

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (“RFP”) FOR
PUBLIC RELATIONS SERVICES**

Specification No. 023010

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**CITY OF CHICAGO
(Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events)**



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All proposals and other communications must be submitted electronically to:

Clinée Hedspeth, Commissioner
Attention: Mayowa Obafemi-Adeiwale, Contracts Administrator
mayowa.obafemi-adeiwale@cityofchicago.org

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held virtually on 18th of March 2025 at 11 A.M. Central Standard Time. Pre-registration must be arranged by email to mayowa.obafemi-adeiwale@cityofchicago.org in advance of the scheduled Pre-Proposal Conference. Registrants will receive directions and a link to access the Pre-Proposal Conference.

Attendance is Non-Mandatory but encouraged.

PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M., CENTRAL STANDARD TIME, ON 4th OF APRIL 2025.

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MAYOR**

**CLINÉE HEDSPETH
COMMISSIONER**

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I. GENERAL INVITATION

1.1 Purpose of the Request for Proposal

The City of Chicago (“City”) Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (“DCASE”) invites the submissions of proposals for the services of a full-service Public/Media Relations agency (“Agency”) to provide advance media coordination and staffing, as well as on-site support for identified DCASE programs (“Events”).

This RFP will be used for the selection of one entity to provide the Services. After the selection pursuant to the selection criteria set forth herein, the selected entity shall enter into a written agreement (“Agreement”) that shall set forth certain generally applicable standard terms and conditions governing the Services for the duration of the term of the relationship (as set forth in Section 2.2 hereof). Such Agreement will be subject to the approval of City Council.

For purposes of this RFP, “**Commissioner**” means the Commissioner of DCASE. “**Department**” means DCASE. (“**DPS**”) means the Department of Procurement Services. “**Respondent**” means the companies or individuals that submit proposals in response to this RFP. **Selected Respondent** or **Contractor** means the awardee of the contract. The documents submitted in response to this RFP will be referred to as “**Proposals**”.

The Selected Respondent awarded a contract pursuant to this RFP shall perform all applicable duties as outlined in the Scope of Services.

The work contemplated is professional in nature. It is understood that the Selected Respondent acting as an individual, partnership, corporation or other legal entity, is of professional status, licensed to perform in the State of Illinois and the CITY OF CHICAGO for all applicable professional discipline(s) requiring licensing and will be governed by the professional ethics in its relationship to the City. It is also understood that all reports, information, or data prepared or assembled by the Respondent under a contract awarded pursuant to this RFP may be made available to any individual organization, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The Respondent shall be financially solvent and each of its members if a joint venture, its employees, agents or sub-consultants of any tier shall be competent to perform the services required under this RFP document.

II. SCOPE OF SERVICES

2.1 Description of Services

The Scope of Services that DCASE seeks to acquire is described in Exhibit 7 of this RFP. The Respondent is expected to expand on this scope in the submitted Proposal, incorporating their expertise and proposed method or approach.

2.2 Term of Contract

The initial term of any contract awarded pursuant to this RFP solicitation shall be two (2) years. The contract shall have two (2) one-year extension options.

III. GENERAL INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

3.1 Communications between the City of Chicago and Respondents

A. Submission of Questions or Requests for Clarifications

Respondents must communicate only with the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events. All questions or requests for clarification must be in writing, sent by email to Mayowa.obafemi-adewale@cityofchicago.org, and directed to the attention of Mayowa Obafemi-Adewale, Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, Room 400 of Chicago Cultural Center and must be received no later than 4th of April, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time. Respondents are encouraged, but not required, to submit questions 1 week prior to the scheduled Pre-Proposal Conference. The email must clearly indicate that the contents are “Questions and Request for Clarification” about the RFP and are “Not a Proposal” and must refer to “Request for Proposal (“RFP”) for Public Relation Services.” No telephone calls will be accepted unless the questions are **general** in nature.

B. Pre-Proposal Conference

The City will hold a Pre-Proposal Conference that will be conducted via a conference call on an online or virtual platform. All interested attendees must register in advance of the Pre-Proposal Conference. Pre-Registration must be arranged in advance of the scheduled 18th of March 2025 Pre-Proposal Conference. Attendees must send an e-mail to Mayowa Obafemi-Adewale at Mayowa.obafemi-adewale@cityofchicago.org to register. Registered attendees will receive e-mail confirmation with directions and the link to access the Pre-Proposal Conference.

All parties interested in submitting a Proposal in response to this RFP are urged to attend. The City will answer questions and clarify the terms of the RFP at the Pre-Proposal Conference. The City may respond both to questions raised on the day of the conference and to questions emailed or mailed prior to the deadline for receipt of questions per Section 3.1.A.

3.2 Deadline and Procedures for Submitting Proposals

- A. To be assured of consideration, Proposals must be received by the City of Chicago, Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events via email submission to Mayowa.obafemi-adewale@cityofchicago.org no later than 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on the 4th of April 2025.

B. The City may, but is not required to accept Proposals that are not received by the date and time set forth in Section 3.2.A above. Only the Commissioner is empowered to determine whether to accept or return late Proposals. No additional or missing documents will be accepted after the due date and time, except as may be requested by the Commissioner.

Failure to meet the deadline due to electronic delivery or other issues will not excuse the Respondent from the deadline requirement. It is the Respondent's sole responsibility to ensure that the Proposal is received as required.

C. Proposals must be delivered to the following address:

Clinée Hedspeth, Commissioner
City of Chicago
Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events

Attention: Mayowa Obafemi-Adewale
Mayowa.obafemi-adewale@cityofchicago.org

D. Respondent must submit 1 electronic copy of the Proposal. The documents must be clearly marked as "ORIGINAL" and must bear the signature of an authorized corporate agent on all documents requiring a signature.

3.3 RFP Information Resources

Respondents are solely responsible for acquiring the necessary information or materials. Information for preparing a response to this RFP can be located in the following areas of the City's website:

- www.cityofchicago.org
- Search MBE/WBE Directory Database
- www.cityofchicago.org/dcse
- Take out list
- Pre-Bid/Proposal Conference Attendees
- Addendums and Exhibits, if any

3.4 Procurement Timetable

The timetable for the RFP solicitation process is summarized below. Note that these are target dates and are subject to change by the City. On-Site inspection of the subject of the RFP will be by appointment with Mayowa.obafemi-adewale@cityofchicago.org, within the allotted time.

Key Activity	Target Date
City Issues RFP	6 th of March, 2025
Pre-Proposal Conference	18 th of March, 2025
Pre-Proposal Questions Due	20 th of March, 2025

Addendum to Answer Questions Available	25 th of March, 2025
Proposals Due	4 th of April, 2025

3.5 Confidentiality

Respondent may designate those portions of the Proposal, which contain trade secrets or other proprietary data that must remain confidential. If a Respondent includes data that is not to be disclosed to the public for any purpose or used by the City except for evaluation purposes, the Respondent must:

- A. Mark the title page as follows: “This RFP proposal includes trade secrets or other proprietary data (“data”) that may not be disclosed outside the City and may not be duplicated, used or disclosed in whole or in part for any purpose other than to evaluate this Proposal. The data subject to this restriction are contained in sheets (insert page numbers or other identification).” The City, for purposes of this provision, will include any consultants assisting in the evaluation of Proposals. If, however, a contract is awarded to this Respondent as a result of or in connection with the submission of this data, the City has the right to duplicate, use, or disclose the data to the extent provided in the resulting contract. This restriction does not limit the City’s right to use information contained in the data if it is obtained from another source without restriction.
- B. Mark each sheet or data to be restricted with the following legend: “Use or disclosure of data contained on this sheet is subject to the restriction on the title page of this Proposal.”

All submissions are subject to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

IV. PREPARING PROPOSALS: REQUIRED INFORMATION

Each Proposal must contain all of the following documents and must conform to the following requirements.

4.1. Format of Proposals

Proposals must be prepared on 8 ½" X 11" letter size paper. Submit 1 electronic original.

Sections should be organized in accordance with subject matter sequence as set forth in Section 4.2. Each page of the Proposal must be numbered in a manner so as to be uniquely identified. Proposals must be clear, concise and well organized. (e.g., Respondent is strongly discouraged from including advertisement or materials not related specifically to the focus of this RFP.)

4.2. Required Content of the Proposal

Respondents are advised to adhere to the submittal requirements of the RFP. Failure to comply with the instructions of this RFP will be cause for rejection of the non-compliant Proposal. Respondent must provide information in the appropriate areas throughout the RFP. While the City recognizes that Respondents provide costs in varying formats, compliance with the enclosed costing structure in Exhibit 3 is required to facilitate equitable comparisons.

The detailed Proposal evaluated by the City must include a response to all requirements in this RFP. By submitting a response to this RFP, you are acknowledging that if your Proposal is accepted by DCASE, your Proposal and related submittals may become part of the contract.

At a minimum, the Proposal must include the following items:

A. Cover Letter

Respondent(s) must submit a cover letter signed by an authorized representative of the entity committing Respondent to provide the Services as described in this RFP in accordance with the terms and conditions of any contract awarded pursuant to the RFP process. The cover letter must:

- (i) Outline the number of years the entity has been in business, and provide an overview of the experience and background of the entity and its key personnel committed to this project and list each management function it is proposing to perform.
- (ii) Identify the legal name of the entity, its headquarters address, its principal place of business, its legal form (i.e., corporation, joint venture, limited partnership, etc.), and the names of its principals or partners and authority to do business in Illinois.
- (iii) Indicate the name and telephone number(s) of the principal contact for oral presentation, or negotiations.
- (iv) Acknowledge receipt of Addendum, if any, issued by the City.

B. Executive Summary

Respondent must provide an executive summary which explains its understanding of the City's intent and objectives and how their Proposal would achieve those objectives. The summary must discuss Respondent's plan for implementing the services and any additional factors for the City's consideration.

C. Professional Qualifications and Specialized Experience of Respondent and Team Members Committed to this Project

If Respondent proposes that major portions of the work will be performed by different team members (joint venture partners, subcontractors, etc.), Respondent must provide the required information as described below for each such team member.

(i) Company Profile Information (See Form in Exhibit 1).

Identify participants in Respondent's "Team." For example if Respondent is a business entity that is comprised of more than one legal participant (e.g., Respondent is a general partnership, joint venture, etc.), then Respondent must identify or cause to be identified all participants involved, their respective

ownership percentages, and summarize the role, degree of involvement, and experience of each participant separately.

If Respondent has a prime contractor / subcontractor relationship instead, this information regarding role, involvement and experience is also required for any subcontractor that is proposed to provide a significant portion of the work.

Provide a chronological history of all mergers and / or acquisitions involving the Respondent team members, including all present and former subsidiaries or divisions and any material restructuring activities, if applicable. Include any such forthcoming actions, if such disclosure has already been made generally available to the public and is permitted by law.

If Respondent is a joint venture or partnership, attach a copy of the joint venture or partnership agreement signed by an authorized officer of each partner. Each partner must execute:

- (a) Schedule B as shown in Exhibit 4, if joint venture or partnership includes City of Chicago certified MBE/WBE firms(s), as applicable.
- (b) Separate Economic Disclosure Statement and Affidavit (“EDS”) completed by each partner and one in the name of the joint venture or partnership as shown in Exhibit 5.
- (c) Insurance certificate in the name of the joint venture or partner business entity.

(ii) Company Reference / Client Profile Information (See Form in Exhibit 2)

Respondent must provide at least one (and two additional if available) client references for the services substantially similar to those in this RFP preferably from municipalities of which, the one (and up to 3) reference(s) must be of similar scope and magnitude as described in this RFP. Experience will not be considered unless complete reference data is provided. At a minimum, the following information must be included for each client reference:

- Client name, address, contact person name, telephone and fax number.
- Description of equipment and Services provided similar to the Services outlined in the Scope.
- The date when the Service was implemented.
- The location of the Services.
- Nature and extent of Respondent’s involvement as the prime contractor (also indicate area of secondary responsibility, if applicable)
- Identify equipment and Services, if any, subcontracted, and to what other company.
- Nature and extent of Respondent’s involvement as the prime contractor (also indicate areas of secondary responsibility, if applicable).

- Contract term (Start and End date, or indicate if currently providing services)
- The total dollar value of the Services.

All client reference information must be supported and verified. Reference contacts must be aware that they are being used and agreeable to City interview for follow-up.

The City may solicit from previous clients, including the City of Chicago, or any available sources, relevant information concerning Respondent's record of past performance.

(iii) Capacity to Perform City Project

Describe how any uncompleted projects and/or contractual commitments to other clients will affect your ability to deliver services, capacity to perform within City's timeline and affect dedicated resources committed to the City's project. Respondent should provide a summary of current and future projects and commitments and include project completion dates. Identify what percentage of the services will be performed utilizing your own workforce, equipment and facilities. What percentage of the work will be subcontracted?

(iv) Business License/Authority to do Business in Illinois

Respondent must provide copies of appropriate licenses or certifications required of any individual or entity generally performing the services described in this RFP in the City of Chicago, County of Cook and State of Illinois, for itself, its partners and its subcontractors, including evidence that Respondent is authorized by the Secretary of State to do business in the State of Illinois. Provide copies with the Proposal submission.

These requirements will vary depending upon the circumstances of each Respondent. See the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP) website for additional information:
www.cityofchicago.org/businessAffairs.

If required by law, Respondents are required to have an Illinois Business License. See the State of Illinois, Department of Business Services website for additional information: www.cyberdriveillinois.com (<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/>).

Additionally, visit the State of Illinois' Division of Professional Regulation for information regarding the State of Illinois' Professional Certifications:
<http://www.idfpr.com>.

D. Professional Qualifications and Experience of Key Personnel who will be dedicated to the services described in this RFP.

For each person identified, describe the following information:

- (i) Respondent must provide a summary of the personnel who will be dedicated to the Services as proposed.

- (ii) Respondent must indicate each person's areas of expertise and which person will have prime responsibility for various tasks or aspects of the services.
- (iii) Respondent must submit resumes or corporate personnel profiles with past experience for each of the key personnel, including a description of their roles and responsibilities on recent projects of similar type, scope, and magnitude relating to the Scope of Services as described in this RFP.

E. Project Management / Implementation Plan

Respondent must provide a detailed summary of the company's plan for implementing and delivering the services requirements as outlined in the Scope of Services, that includes at least the following:

- (i) Approach to Implementing Services

Describe your policies and procedures for implementing projects, quality control/checks, project management, response time, program support & reporting/recommendation services, including your approach to overcoming obstacles, if any, and troubleshooting to resolve problems. The end user agreement shall require the approval of DCASE.

- (ii) Organization Chart

Respondent should provide an organization chart identifying and showing the relationships between the Respondent, subcontractors, manufacturers and suppliers. The generic titles and responsibilities of key personnel to be assigned to this project by the Respondent and by any key subcontractor, vendor or supplier must be identified.

The plan must include an organization chart which clearly illustrates the team structure comprising all firms (joint venture partners, if any, subcontractors); their relationship in terms of proposed equipment and Services and key personnel involved and the following information:

A chart which identifies not only the proposed organizational structure, but also key personnel by name and title. Staffing levels of each organizational unit should be estimated. The specific role of each of the firms in a team or joint venture for each task/work activity must be described.

- (iii) Dedicated Resources

Describe existing inventory, software, personnel, applicable technologies, equipment and other resources available for implementing the Services; providing in detail, whether resources are proprietary or outsourced.

Provide an assessment of staffing needs for each major activity area by job title and function. The assessment should include full-time equivalents for professional staff and supervisors committed to the DCASE Project including team structure, numbers and team management plans to achieve requirements for transition, implementation and services.

Submit resumes for key personnel that will be committed to this engagement. Correlate team members to the tasks they will be performing during implementation/transition and on-going operations. Along with each resume, Respondent should identify each primary team member working on staff with Respondent, as well as those working in a subcontracting capacity. For each proposed key personnel, describe previous related experience and provide references including: name, address, and telephone number of contact person, and brief description of work history. The City reserves the right to conduct background checks on any personnel within the scope of this engagement.

F. Cost Proposal and Site Conceptual Plan

The respondent is responsible for completing the Cost Proposal, Exhibit 3. The Management Fee shall be inclusive of all expenses incurred to provide the services required in this scope, including, but not limited to, all PO hardware and software, training, on-site troubleshooting, and reporting. The respondent shall not be entitled to any transaction fees.

All costs must, at a minimum, be provided as requested in Exhibit 3. For purposes of comparing costs between Respondents, Respondents must not deviate from the Cost Proposal outlined in Exhibit 3. The City reserves the right to negotiate final price term and other terms and conditions with selected Respondent. Proposals that fail to include cost proposal information in Exhibit 3 will be rejected as incomplete and deemed non-responsive.

G. Minority and Women Business Enterprises Commitment

Respondent is not required but is encouraged to complete and submit the forms that are attached to this RFP in Exhibit 4.

It has been determined that the nature of the services to be provided under this Agreement are such that neither direct nor indirect subcontracting opportunities will be practicable or cost effective. Therefore, there will be no stated goals for MBE/WBE participation resulting from this Agreement. This determination is being made pursuant to Section 2-92-450 of the Municipal Code of Chicago.

It is the policy of the City of Chicago that local business certified as Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women Enterprises (WBE) in accordance with Section 2-92-450 of the Municipal Code of Chicago and Regulations Governing Certification of Minority and Women-owned Businesses shall have the maximum opportunity to participate fully in the performance of all City contracts.

H. Financial Statements

Respondent should provide a copy of its audited financial statements for the last 3 years. Respondents that are comprised of more than one entity must include financial statements for each entity. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any financial documentation other than the financial statements requested by this section.

If Respondent is unable to provide audited financial statements, state the reasons in your Proposal response and provide financial documentation in sufficient detail to enable the City to assess the financial condition of your company.

Sufficient alternate documentation would be unaudited financial statements from those Respondents not required to have their financial statements audited. At a minimum, the statements need to be the balance sheets and income statements (or equivalent) for the requested three years. Assets/liabilities and income/expenses must be presented in adequate detail for the City to assess the financial condition of the Respondent.

