MBE nor W	
including a description Please note that all MI time of bid. The MBE instructions and requir Nonprofit or Construction provide upde	1 (out) out of Summers and not require a company of the root of th					
Name of Subcontracto	or/Supplier:					
Type of RI Certification	on:	□МВЕ	□WBE	□N	either	
Address:						
Point of Contact:						
Telephone:						
Email:						
Detailed Description of Performed by Subcont to be Supplied by Sup of Work provided in the	tractor or Materials plier Per the Scope he RFP					
Total Contract Value	(\$):		Subcontract Value (\$):		Participation Rate (%):	
Anticipated Date of Po	erformance:					
I certify under penalty	of perjury that the f	orgoing staten	nents are true and o	correct.		
Prime Contractor/Vo	endor Signature			Title		Date
Subcontractor/Suppl	ier Signature			Title		Date

*If you did not meet the 20% MBE/WBE combined participation goal, submit a Waiver Request Form.

MBE/WBE Waiver Request Form

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 gdiaz@providenceri.gov, for review <a href="mailto:priorito:pri

Prime Bidder:		Contact Email and Phone	
Company Name, Address:			
roject /Item Description (as seen	on RFP):		
o receive a waiver, you must list hom you interacted, and the rea			ne name of the primary individual w
MBE/WBE Company Name	Individual's Name	Company Name	Why did you choose not to work with this company?
aiver of % MBE/WBE	(20% minus the value of Box	F on the Subcontractor Disclo	f the total bid value. I am requesting sure Form). If an opportunity is ffort will be made to select MBE/W
ignature of Prime Contractor / r Duly Authorized Representativ	Printed N	ame	Date Signed
gnature of City of Providence BE/WBE Outreach Director /		Tame of City of Providence BE Outreach Director	Date Signed

or Duly Authorized Representative

FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

APPRENTICE REQUIREMENTS (Construction Projects Valued at \$100,000 or More).

Attention of prospective bidders is called to the fact that this project is to be bid upon and executed under the City of Providence Code of Ordinances Chapter 21 Art. II Section 21-28.1 c(1) and (2) related to utilizing apprentices in the contract. This ordinance outlines requirements for utilizing not less than 15% of total hours worked by apprentices. The City may lower this percentage only if it determines in writing that compliance is not feasible or that it would be unduly cost prohibitive to the project. The attention of prospective bidders is also called to the fact that reporting the efforts undertaken and progress towards achieving the requirements in this ordinance is a condition for payment. Compliance reporting shall be submitted with any contract payment requisition, in a format to be specified by the City. This demonstration of compliance through such reports shall be a condition of the requisition for payment to be processed. Upon the contract being awarded to the successful bidder, a mandatory meeting will be scheduled to review the project requirements relative to apprenticeship requirements and the process and protocols by which these goals will be achieved. At this meeting, specific forms and procedures for the documentation and achievement of these requirements by the successful bidder will be provided, discussed and agreed upon for the execution of the contract.

"FIRST SOURCE" REQUIREMENTS.

Attention of prospective bidders is called to the fact that this project is to be bid upon and executed under the City of Providence Code of Ordinances Chapter 21 Art. III 1/2 First Source Agreements Sec. 21-91 through 21-96. This ordinance outlines requirements for hiring Providence residents to work on this project. The City may waive this requirement only upon a determination in writing that qualified residents of Providence are not available for the project, pursuant to Sec. 21-94(e). The attention of prospective bidders is called to the fact that reporting the efforts undertaken and progress towards achieving the requirements in this ordinance is a condition for payment. Compliance reporting shall be submitted with any contract payment requisition, in a format to be specified by the City. This demonstration of compliance through such reports shall be a condition of the requisition for payment to be processed. Upon the contract being awarded to the successful bidder, a mandatory meeting will be scheduled to review the project requirements relative to the First Source Agreements and the process and protocols by which these goals will be achieved. At this meeting, specific forms and procedures for the documentation and achievement of these requirements by the successful bidder will be provided, discussed, and agreed upon for the execution of the contract.

BID PACKAGE SPECIFICATIONS



Request for Proposal TELEPHONY SERVICES AND SUPPORT

Overview:

The Providence Water Supply Board (PW) is soliciting proposals, from qualified firms, to provide computer, telephony, and IT technical services in support of its operations, projects, and IT initiatives. The selected vendor will possess demonstrated expertise in managing Avaya Telephone Systems and other telecommunications solutions, as well as the technical proficiency to execute related projects from inception to completion.

Our organization operates within a diverse technology environment, utilizing a combination of virtualized infrastructure and physical servers. Our systems are distributed across multiple data centers, ensuring reliability and efficiency. We maintain a mix of operating environments to support various operational needs, with users and critical systems located across multiple facilities.

Support Services

The successful bidder will be required to provide consulting services on an hourly basis, as needed, for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, with a two-year extension option. These services will cover the following products/systems: Avaya Telephone System, Taske Wallboard, and others.

