

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (“RFP”) FOR City of Chicago Green Stormwater Infrastructure Strategy

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A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on Wednesday, October 30th at 12 PM, Central Time.

Participants can register here: <https://cityofchicago-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsc-ggqzkuE9TNQ5KmEAHX732YjP2movgQ>

Attendance is Non-Mandatory but encouraged.

**PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 11 P.M., CENTRAL TIME, ON
November 15, 2024.**

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I. GENERAL INVITATION

A. Purpose of the Request for Proposal

The City of Chicago (“City”), acting through its Department of Environment (“Department”) seeks Proposals to develop a Chicago Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Strategy (the “Strategy”) that centers equity and sets a vision and measurable goals for citywide green stormwater infrastructure. The Strategy is to be implemented in accordance with NPDES Permit No. IL0045012 effective April 1, 2024.

Pursuant to the modified deadline approved by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), the current deadline for updating the City’s Green Stormwater Infrastructure Strategy is October 1, 2025.

The Respondent selected for this work will provide professional services as described herein (in accordance with Exhibit 1, Scope of Services).

B. Background

Upon taking office in 2023, Mayor Brandon Johnson made a commitment to increase Chicago’s climate resilience. In particular, the final mayoral transition report¹ issued to Mayor Johnson stated, “The City will foster a climate resilient coast that maximizes public access to greenspace, buffers against flooding and protects from infrastructure damage, prioritizing green and natural infrastructure solutions. Inland, urban flooding challenges will be met when stormwater infrastructure upgrades are coordinated with other water infrastructure improvements, including lead service line replacement.” As part of this commitment to climate resilience, the City is seeking to update and expand its Green Stormwater Infrastructure Strategy.

The Strategy update is also spurred by the [City of Chicago’s National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System \(NPDES\)](#) permit effective April 1, 2024. The permit regulates City-owned combined sewer outfalls (CSO) that discharge into Chicago waterways such as during extreme weather events by (1) setting discharge limits, (2) adding monitoring and reporting requirements, and (3) deploying additional strategies to prevent pollution from stormwater. The NPDES permit also includes a specific requirement that the City “shall update and expand its 2014 Green Stormwater Infrastructure strategy and establish initiatives with measurable goals

¹ “A Blueprint for Creating a More Just and Vibrant City for All”, Chicago for the People, July 2023

and outcomes through incremental measures that will reduce CSOs, prioritizing sensitive areas and environmental justice communities.”²

The City's previous [2014 Green Stormwater Infrastructure strategy](#) outlined the history of green stormwater infrastructure and the Chicago sewer system, set goals for GSI in Chicago and made commitments for future investments. Following the release of the 2014 strategy, various City departments invested in and deployed GSI.

Chicago faces significant challenges with combined sewer overflows (CSOs) due to its aging infrastructure and increased rainfall from climate change. The city's sewer system, which combines stormwater and wastewater into a single network, can become overwhelmed during heavy rain events. This leads to untreated sewage being discharged into local waterways, which poses risks to water quality, public health, and the environment. The increase in extreme weather patterns, including more intense and frequent storms, exacerbates this problem. Addressing CSOs requires innovative solutions like green stormwater infrastructure to reduce the burden on the city's sewer system and protect both people and the environment.

An updated Green Stormwater Infrastructure Strategy will be vital in enhancing the city's resilience to climate change while promoting environmental equity. By identifying and developing a coordinated plan to use natural systems like permeable pavement, green roofs, and bioswales to manage stormwater, the city can reduce the burden on traditional sewer systems and mitigate urban flooding, disproportionately impacting vulnerable communities. These solutions improve water quality in local waterways and create green spaces that enhance air quality and provide residents with cooler, more livable neighborhoods. The 2025 strategy represents an opportunity to deliver a forward-thinking approach that aligns with Chicago's broader climate and equity goals.

This strategy is important groundwork to identify, coordinate, and strategically place future GSI investments in order to build a better, stronger, safer and more climate resilient Chicago. In order to reinforce its commitment to GSI investments, the City is seeking a consultant to develop a GSI Strategy that both assesses the effectiveness of current GSI projects and guides the City's approach to GSI developments in the future.