I. Economic Disclosure Statement and Affidavit (“EDS”)

Respondent must submit a completed and executed Economic Disclosure Statement and Affidavit and the Appendix A. **See City of Chicago Online EDS Instructions Exhibit 5**. If Respondent is a business entity other than a corporation, then each member, partner, etc., of Respondent must complete an EDS as applicable, per instructions on the EDS form. In addition, any entity that has an interest in Respondent or in one or more of its members, partners, etc., and is required pursuant to the Municipal Purchasing Act for Cities of 500,000 or More Population (65 ILCS 5/8-10-8.5) or Chapter 2-154 of the Municipal Code of Chicago to provide a disclosure must submit a completed and executed EDS as an “entity holding an interest in an Applicant” as described in the EDS. **All affidavits must be notarized.**

Subcontractors may be asked, at the City’s discretion, to provide an EDS during the evaluation process.

J. Legal Actions

Respondent must provide a listing and a brief description of all material legal actions, together with any fines and penalties, for the past 5 years in which (i) Respondent or any division, subsidiary, or parent entity of Respondent, or (ii) any member, partner, etc., of Respondent if Respondent is a business entity other than a corporation, has been:

- (i) A debtor in bankruptcy; or
- (ii) A plaintiff or defendant in a legal action for deficient performance under a contract or violation of a statute or related to service reliability; or
- (iii) A respondent in an administrative action for deficient performance on a project or in violation of a statute or related to service reliability; or
- (iv) A defendant in any criminal action; or
- (v) A named insured of an insurance policy for which the insured has paid a claim related to deficient performance under a contract or in violation of a statute or related to service reliability; or
- (vi) A principal of a bond for which a surety has provided contract performance or compensation to an obligee of the bond due to deficient performance under a contract or in violation of a statute or related to service reliability; or
- (vii) A defendant or respondent in a governmental inquiry or action regarding accuracy of preparation of financial statements or disclosure documents. The City reserves the right to request similar legal action information from Respondent’s team members during the evaluation process.

K. Insurance

Prior to contract award, the selected Respondent will be required to submit evidence of insurance in the amounts specified in the attached Exhibit 6.

V. EVALUATING PROPOSALS

5.1 Evaluating Proposals

An Evaluation Committee, which will include the representatives from the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events and may include representatives of other departments of the City (“Evaluation Committee” or “EC”) will review and evaluate the Proposals, as described below.

In evaluating Proposals, the EC will first consider the completeness and responsiveness of the Respondent’s Proposal. The RFP proposal evaluation process is organized into three phases:

- Phase I - Preliminary Proposal Assessment
- Phase II - Proposal Evaluation
- Phase III - Site Visits Product/System Demonstration and/or Oral Presentations (if necessary)

Phase I - Preliminary Proposal Assessment

Phase I will involve an assessment of the Respondent’s compliance with and adherence to all submittal requirements requested in Section IV. Proposals which are incomplete and missing key components necessary to fully evaluate the Proposal may, at the discretion of the EC, be rejected from further consideration due to “non-responsiveness” and rated Non-Responsive. Proposals providing responses to all sections will be eligible for detailed analysis in Phase II, Proposal Evaluation.

Phase II - Proposal Evaluation

In Phase II, the EC will evaluate the extent to which a Respondent’s proposal meets the project requirements set forth in the RFP that will include a detailed analysis of the Respondent’s qualifications, experience, proposed implementation plan and other factors based on the evaluation criteria outlined in Section 5.2, Evaluation Criteria.

As part of the evaluation processes, the EC will review the information required by Section IV for each Proposal received. The EC may also review any other information that is available to it, including but not limited to information gained by checking references and by investigating the Respondent’s financial condition.

The City reserves the right to seek clarification of any information that is submitted by any Respondent in any portion of its Proposal or to request additional information at any time during the evaluation process. Any material misrepresentation made by a Respondent may void the Proposal and eliminate the Respondent from further consideration.

The City reserves the right to enlist independent consulting services to assist with the evaluation of all or any portion of the Proposal responses as it deems necessary.

5.2. Evaluation Criteria

The EC will score each section based on a rating scale of 0-5, with 0 being “non-responsive” and 5 being “highly qualified”. Each section’s score will then be multiplied by its weighted indicator (1-3) as listed below for each category to calculate the section’s final score.

A. Professional and Technical Competence (Weighted Indicator = 3)

Ability to provide the Services described in the RFP, including capacity to achieve the project goals, objectives and scope of services described in this RFP.

B. Professional Qualifications and Specialized Experience of Respondent and Team Committed to this Project. (Weighted Indicator = 3)

Includes experience in providing management on projects of similar scope and magnitude (e.g., specifically with respect to large public events or festivals). Past and Current Performance of the Respondent (and Team members) on other contracts in terms of quality of services and compliance with performance schedules. The Committee may solicit from current and/or previous clients including the City of Chicago, other government agencies, or any available sources, relevant information concerning the Respondent’s record of performance.

C. Quality, Comprehensiveness and Adequacy of the proposed Project Management/Implementation Plan for providing services for DCASE. (Weighted Indicator = 3)

The Evaluation Committee will review each Proposal for the Respondent’s understanding of the objectives of the services and how these objectives may be best accomplished. Each Respondent will be evaluated on their overall strategy, methodology, timetable, and approach to meeting the City’s requirements.

D. Cost Proposal and detailed Site Conceptual Plan Exhibit 3. (Weighted Indicator = 2)

The City will consider the competitiveness, adequacy and creativity of proposed plans for services.

E. Legal Actions (Weighted Indicator = 1)

The EC will consider any legal actions, if any, against Respondent and any division, subsidiary or parent company of Respondent, or against any member, partner, etc., of Respondent if Respondent is a business entity other than a corporation.

F. Financial Stability (Weighted Indicator = 1)

The EC will consider the financial condition of Respondent. Respondent must be financially stable to ensure performance over the duration of the contract.

G. Compliance with Laws, Ordinances, and Statutes (Weighted Indicator = 1)

The EC will consider Respondent’s compliance with all laws, ordinances, and statutes governing the contract. See City of Chicago EDS Instructions and Form, Exhibit 5.

H. Conflict of Interest (**Weighted Indicator = 1**)

The EC will consider any information regarding Respondent, including information contained in Respondent's Proposal, that may indicate any conflicts (or potential conflicts) of interest which might compromise Respondent's ability to satisfactorily perform the proposed Services or undermine the integrity of the competitive procurement process. If any Respondent has provided any services for the City in researching, consulting, advising, drafting or reviewing of this RFP or any services related to this RFP, such Respondent may be disqualified from further consideration.

VI. SELECTION PROCESS

After the Evaluation Committee ("EC") completes its review of Proposals in Phase II, it may submit to the Commissioner a recommended short list of Respondents (Phase III), or the EC may forego Phase III and submit a recommendation to select one or more Respondents or a recommendation to reject any or all Proposals.

Phase III- Site Visit, Product/System Demonstration and/or Oral Presentations

If the EC submits a short list of Respondents for further review, then, in the sole discretion of the Commissioner, those short-listed Respondents may be subject to a site visit, product/system demonstration and/or invited to appear before the Evaluation Committee for an oral presentation; to clarify in more detail information what was submitted in Respondent's Proposal; and/or to ask Respondent to respond to additional questions. Afterwards, the Evaluation Committee will make a final evaluation, including a final ranking of the Respondents, and will submit a recommendation to select a Respondent to the Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events.

The recommendation will be forwarded to the Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events for concurrence and authorization to enter into contract negotiations with the selected Respondent.

The City will require the selected Respondent to participate in contract negotiations. The City's requirement that the selected Respondent negotiate is not a commitment by the City to award a contract. Time is of the essence. If the City determines that it is unable to reach an acceptable contract with the selected Respondent, including failure to agree on a fair and reasonable cost proposal for the Services or any other terms or conditions, the Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events may terminate negotiations with the selected Respondent, and negotiate with any of the other qualified Respondents, until such time as the City has negotiated a contract meeting its needs.

The City reserves the right to terminate this RFP solicitation at any stage if the Commissioner determines this action to be in the City's best interests. The receipt of Proposals or other documents will in no way obligate the City of Chicago to enter into any contract of any kind with any party.

VII. ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF THE RFP PROCESS

7.1 Addenda

If it becomes necessary to revise or expand upon any part of this RFP, an addendum will be sent to all of the prospective Respondents listed on the “Take Out Sheet” prior to the Proposal due date. Prospective Respondents are automatically registered when they provide their contact information when downloading the RFP documents. Each addendum is incorporated as part of the RFP documents, and the prospective Respondent must acknowledge receipt.

Respondents are solely responsible for acquiring the necessary information or materials from Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events.

Copies of the take-out list, pre-proposal conference attendees and any addenda, are available via the Internet at the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events website:
<http://www.cityofchicago.org/dcase>

The addendum may include, but will not be limited to, the following:

1. Responses to questions and requests for clarification sent to the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events according to the provisions of Section 3.1.A herein; or
2. Responses to questions and requests for clarification raised at the Pre-Proposal Conference or by the deadline for submission of questions.

7.2 City's Rights to Reject Proposals

The City of Chicago, acting through its Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals that do not conform to the requirements set forth in this RFP; or that do not contain at least the information required by Section IV. If no Respondent is selected through this RFP process, then the Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events may utilize any other procurement method available under the Municipal Purchasing Act and the Municipal Code of Chicago, to obtain the Services described here.

7.3 No Liability for Costs

The City is not responsible for costs or damages incurred by Respondents, member(s), partners, subcontractors or other interested parties in connection with the RFP process, including but not limited to costs associated with preparing the Proposal and of participating in any conferences, site visits, product /system demonstrations, oral presentations or negotiations.

7.4 Prohibition on Certain Contributions – Mayoral Executive Order No. 11-4

Pursuant to Mayoral Executive Order No. 11-4, from the date of public advertisement of this request for qualifications/proposals/information through the date of award of a contract pursuant to this request for qualifications/proposals/information, Respondent, any person or entity who directly or indirectly has an ownership or beneficial interest in Respondent of more than 7.5 percent ("Owners"), spouses and domestic partners of such Owners, Respondent's proposed Subcontractors, any person or entity who directly or indirectly has an ownership or beneficial interest in any Subcontractor of more than 7.5 percent ("Sub-owners") and spouses and domestic partners of such Sub-owners (Respondent and all the other preceding classes of persons and entities are together, the "Identified Parties") must not: (a) make a contribution of any amount to the Mayor of the City of Chicago (the "Mayor") or to his political fundraising committee; (b) coerce, compel or intimidate its employees to make a contribution of any amount to the Mayor or to the Mayor's

political fundraising committee; (c) reimburse its employees for a contribution of any amount made to the Mayor or to the Mayor's political fundraising committee; or (d) bundle or solicit others to handle contributions to the Mayor or to his political fundraising committee;

If Respondent violates this provision or Mayoral Executive Order No.11-4 prior to the award of an agreement resulting from this request for qualifications/proposals/ information, the Chief Procurement Officer may reject Respondent's proposal.

For purposes of this provision:

"Bundle" means to collect contributions from more than one source which is then delivered by one person to the Mayor or to his political fundraising committee.

"Contribution" means a "political contribution" as defined in Chapter 2-156 of the Municipal Code of Chicago, as amended.

Individuals are "Domestic Partners" if they satisfy the following criteria:

- (A) they are each other's sole domestic partner, responsible for each other's common welfare; and
- (B) neither party is married; and
- (C) the partners are not related by blood closer than would bar marriage in the State of Illinois; and
- (D) each partner is at least 18 years of age, and the partners are the same sex, and the partners reside at the same residence; and
- (E) two of the following four conditions exist for the partners:
 - The partners have been residing together for at least 12 months.
 - 2. The partners have common or joint ownership of a residence.
 - 3. The partners have at least two of the following arrangements:
 - a. joint ownership of a motor vehicle;
 - b. a joint credit account;
 - c. a joint checking account;
 - d. a lease for a residence identifying both domestic partners as tenants.
 - 4. Each partner identifies the other partner as a primary beneficiary in a will.

"Political fundraising committee" means a "political fundraising committee" as defined in Chapter 2-156 of the Municipal code of Chicago, as amended.

Any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation will be subject to and contain provisions requiring continued compliance with Executive Order 2011-4.

7.5 False Statements

- (a) 1-21-010 False Statements

Any person who knowingly makes a false statement of material fact to the city in violation of any statute, ordinance or regulation, or who knowingly makes a false statement of material fact to the city in connection with any application, report, affidavit, oath, or attestation, including a statement of material fact made in connection with a bid, proposal, contract or economic disclosure statement or affidavit, is liable to the city for a

civil penalty of not less than \$500.00 and not more than \$1,000.00, plus up to three times the amount of damages which the city sustains because of the person's violation of this section. A person who violates this section shall also be liable for the city's litigation and collection costs and attorney's fees. The penalties imposed by this section shall be in addition to any other penalty provided for in the municipal code.

Any person who signs, certifies, attests, submits or otherwise provides assurances to the city, or causes any other person to sign, certify, attest, submit or otherwise provide assurances to the city, that a statement of material fact made in connection with any application, report, affidavit, oath, attestation or other document submitted to the city is accurate, true or complete, shall make a reasonable investigation to determine the accuracy, truthfulness or completeness of such statement of material fact.

When any person signs, certifies, attests, submits or otherwise provides assurances to the city, or causes any other person to sign, certify, attest, submit or otherwise provide assurances to the city, that a statement of material fact made in connection with any application, report, affidavit, oath, attestation or other document submitted to the city is accurate, true or complete, and that statement of material fact is not accurate, true or complete, a rebuttable presumption shall be created that such person has not made a reasonable investigation to determine the accuracy, truthfulness or completeness of such statement of material fact. (d) For the purposes of Chapter 1-21 of this Code, a person knowingly makes a false statement of material fact when that person (i) makes a statement of material fact with actual knowledge that the statement was false, or (ii) makes a statement of material fact with knowledge of facts or information that would cause a reasonable person to be aware that the statement was false when it was made, or (iii) signs, certifies, attests, submits or otherwise provides assurances, or causes any other person to sign, certify, attest, submit or otherwise provide assurances, that a statement of material fact is true or accurate in deliberate ignorance or reckless disregard of the truth or falsity of the statement. For purposes of this section, a person who fails to make a reasonable investigation to determine the accuracy, truthfulness or completeness of any material fact acts in deliberate ignorance or reckless disregard of the truth or falsity of the material fact.

(Added Coun. J. 12-15-04, p. 39915, § 1; Amend Coun. J. 3-18-09, p. 56013, § 1)

(b) 1-21-020 Aiding and Abetting.

Any person who aids, abets, incites, compels or coerces the doing of any act prohibited by this chapter shall be liable to the city for the same penalties for the violation. (Added Coun. J. 12-15-04, p. 39915, § 1)

(c) 1-21-030 Enforcement.

In addition to any other means authorized by law, the corporation counsel may enforce this chapter by instituting an action with the department of administrative hearings. (Added Coun. J. 12-15-04, p. 39915, § 1)

7.6 Title VI Solicitation Notice

The City in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. SS 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders

that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

**EXHIBIT 1
COMPANY PROFILE INFORMATION**

Submit a completed company profile information sheet for prime, each joint venture partner and subcontractor(s), as applicable.

- (1) Legal Name of Firm: _____
- (2) Doing Business under Other Company Name?
If yes, Name of Company: _____
- (3) Headquarters Address: _____
- (4) City, State, Zip Code: _____
- (5) Web Site Address: _____
- (6) Proposed Role: Prime Subcontractor/Subconsultant Joint Venture Partner
 Supplier or Other: _____
- (7) Number of Years in Business: _____
- (8) Total Number of Employees: _____
- (9) Total Annual Revenues separated by last 3 full fiscal years: _____
- (10) Major Products and/or Services Offered:

- (11) Other Products and/or Services: _____

- (12) Briefly describe your firm's approach to providing services for a client:

- (13) Briefly describe your firm's demonstrated experience in providing services for clients:

**EXHIBIT 2
COMPANY REFERENCES/CLIENT PROFILE INFORMATION**

Submit a completed client profile information sheet for each company reference. Provide a minimum of three (3) references.

- (1) Client Name: _____
- (2) Address: _____
- (3) City, State, Zip Code: _____
- (4) Project Manager: _____
- (5) Telephone Number: _____
- (6) E-mail: _____
- (7) Number of Employees in Client Organization: _____
- (8) Project Scope of Services/Goals: _____

- (9) Contract Award Date: _____ Cutover Date: _____
- (10) Initial Contract Amount: \$_____ Final Contract Amount: \$_____
- (11) Describe how the service goals were met. What was the outcome of the services? Attach additional pages, as necessary.

- (12) Discuss significant obstacles to implementation and how those obstacles were overcome:

- (13) Is the client still utilizing your company as a service provider for providing these services?

- (14) What was the fee structure of the contract? _____

**EXHIBIT 3
COST PROPOSAL**

COVERAGE (Cost Proposal)

Description	Unit Cost \$/Hour	Total Cost
PR Labor	\$/hour	\$
Total Estimated Cost		

EXHIBIT 4

SPECIAL CONDITIONS REGARDING MINORITY AND WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (M/WBE) COMMITMENT

ARTICLE 1. SPECIAL CONDITIONS REGARDING MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE COMMITMENT AND WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE COMMITMENT FOR COMMODITIES OR SERVICES

1.1. Policy and Terms

It is the policy of the City of Chicago that Local Businesses certified as Minority Owned Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women Owned Business Enterprises (WBE) in accordance with Section 2-92-420 et seq. of the Municipal Code of Chicago and Regulations Governing Certification of Minority and Women-owned Businesses and all other Regulations promulgated under the aforementioned sections of the Municipal Code, as well as MBEs and WBEs certified by Cook County, Illinois, will have full and fair opportunities to participate fully in the performance of this contract. Therefore, the Contractor will not discriminate against any person or business on the basis of race, color, sex, gender identity, age, religion, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, military discharge status or source of income and will take affirmative action to ensure that women and minority businesses will have the maximum opportunity to compete for and perform subcontracts for supplies or services.

Pursuant to Section 2-92-430 of the Municipal Code of Chicago, the Chief Procurement Officer has established a goal of awarding not less than 25% of the annual dollar value of all non-construction contracts to certified MBEs and 5% of the annual dollar value of all non-construction contracts to certified WBEs.

Accordingly, the Contractor commits to make Good Faith Efforts to expend at least the following percentages of the total contract price (inclusive of any and all modifications and amendments), if awarded, for contract participation by MBEs and WBEs:

MBE Percentage	WBE Percentage
0%	0%

(See Form *"Bidders Commitment to Utilize MBE and WBE Firms on No Stated Goals Contract"* for Contract Specific Goals in the case of a contract subject to a bid preference pursuant to MCC 2-92-525.)