Vendor Qualification:

The successful vendor must demonstrate the following:

- Expertise in all Avaya Telephone Systems, including Taske Board and telephone network solutions.
- Experience in managing telephony and IT projects of similar scale and scope.
- Proven ability to conduct system assessments, design, implementation.
- Familiarity with the RFP process, including preparation, release, bid evaluation, and reporting.
- Availability for regular meetings and collaborative project planning.
- Staffed with qualified professionals, including:

- Senior Project Manager with extensive experience in telephony projects.
- Senior Solutions Architect with a strong technical background in system design and implementation.
- Preferred experience working with water facility.

Scope of Work

The vendor will provide the following services:

1. Technical Services and Support

- o Offer technical support for telephony infrastructure, and IT operations.
- Assist with ongoing telephony-related projects and initiatives.

2. Avaya Telephone System Expertise

- o Perform needs assessments, system design, and drafting of specifications for Avaya Telephone Systems and related components such as Taske Board and the telephone network.
- Manage acquisition, installation, and project implementation for upgrades or replacements.

3. Project Management

- Oversee telephony-related projects, including:
 - Preparing RFP documents for telecommunications system upgrades or replacements.
 - Budget preparation and monitoring.
 - Vendor discussions and project planning.
- o Facilitate weekly meetings with project teams to ensure progress and resolve issues.

4. Telephone Projects and System Optimization

- Conduct Auto Attendant and vector studies to assess and improve system functionality.
- Lead the RFP preparation, release, and management process, including:
 - Organizing and conducting bid briefings and walkthroughs.
 - Drafting and issuing addenda as needed.
 - Evaluating bids and preparing recommendation reports.

Additionally, there may be occasional day-to-day support for all previously mentioned products and services.

All work will be performed on-site or through a secure VPN connection and must be documented by the vendor. Signed documentation will form an agreement that the tasks have been satisfactorily installed, configured, and tested in accordance with the design criteria set forth by PW. The documentation will be signed by both parties once the work has been satisfactorily completed.

To the extent possible, work will be performed during normal working hours (08:30 AM -5:00 PM) In order to minimize system down-time, it may be necessary to schedule work at other than normal working hours. Hourly rates may be bid accordingly.

Under normal circumstances, vendor must be available to provide a minimum of 10 hours

per month and typically should not be required to provide more than 20 hours per month of technical support.

PW reserves the right to cancel the contract at any time with a 30-day notice.

On-site/In-house Support

- 1. Vendor will be required to provide a qualified person to work at any of the PW locations to perform all tasks related to assigned projects. The vendor may be required to perform routine network administration tasks as well as work on network upgrades as directed by PW.
- 2. Vendor may be required to provide a person for emergency work, as needed, on an hourly call-in basis, outside normal working hours, and must be on-site within 8 hours from the time the request is made by PW.
- 3. PW will pay for hours worked only and will not be responsible for minimum-hours fees. PW will not pay for travel, lodging, or related expenses.

Requirements of Proposal

Proposers shall include information regarding their experience with and knowledge of all aspects included in the Scope of Work and Qualifications sections of this RFP complete with resumes of all personnel that will actively participate in the project.

Proposers shall provide a price proposal complete as follows:

Total hourly fee for all costs included in the Scope of Work
Total hourly fee for all costs included in the Scope of Work for emergency call in jobs outside normal working hours.

Special Notes

All information developed under this project is the property of PW. Prior approval by the General Manager is required before the release of any element of the data or information developed for this project. PW reserves the right to award some or all of these services to multiple vendors.

Bid Evaluation

All bids will be evaluated according to the following criteria and percent value:

Evaluation Criteria	Percent Value
Overall Cost to Providence Water	30%
Technical and Functional requirements	30%
Qualifications of Respondent and Professional recommendations and experience	20%
Demonstrated understanding and responsiveness of the RFP	20%
Total Points	100%

Information Available To Proposers

Any questions regarding these specifications should be directed to Pedro Santos, Director - Information Technology at pedros@provwater.com.

Bidder's Blank

July 1, 2025 - June	30, 2026		
Hourly Rate (Normal	Working Hours)		
Hourly Rate (Other t	han normal Working Hrs)		
July 1, 2026 - June	30, 2027		
Hourly Rate (Normal	Working Hours)		
Hourly Rate (Other t	han normal Working Hrs.)		
July 1, 2027 - June	30, 2028		
Hourly Rate (Normal	Working Hours)		
Hourly Rate (Other t	han normal Working Hrs.)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Vendor Name:		Tel No:	
Address:		-	
		-	
City - State:			

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.

<u>All bids submitted to the City Clerk become public record</u>. 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.
- Proof of Insurance.
- Certificate of Good Standing with the Rhode Island Secretary of State.



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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



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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.
- 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.