Entities with demonstrated experience in this area, and with an interest in making their services available to the City of Chicago, are invited to respond to this RFP.

The objective for the selected Respondent (hereinafter “**Contractor**”) is to perform all tasks and functions associated with the Services in accordance with Exhibit 1, Scope of Services.

The work contemplated is professional in nature. It is understood that the Contractor acting as an individual, partnership, corporation or other legal entity, is of professional status, licensed to perform in the State of Illinois and licensed for all applicable professional discipline(s) requiring licensing and will be governed by professional ethics in its relationship to the City. It is also understood that all reports, information, or data prepared or assembled by the Contractor under a contract awarded pursuant to this RFP are confidential in nature and will not be made available

to any individual or organization, except the City, without the prior written approval from the City. Any contract resulting from this document will require the Contractor to execute a statement of confidentiality.

The Contractor shall be financially solvent and each of its members if a joint venture, its employees, agents or subcontractors of any tier shall be competent to perform the services required under this RFP document.

C. Internet Access to this RFP

All materials related to the RFP will be available on the internet at:https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/progs/env/RFP_StormwaterStrategy.html.

In the event you do not have download capability, all materials may be obtained from the Department of Environment, 2 N La Salle St, Suite 725. If an alternative to downloading is necessary, please request the materials by emailing environmentRFP@cityofchicago.org.

A Respondent who chooses to download an RFP solicitation instead of picking it up in person will be responsible for checking the aforementioned web site for clarifications and/or addenda, if any. Failure to obtain clarifications and/or addenda from the web site shall not relieve Respondent from being bound by any additional terms and conditions in the clarifications and/or addenda, or from considering additional information contained therein in preparing your Proposal. Note, there may be multiple clarifications and/or addenda. Any harm to the Respondent resulting from such failure shall not be valid grounds for a protest against award(s) made under the solicitation.

D. RFP Addendum

The City reserves the right, after advertisement of the RFP, to refine the Scope of Services, with appropriate notice. Any change(s) which may be required to the original version of the RFP *after* the original version had already been initially advertised and posted, including questions and answers, shall be made in the form of an “Addendum” before the Proposal due date. All Addenda shall be sequentially numbered and be publicly available for download from the above URL.

Further, if, after receipt of Proposals the City wishes to make refinements to the Scope of Services, it may, depending upon the circumstances, provide the refinement revisions to all Respondents and invite revised Proposals from the Respondents based upon the revised Scope of Services.

II. DEFINITIONS

“**Agreement**” means the City of Chicago’s Professional Services Agreement, including all exhibits attached to it and incorporated in it by reference, and all amendments, modifications, or revisions made in accordance with its terms, as attached in this RFP in Exhibit 9.

“**Commissioner**” means the commissioner of the City of Chicago Department of Environment.

“**Contractor**” means the entity awarded a contract pursuant to the City’s RFP process and includes the Contractor’s subcontractors.

“**Department**” means the City of Chicago Department of Environment and other participating City Departments.

“**Proposals**” means the documents submitted in response to this RFP.

“**Respondent**” means the individuals or business entities submitting a proposal in response to this RFP.

III. SCOPES OF SERVICES

A. Description of Services

The services that the City seeks to acquire are described in detail in the Scope of Services, Exhibit 1.

B. Contract Term

Any contract awarded pursuant to this RFP solicitation shall be for a base contract period of one year plus extension options of up to two additional years mutually agreed to by both parties.

IV. GENERAL INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

A. Communications Between the City of Chicago and Respondents

Any question or any request for clarification relating to the RFP content, must be made in writing and sent to environmentRFP@cityofchicago.org in the format as exemplified below, using an Excel spreadsheet.

Question Submittal format:

ITEM	QUESTION or REQUEST for CLARIFICATION	RFP page and section being referenced
1		
2		

The City will provide its response to all questions and requests for clarifications and post the response at the URL above, as an Addendum to the RFP.

B. Deadline and Procedures for Submitting Proposals

To be assured of consideration, Proposals must be received by the City of Chicago no later than 11 P.M. Central Time on November 15, 2024.

Proposals must be sent to the following (e-mail) address: environmentRFP@cityofchicago.org.