This commitment is met by the Contractor's status as a MBE or WBE, or by a joint venture with one or more MBEs or WBEs as prime contractor (to the extent of the MBE or WBE participation in such joint venture), or by subcontracting a portion of the work to one or more MBEs or WBEs, or by the purchase of materials used in the performance of the contract from one or more MBEs or WBEs, or by any combination of the foregoing.

Note: MBE/WBE participation goals are separate and those businesses certified with the City of Chicago as both MBE and WBE may only be listed on a bidder's compliance plan as either a MBE or a WBE, but not both to demonstrate compliance with the Contract Specific Goals.

The Contractor also may meet all or part of this commitment through credits received pursuant to Section 2-92-530 of the Municipal Code of Chicago for the voluntary use of MBEs or WBEs in private sector contracts.

Pursuant to MCC 2-92-535, the prime contractor may apply be awarded an additional 0.5 percent credit, up to a maximum of a total of 5 percent additional credit, for every 1 percent of the value of a contract self-performed by MBEs or WBEs, or combination thereof, that have entered into a mentoring agreement with the contractor or subcontractor-to-subcontractor mentoring agreement. This up to 5% may be applied to the Contract Specific Goals, or it may be in addition to the Contract Specific Goals.

1.2. Definitions

"Area of Specialty" means the description of an MBE or WBE firm's business which has been determined by the Chief Procurement Officer to be most reflective of the MBE or WBE firm's claimed specialty or expertise.

Each MBE/WBE letter of certification contains a description of the firm's Area of Specialty. This information is also contained in the Directory (defined below). Credit toward this Contract's MBE and WBE participation goals shall be limited to the participation of firms performing within their Area of Specialty.

NOTICE: *The City of Chicago does not make any representation concerning the ability of any MBE/WBE to perform work within their Area of Specialty. It is the responsibility of all contractors to determine the capability and capacity of MBEs/WBEs to satisfactorily perform the work proposed.*

"Bid" means a bid, proposal, or submittal detailing a description of the services or work to be provided by the contractor in response to a bid solicitation, request for proposal, request for qualification of task order request (issued in accordance with the Master Consulting Agreement) that is issued by the City.

"Bidder" means any person or business entity that submits a bid, proposal, qualification or submittal that seeks to enter into a contract with the City, and includes all partners, affiliates and joint ventures of such person or entity.

"Broker" means a person or entity that fills orders by purchasing or receiving supplies from a third party supplier rather than out of its own existing inventory and provides no commercially useful function other than acting as a conduit between his or her supplier and his or her customer.

"Chief Procurement Officer" or "CPO" means the chief procurement officer of the City of Chicago or his or her designee.

"Commercially Useful Function" means responsibility for the execution of a distinct element of the work of the contract, which is carried out by actually performing, managing, and supervising the work involved, evidencing the responsibilities and risks of a business owner such as negotiating the terms of (sub)contracts, taking on a financial risk commensurate with the contract or its subcontract, responsibility for acquiring the appropriate lines of credit and/or loans, or fulfilling responsibilities as a joint venture partner as described in the joint venture agreement.

"Contract Specific Goals" means the subcontracting goals for MBE and WBE participation established for a particular contract. In the case of a contract subject to the bid incentive set forth in MCC 2-92-525, "Contract Specific Goals" means the utilization percentage for MBEs or WBEs to which contractor committed with its bid.

"Contractor" means any person or business entity that has entered into a contract with the City as described herein, and includes all partners, affiliates, and joint ventures of such person or entity.

"Direct Participation" the value of payments made to MBE or WBE firms for work that is performed in their Area of Specialty directly related to the performance of the subject matter of the Contract will count as Direct Participation toward the Contract Specific Goals.

"Directory" means the Directory of Certified "Minority Business Enterprises" and "Women Business Enterprises" maintained and published by the City of Chicago. The Directory identifies firms that have been certified as MBEs and WBEs, and includes both the date of their last certification and the area of specialty in which they have been certified. Contractors are responsible for verifying the current certification status of all proposed MBE, and WBE firms.

"Good Faith Efforts" means actions undertaken by a bidder or contractor to achieve a Contract Specific Goal that the CPO or his or her designee has determined, by their scope, intensity, and appropriateness to the objective, can reasonably be expected to fulfill the program's requirements.

"Indirect Participation" refers to the value of payments made to MBE or WBE firms for work that is done in their Area of Specialty related to other aspects of the Contractor's business. (Note: no dollar of such indirect MBE or WBE participation shall be considered in a Good Faith Efforts determination more than once against a contractor's MBE or WBE commitment with respect to all government contracts held by that contractor.)

"Joint venture" means an association of a MBE or WBE firm and one or more other firms to carry out a single, for-profit business enterprise, for which each joint venture partner contributes property, capital, efforts, skills and knowledge, and in which the MBE or WBE is responsible for a distinct, clearly defined portion of the work

of the contract and whose share in the capital contribution, control, management, risks, and profits of the joint venture are commensurate with its ownership interest.

"Mentor-Protégé Agreement" means an agreement between a prime and MBE or WBE subcontractor ("Mentoring Agreement"), or an agreement between a prime's subcontractor and MBE or WBE subcontractor ("Subcontractor-to-Subcontractor Mentoring Agreement"), pursuant to MCC 2-92-535, that is approved by the City of Chicago and complies with all requirements of MCC 2-92-535 and any rules and regulations promulgated by the Chief Procurement Officer.

"Minority Owned Business Enterprise" or "MBE" means a firm awarded certification as a minority owned and controlled business in accordance with City Ordinances and Regulations as well as a firm awarded certification as a minority owned and controlled business by Cook County, Illinois. However, it does not mean a firm that has been found ineligible or which has been decertified by the City or Cook County.

"Municipal Code of Chicago" or "MCC" means the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago.

"Supplier" or "Distributor" refers to a company that owns, operates, or maintains a store, warehouse or other establishment in which materials, supplies, articles or equipment are bought, kept in stock and regularly sold or leased to the public in the usual course of business. A regular distributor or supplier is a firm that owns, operates, or maintains a store, warehouse, or other establishment in which the materials or supplies required for performance of a contract are bought, kept in stock, and regularly sold to the public in the usual course of business. To be a regular distributor the firm must engage in, as its principal business and in its own name, the purchase and sale of the products in question. A regular distributor in such bulk items as steel, cement, gravel, stone, and petroleum products need not keep such products in stock if it owns or operates distribution equipment.

"Women Owned Business Enterprise" or "WBE" means a firm awarded certification as a women owned and controlled business in accordance with City Ordinances and Regulations as well as a firm awarded certification as a women owned business by Cook County, Illinois. However, it does not mean a firm that has been found ineligible or which has been decertified by the City or Cook County.

1.3. Joint Ventures

The formation of joint ventures to provide MBEs and WBEs with capacity and experience at the prime contracting level, and thereby meet Contract Specific Goals (in whole or in part) is encouraged. A joint venture may consist of any combination of MBEs, WBEs, and non-certified firms as long as one member is an MBE or WBE.

- a. The joint venture may be eligible for credit towards the Contract Specific Goals only if:
 - i. The MBE or WBE joint venture partner's share in the capital contribution, control, management, risks and profits of the joint venture is equal to its ownership interest;
 - ii. The MBE or WBE joint venture partner is responsible for a distinct, clearly defined portion of the requirements of the contract for which it is at risk;
 - iii. Each joint venture partner executes the bid to the City; and
 - iv. The joint venture partners have entered into a written agreement specifying the terms and conditions of the relationship between the partners and their relationship and responsibilities to the contract, and all such terms and conditions are in accordance with the conditions set forth in Items i, ii, and iii above in this Paragraph a.
- b. The Chief Procurement Officer shall evaluate the proposed joint venture agreement, the Schedule B submitted on behalf of the proposed joint venture, and all related documents to determine whether these requirements have been satisfied. The Chief Procurement Officer shall also consider the record of the joint venture partners on other City of Chicago contracts. The decision of the Chief Procurement Officer regarding the eligibility of the joint venture for credit towards meeting the Contract Specific Goals, and the portion of those goals met by the joint venture, shall be final.

The joint venture may receive MBE or WBE credit for work performed by the MBE or WBE joint venture partner(s) equal to the value of work performed by the MBE or WBE with its own forces for a distinct, clearly defined portion of the work.

Additionally, if employees of the joint venture entity itself (as opposed to employees of the MBE or WBE partner) perform the work, then the value of the work may be counted toward the Contract Specific Goals at a rate equal to the MBE or WBE firm's percentage of participation in the joint venture as described in Schedule B.

The Chief Procurement Officer may also count the dollar value of work subcontracted to other MBEs and WBEs. Work performed by the forces of a non-certified joint venture partner shall not be counted toward the Contract Specific Goals.

c. **Schedule B: MBE/WBE Affidavit of Joint Venture**

Where the bidder's Compliance Plan includes the participation of any MBE or WBE as a joint venture partner, the bidder must submit with its bid a Schedule B and the proposed joint venture agreement. These documents must both clearly evidence that the MBE or WBE joint venture partner(s) will be responsible for a clearly defined portion of the work to be performed, and that the MBE's or WBE's responsibilities and risks are proportionate to its ownership percentage. The proposed joint venture agreement must include specific details related to:

- i. The parties' contributions of capital, personnel, and equipment and share of the costs of insurance and bonding;
- ii. Work items to be performed by the MBE's or WBE's own forces and/or work to be performed by employees of the newly formed joint venture entity;
- iii. Work items to be performed under the supervision of the MBE or WBE joint venture partner; and
- iv. The MBE's or WBE's commitment of management, supervisory, and operative personnel to the performance of the contract.

NOTE: Vague, general descriptions of the responsibilities of the MBE or WBE joint venture partner do not provide any basis for awarding credit. For example, descriptions such as "participate in the budgeting process," "assist with hiring," or "work with managers to improve customer service" do not identify distinct, clearly defined portions of the work. Roles assigned should require activities that are performed on a regular, recurring basis rather than as needed. The roles must also be pertinent to the nature of the business for which credit is being sought. For instance, if the scope of work required by the City entails the delivery of goods or services to various sites in the City, stating that the MBE or WBE joint venture partner will be responsible for the performance of all routine maintenance and all repairs required to the vehicles used to deliver such goods or services is pertinent to the nature of the business for which credit is being sought.

1.4. Counting MBE/WBE Participation Toward the Contract Specific Goals

Refer to this section when preparing the MBE/WBE compliance plan and completing Schedule D-1 for guidance on what value of the participation by MBEs and WBEs will be counted toward the stated Contract Specific Goals. The "Percent Amount of Participation" depends on whether and with whom a MBE or WBE subcontracts out any portion of its work and other factors.

Firms that are certified as both MBE and WBE may only be listed on a bidder's compliance plan as either a MBE or a WBE to demonstrate compliance with the Contract Specific Goals. For example, a firm that is certified as both a MBE and a WBE may only be listed on the bidder's compliance plan under one of the categories, but not both. Except as provided in MCC 2-92-525(b)(2), only Payments made to MBE and WBE firms that meet BOTH the Commercially Useful Function and Area of Specialty requirements above will be counted toward the Contract Specific Goals.

- a. Only expenditures to firms that perform a Commercially Useful Function as defined above may count toward the Contract Specific Goals.

- i. The CPO will determine whether a firm is performing a commercially useful function by evaluating the amount of work subcontracted, whether the amount the firm is to be paid under the contract is commensurate with the work it is actually performing and the credit claimed for its performance of the work, industry practices, and other relevant factors.
 - ii. A MBE or WBE does not perform a commercially useful function if its participation is only required to receive payments in order to obtain the appearance of MBE or WBE participation. The CPO may examine similar commercial transactions, particularly those in which MBEs or WBEs do not participate, to determine whether non MBE and non WBE firms perform the same function in the marketplace to make a determination.
 - iii. Indications that a subcontractor is not performing a commercially useful function include, but are not limited to, labor shifting and equipment sharing or leasing arrangements with the prime contractor or a first tier subcontractor.
- b. Only the value of the dollars paid to the MBE or WBE firm for work that it performs in its Area of Specialty in which it is certified counts toward the Contract Specific Goals, except as provided in MCC 2-92-525(b)(2).
- c. For maintenance, installation, repairs or inspection, or professional services, if the MBE or WBE performs the work itself: 100% of the value of work actually performed by the MBE's or WBE's own forces shall be counted toward the Contract Specific Goals, including the cost of supplies and materials purchased or equipment leased by the MBE or WBE from third parties or second tier subcontractors in order to perform its (sub)contract with its own forces (except supplies and equipment the MBE or WBE subcontractor purchases or leases from the prime contractor or its affiliate). 0% of the value of work at the project site that a MBE or WBE subcontracts to a non-certified firm counts toward the Contract Specific Goals.
- d. If the MBE or WBE is a manufacturer: 100% of expenditures to a MBE or WBE manufacturer for items needed for the Contract shall be counted toward the Contract Specific Goals. A manufacturer is a firm that operates or maintains a factory or establishment that produces on the premises the materials or supplies obtained by the bidder or contractor.
- e. If the MBE or WBE is a distributor or supplier: 60% of expenditures for materials and supplies purchased from a MBE or WBE that is certified as a regular dealer or supplier shall be counted toward the Contract Specific Goals.
- f. If the MBE or WBE is a broker:
 - i. Zero percent (0%) of expenditures paid to brokers will be counted toward the Contract Specific Goals.
 - ii. As defined above, Brokers provide no commercially useful function.
- g. If the MBE or WBE is a member of the joint venture contractor/bidder:
 - i. A joint venture may count the portion of the total dollar value of the contract equal to the distinct, clearly defined portion of the work of the contract that the MBE or WBE performs with its own forces toward the Contract Specific Goals; or
 - ii. If employees of this distinct joint venture entity perform the work then the value of the work may be counted toward the Contract Specific Goals at a rate equal to the MBE or WBE firm's percentage of participation in the joint venture as described in the Schedule B.
 - iii. A joint venture may also count the dollar value of work subcontracted to other MBEs and WBEs.
- h. If the MBE or WBE subcontracts out any of its work:

- i. 100% of the value of the work subcontracted to other MBEs or WBEs performing work in its Area of Specialty may be counted toward the Contract Specific Goals.
- ii. 0% of the value of work that a MBE or WBE subcontracts to a non-certified firm counts toward the Contract Specific Goals (except as allowed by (c) above).
- iii. The fees or commissions charged for providing a bona fide service, such as professional, technical, consulting or managerial services or for providing bonds or insurance and assistance in the procurement of essential personnel, facilities, equipment, materials or supplies required for performance of the Contract, provided that the fee or commission is determined by the Chief Procurement Officer to be reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees customarily allowed for similar services.
- iv. The fees charged for delivery of materials and supplies required on a job site (but not the cost of the materials and supplies themselves) when the hauler, trucker, or delivery service is not also the manufacturer of or a regular dealer in the materials and supplies, provided that the fee is determined by the Chief Procurement Officer to be reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees customarily allowed for similar services.
- v. The fees or commissions charged for providing any bonds or insurance, but not the cost of the premium itself, specifically required for the performance of the Contract, provided that the fee or commission is determined by the Chief Procurement Officer to be reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees customarily allowed for similar services.

1.5. Regulations Governing Reductions to or Waiver of MBE/WBE Goals

The following Regulations set forth the standards to be used in determining whether or not a reduction or waiver of the MBE/WBE commitment goals of a particular contract is appropriate. If a bidder determines that it is unable to meet the MBE and/or WBE Contract-Specific Goals on a City of Chicago contract, a written request for the reduction or waiver of the commitment must be included in the bid or proposal.

The written request for reduction or waiver from the commitment must be in the form of a signed petition for grant of relief from the MBE/WBE percentages submitted on the bidder's letterhead, and must demonstrate that all required efforts as set forth in this document were taken to secure eligible Minority and Women Business Enterprises to meet the commitments. The Chief Procurement Officer or designee shall determine whether the request for the reduction or waiver will be granted.

A bidder will be considered responsive to the terms and conditions of these Regulations if, at the time of bid, it submits a waiver request and all supporting documentation that adequately addresses the conditions for waiver of MBE/WBE goals, including proof of notification to assist agencies except:

- Bidders responding to Request for Proposals (RFPs) who have been identified as a short listed candidate and/or a prospective awardee will be given a designated time allowance, but no more than fourteen (14) calendar days to submit to the Department of Procurement Services complete documentation that adequately addresses the conditions for waiver described herein; and
- Bidders responding to Request for Information and or Qualifications (RFI/RFQs) deemed by the Chief Procurement Officer or authorized designee to be the most responsive and responsible shall submit documentation that adequately addresses the conditions for waiver described herein during negotiations.

Failure to submit documentation sufficient to support the waiver request will cause the bid/proposal to be found non-responsive by the Chief Procurement Officer, and the bid/proposal will be rejected. In such cases the remedies to be taken by the Chief Procurement Officer, in his or her discretion, may include, but are not limited to, forfeiture of bid deposit; negotiating with the next lowest bidder; or re-advertising the bid/proposal. All bidders must submit all required documents at the time of bid opening to expedite the contract award.

1.5.1. Direct Participation

Each of the following elements must be present in order to determine whether or not such a reduction or waiver is appropriate.

- a. The bidder has documented the unsuccessful solicitation for either subcontractors or joint venture partners of at least 50% (or at least five when there are more than eleven certified firms in the commodity area) of the appropriate certified MBE/WBE firms to perform any direct work identified or related to the advertised bid/proposal. Documentation must include but is not necessarily limited to:
 1. A detailed statement of efforts to identify and select portions of work identified in the bid solicitation for subcontracting to certified MBE/WBE firms;
 2. A listing of all MBE/WBE firms contacted that includes:
 - Name, address, telephone number and email of MBE/WBE firms solicited;
 - Date and time of contact;
 - Method of contact (written, telephone, transmittal of facsimile documents, email, etc.)
 3. Copies of letters or any other evidence of mailing that substantiates outreach to MBE/WBE vendors that includes:
 - Project identification and location;
 - Classification/commodity of work items for which quotations were sought;
 - Date, item and location for acceptance of subcontractor bid proposals;
 - Detailed statement which summarizes direct negotiations with appropriate MBE/WBE firms for specific portions of the work and indicates why negotiations were unsuccessful;
 - Affirmation that Good Faith Efforts have been demonstrated by:
 - choosing subcontracting opportunities likely to achieve MBE/WBE goals; and
 - not imposing any limiting conditions which were not mandatory for all subcontractors; and
 - providing notice of subcontracting opportunities to M/WBE firms and assist agencies at least five (5) business days in advance of the initial bid due date; and
 - documented efforts or actual commitment to the indirect participation of MBE/WBE firms.

OR

- b. Subcontractor participation will be deemed excessively costly when the MBE/WBE subcontractor proposal exceeds the average price quoted by more than twenty percent (20%). In order to establish that a subcontractor's quote is excessively costly, the bidder must provide the following information:

1. A detailed statement of the work identified for MBE/WBE participation for which the bidder asserts the MBE/WBE quote(s) were excessively costly (in excess of 20% higher).
 - A listing of all potential subcontractors contacted for a quotation on that work item;
 - Prices quoted for the subcontract in question by all such potential subcontractors for that work item.
2. Other documentation which demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Chief Procurement Officer that the MBE/WBE proposals are excessively costly, even though not in excess of 20% higher than the average price quoted. This determination will be based on factors that include, but are not limited to the following:
 - The City's estimate for the work under a specific subcontract;
 - The bidder's own estimate for the work under the subcontract;
 - An average of the bona fide prices quoted for the subcontract;
 - Demonstrated increase in other contract costs as a result of subcontracting to the M/WBE or other firm.

1.5.2. Assist Agency Participation in waiver/reduction requests

Every waiver and/or reduction request must include evidence that the bidder has provided timely notice of the need for subcontractors to an appropriate association/assist agency representative of the MBE/WBE business community. This notice must be given at least five (5) business days in advance of the initial bid due date.

The notice requirement of this Section will be satisfied if a bidder contacts at least one of the associations on Attachment A to these Regulations when the prime contractor seeks a waiver or reduction in the utilization goals. Attachment B to these Regulations provides the letter format that a prime contractor may use. Proof of notification prior to bid submittal (e.g. certified mail receipt or facsimile transmittal receipt) will be required to be submitted with the bid for any bid/proposal to be deemed responsive. If deemed appropriate, the Contract Compliance Officer may contact the assist agency for verification of notification.

1.5.3. Impracticability

If the Chief Procurement Officer determines that a lesser MBE and/or WBE percentage standard is appropriate with respect to a particular contract subject to competitive bidding prior to the bid solicitations for such contract, bid specifications shall include a statement of such revised standard.

The requirements set forth in these Regulations ("Regulations Governing Reductions to or Waiver of MBE/WBE Goals") shall not apply where the Chief Procurement Officer determines prior to the bid solicitations that MBE/WBE subcontractor participation is impracticable.

This may occur whenever the Chief Procurement Officer determines that for reasons of time, need, industry practices or standards not previously known by the Chief Procurement Officer, or such other extreme circumstances as may be deemed appropriate, such a Waiver is in the best interests of the City. This determination may be made in connection with a particular contract, whether before the contract is let for bid, during the bid or award process, before or during negotiation of the contract, or during the performance of the contract.

For all notifications required to be made by bidders, in situations where the Chief Procurement Officer has determined that time is of the essence, documented telephone contact may be substituted for letter contact.

1.6. Procedure to Determine Bid Compliance

A bid may be rejected as non-responsive if it fails to submit one or more of the following with its bid demonstrating its Good Faith Efforts to meet the Contract Specific Goals by reaching out to MBEs and WBEs to perform work on the contract:

- An MBE/WBE compliance plan demonstrating how the bidder plans to meet the Contract Specific Goals; and/or
- A request for reduction or waiver of the Contract Specific Goals in accordance with Section 2-92-450 of the MCC.

In the case of a bid utilizing the "Bid Incentive to Encourage MBE and WBE Utilization" pursuant to MCC 2-92-525(b)(2), failure to submit an MBE/WBE compliance plan demonstrating how the bidder plans to meet the Contract Specific Goal to which the bidder has committed will not result in rejection of the bid, but the bidder may be found ineligible for the bid incentive.

Except as provided in MCC 2-92-525(b)(2), only compliance plans utilizing MBE and WBE firms that meet BOTH the Commercially Useful Function and Area of Specialty requirements will be counted toward the Contract Specific Goals.

The following Schedules and described documents constitute the bidder's MBE/WBE proposal, and must be submitted in accordance with the guidelines stated:

(1) Schedule C-1: Letter of Intent from MBE/WBE to Perform as Subcontractor, Supplier and/or Consultant.

The bidder must submit the appropriate Schedule C-1 with the bid for each MBE and WBE included on the Schedule D-1. Suppliers must submit the Schedule C-1 for Suppliers, first tier subcontractors must submit a Schedule C-1 for Subcontractors to the Prime Contractor and second or lower tier subcontractors must submit a Schedule C-1 for second tier Subcontractors. The City encourages subcontractors to utilize the electronic fillable format Schedule C-1, which is available at the Department of Procurement Services website, <http://cityofchicago.org/forms>. Each Schedule C-1 must be executed by each MBE and WBE and accurately detail the work to be performed by the MBE or WBE and the agreed upon rates/prices. Each Schedule C must also include a separate sheet as an attachment on which the MBE or WBE fully describes its proposed scope of work, including a description of the commercially useful function being performed by the MBE or WBE in its Area of Specialty. If a facsimile copy of the Schedule C-1 has been submitted with the bid, an executed original Schedule C-1 must be submitted by the bidder for each MBE and WBE included on the Schedule D-1 within five business days after the date of the bid opening.

Failure to submit a completed Schedule C-1 in accordance with this section shall entitle the City to deem the bid/proposal non-responsive and therefore reject the bid/proposal.

(2) Letters of Certification.

A copy of each proposed MBE/WBE firm's current Letter of Certification from the City of Chicago or Cook County Illinois, must be submitted with the bid/proposal. All Letters of Certification issued by the City of Chicago and Cook County include a statement of the MBE/WBE firm's Area of Specialty. The MBE/WBE firm's scope of work, as detailed by their Schedule C-1, must conform to their stated Area of Specialty. Letters of Certification for firms that the City or Cook County has found ineligible or has decertified will not be accepted.

(3) Schedule B: Affidavit of Joint Venture, and Joint Venture Agreements (if applicable).

If the bidder's MBE/WBE proposal includes the participation of a MBE/WBE as joint venture on any tier (either as the bidder or as a subcontractor), the bidder must provide a copy of the joint venture agreement and a Schedule B along with all other requirements listed in Section 1.3 "Joint Ventures" above. In order to demonstrate the MBE/WBE partner's share in the ownership, control, management responsibilities, risks and profits of the joint venture, the proposed joint venture agreement must include specific details related to: (1) contributions of capital and equipment; (2) work responsibilities or other performance to be undertaken by the MBE/WBE; and (3) the commitment of management, supervisory and operative personnel employed by the MBE/WBE to be dedicated to the performance of the contract. The joint venture agreement

must also clearly define each partner's authority to contractually obligate the joint venture and each partner's authority to expend joint venture funds (e.g., check signing authority).

(4) Schedule D-1: Required Schedules Regarding MBE/WBE Utilization

Bidders must submit, together with the bid, a completed Schedule D-1 committing them to the utilization of each listed MBE/WBE firm. The City encourages bidders to utilize the electronic fillable format Schedule D-1, which is available at the Department of Procurement Services website, <http://cityofchicago.org/forms>. Except in cases where the bidder has submitted a request for a complete waiver of or variance from the MBE/WBE commitment in accordance with Section 1.5 "Regulations Governing Reductions to or Waiver of MBE/WBE Goals" herein, the bidder must commit to the expenditure of a specific dollar amount of participation by each MBE/WBE firm included on their Schedule D-1. The total dollar commitment to proposed MBEs must at least equal the MBE goal, and the total dollar commitment to proposed WBEs must at least equal the WBE goal. Bidders are responsible for calculating the dollar equivalent of the MBE and WBE goals as percentages of their total base bids or in the case of Term Agreements, depends upon requirements agreements and blanket agreements, as percentages of the total estimated usage. All commitments made by the bidder's Schedule D-1 must conform to those presented in the submitted Schedule C-1. If Schedule C-1 is submitted after the opening, the bidder may submit a revised Schedule D-1 (executed and notarized to conform with the Schedules C-1). Bidders shall not be permitted to add MBEs or WBEs after bid opening to meet the Contract Specific Goals, however, contractors are encouraged to add additional MBE/WBE vendors to their approved compliance plan during the performance of the contract when additional opportunities for participation are identified. Except in cases where substantial and documented justification is provided, bidders will not be allowed to reduce the dollar commitment made to any MBE or WBE in order to achieve conformity between the Schedules C-1 and D-1.

All commitments for joint venture agreements must be delineated in the Schedule B.

(5) Application for Approval of Mentor Protégé Agreement

Any applications for City approval of a Mentor Protégé agreement must be included with the bid. If the application is not approved, the bidder must show that it has made good faith efforts to meet the contract specific goals.

1.7. Reporting Requirements During the Term of the Contract

- a. The Contractor will, not later than thirty (30) calendar days from the award of a contract by the City, execute formal contracts or purchase orders with the MBEs and WBEs included in their approved MBE/WBE Utilization Plan. These written agreements will be made available to the Chief Procurement Officer upon request.
- b. The Contractor will be responsible for reporting payments to all subcontractors on a monthly basis in the form of an electronic report. Upon the first payment issued by the City of Chicago to the contractor for services performed, on the first day of each month and every month thereafter, email and or fax audit notifications will be sent out to the Contractor with instructions to report payments that have been made in the prior month to each subcontractor. The reporting of payments to all subcontractors must be entered into the Certification and Compliance Monitoring System (C2), or whatever reporting system is currently in place, on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of each month.
- c. Once the prime Contractor has reported payments made to each subcontractor, including zero dollar amount payments, the subcontractor will receive an email and or fax notification requesting them to log into the system and confirm payments received. All monthly confirmations must be reported on or before the 20th day of each month. Contractor and subcontractor reporting to the C2 system must be completed by the 25th of each month or payments may be withheld.

- d. All subcontract agreements between the contractor and MBE/WBE firms or any first tier non-certified firm and lower tier MBE/WBE firms must contain language requiring the MBE/WBE to respond to email and/or fax notifications from the City of Chicago requiring them to report payments received for the prime or the non-certified firm.

Access to the Certification and Compliance Monitoring System (C2), which is a web based reporting system, can be found at: <https://chicago.mwdbe.com>
- e. The Chief Procurement Officer or any party designated by the Chief Procurement Officer, shall have access to the contractor's books and records, including without limitation payroll records, tax returns and records and books of account, to determine the contractor's compliance with its commitment to MBE and WBE participation and the status of any MBE or WBE performing any portion of the contract. This provision shall be in addition to, and not a substitute for, any other provision allowing inspection of the contractor's records by any officer or official of the City for any purpose.
- f. The Contractor shall maintain records of all relevant data with respect to the utilization of MBEs and WBEs, retaining these records for a period of at least five years after project closeout. Full access to these records shall be granted to City, federal or state authorities or other authorized persons.

1.8. Changes to Compliance Plan

1.8.1. Permissible Basis for Change Required

No changes to the Compliance Plan or contractual MBE and WBE commitments or substitution of MBE or WBE subcontractors may be made without the prior written approval of the Contract Compliance Officer. Unauthorized changes or substitutions, including performing the work designated for a subcontractor with the contractor's own forces, shall be a violation of these Special Conditions and a breach of the contract with the City, and may cause termination of the executed Contract for breach, and/or subject the bidder or contractor to contract remedies or other sanctions. The facts supporting the request for changes must not have been known nor reasonably could have been known by the parties prior to entering into the subcontract. Bid shopping is prohibited. The bidder or contractor must negotiate with the subcontractor to resolve the problem. If requested by either party, the Department of Procurement Services shall facilitate such a meeting. Where there has been a mistake or disagreement about the scope of work, the MBE or WBE can be substituted only where an agreement cannot be reached for a reasonable price for the correct scope of work.

Substitutions of a MBE or WBE subcontractor shall be permitted only on the following basis:

- a) Unavailability after receipt of reasonable notice to proceed;
- b) Failure of performance;
- c) Financial incapacity;
- d) Refusal by the subcontractor to honor the bid or proposal price or scope;
- e) Mistake of fact or law about the elements of the scope of work of a solicitation where a reasonable price cannot be agreed;
- f) Failure of the subcontractor to meet insurance, licensing or bonding requirements;
- g) The subcontractor's withdrawal of its bid or proposal; or
- h) De-certification of the subcontractor as a MBE or WBE (graduation from the MBE/WBE program does not constitute de-certification).
- i) Termination of a Mentor Protégé Agreement.

1.8.2. Procedure for Requesting Approval

If it becomes necessary to substitute a MBE or WBE or otherwise change the Compliance Plan, the procedure will be as follows:

- a) The bidder or contractor must notify the Contract Compliance Officer and Chief Procurement Officer in writing of the request to substitute a MBE or WBE or otherwise change the Compliance Plan. The request must state specific reasons for the substitution or change. A letter from the MBE or WBE to be substituted or affected by the change stating that it cannot perform on the contract or that it agrees with the change in its scope of work must be submitted with the request.
- b) The City will approve or deny a request for substitution or other change within 15 business days of receipt of the written request.
- c) Where the bidder or contractor has established the basis for the substitution to the satisfaction of the Chief Procurement Officer, it must make Good Faith Efforts to meet the Contract Specific Goal by substituting a MBE or WBE subcontractor. Documentation of a replacement MBE or WBE, or of Good Faith Efforts, must meet the requirements in section 5. If the MBE or WBE Contract Specific Goal cannot be reached and Good Faith Efforts have been made, as determined by the Chief Procurement Officer, the bidder or contractor may substitute with a non-MBE or non-WBE.
- d) If a bidder or contractor plans to hire a subcontractor for any scope of work that was not previously disclosed in the Compliance Plan, the bidder or contractor must obtain the approval of the Chief Procurement Officer to modify the Compliance Plan and must make Good Faith Efforts to ensure that MBEs or WBEs have a fair opportunity to bid on the new scope of work.
- e) A new subcontract must be executed and submitted to the Contract Compliance Officer within five business days of the bidder's or contractor's receipt of City approval for the substitution or other change.

The City shall not be required to approve extra payment for escalated costs incurred by the contractor when a substitution of subcontractors becomes necessary to comply with MBE/WBE contract requirements.

1.9. Non-Compliance and Damages

Without limitation, the following shall constitute a material breach of this contract and entitle the City to declare a default, terminate the contract, and exercise those remedies provided for in the contract, at law or in equity: (1) failure to demonstrate Good Faith Efforts, except in the case of a contract where a bid incentive under MCC 2-92-525 was taken into consideration in the award; and (2) disqualification as a MBE or WBE of the contractor or any joint venture partner, subcontractor or supplier if its status as an MBE or WBE was a factor in the award of the contract and such status was misrepresented by the contractor.

Payments due to the contractor may be withheld until corrective action is taken.

Pursuant to MCC 2-92-445 or 2-92-740, as applicable, remedies or sanctions may include a penalty in the amount of the discrepancy between the amount of the commitment in the Compliance Plan, as such amount may be amended through change orders or otherwise over the term of the contract, and the amount paid to MBEs or WBEs, and disqualification from contracting or subcontracting on additional City contracts for up to three years. The consequences provided herein shall be in addition to any other criminal or civil liability to which such entities may be subject.

The contractor shall have the right to protest the final determination of non-compliance and the imposition of any penalty by the Chief Procurement Officer pursuant to MCC 2-92-445 or 2-92-740, within 15 business days of the final determination.

In the case of a contract for which a bid incentive under MCC 2-92-525 was taken into consideration in the award, any contractor that has failed to retain the percentage of MBE or WBE subcontractor committed to in order for the bid incentive to be allocated will be fined an amount equal to three times the amount of the bid incentive allocated, unless the contractor can demonstrate that due to

circumstances beyond the contractor's control, the contractor for good cause was unable to retain the percentage of MBE or WBE subcontractors throughout the duration of the contract period.

1.10. Arbitration

- a) In the event a contractor has not complied with the contractual MBE/WBE percentages in its Schedule D, underutilization of MBEs/WBEs shall entitle the affected MBE/WBE to recover from the contractor damages suffered by such entity as a result of being underutilized; provided, however, that this provision shall not apply to the extent such underutilization occurs pursuant to a waiver or substitution approved by the City. The Ordinance and contracts subject thereto provide that any disputes between the contractor and such affected MBEs/WBEs regarding damages shall be resolved by binding arbitration before an independent arbitrator other than the City, with reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees, being recoverable by a prevailing MBE/WBE in accordance with these regulations. This provision is intended for the benefit of any MBE/WBE affected by underutilization and grants such entity specific third party beneficiary rights. Any rights conferred by this regulation are non-waivable and take precedence over any agreement to the contrary, including but not limited to those contained in a subcontract, suborder, or communicated orally between a contractor and a MBE/WBE.
- b) An MBE/WBE desiring to arbitrate shall contact the contractor in writing to initiate the arbitrate process. Except as otherwise agreed to in writing by the affected parties subject to the limitation contained in the last sentence of the previous paragraph, within ten (10) calendar days of the contractor receiving notification of the intent to arbitrate from the MBE/WBE the above-described disputes shall be arbitrated in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association (AAA), a not-for-profit agency, with an office at 225 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 2527, Chicago, Illinois 60601-7601 [Phone: (312) 616-6560; Fax: (312) 819-0404]. All such arbitrations shall be initiated by the MBE/WBE filing a demand for arbitration with the AAA; shall be conducted by the AAA; and held in Chicago, Illinois.
- c) All arbitration fees are to be paid pro rata by the parties, however, that the arbitrator is authorized to award reasonable expenses, including attorney and arbitrator fees, as damages to a prevailing MBE/WBE.
- d) The MBE/WBE must send the City a copy of the Demand for Arbitration within ten (10) calendar days after it is filed with the AAA. The MBE/WBE also must send the City a copy of the decision of the arbitrator within ten (10) calendar days of receiving such decision. Judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court of competent jurisdiction.