C. 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: https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/progs/env/RFP_StormwaterStrategy.html.

D. Procurement Timetable

The timetable for the RFP solicitation is summarized below. Note that these are target dates and are subject to change by the City.

Key Activity	Target Date
City Issues RFP	10/24/24
Pre – Proposal Conference	10/30/24
Post-Conference Questions Due	11/4/24
Addendum Response to Clarifying Questions	11/8/24
Proposals Due	11/15/24

E. Transparency Website: Trade Secrets

Consistent with the City's practice of making available all information submitted in response to a public procurement, all proposals, any information and documentation contained therein, any additional information or documentation submitted to the City as part of this solicitation, and any information or documentation presented to City as part of negotiation of a contract or other agreement may be made publicly available through the City's Internet website.

However, Respondents may designate those portions of the Proposal which contain trade secrets or other proprietary data ("Data") which Respondents desires remain confidential. To designate portions of the Proposal as confidential, Respondent must:

- A. Mark the cover page as follows: "This Proposal includes trade secrets or other proprietary data."

- B. Mark each sheet or Data to be restricted with the following legend: "Confidential: Use or disclosure of data contained on this sheet is subject to the restriction on the title page of this RFP."
- C. Provide a redacted copy of the entire Proposal or submission in .pdf format for posting on the City's website. Respondent is responsible for properly and adequately redacting any Data which Respondent desires remain confidential. If entire pages or sections are removed, they must be represented by a page indicating that the page or section has been redacted. Failure to a redacted copy may result in the posting of an un-redacted copy.

Indiscriminate labeling of material as "Confidential" may be grounds for deeming a Proposal as non-responsive.

All Proposals submitted to the City are subject to the Freedom of Information Act. The City will make the final determination as to whether information, even if marked "confidential," will be disclosed pursuant to a request under the Freedom of Information Act or valid subpoena. Respondent agrees not to pursue any cause of action against the City with regard to disclosure of information.

V. PREPARING PROPOSALS: REQUIRED INFORMATION

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

A. Format of Proposals

Respondents must structure their Proposal submittal in accordance with the instructions and contents as set out below.

A table of contents or tabs should be utilized to organize the Proposal response containing the following submittal requirements.

B. Required Contents of Proposal

Respondents are advised to adhere to the submittal requirements of the RFP. Failure to comply with the instructions of this RFP may be cause for rejection of the non-compliant Proposal. Respondent must provide information in the appropriate areas throughout the RFP. By submitting a response to this RFP, you are acknowledging that if your Proposal is accepted by the City, your Proposal and related submittals may become part of the contract.

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

1. Cover Letter

Respondent 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) Indicate the number of years the company/organization has been in business, and provide an overview of the experience and background of the company/organization and its key personnel committed to this project.
- (ii) Identify the legal name of the company/organization, its headquarters address, its principal place of business, its legal form (i.e., corporation, joint venture, limited liability company or partnership, etc.), and the names of its principals or partners and authority to do business in Illinois with the most recent documents filed with and obtained from the Secretary of State.
- (iii) Indicate the name, telephone number(s) and e-mail address of the principal contact for this proposal, oral presentation or negotiations.
- (iv) Summarize Respondent's commitment to comply with the MBE/WBE requirements as stated in the Special Conditions Regarding Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women Business Enterprise (WBE) Commitment as stipulated in Exhibit 5 of this RFP.
- (v) Include statement of any objections or comments, to the City of Chicago's standard contract terms and conditions as stipulated in the Sample Professional Services Agreement in Exhibit 9 of this RFP.
- (vi) Acknowledge receipt of Addendum issued by the City, if any.

2. 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 strategy and methodology for successfully implementing and managing the project for the City of Chicago; capacity to perform, and approach to project management, satisfying the scope of services in the RFP and any additional factors for the City's consideration.

3. 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 (e.g. joint venture partners, subcontractors, etc.), Respondent must provide the required information as described below for **each** such team member.