1.11. Equal Employment Opportunity

Compliance with MBE and WBE requirements will not diminish or supplant equal employment opportunity and civil rights provisions as required by law.

1.12. Attachments and Schedules

The following attachments and schedules follow, they may also be downloaded from the Internet at:

<http://www.cityofchicago.org/forms>

- Attachment A: Assist Agencies
- Attachment B: Sample Format for Requesting Assist Agency Comments on Bidder's Request for Reduction or Waiver of MBE/WBE Goals
- Schedule B: Affidavit of Joint Venture (MBE/WBE)
- Schedule C-1: Letter of Intent From MBE/WBE To Perform As Subcontractor, Supplier and/or Consultant
- Schedule D-1: Compliance Plan Regarding MBE/WBE Utilization

Attachment A – Assist Agency List (Rev. Sept 2016)

Assist Agencies are comprised of not-for-profit agencies and/or chamber of commerce agencies that represent the interest of small, minority and/or women owned businesses.

**Prime Contractors should contact with subcontracting opportunities to connect certified firms.*

<p>51st Street Business Association * 220 E. 51st Street Chicago, IL 60615 Phone: 773-285-3401 Fax: 773-285-3407 Email: the51ststreetbusinessassociation@yahoo.com Web: www.51stStreetChicago.com Maintains list of certified firms: Yes Provides training for businesses: Yes</p>	<p>Association of Asian Construction Enterprises * 5677 W. Howard Niles, IL 60714 Phone: 847-673-7377 Fax: 847-673-2358 Email: nakmancorp@aol.com Maintains list of certified firms: Yes Provides training for businesses: Yes</p>
<p>Austin African American Business Networking Assoc. 5820 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60651 Phone: 773-626-4497 Email: aaabna@yahoo.com Web: www.aaabna.org Maintains list of certified firms: No Provides training for businesses: Yes</p>	<p>Black Contractors United * 12000 S. Marshfield Ave. Calumet Park, IL 60827 Phone: 708-389-5730 Fax: 708-389-5735 Email: valerie@blackcontractorsunited.com Web: www.blackcontractorsunited.com Maintains list of certified firms: Yes Provides training for businesses: Yes</p>
<p>LGBT Chamber of Commerce of Illinois * 3179 N. Clark St., 2nd Floor Chicago, IL 60657 Phone: 773-303-0167 Fax: 773-303-0168 Email: grodriguez@lgbtcc.com Web: www.lgbtcc.com Maintains list of certified firms: Yes Provides training for businesses: Yes</p>	<p>Chatham Business Association Small Business Dev. * 800 E. 78th Street Chicago, IL 60619 Phone: 773-994-5006 Fax: 773-855-8905 Email: melindakelly@cbaworks.org Web: www.cbaworks.org Maintains list of certified firms: Yes Provides training for businesses: Yes</p>
<p>Chicago Minority Supplier Development Council Inc. * 105 W. Adams, Suite 2300 Chicago, IL 60603-6233 Phone: 312-755-2550 Fax: 312-755-8890 Email: pbarreda@chicagomsdc.org Web: www.chicagomsdc.org Maintains list of certified firms: Yes Provides training for businesses: Yes</p>	<p>Chicago Urban League * 4510 S. Michigan Ave. Chicago, IL 60653 Phone: 773-624-8810 Fax: 773-451-3579 Email: sbrinston@thechicagourbanleague.org Web: www.cul-chicago.org Maintains list of certified firms: Yes Provides training for businesses: Yes</p>
<p>Chicago Women in Trades (CWIT) 2444 W. 16th Street Chicago, IL 60608 Phone: 773-942-1444 Fax: 312-942-1599 Email: jvellinga@cwit2.org Web: www.chicagowomenintrades2.org Maintains list of certified firms: No Provides training for businesses: Yes</p>	<p>Contractor Advisors Business Development Corp. * 1507 E. 53rd Street, Suite 906 Chicago, IL. 60615 Phone: 312-436-0301 Email: info@contractoradvisors.us Web: www.contractoradvisors.us Maintains list of certified firms: Yes Provides training for businesses: Yes</p>

<p>Do For Self Community Development Co. * 7447 S South Shore Drive, Unit 22B Chicago, IL 60649 Phone: 773-356-7661 Email: dennisdoforself@hotmail.com Web: www.doforself.org Maintains list of certified firms: No Provides training for businesses: Yes</p>	<p>Far South Community Development Corporation 9923 S. Halsted Street, Suite D Chicago, IL 60628 Phone: 773-941-4833 Fax: 773-941-5252 Email: lacy@farsouth.org Web: www.farsouthcdc.org Maintains list of certified firms: No Provides training for businesses: Yes</p>
<p>Federation of Women Contractors * 216 W. Jackson Blvd. #625 Chicago, IL 60606 Phone: 312-360-1122 Fax: 312-750-1203 Email: fwcchicago@aol.com Web: www.fwcchicago.com Maintains list of certified firms: Yes Provides training for businesses: Yes</p>	<p>Greater Englewood Community Development Corp. * 815 W. 63rd Street Chicago, IL 60621 Phone: 773-651-2400 Fax: 773-651-2400 Email: jharbin@greaterenglewoodcdc.org Web: www.greaterenglewoodcdc.org Maintains list of certified firms: Yes Provides training for businesses: Yes</p>
<p>Greater Pilsen Economic Development Assoc. * 1801 S. Ashland Chicago, IL 60608 Phone: 312-698-8898 Email: greaterpilsen@gmail.com Web: www.greaterpilsen.org Maintains list of certified firms: Yes Provides training for businesses: Yes</p>	<p>Greater Far South Halsted Chamber of Commerce * 10615 S. Halsted Street Chicago, IL 60628 Phone: 518-556-1641 Fax: 773-941-4019 Email: halstedchamberevents@gmail.com Web: www.greaterfarsouthhalstedchamber.org Maintains list of certified firms: Yes Provides training for businesses: Yes</p>
<p>Hispanic American Construction Industry Association (HACIA) * 650 W. Lake St., Unit 415 Chicago, IL 60661 Phone: 312-575-0389 Fax: 312-575-0544 Email: jperez@haciaworks.org Web: www.haciaworks.org Maintains list of certified firms: Yes Provides training for businesses: Yes</p>	<p>Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce * 222 Merchandise Mart Plaza, Suite 1212 c/o 1871 Chicago, IL 60654 Phone: 312-425-9500 Email: aalcantar@ihccbusiness.net Web: www.ihccbusiness.net Maintains list of certified firms: Yes Provides training for businesses: Yes</p>
<p>Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce * 411 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1404 Peoria, Illinois 61602 Phone: 309-740-4430 / 773-294-8038 Fax: 309-672-1379 Email: LarryIvory@IllinoisBlackChamber.org / vgilb66709@yahoo.com www.illinoisblackchamberofcommerce.org Maintains list of certified firms: Yes Provides training for businesses: Yes</p>	<p>Latin American Chamber of Commerce * 3512 W. Fullerton Avenue Chicago, IL 60647 Phone: 773-252-5211 Fax: 773-252-7065 Email: d.lorenzopadron@LACCUSA.com Web: www.LACCUSA.com Maintains list of certified firms: Yes Provides training for businesses: Yes</p>
<p>National Association of Women Business Owners * 500 Davis Street, Ste 812 Evanston, IL 60201 Phone: 773-410-2484 Fax: 847-328-2018 Email: wjaehn@nawbochicago.org Web: www.nawbochicago.org Maintains list of certified firms: Yes Provides training for businesses: Yes</p>	<p>National Organization of Minority Engineers (NOME) * 33 W. Monroe, Suite 1540 Chicago, IL 60603 Phone: 312-960-1239 Email: grandevents1@sbcglobal.net Web: www.nomeonline.org Maintains list of certified firms: Yes Provides training for businesses: Yes</p>

<p>Rainbow/PUSH Coalition * 930 E. 50th Street Chicago, IL 60615 Phone: 773-256-2768 Fax: 773-373-4103 Email: jmitchell@rainbowpush.org Web: www.rainbowpush.org Maintains list of certified firms: Yes Provides training for businesses: No</p>	<p>South Shore Chamber, Inc. * 1750 E. 71st Street, Suite 208 Chicago, IL 60649-2000 Phone: 773-955- 9508 Email: twertz@southshorechamberinc.org Web: www.southshorechamberinc.org Maintains list of certified firms: Yes Provides training for businesses: Yes</p>
<p>The Monroe Foundation 1547 South Wolf Road Hillside, Illinois 60162 Phone: 773-315-9720 Email: omonroe@themonroefoundation.org Web: www.themonroefoundation.org Maintains list of certified firms: No Provides training for businesses: Yes</p>	<p>US Minority Contractors Association, Inc. * 1250 Grove Ave. Suite 200 Barrington, IL 60010 Phone: 847-708-1597 Fax: 847-382-1787 Email: admin@usminoritycontractors.org Web: USMinorityContractors.org Maintains list of certified firms: Yes Provides training for businesses: Yes</p>
<p>Women’s Business Development Center * 8 S. Michigan Ave., 4th Floor Chicago, IL 60603 Phone: 312-853-3477 Fax: 312-853-0145 Email: fcurry@wbdc.org Web: www.wbdc.org Maintains list of certified firms: Yes Provides training for businesses: Yes</p>	<p>Women Construction Owners & Executives (WCOE) * Chicago Caucus 308 Circle Avenue Forest Park, IL 60130 Phone: 708-366-1250 Email: mkm@mkmservices.com Web: www.wcoeusa.org Maintains list of certified firms: Yes Provides training for businesses: No</p>
<p>Your Community Consultants Foundation 9301 S. Parnell Ave., Chicago, IL 60620 Phone: 773-224-9299 Fax: 773-371-0032 Email: allen81354@aol.com Maintains list of certified firms: No Provides training for businesses: Yes</p>	

Schedule B – Affidavit of Joint Venture

SCHEDULE B: Affidavit of Joint Venture (MBE/WBE)

This form need not be submitted if all joint venturers are MBEs and/or WBEs. In such a case, however, a written joint venture agreement among the MBE and WBE venturers must be submitted. In all proposed joint ventures, each MBE and/or WBE venturer must submit a copy of their current Letter of Certification.

All Information Requested by this Schedule must Be Answered in the Spaces Provided. Do Not Refer to Your Joint Venture Agreement Except to Expand on Answers Provided on this Form. If Additional Space Is Required, Additional Sheets May Be Attached.

- I. Name of joint venture: _____
Address of joint venture: _____
Phone number of joint venture: _____

- II. Identify each non-MBE/WBE venturer(s):
Name of Firm: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Contact person for matters concerning MBE/WBE compliance: _____

- III. Identify each MBE/WBE venturer(s):
Name of Firm: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Contact person for matters concerning MBE/WBE compliance: _____

- IV. Describe the role(s) of the MBE and/or WBE venturer(s) in the joint venture: _____

- V. Attach a copy of the joint venture agreement. In order to demonstrate the MBE and/or WBE venturer's share in the ownership, control, management responsibilities, risks and profits of the joint venture, the proposed joint venture agreement must include specific details related to: (1) the contributions of capital and equipment; (2) work items to be performed by the MBE/WBE's own forces; (3) work items to be performed under the supervision of the MBE/WBE venturer; and (4) the commitment of management, supervisory and operative personnel employed by the MBE/WBE to be dedicated to the performance of the project.

- VI. Ownership of the Joint Venture.
 - A. What are the percentage(s) of MBE/WBE ownership of the joint venture?
MBE/WBE ownership percentage(s) _____
Non-MBE/WBE ownership percentage(s) _____

 - B. Specify MBE/WBE percentages for each of the following (provide narrative descriptions and other detail as applicable):
 - 1. Profit and loss sharing: _____

 - 2. Capital contributions:
 - (a) Dollar amounts of initial contribution: _____

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(b) Dollar amounts of anticipated on-going contributions: _____

3. Contributions of equipment (Specify types, quality and quantities of equipment to be provided by each venturer): _____

4. Other applicable ownership interests, including ownership options or other agreements which restrict or limit ownership and/or control: _____

5. Provide copies of all written agreements between venturers concerning this project.

6. Identify each current City of Chicago contract (and each contract completed during the past two (2) years) by a joint venture of two or more firms participating in this joint venture:

VII. Control of and Participation in the Joint Venture. Identify by name and firm those individuals who are, or will be, responsible for, and have the authority to engage in the following management functions and policy decisions. (Indicate any limitations to their authority such as dollar limits and co-signatory requirements.):

A. Joint venture check signing:

B. Authority to enter contracts on behalf of the joint venture:

C. Signing, co-signing and/or collateralizing loans:

D. Acquisition of lines of credit:

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- _____
- E. Acquisition and indemnification of payment and performance bonds:

- F. Negotiating and signing labor agreements:

- G. Management of contract performance. (Identify by name and firm only):
- 1. Supervision of field operations: _____
 - 2. Major purchases: _____
 - 3. Estimating: _____
 - 4. Engineering: _____
- _____
- VIII. Financial Controls of joint venture:
- A. Which firm and/or individual will be responsible for keeping the books of account?

- B. Identify the managing partner, if any, and describe the means and measure of their compensation:

- C. What authority does each venturer have to commit or obligate the other to insurance and bonding companies, financing institutions, suppliers, subcontractors, and/or other parties participating in the performance of this contract or the work of this project?

- IX. State the approximate number of operative personnel (by trade) needed to perform the joint venture's work under this contract. Indicate whether they will be employees of the non-MBE/WBE firm, the MBE/WBE firm, or the joint venture.

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The undersigned affirms that the foregoing statements are correct and include all material information necessary to identify and explain the terms and operations of our joint venture and the intended participation of each venturer in the undertaking. Further, the undersigned covenant and agree to provide to the City current, complete and accurate information regarding actual joint venture work and the payment therefore, and any proposed changes in any provision of the joint venture agreement, and to permit the audit and examination of the books, records and files of the joint venture, or those of each venturer relevant to the joint venture by authorized representatives of the City or the Federal funding agency.

Any material misrepresentation will be grounds for terminating any contract which may be awarded and for initiating action under federal or state laws concerning false statements.

Note: If, after filing this Schedule B and before the completion on the joint venture's work on the project, there is any change in the information submitted, the joint venture must inform the City of Chicago, either directly or through the prime contractor if the joint venture is a subcontractor.

Name of MBE/WBE Partner Firm		Name of Non-MBE/WBE Partner Firm
Signature of Affiant		Signature of Affiant
Name and Title of Affiant		Name and Title of Affiant
Date		Date

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, the above-signed officers

_____ ,
(names of affiants)

personally appeared and, known to me be the persons described in the foregoing Affidavit, acknowledged that they executed the same in the capacity therein stated and for the purpose therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

 Signature of Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

(SEAL)

Schedule C-1: Letter of Intent From MBE/WBE To Perform As Subcontractor, Supplier and/or Consultant



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SCHEDULE C-1
MBE/WBE Letter of Intent to Perform as a
Subcontractor, Supplier, or Consultant

Project Name: _____ Specification No.: _____

From: _____
(Name of MBE/WBE Firm)

To: _____ and the City of Chicago.
(Name of Prime Contractor)

The MBE or WBE status of the undersigned is confirmed by the attached City of Chicago or Cook County, Illinois Certification Letter. 100% MBE or WBE participation is credited for the use of a MBE or WBE "manufacturer." 60% participation is credited for the use of a MBE or WBE "regular dealer."

The undersigned is prepared to perform the following services in connection with the above named project/contract. If more space is required to fully describe the MBE or WBE proposed scope of work and/or payment schedule, including a description of the commercially useful function being performed. Attach additional sheets as necessary:

The above described performance is offered for the following price and described terms of payment:

SUB-SUBCONTRACTING LEVELS

A zero (0) must be shown in each blank if the MBE or WBE will not be subcontracting any of the work listed or attached to this schedule.

_____ % of the dollar value of the MBE or WBE subcontract that will be subcontracted to non MBE/WBE contractors.

_____ % of the dollar value of the MBE or WBE subcontract that will be subcontracted to MBE or WBE contractors.

NOTICE: If any of the MBE or WBE scope of work will be subcontracted, list the name of the vendor and attach a brief explanation, description and pay item number of the work that will be subcontracted. MBE/WBE credit will not be given for work subcontracted to Non-MBE/WBE contractors, except for as allowed in the Special Conditions Regarding Minority Business Enterprise Commitment and Women Business Enterprise Commitment.

The undersigned will enter into a formal written agreement for the above work with you as a Prime Contractor, conditioned upon your execution of a contract with the City of Chicago, within three (3) business days of your receipt of a signed contract from the City of Chicago.

The undersigned has entered into a formal written mentor protégé agreement as a subcontractor/protégé with you as a Prime Contractor/mentor: () Yes () No

NOTICE: THIS SCHEDULE AND ATTACHMENTS REQUIRE ORIGINAL SIGNATURES.

(Signature of President/Owner/CEO or Authorized Agent of MBE/WBE) (Date)

(Name/Title-Please Print)

(Email & Phone Number)

Schedule D-1: Affidavit of Implementation of MBE/WBE Goals and Participation Plan



SCHEDULE D-1
 Compliance Plan Regarding MBE/WBE Utilization
Affidavit of Prime Contractor

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**MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID. FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE SCHEDULE D-1 WILL CAUSE THE
 BID TO BE REJECTED. DUPLICATE AS NEEDED.**

Project Name: _____

Specification No.: _____

In connection with the above captioned contract, I HEREBY DECLARE AND AFFIRM that I am a duly authorized representative of _____
 (Name of Prime Consultant/Contractor)

and that I have personally reviewed the material and facts set forth herein describing our proposed plan to achieve the MBE/WBE goals of this contract.

All MBE/WBE firms included in this plan have been certified as such by the City of Chicago and/or Cook County, Illinois (Letters of Certification Attached).

I. Direct Participation of MBE/WBE Firms:

NOTE: The bidder/proposer shall, in determining the manner of MBE/WBE participation, first consider involvement with MBE/WBE firms as joint venture partners, subcontractors, and suppliers of goods and services directly related to the performance of this contract.

A. If bidder/proposer is a joint venture and one or more joint venture partners are certified MBEs or WBEs, attach copies of Letters of Certification, Schedule B form and a copy of Joint Venture Agreement clearly describing the role of each MBE/WBE firm(s) and its ownership interest in the joint venture.

B. Complete this section for each MBE/WBE Subcontractor/Supplier/Consultant participating on this contract:

1. Name of MBE/WBE: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Dollar Value of Participation \$ _____

Percentage of Participation % _____

Mentor Protégé Agreement (attach executed copy): () Yes () No Add'l Percentage Claimed:¹ ____%

Total Participation % _____

2. Name of MBE/WBE: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

¹ The Prime Contractor may claim an additional 0.333 percent participation credit (up to a maximum of five (5) percent) for every one (1) percent of the value of the contract performed by the MBE/WBE protégé firm.

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Phone Number: _____
Dollar Value of Participation \$ _____
Percentage of Participation % _____
Mentor Protégé Agreement (attach executed copy): () Yes () No Add'l Percentage Claimed: ____%
Total Participation % _____

3. Name of MBE/WBE: _____
Address: _____
Contact Person: _____
Phone Number: _____
Dollar Value of Participation \$ _____
Percentage of Participation % _____
Mentor Protégé Agreement (attach executed copy): () Yes () No Add'l Percentage Claimed: ____%
Total Participation % _____

4. Name of MBE/WBE: _____
Address: _____
Contact Person: _____
Phone Number: _____
Dollar Value of Participation \$ _____
Percentage of Participation % _____
Mentor Protégé Agreement (attach executed copy): () Yes () No Add'l Percentage Claimed: ____%
Total Participation % _____

5. Attach Additional Sheets as Needed

II. Indirect Participation of MBE/WBE Firms

NOTE: This section need not be completed if the MBE/WBE goals have been met through the direct participation outlined in Section I. If the MBE/WBE goals have not been met through direct participation, Contractor will be expected to demonstrate that the proposed MBE/WBE direct participation represents the maximum achievable under the circumstances. Only after such a demonstration will indirect participation be considered.

MBE/WBE Subcontractors/Suppliers/Consultants proposed to perform work or supply goods or services where such performance does not directly relate to the performance of this contract:

1. Name of MBE/WBE: _____
Address: _____
Contact Person: _____

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Phone Number: _____

Dollar Value of Participation \$ _____

Percentage of Participation % _____

Mentor Protégé Agreement (attach executed copy): () Yes () No Add'l Percentage Claimed: ____%

Total Participation % _____

2. Name of MBE/WBE: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Dollar Value of Participation \$ _____

Percentage of Participation % _____

Mentor Protégé Agreement (attach executed copy): () Yes () No Add'l Percentage Claimed: ____%

Total Participation % _____

3. Name of MBE/WBE: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Dollar Value of Participation \$ _____

Percentage of Participation % _____

Mentor Protégé Agreement (attach executed copy): () Yes () No Add'l Percentage Claimed: ____%

Total Participation % _____

4. Name of MBE/WBE: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Dollar Value of Participation \$ _____

Percentage of Participation % _____

Mentor Protégé Agreement (attach executed copy): () Yes () No Add'l Percentage Claimed: ____%

Total Participation % _____

5. Attach Additional Sheets as Needed

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III. Summary of MBE/WBE Proposal

A. MBE Proposal (Direct & Indirect)

1. MBE Direct Participation

MBE Firm Name	Dollar Amount Participation (\$)	Percent Amount Participation (%)
Total Direct MBE Participation		

2. MBE Indirect Participation

MBE Firm Name	Dollar Amount Participation (\$)	Percent Amount Participation (%)
Total Indirect MBE Participation		

B. WBE Proposal (Direct & Indirect)

1. WBE Direct Participation

WBE Firm Name	Dollar Amount Participation (\$)	Percent Amount Participation (%)
Total Direct WBE Participation		

2. WBE Indirect Participation

WBE Firm Name	Dollar Amount Participation (\$)	Percent Amount Participation (%)
Total Indirect WBE Participation		

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The Prime Contractor designates the following person as its MBE/WBE Liaison Officer:

(Name- Please Print or Type)

(Phone)

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE FOREGOING DOCUMENT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, THAT NO MATERIAL FACTS HAVE BEEN OMITTED, AND THAT I AM AUTHORIZED ON BEHALF OF THE PRIME CONTRACTOR TO MAKE THIS AFFIDAVIT.

(Name of Prime Contractor – Print or Type)

State of: _____

(Signature)

County of: _____

(Name/Title of Affiant – Print or Type)

(Date)

On this ____ day of _____, 20____, the above signed officer _____
(Name of Affiant)

personally appeared and, known by me to be the person described in the foregoing Affidavit, acknowledged that (s)he executed the same in the capacity stated therein and for the purposes therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal.

(Notary Public Signature)

SEAL:

Commission Expires: _____

**EXHIBIT 5
CITY OF CHICAGO ONLINE ECONOMIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP), THE RESPONDENT(S) SHALL SUBMIT 2 DOCUMENTS: 1) A “**CERTIFICATE OF FILING**” EVIDENCING COMPLETION OF YOUR ONLINE EDS AND 2) AN EXECUTED **ATTACHMENT A, ONLINE EDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** SIGNED BY AN AUTHORIZED OFFICER BEFORE A NOTARY.

1. ONLINE EDS FILING

1.1. ONLINE EDS FILING REQUIRED PRIOR TO RESPONSE DUE DATE

The Respondent shall complete an online EDS prior to the response due date. A Respondent who does not file an electronic EDS prior to the response due date may be found non-responsive and its response rejected. If you are unable to complete the online EDS and print a Certificate of Filing prior to the response due date, the City will accept a paper EDS provided written justification is provided explaining your good faith efforts to complete it before the response due date and the reasons why it could not be completed.

NOTE: ALWAYS SELECT THE “CONTRACT” (NOT UPDATE) BOX WHEN COMPLETING AN ONLINE EDS TO ENSURE A NEW CONTRACT SPECIFIC ONLINE EDS IS CREATED RELATED TO THE SOLICITATION DOCUMENT. CLICKING THE UPDATE BOX ONLY UPDATES PREVIOUS EDS INFORMATION.

1.2. ONLINE EDS WEB LINK

The web link for the Online EDS is <https://webapps.cityofchicago.org/EDSWeb>

1.3. ONLINE EDS NUMBER

Upon completion of the online EDS submission process, the Respondent will be provided an EDS number. Respondent should record this number here:

EDS Number: _____

1.4. ONLINE EDS CERTIFICATION OF FILING AND ATTACHMENT A, ONLINE EDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Upon completion of the online submission process, the Respondent will be able to print a hard copy Certificate of Filing. The Respondent should submit the signed Certificate of Filing and Attachment A, Online EDS Acknowledgement form with its response. Please provide your Certification of Filing and Attachment A, Online EDS Acknowledgement with your Proposal (see Section 4.2.I). A Respondent who does not include a signed Certificate of Filing and/or Attachment A, Online EDS Acknowledgement form with its response must provide it upon the request of the Commissioner.

1.5. PREPARATION CHECKLIST FOR REGISTRATION

To expedite and ease your registration process, we recommend that you collect the following information prior to registering for an Online EDS user account:

	1. Invitation number, if you were provided an invitation number.
	2. EDS document from previous years, if available.
	3. Email address to correspond with the Online EDS system.
	4. Company Information:
	a. Legal Name
	b. FEIN/SSN
	c. City of Chicago Vendor Number, if available.

	d. Address and phone number information that you would like to appear on your EDS documents.
	e. EDS Captain. Check for an EDS Captain in your company - this maybe the person that usually submits EDS for your company, or the first person that registers for your company.

1.6. PREPARATION CHECKLIST FOR EDS SUBMISSION

To expedite and ease your EDS submission, we recommend that you collect the following information prior to updating your EDS information online.

Items #1 through #7 are needed for both EDS information updates and contract related EDS documents:

- _____ 1. Invitation number, if you were provided with an invitation number.
- _____ 2. Site address that is specific to this EDS.
- _____ 3. Contact that is responsible for this EDS.
- _____ 4. EDS document from previous years, if available.
- _____ 5. Ownership structure, and if applicable, owners' company information:
 - _____ a. % of ownership
 - _____ b. Legal Name
 - _____ c. FEIN/SSN
 - _____ d. City of Chicago Vendor Number, if available.
 - _____ e. Address
- _____ 6. List of Commissioners, officers, titleholders, etc. (if applicable).
- _____ 7. For partnerships/LLC/LLP/Joint ventures, etc.:
 - _____ a. List of controlling parties (if applicable).

Items #8 and #9 are needed ONLY for contract related EDS documents:

- _____ 8. Contract related information (if applicable):
 - _____ a. City of Chicago contract package
 - _____ b. Cover page of City of Chicago bid/solicitation package
 - _____ c. If EDS is related to a mod, then cover page of your current contract with the City.
- _____ 9. List of subcontractors and retained parties:
 - _____ a. Name
 - _____ b. Address
 - _____ c. Fees – Estimated or paid

1.7. EDS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Where do I file?

A: The web link for the Online EDS is <https://webapps.cityofchicago.org/EDSWeb>

Q: How do I get help?

A: If there is a question mark on a page or next to a field, click on the question mark for help filling out the page or field. You may also consult the User Manual and the Training Videos available on the left menu.

Q: Why do I have to submit an EDS?

A: The Economic Disclosure Statement (EDS) is required of applicants making an application to the City for action requiring City Council, City department or other City agency approval. For example, all bidders seeking a City contract are required to submit an EDS. Through the EDS, applicants make disclosures required by State law and City ordinances and certify compliance with various laws and ordinances. An EDS is also required of certain parties related to the applicant, such as owners and controlling parties.

Q: Who is the Applicant?

A: “Applicant” means any entity or person making an application to the City for action requiring City Council or other City agency approval. The applicant does not include owners and parent companies.

Q: Who is the Disclosing Party?

A: “Disclosing Party” means any entity or person submitting an EDS. This includes owners and parent companies.

Q: What is an entity or legal entity?

A: “Entity” or “Legal Entity” means a legal entity (for example, a corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or trust).

Q: What is a person for purposes of the EDS?

A: “Person” means a human being.

Q: Who must submit an EDS?

A. An EDS must be submitted in any of the following three circumstances:

Applicants:	An Applicant must always file this EDS. If the Applicant is a legal entity, state the full name of that legal entity. If the Applicant is a person acting on his/her own behalf, state his/her name.
Entities holding an interest:	Whenever a legal entity has a beneficial interest (E. G. direct or indirect ownership) of more than 7.5% in the Applicant, each such legal entity must file an EDS on its own behalf.
Controlling entities:	Whenever a Disclosing Party is a general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership or joint venture that has a general partner, managing member, manager or other entity that can control the day-to-day management of the Disclosing Party, that entity must also file an EDS on its own behalf. Each entity with a beneficial interest of more than 7.5% in the controlling entity must also file an EDS on its own behalf.

Q: What information is needed to submit an EDS?

A: The information contained in the Preparation Checklist for EDS submission.

Q: I don’t have a user ID & password. Can I still submit an Online EDS?

A: No. You must register and create a user ID and password before submitting an Online EDS.

Q: What information is needed to request a user ID & password for Online EDS?

A: The information contained in the Preparation Checklist for Registration is needed to request a login for the Online EDS.

Q: I already have a username and password from another City web site (City Web Portal, Department of

Construction and Permits, Department of Consumer Services, etc.). Can I log-in the Online EDS with that account?

A: Usually not. The Online EDS uses a user ID and password system that is shared by the Public Vehicle Advertising and Water Payment web sites. You may use a username and password from those sites by answering “Yes” to “Is this an existing City of Chicago user ID?” when registering. Other usernames and passwords will not be automatically recognized. However, you may choose to create an identical username for the Online EDS if it is not already taken.

Q: I don’t have an email address. How do I submit an Online EDS?

A: You cannot get an account to submit an online EDS without an email address. If you need an e-mail address, we suggest that you use a free internet email provider such as www.hotmail.com or www.yahoo.com or mail.google.com to open an account. The City does not endorse any particular free internet email provider. Public computers are available at all Chicago Public Library branches.

Q: I forgot my user ID. Can I register again?

A: No. If you are the EDS Captain of your organization, please contact the Department of Procurement Services at 312-744-4900. If you are an EDS team member, contact your EDS Captain, who can look up your user ID.

Q: Who is the EDS Captain?

A: The EDS Captain is a person who performs certain administrative functions for an organization which files an EDS. Each organization registered with the Online EDS has at least one EDS Captain. There may be co-captains, who are all equal. EDS Captains approve new users, change contact information for an organization, and de-active accounts of employees who have left the organization. Please see the User Manual for more information.

Q: Why do we need EDS Captains?

A: The Online EDS is designed to be a self-service web application which allows those doing or seeking to do business with the City to perform as many routine functions as possible without City intervention. Because many organizations have multiple staff filing an EDS, the EDS Captain role allows those organizations to self-manage the contact information and users.

Q: Who is the EDS team?

A: The EDS team for an organization is everyone who is registered to file an EDS on behalf of the organization.

Q: I forgot my password. What should I do?

A: To retrieve a temporary password, click the “Forgot your password?” link on the login page. Enter your user ID that you provided when you registered your account. The system will automatically generate a temporary password and send it to you. When you log-in with your temporary password, you will be asked to create a new password.

Q: How do I complete an Online EDS?

A: Click on “Create New” after logging in. The Online EDS system will walk you through the EDS questions. Please see the User Manual for details.

Q: How do I fill out a Disclosure of Retained Parties?

A: There is no longer a separate Disclosure of Retained Parties filing. After logging in, click on “Create New”. Answer (click) “Contract” to “Is this EDS for a contract or an EDS information update?” Click “Fill out EDS”, and click on the “Retained Parties” tab. When finished, click on “Ready to Submit.”

Q: How do I attach documents?

A: Attachments are discouraged. If at all possible, please provide a concise explanation in the space provided in the online form. Attachments with pages of officers are not acceptable. Names of officers must be typed into the system. If you must provide an attachment for another reason, please send it to your City of Chicago contact (contract administrator or negotiator for procurements) and they will attach it for you. Documents can be sent in PDF (preferred), Word, or paper format.

Q: Who can complete an Economic Disclosure Statement online?

A: Any authorized representative of your business with a user ID and password can complete your EDS online. One person, such as an assistant, can fill in the information and save it, and another person can review and electronically sign the Online EDS.

Q: What are the benefits of filing my Economic Disclosure statement electronically?

A: Filing electronically reduces the chance of filing an incomplete EDS and speeds up the processing of contract awards. A certificate of filing can be printed at the completion of the process and inserted into your bid package. The biggest benefit for those who frequently do business with the City is that after the first EDS, each EDS is much easier to fill out because non-contract specific information is pre-filled from the last submitted EDS.

Q: Will my information be secure?

A: Yes. When making your internet connection to our Web Server, you will connect through a Secure Socket Layer (SSL for short) to the "Online EDS" login page. All information you type will be protected using strong encryption. Within the login page, you will provide us with a user ID, password, and secret question for user authentication, Only you will have knowledge of this unique identification information.

Q: I am filing electronically. How do I sign my EDS?

A: Once you have completed the EDS, you will be prompted to enter your password and answer to your secret question. Together, these will serve as your electronic signature. Although you will also print and physically sign an EDS certification of filing as a notice that your EDS was filed, your EDS is complete as a legal document with only the electronic filing.

Q: My address has changed. How can I update my information?

A: You must be an EDS Captain for your organization to update this. Log-in and click on "Vendor Admin, Site Administration." Select the appropriate site and click edit.

Q: I have more questions. How can I contact the Department of Procurement Services?

A: Please contact the contract administrator or negotiator assigned to your solicitation or contract. You may call DPS at 312-744-4900 between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM Central Time.

Q: Can I save a partially complete EDS?

A: Yes. Click "Save". To avoid data loss, we recommend you save your work periodically while filling out your EDS.

Q: Do I have to re-type my information each time I submit an EDS?

A: No. The system will remember non-contract specific information from your last submitted EDS for one year. This information will be filled-in for you in your new EDS. You will have an opportunity to correct it if it has changed since your last filing. When you submit your new EDS, the information is saved and the one-year clock begins running anew.

Q: What are the system requirements to use the Online EDS?

A: The following are minimum requirements to use the Online EDS:

- A PDF viewer such as Adobe Reader is installed and your web browser is configured to display PDFs automatically. You may download and install Adobe Reader free at www.adobe.com/products/reader/
- Your web browser is set to permit running of JavaScript.
- Your web browser allows cookies to be set for this site. Please note that while we use cookies in the Online EDS, we do not use them to track personally identifiable information, so your privacy is maintained.
- Your monitor resolution is set to a minimum of 1024 x 768.
- While not required to submit an EDS, if you wish to view the training videos, you must have Adobe Flash Plugin version 9 or higher, speakers, and sound. Please note that very old computers may not be able to run Adobe Flash and will not be able to play the training videos. In that case, we encourage you to seek help using the Online EDS Manuals. You may download and install Adobe Flash Plugin free at <http://get.adobe.com/flashplayer>

The Online EDS has been tested on Internet Explorer 6.0 and 7.0 and Firefox 2.0 and 3.0 on Windows XP and Mac OS X. Although it should work on other browsers and operating systems, the City of Chicago cannot guarantee compatibility.

**ATTACHMENT A
ONLINE EDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The undersigned, hereby acknowledges having received Specification No. 023010 containing a full set of RFP Documents, including, Addenda Numbers (none unless indicated here) _____, and affirms that the Respondent shall be bound by all the terms and conditions contained in the RFP Documents, regardless of whether a complete set thereof is attached to this response.

Under penalty of perjury, the undersigned: (1) warrants that he/she was authorized to submit an EDS on behalf of the Disclosing Party on-line, (2) warrants that all certifications and statements contained in the EDS are true, accurate and complete as of the date the EDS was submitted on-line, and (3) further warrants that, as of the date of submission of this response, there have been no changes in circumstances since the date that the EDS was submitted that would render any certification in the EDS false, inaccurate or incomplete.

Further, the undersigned being duly sworn deposes and says on oath that no disclosures of ownership interests have been withheld and the information provided therein to the best of its knowledge is current and the undersigned has not entered into any agreement with any other respondent or prospective respondent or with any other person, firm or corporation relating to the price named in this proposal or any other proposal, nor any agreement or arrangement under which any act or omission in restraining of free competition among respondents and has not disclosed to any person, firm or corporation the terms of this proposal or the price named herein.

COMPANY NAME: _____
(Print or Type)

AUTHORIZED OFFICER SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE OF SIGNATORY: _____
(Print or Type)

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____
(Print or Type)

State of _____ (Affix Corporate Seal)

County of _____

This instrument was acknowledged before me on this ____ day of _____, 20__ by _____ as President (or other authorized officer) and _____ as Secretary of _____ (Company Name)

Notary Public Signature: _____ (Seal)

EXHIBIT 6
Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events
Insurance Requirements

Contractor must provide and maintain at Contractor's own expense, during the term of the Agreement and during the time period following expiration if Contractor is required to return and perform any work, services, or operations, the insurance coverages and requirements specified below, insuring all work, services, or operations related to the Agreement.

A. INSURANCE REQUIRED FROM CONTRACTOR

1) Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability (Primary and Umbrella)

Workers' Compensation Insurance, as prescribed by applicable law covering all employees who are to provide a service under this Agreement and Employer's Liability coverage with limits of not less than **\$1,000,000** each accident; **\$1,000,000** disease-policy limit and **\$1,000,000** disease-each employee, or the full per occurrence limits of the policy, whichever is greater.

The Contractor may use a combination of primary and Excess/Umbrella policy/policies to satisfy the limits of liability required herein. The Excess/Umbrella policy/policies must provide the same coverages/follow form as the underlying policy/policies.

2) Commercial General Liability

Commercial General Liability Insurance or equivalent must be maintained with limits of not less than **\$1,000,000** per occurrence and **\$2,000,000** aggregate for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage liability. Coverages must include but not be limited to, the following: all premises and operations, products/completed operations (for a minimum of two (2) years following project completion), explosion, collapse, underground, separation of insureds, defense, contractual liability (not to include endorsement CG 21 39 or equivalent), no exclusion for damage to work performed by Subcontractors, any limitation of coverage for designated premises or project is not permitted (not to include endorsement CG 21 44 or equivalent) and any endorsement modifying or deleting the exception to the Employer's Liability exclusion is not permitted. Where the general aggregate limit applies, the general aggregate must apply per project/location and once per policy period if applicable, or Contractor may obtain separate insurance to provide the required limits which will not be subject to depletion because of claims arising out of any other work or activity of Contractor. If a general aggregate applies to products/completed operations, the general aggregate limits must apply per project and once per policy period.

The City must be provided additional insured status with respect to liability arising out of Contractor's work, services or operations and completed operations performed on behalf of the City. Such additional insured coverage must be provided on ISO form CG 2010 10 01 and CG 2037 10 01 or on an endorsement form at least as broad for ongoing operations and completed operations. The City's additional insured status must apply to liability and defense of suits arising out of Contractor's acts or omissions, whether such liability is attributable to the Contractor or to the City. The full policy limits and scope of protection also

will apply to the City as an additional insured, even if they exceed the City's minimum limits required herein. A copy of the physical 'Additional Insured' endorsement must accompany the Certificate of Insurance when submitted. Contractor's liability insurance must be primary without right of contribution by any other insurance or self-insurance maintained by or available to the City.

The Contractor may use a combination of primary and Excess/Umbrella policy/policies to satisfy the limits of liability required herein. The Excess/Umbrella policy/policies must provide the same coverages/follow form as the underlying policy/policies.

3) **Automobile Liability**

A Business Auto Policy covering any motor vehicles (owned, non-owned and hired) which are used in connection with work, services, or operations to be performed, must be maintained by the Contractor. Limits of not less than **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury and property damage and covering the ownership, maintenance, or use of any auto whether owned, leased, non-owned or hired used in the performance of the work or services. The City is to be added as an additional insured on a primary, non-contributory basis. A copy of the physical 'Additional Insured' endorsement must accompany the Certificate of Insurance when submitted.

The Contractor may use a combination of primary and Excess/Umbrella policy/policies to satisfy the limits of liability required herein. The Excess/Umbrella policy/policies must provide the same coverages/follow form as the underlying policy/policies.

4) **Umbrella or Excess**

Umbrella or Excess Liability Insurance must be maintained with limits of not less than **\$2,000,000** per occurrence, or the full per occurrence limits of the policy, whichever is greater. The policy/policies must provide the same coverages/follow form as the underlying Commercial General Liability, Automobile Liability, Employers Liability and Completed Operations coverage required herein and expressly provide that the Excess or Umbrella policy/policies will drop down over reduced and/or exhausted aggregate limit, if any, of the underlying insurance. The Excess/Umbrella policy/policies must be primary without the right of contribution by any other insurance or self-insurance maintained by or available to the City.

The Contractor may use a combination of primary and Excess/Umbrella policies to satisfy the limits of liability required under Workers' Compensation, Employer's Liability, Commercial General Liability, and Automobile Liability.

5) **Professional Liability**

When any professional consultants perform work, services, or operations in connection with this Agreement, Professional Liability Insurance covering acts, errors, or omissions must be maintained with limits of not less than **\$2,000,000** per claim. Coverage must include, but not be limited to, technology errors and omissions and pollution liability if environmental site assessments are conducted, when applicable.

When policies are renewed or replaced, the policy retroactive date must coincide with, or precede start of work under the Agreement. A claims-made policy which is not renewed or replaced must have an extended reporting period of two (2) years.

Insurance coverages that begin with “when,” “if,” or “where,” are considered conditional, and it is the Contractor’s responsibility to obtain the applicable coverage when performing such work, service, or operation as described in the conditional coverage paragraph(s). If it is determined that conditional coverage is not initially applicable, it is the Contractor’s continuing responsibility to update the insurance coverage as needed. If at any time, the Contractor or City determines that a conditional coverage is applicable, the Contractor shall not perform the work, service, or operation in connection with the contract until evidence of all applicable insurance coverage is provided to the City.

6) Cyber Liability and Tech E & O Insurance (when applicable)

If any personal identifiable information, personal identifiable credit information, or protected health information is collected and maintained by Contractor; Cyber Liability must be maintained with limits of not less than \$5,000,000 for cyber incident and coverage must include the following:

- Liability for network security failures or privacy breaches, including loss or unauthorized access, use or disclosure of City of Chicago data, whether by Vendor or any subcontractor or cloud service provider used by Vendor;
- Costs associated with a privacy breach, including notification of affected individuals, customer support, forensics, crises management / public relations consulting, legal services of a privacy attorney, credit monitoring and identity fraud resolution services for affected individuals;
- Expenses related to regulatory compliance, government investigations, fines, fees, assessments, and penalties where insurable by law;
- Liability for technological products and services provided by or created by Vendor, including intellectual property infringement or misappropriation.
- Liability for professional services provided by Vendor;
- PCI fines, fees, penalties, and assessments;
- Cyber extortion payment and response costs;
- First and Third-Party Business Interruption Loss resulting from a network security failure or system failure;
- Costs of restoring, updating, or replacing data; and
- Liability losses connected to network security, privacy, and media liability.

The City must be named as an additional insured. A copy of the physical 'Additional Insured' endorsement must accompany the Certificate of Insurance when submitted. Certificates of Insurance and Additional Insured Endorsements reflecting applicable limits, sub-limits, self-insured retentions and deductibles must be provided upon request. The certificate must confirm the required coverages in the 'Additional Comments' section or Contractor must provide a copy of the declarations page confirming the details of the cyber insurance policy. Contractor will be responsible for all deductibles, self-insured retentions or waiting period requirements. Contractor shall provide any coverage sublimits under the policy. In the event Contractor

maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, the City of Chicago shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or higher limits maintained by Contractor. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available. If the Cyber Liability and Tech E&O policy is written on a claims-made basis, the retroactive date should be prior to the commencement of this agreement/addendum. If the policy is written on a claims-made basis and non-renewed at any time during and up until the completion of the project or services, Contractor shall maintain coverage that meets these requirements for a period of not less than three years from the date of completion of the project or services with a retroactive date prior to the commencement of the project or services or shall purchase an Extended Reporting Period for at least a three year period. All insurance carrier(s) must carry an A.M. Best rating of at least A-, Class VIII.

7) Valuable Papers (when applicable)

When any plans, designs, drawings, specifications, media, data, records, reports, and other documents are produced or used under this Agreement, Valuable Papers Insurance must be maintained in an amount to insure against any loss whatsoever and must have limits sufficient to pay for the re-creation and reconstruction of such records.

8) Blanket Crime (when applicable)

When applicable, Contractor must maintain Crime Insurance or equivalent covering all persons handling funds under this Agreement, against loss by employee dishonesty, forgery or alteration, funds transfer fraud, robbery, theft, destruction or disappearance, computer fraud, credit card forgery, and other related crime risks. The policy limit shall be written to cover losses in the amount of the maximum monies collected or received and in the possession of Contractor at any given time under this Agreement.

9) Garage Liability (when applicable)

Where the business operations entail automobile or truck garages, Commercial Garage Liability Insurance or equivalent must be maintained with limits of not less than **\$1,000,000** per occurrence and **\$2,000,000** aggregate/accident for Garage Operations – Covered Autos, Garage Operations - Other than Covered Auto and Personal Injury for bodily injury and property damage liability. Coverage must include but not be limited to the following: all premises and operations, products/completed operations, separation of insureds, defense, and contractual liability must be included. Coverage extensions must include Garage Keepers Legal Liability for limits of a minimum of **\$250,000** on a Primary basis for Comprehensive and Collision coverages.

The City must be provided with an additional insured status with respect to liability arising out of Contractor's work, services or operations performed on behalf of the City. The City's additional insured status must apply to liability and defense of suits arising out of Contractor's acts or omissions, whether such liability is attributable to the Contractor or to the City on an additional insured endorsement form acceptable to the City. The full policy limits and scope of protection also will apply to the City as an additional insured, even if they exceed the City's minimum limits required herein. A copy of the physical 'Additional Insured'

endorsement must accompany the Certificate of Insurance when submitted. Contractor's liability insurance must be primary without right of contribution by any other insurance or self-insurance maintained by or available to the City.

The Contractor may use a combination of primary and Excess/Umbrella policy/policies to satisfy the limits of liability required herein. The Excess/Umbrella policy/policies must provide the same coverages/follow form as the underlying policy/policies. The Contractor is responsible for all loss or damage to personal property (including materials, equipment, tools and supplies) owned, rented or used by the Contractor.

10) **Property (when applicable)**

Contractor is responsible for all loss or damage to City property at full replacement cost as a result of the Agreement.

Contractor is responsible for all loss or damage to personal property (including materials, equipment, tools and supplies) owned, rented or used by Contractor.

11) **Builders Risk (when applicable)**

When Contractor undertakes any construction, including improvements, betterments, and/or repairs to real property, the Contractor must provide All Risk Builders Risk Insurance at replacement cost for materials, supplies, equipment, machinery, and fixtures that are or will be part of the project. Coverage(s) must include but are not limited to, the following: material stored off-site and in-transit, collapse, water including leakage, overflow, sewer backup or seepage, debris removal, landscaping and faulty workmanship or materials. The City of Chicago is to be named as an additional insured and loss payee.

12) **Miscellaneous Medical Professional Liability (when applicable)**

When applicable, Miscellaneous Medical Professional Liability Insurance must be maintained or cause to be maintained, covering acts, errors, or omissions related to the supplying of or failure to supply medical services or health care services by paramedics with limits of not less than **\$5,000,000** per claim. When policies are renewed or replaced, the policy retroactive date must coincide with, or precede commencement of medical services under this Agreement. A claims-made policy which is not renewed or replaced must have an extended reporting period of two (2) years.

B. Additional Requirements

Evidence of Insurance. Contractor must furnish the City of Chicago, Certificates of Insurance (COI) and additional insured endorsement, or other evidence of insurance, to be in force on the date of this Agreement, and renewal COIs and endorsement, or such similar evidence, if the coverages have an expiration or renewal date occurring during the term of this Agreement. The Contractor must submit evidence of insurance prior to execution of Agreement. The receipt of any COI does not constitute agreement by the City that the

insurance requirements in the Agreement have been fully met or that the insurance policies indicated on the COI are in compliance with all requirements of Agreement. The failure of the City to obtain, nor the City's receipt of, or failure to object to a non-complying insurance certificate, endorsement or other insurance evidence from Contractor, its insurance broker(s) and/or insurer(s) will not be construed as a waiver by the City of any of the required insurance provisions. Contractor must advise all insurers of the Agreement provisions regarding insurance. The City in no way warrants that the insurance required herein is sufficient to protect the Contractor for liabilities which may arise from or relate to the Agreement. The City reserves the right to obtain complete, certified copies of any required insurance policies at any time.

Failure to Maintain Insurance. Failure of the Contractor to comply with required coverage and terms and conditions outlined herein will not limit Contractor's liability or responsibility nor does it relieve Contractor of the obligation to provide insurance as specified in this Agreement. Nonfulfillment of the insurance conditions may constitute a violation of the Agreement, and the City retains the right to suspend this Agreement until proper evidence of insurance is provided, or the Agreement may be terminated.

Notice of Material Change, Cancellation or Non-Renewal. Consistent with State law, Contractor must provide for sixty (60) days prior written notice to be given to the City in the event coverage is substantially changed, canceled or non-renewed and ten (10) days prior written notice for non-payment of premium. See 215 ILCS 5/143.16 and 143.17(a). A copy of the physical endorsements must accompany the Certificate of Insurance for General Liability, Automobile Liability and Workers Compensation in order to comply with the insurance requirements.

Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions on referenced insurance coverages must be borne by Contractor.

Waiver of Subrogation. Contractor hereby waives its rights and its insurer(s)' rights of, and agrees to require their insurers to waive their rights of, subrogation against the City under all required insurance herein for any loss arising from or relating to this Agreement. The Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether the City receives a waiver of subrogation endorsement for Contractor's insurer(s).

Contractors Insurance Primary. All insurance required of Contractor under this Agreement shall be endorsed to state that Contractor's insurance policy is primary and not contributory with any insurance carrier by the City.

Acceptability of Insurers. Insurance is to be placed with insurers authorized to conduct business in the state with a current A.M. Best rating of no less than A-, Class VIII, unless otherwise approved by the City.

No Limitation as to Contractor's Liabilities. The coverages and limits furnished by the Contractor in no way limit the Contractor's liabilities and responsibilities specified within the Agreement or by law.

No Contribution by the City. Any insurance or self-insurance programs maintained by the City do not contribute with insurance provided by Contractor under this Agreement.

Insurance not Limited by Indemnification. The required insurance to be carried is not limited by any limitations expressed in the indemnification language in this Agreement or any limitation placed on the indemnity in this Agreement given as a matter of law.

Insurance and Limits Maintained. If Contractor maintains higher limits and/or broader coverage than the minimums shown herein, the City requires and shall be entitled the higher limits and/or broader coverage maintained by Contractor. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to the City.

Joint Venture or Limited Liability Company. If Contractor is a joint venture or limited liability company, the insurance policies must name the joint venture or limited liability company as a named insured.

Other Insurance obtained by Contractor. If Contractor desires additional coverages, the Contractor will be responsible for the acquisition and cost.

Insurance required of Subcontractors. Contractor shall name the Subcontractor(s) as a named insured(s) under Contractor's insurance or Contractor will require each Subcontractor(s) to provide and maintain Commercial General Liability, Commercial Automobile Liability, Worker's Compensation, Employers Liability and Professional Liability Insurance, and when applicable Excess/Umbrella Liability Insurance with coverage at least as broad as in outlined in Section A, Insurance Required. The limits of coverage will be determined by Contractor. Contractor shall determine if Subcontractor(s) must also provide any additional coverage or other coverage outlined in Section A, Insurance Required. The Contractor is responsible for ensuring that each Subcontractor has named the City of Chicago as an additional insured where required, as well as specifically naming the City of Chicago as an additional insured on any endorsement form at least as broad and acceptable to the City. The Contractor is also responsible for ensuring that each Subcontractor has complied with the required coverage and terms and conditions outlined in this Section B, Additional Requirements. When requested by the City, the Contractor must provide to the City Certificates of Insurance and additional insured endorsements or other evidence of insurance. The City reserves the right to obtain complete, certified copies of any required insurance policies at any time. Failure of the Subcontractor(s) to comply with required coverage and terms and conditions outlined herein will not limit Contractor's liability or responsibility.

City's Right to Modify. Notwithstanding any provisions in the Agreement to the contrary, the City, Department of Finance, Risk Management Division maintains the right to modify, delete, alter or change these requirements.

EXHIBIT 7

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Public Relations Services and Onsite Media Relations Staffing for DCASE Programs

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (“DCASE”) seek the services of a full-service Public/Media Relations agency (“Agency”) to provide advance media coordination and staffing, as well as on-site support for identified DCASE programs (“Events”). It is expected the Agency provide a single Publicist for each of the Events listed below; however, must also provide additional Agency support and staff when needed to accomplish the outcomes as detailed in this Scope of Services.

2025 Event Schedule

- Taste of Chicago (Grant Park & Neighborhoods) – Friday – Sunday, September 5–7. Three additional neighborhood Taste events in Marquette Park (Sunday, June 28), Pullman Park (Saturday, July 19) and Albany Park (Saturday, August 9).
- Chicago Air and Water Show (North Avenue Beach & Lakefront Gary/Chicago Airport in Gary, Indiana) – August 16 –17, with a rehearsal on August 15.
- Chicago Blues Festival (Ramova Theatre, Jay Pritzker Pavilion and throughout Millennium Park) – Thursday– Sunday, June 5 – 8.
- Millennium Park Summer Workouts (Great Lawn) – Saturdays, May 17 – August 30.
- Millennium Park Summer Music Series (Jay Pritzker Pavilion) – Mondays & Thursdays, June 26 – August 7.
- Chicago SummerDance (Citywide, including pop-ups and special events, Night Out in the Parks events: select dates TBA June – September) – Spirit of Music Garden Schedule: Thursday – Saturday August 7 – August 23.
- Millennium Park Summer Film Series (Jay Pritzker Pavilion) – Tuesdays, July 1 – August 26.
- World Music Festival Chicago (Citywide including the Chicago Cultural Center) – Friday, September 26 – Sunday, October 5.
- Chicago House Music Conference & Festival (Chicago Cultural Center, Millennium Park, Spirit of Music Garden and Riverwalk) – Friday, August 22 – Saturday, August 23. Chicago House Music Conference to take place at Chicago Cultural Center, Friday, August 22.
- Chicago Jazz Festival (Citywide including Millennium Park) – Thursday – Sunday, August 28 – 31.

- Chicago Gospel Music Festival (Jay Pritzker Pavilion) – July 12.
- Chicago Made Showcase: October 25.
- City Holiday Events (Millennium Park) – Tree Lighting Ceremony, Friday, November 21; Holiday Market, Friday – Sunday, November 21 – 23; Holiday Sing Along, Fridays December 5, 12, 19.
- New Year’s Eve Celebration (Riverwalk) – Wednesday, December 31.

Dates will be similar in subsequent years of the contract. DCASE reserves the right to remove, adjust or make additions to the events listed above.

Services are expected to commence for Taste of Chicago and Millennium Park Holiday Programming (4) weeks prior to event dates listed above except for Air & Water Show which will require (5) weeks in advance to coordinate flights and permissions.

Publicist to serve as main liaison for each of the events with additional staffing support from Agency as needed.

Beginning approximately (4) weeks prior to the Event date. The work will focus on execution and coordination support, including, but not limited to, writing press releases and media advisories (based on existing releases that will have been distributed), writing talking points, pitching interviews, coordinating interviews, onsite staffing of Press interviews during the weeks before and throughout the event as needed. Final media clippings reports (including impressions and ad value stats) for each event.

Required Services

Services include, but not limited to, public relations support for staffing and interview coordination during summer events season as detailed below:

Account Management: Maintain regular client relations through scheduled client meetings – cadence to be agreed upon, strategic counsel and advisement and proactive communications.

Media Relations: Write and distribute media pitches, press releases and other press materials to target media outlets and reporters to support anchoring events.

On-site Media Management: Oversee media coordination, media interviews and staffing for anchoring events.

Reporting: Provide written reports outlining media support, impressions and news clips following anchoring events.

Hourly Rate Pricing

The Respondents are to provide all-inclusive hourly rate pricing for public relations staff which includes, but is not limited to travel, parking, miscellaneous expenses, etc. for the above-described duties.

The Respondents will be required to provide a dedicated team assigned to DCASE’s account comprised of junior, mid and senior level staff.

EXHIBIT 8

SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY AFFIDAVIT (SECTION 2-92-612)

The policy prohibiting sexual harassment as described in Section 2-92-612 of the Municipal Code of Chicago ("MCC") is applicable to contracts paid from funds belonging to or administered by the City.

In accordance with requirements set forth in Section 2-92-612 of the MCC, Contractor hereby attests that Contractor has a written policy prohibiting sexual harassment in compliance with Section 6-10-040 of the MCC.

In accordance with Section 6-10-040 of the MCC, Contractor's written policy prohibiting sexual harassment shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

- (i) a statement that sexual harassment is illegal in Chicago;
- (ii) the following definition of sexual harassment: "'Sexual harassment' means any (i) unwelcome sexual advances or unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature; or (ii) requests for sexual favors or conduct of a sexual nature when (1) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment, or (2) submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for any employment decision affecting the individual, or (3) such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment; or (iii) sexual misconduct, which means any behavior of a sexual nature which also involves coercion, abuse of authority, or misuse of an individual's employment position.'";
- (iii) a requirement that all employees participate in: (1) sexual harassment prevention training annually, (a) Employees shall participate in a minimum of one hour of sexual harassment prevention training annually, and (b) Anyone who supervises or manages employees shall participate in a minimum of two hours of sexual harassment prevention training annually, and (2) one hour of bystander training annually;
- (iv) Examples of prohibited conduct that constitute sexual harassment;
- (v) Details on: (1) how an individual can report an allegation of sexual harassment, including, as appropriate, instructions on how to make a confidential report, with an internal complaint form, to a manager, employer's corporate headquarters or human resources department, or other internal reporting mechanism; and (2) legal services, including governmental, available to employees who may be victims of sexual harassment; and
- (vi) A statement that retaliation for reporting sexual harassment is illegal in Chicago.

Contractor understands that it may be required to produce records to the Commissioner to verify the information provided. Under penalty of perjury the person signing below: (1) warrants that he/she is authorized to execute this Affidavit on behalf of Contractor, and (2) warrants that all certifications and statements contained in this Affidavit are true, accurate, and complete as of the date of execution.

Name of Contractor: _____ (Print or Type)

Signature of Authorized Officer: _____ (Signature)

Title of Signatory: _____ (Print or Type)

State of _____

County of _____

Signed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me on _____ (date) by

_____ (name/s of person/s making statement).

(Signature of Notary Public)

(Seal)

EXHIBIT 9

Data Protection Requirements for Contractors, Vendors and Third-Parties

“Breach” means the acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of Protected Information that compromises the security or privacy of the Protected Information.

"Contractor" means an entity that receives or encounters Protected Information. Contractor includes, without limitation, entities that store Protected Information, or host applications that process Protected Information. The provisions of this Data Policy includes not only the entity that is a signatory to this Policy but all subcontractors, of whatever tier, of that entity; the signatory must inform and obtain the agreement of such subcontractors to the terms of this Data Policy.

“Protected Information” means all data provided by City to Contractor or encountered by Contractor in the performance of the services to the City, including, without limitation, all data sent to Contractor by City and/or stored by Contractor on its servers. Protected Information includes, but is not limited to, employment records, medical and health records, personal financial records (or other personally identifiable information), research data, and classified government information. To the extent there is any uncertainty as to whether any data constitutes Protected Information, the data in question shall be treated as Protected Information.

1. Information Security. Contractor agrees to the following:
 - 1.1. General. Notwithstanding any other obligation of Contractor under this policy, Contractor agrees that it will not lose, alter, or delete, either intentionally or unintentionally, any Protected Information, and that it is responsible for the safe-keeping of all such information, except to the extent that the City directs the Contractor in writing to do so.
 - 1.2. Access to Data. In addition to the records to be stored / maintained by Contractor, all records that are possessed by Contractor in its service to the City of Chicago to perform a governmental function are public records of the City of Chicago pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), unless the records are exempt under the Act. FOIA requires that the City produce records in a very short period of time. If the Contractor receives a request from the City to produce records, the Contractor shall do so within 72 hours of the notice.
 - 1.3. Minimum Standard for Data at Rest and Data in Motion. Contractor must, at a minimum, comply, in its treatment of Protected Information, with National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication 800-53 Moderate Level Control. Notwithstanding this requirement, Contractor acknowledges that it must fully comply with each additional obligation contained in this policy. If data is protected health information or electronic protected health information, as defined in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HIPAA/HITECH) and regulations implementing these Acts (see 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164), it must be secured in accordance with “Guidance Specifying the Technologies and Methodologies that Render Protected Health Information Unusable, Unreadable, or Indecipherable to Unauthorized Individuals,” available on the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) website <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/administrative/breachnotificationrule/index.html>, or at Volume 74 of the Federal Register, beginning at page 42741. That guidance from the HHS states that valid encryption processes for protected health information data at rest (e.g., protected health information resting on a server), must be consistent with the NIST Special Publication 800-111, Guide for Storage Encryption

Technologies for End User Devices. Valid encryption processes for protected health information data in motion (e.g., transmitted through a network) are those which comply with NIST Special Publications 800-52, Guidelines for the Selection and Use of Transport Layer Security Implementation; 800-77, Guide to IPsec VPNs; or 800-113, Guide to SSL VPNs, or others which are Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 140-2 validated.

- 1.4. Where Data is to be Stored. All data must be stored only on computer systems located in the continental United States.
- 1.5. Requirement to Maintain Security Program. Contractor acknowledges that the City has implemented an information security program to protect the City's information assets, which Program is available on the City website at https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dgs/supp_info/is_policy.html ("City Program"). Contractor shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining an information security program that is designed to: (i) ensure the security and confidentiality of Protected Information; (ii) protect against any anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of Protected Information; (iii) protect against unauthorized access to or use of Protected Information; (iv) ensure the proper disposal of Protected Information; and, (v) ensure that all subcontractors of Contractor, if any, comply with all of the foregoing.
- 1.6. Undertaking by Contractor. Without limiting Contractor's obligation of confidentiality as further described herein, in no case shall the safeguards of Contractor's information security program be less stringent than the information security safeguards used by the City Program.
- 1.7. Right of Audit by the City of Chicago. The City of Chicago shall have the right to review Contractor's information security program prior to the commencement of Services and from time to time during the term of this Agreement. During the performance of the Services, from time to time and without notice, the City of Chicago, at its own expense, shall be entitled to perform, or to have performed, an on-site audit of Contractor's information security program. In lieu of an on-site audit, upon request by the City of Chicago, Contractor agrees to complete, within forty-five (45 days) of receipt, an audit questionnaire provided by the City of Chicago or the City of Chicago's designee regarding Contractor's information security program.
- 1.8. Audit by Contractor. No less than annually, Contractor shall conduct an independent third-party audit of its information security program and provide such audit findings to the City of Chicago, all at the Contractor's sole expense.
- 1.9. Audit Findings. Contractor shall implement at its sole expense any remedial actions as identified by the City as a result of the audit.
- 1.10. Demonstrate Compliance - PCI. No less than annually, as defined by the City of Chicago and where applicable, the Contractor agrees to demonstrate compliance with PCI DSS (Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard). Upon City's request, Contractor must be prepared to demonstrate compliance of any system or component used to process, store, or transmit cardholder data that is operated by the Contractor as part of its service. Similarly, upon City's request, Contractor must demonstrate the compliance of any third party it has sub-contracted as part of the service offering. As evidence of compliance, the Contractor shall provide upon request a current attestation of compliance signed by a PCI QSA (Qualified Security Assessor).
- 1.11. Demonstrate Compliance – HIPAA / HITECH. If the Protected Information includes protected health information or electronic protected health information covered under HIPAA/HITECH, Contractor must execute, and be governed by, the provisions in its contract with the City regarding HIPAA/HITECH, the regulations implementing those Acts, and the Business Associate Agreement in its contract with the City. As specified in 1.3, protected health information must be secured in accordance with the "Guidance Specifying the Technologies and Methodologies that Render Protected Health Information Unusable, Unreadable, or Indecipherable to Unauthorized Individuals."

- 1.12. Data Confidentiality. Contractor shall implement appropriate measures designed to ensure the confidentiality and security of Protected Information, protect against any anticipated hazards or threats to the integrity or security of such information, protect against unauthorized access or disclosure of information, and prevent any other action that could result in substantial harm to the City of Chicago or an individual identified with the data or information in Contractor's custody.
- 1.13. Compliance with All Laws and Regulations. Contractor agrees that it will comply with all laws and regulations.
- 1.14. Limitation of Access. Contractor will not knowingly permit any Contractor personnel to have access to any City of Chicago facility or any records or data of the City of Chicago if the person has been convicted of a crime in connection with (i) a dishonest act, breach of trust, or money laundering, or (ii) a felony. Contractor must, to the extent permitted by law, conduct a check of public records in all of the employee's states of residence and employment for at least the last five years in order to verify the above. Contractor shall assure that all contracts with subcontractors impose these obligations on the subcontractors and shall monitor the subcontractors' compliance with such obligations.
- 1.15. Data Re-Use. Contractor agrees that any and all data exchanged shall be used expressly and solely for the purposes enumerated in the Agreement. Data shall not be distributed, repurposed or shared across other applications, environments, or business units of Contractor. As required by Federal law, Contractor further agrees that no City of Chicago data of any kind shall be revealed, transmitted, exchanged or otherwise passed to other Contractors or interested parties except on a case-by-case basis as specifically agreed to in writing by an officer of the City of Chicago with designated data, security, or signature authority.
- 1.16. Safekeeping and Security. Contractor will be responsible for safekeeping all keys, access codes, passwords, combinations, access cards, personal identification numbers and similar security codes and identifiers issued to Contractor's employees, agents or subcontractors. Contractor agrees to require its employees to promptly report a lost or stolen access device or information to their primary business contact and to the City of Chicago Information Security Office.
- 1.17. Mandatory Disclosure of Protected Information. If Contractor is compelled by law or regulation to disclose any Protected Information, the Contractor will provide to the City of Chicago with prompt written notice so that the City of Chicago may seek an appropriate protective order or other remedy. If a remedy acceptable to the City of Chicago is not obtained by the date that the Contractor must comply with the request, the Contractor will furnish only that portion of the Protected Information that it is legally required to furnish, and the Contractor shall require any recipient of the Protected Information to exercise commercially reasonable efforts to keep the Protected Information confidential.
- 1.18. Data Breach. Contractor agrees to comply with all laws and regulations relating to data breach, including without limitation, the Illinois Personal Information Protection Act and other applicable breach disclosure laws and regulations. Data breaches of protected health information and electronic protected health information shall be governed by the provisions regarding HIPAA/HITECH, and the regulations implementing those Acts, in the Contractor's contract with the City, specifically the Business Associate Agreement in such contract. Contractor will immediately notify the City if security of any Protected Information has been breached, and will provide information as to that breach in such detail as requested by the City. Contractor will, if requested by the City, notify any affected individuals of such breach at the sole cost of the Contractor.
- 1.19. Data Sanitization and Safe Disposal. All physical and electronic records must be retained per federal, state and local laws and regulations, including the Local Records Act. Where disposal is approved, the Contractor agrees that prior to disposal or reuse of all magnetic media (e.g. hard disk, floppy disk, removable media, etc.) which may have contained City of Chicago data shall be submitted to a data

sanitization process which meets or exceeds DoD 5220.28-M 3-pass specifications. Certification of the completion of data sanitization shall be provided to the City of Chicago within 10 days of completion. Acceptance of Certification of Data Sanitization by the Information Security Office of the City of Chicago is required prior to media reuse or disposal. All other materials which contain City of Chicago data shall be physically destroyed and shredded in accordance to NIST Special Publication 800-88, Guidelines for Media Sanitization, specifications.

- 1.20. End of Agreement Data Handling. The Contractor agrees that upon termination of this Agreement it shall return all data to the City of Chicago in a useable electronic form, and erase, destroy, and render unreadable all data in its entirety in accordance to the prior stated Data Sanitization and Safe Disposal provisions. Data must be rendered in a manner that prevents its physical reconstruction through the use of commonly available file restoration utilities. Certification in writing that these actions have been completed must be provided within 30 days of the termination of this Agreement or within 7 days of a request of an agent of the City of Chicago, whichever shall come first.

EXHIBIT 10

SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT TERMS RELATING TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 2021-2

1.1. Supplement to Special Conditions Regarding MBE Commitment and WBE Commitment or Special Conditions Regarding DBE Commitment: Quarterly Reporting

1.1.1. Policy

Pursuant to Mayoral Executive Order 2021-2, contractors must submit quarterly reports regarding the utilization of MBE and WBE firms, or DBE firms, on their contracts.

1.1.2. Projected Utilization Schedule

Prior to contract award, anticipated contract awardee must submit a "Projected Utilization Schedule," in a form acceptable to the CPO, showing when and to what extent in the schedule for performance of the Contract the MBEs and WBEs or DBEs listed on the Schedules C and D for the Contract are expected to be used toward the contract-specific goals. Contracts that do not have goals are exempt from this requirement.

For master agreements for task order professional services awarded pursuant to a Request for Qualifications, Projected Utilization Schedules for each task will be submitted with the task order proposal and finalized prior to award or assignment of the task, as applicable.

The CPO may require explanations or submittal of a revised or more detailed Schedule at any time prior to or after award of the contract as the CPO deems appropriate in order to facilitate compliance with the M/WBE or DBE commitments of the Contract.

1.1.3. Quarterly Summary Utilization Reports

Each quarter, Contractor must submit a Summary Utilization Report, in a form acceptable to the CPO, comparing projected usage with actual usage. If actual usage is more than 5% below the value of projected usage (based on a percentage of the value of anticipated M/WBE expenditures), Contractor must provide an explanation for the discrepancy, and a recovery plan. Recovery plans should include a proposed revised Projected Utilization Schedule if Contractor anticipates that actual utilization will not meet projected utilization before the next quarterly report would be due. The CPO may require Contractor to meet with the City to discuss and revise the recovery plan as the CPO deems appropriate.

1.1.4. Changes to Compliance Plan

Requests for approval of revisions to Contractor's Compliance Plan must be accompanied by a revised Projected Utilization Schedule consistent with the request.

1.2. Supplement to Standard Terms and Conditions: Business Diversity Program Reporting

1.2.1. Policy

Pursuant to Mayoral Executive Order 2021-2, contractors must submit annual reports regarding the contractors' efforts regarding utilization of MBE and WBE firms, and other historically underutilized firms.

1.2.2. Definitions

"Business Diversity Program" means a program or initiative of a business enterprise which encourages or facilitates the use of minority-owned, women-owned, and other historically underutilized businesses as contractors, consultants, suppliers, or service providers for that business.

"Certified Firms" means firms possessing certifications recognized by the City of Chicago pursuant to MCC Chapter 2-92 or 49 CFR Parts 23 or 26. Specifically, MBEs, WBEs, BEPDs, VBEs, and DBEs.

1.2.3. Business Diversity Program Reports

Contractor must submit an annual report on July 1 of each year (or other date designated by the CPO) containing information about the Contractor's Business Diversity Program, if information is available. However, for Contracts awarded June 1 through July 1, the due date for the first annual report will be August 1, all subsequent reports will be due July 1. Information to be provided will include:

- Whether Contractor has a Business Diversity Program.

- Description of the Contractor’s Business Diversity Program, if any.
- Information on expenditure of goods and services from minority-owned firms and women-owned firms during the prior calendar year, expressed in dollars and percentages, to the extent information is available. For reports due in 2021, information on expenditures in both 2019 and 2020 should be provided if available.
- For each year after the first year, information on progress or changes in the program in the prior year, if such information exists.

Reports shall be submitted to a City office or location anticipated to be identified by June 15, 2021.

1.2.4. Applicability

Contractor must submit the reports required by this Section 1.2 unless:

- (A) Contractor is a Certified Firm; or
- (B) The Contract is for professional consulting services of an individual who is either the majority owner of the Contractor or is him- or herself the contracting party as a sole proprietor; or
- (C) The aggregate award value of all City contracts awarded to Contractor between May 31 of the prior year and May 31 of the current year is less than \$100,000; or
- (D) The CPO has otherwise notified the Contractor in writing that the requirement does not apply or that an exception will be made as outlined in Mayoral Executive Order 2021-2.

However, Contractors not required to report may report voluntarily.