A. Company Profile Information (See Form in Exhibit 3)

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

- (i) Schedule B as shown in Exhibit 5, if joint venture includes City of Chicago certified MBE/WBE firms(s), as applicable.
- (ii) Separate Economic Disclosure Statement and Affidavit (“EDS”) completed by each partner and one in the name of the joint venture as shown in Exhibit 6.
- (iii) Insurance certificate in the name of the joint venture business entity.

B. Company References/Client Profile Information (See Form in Exhibit 4)

Respondent must provide at least 1 reference preferably from a municipality or government agency related to a contract 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 should be included for each client reference:

- Client name, address, contact person name, telephone and fax number.
- Description of Services provided similar to the Services outlined in Exhibit 1 of this RFP.
- The date when the Service was implemented.
- The location of the project.
- Nature and extent of Respondent’s involvement as the prime Contractor (also indicate area of secondary responsibility, if applicable) Identify 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 Contract.

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.

C. 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 must provide a summary of current and future projects and commitments and include projected 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?

D. Business License/Authority to do Business in Illinois

Respondent must provide copies of appropriate licenses or certifications required of any individual or entity 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: (<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/DPR/>.

4. Professional Qualifications, Specialized Experience and Local Availability of Key Personnel who will be dedicated to the Services described in this RFP.

Respondent must provide a summary of individuals who will be dedicated to the Services described in this RFP. For each key person identified, Respondent must provide the following information:

- (i) Summary of the key personnel who will be dedicated to the Services as proposed and consistent with Staffing Plan.
- (ii) Key personnel areas of expertise and areas for prime responsibility for various tasks or aspects of the Services.
- (iii) 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. Respondent must provide the following information:
 - a) Title and reporting responsibility.
 - b) Proposed role in this program, including the functions and tasks for which they will have prime responsibility (also indicate areas of secondary responsibility, if appropriate)
 - c) Pertinent areas of expertise and past experience
 - d) Base location (local facility, as applicable)
 - e) Resumes or corporate personnel profiles which describe their overall experience and expertise.

In addition to resumes, Respondent must provide a detailed description of the roles and responsibilities by job titles (service staff, supervisors, executive managers, etc.). Add any other types of staff/personnel whom the Respondent is proposing.

Respondent must designate a Project Manager responsible for day to day oversight of project and implementation schedule. The Project Manager must be available for telephone and e-mail contact during the stated hours of operation and emergency after hour contact with City management.

5. Implementation and Management Plan

Respondents must provide a comprehensive and detailed implementation and management plan which addresses requirements as outlined in Exhibit 1, Scope of Services of this RFP. The plan must demonstrate the Respondent's capacity to successfully implement and manage the project and ability to comply with the scope of service and requirements as described in this RFP. The management plan must address, but not be limited to, the following areas:

A. Service Delivery

All responses should, at a minimum, address your plan for delivery of the Services as outlined in Exhibit 1, Scope of Services. The plan should detail how the Services

will be administered and your policies and procedures addressing the specific components. Specifically, all responses should address the following areas:

B. Approach to Implementing Services

Describe your policies and procedures for implementing projects, quality control/checks, project management, response time, project support & reporting/recommendation services, including your approach to overcoming obstacles, if any, and troubleshooting to resolve problems.

C. Organization Chart

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

- (i) Respondent should provide an organization 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/organizations in a team or joint venture for each task/work activity must be described.
- (ii) Respondent must describe the specific role of each of the firms in a team or joint venture for each task/work activity.
- (iii) Respondent should provide an organization chart identifying and showing the relationships between the Respondent and subcontractors. The generic titles and responsibilities of key personnel to be assigned to this project by the Respondent and by any subcontractor, must be identified.

D. Dedicated Resources

- (i) Describe facilities, equipment, personnel, transportation vehicles, software/hardware technologies and other resources available for implementing any proposed Services.
- (ii) Staffing Plan

Provide an assessment of staffing needs for each major activity area by job title and function. Respondent should identify each primary team member working on staff with Respondent, as well as those working in a subcontracting capacity. 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 City of Chicago 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. 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.

6. Itemized Cost Proposal

The Respondent must provide pricing in the format and content as outlined in Exhibit 2 in order for the Respondent's Proposal to be considered responsive to this section. Proposals that fail to include cost proposal information in Exhibit 2 will be rejected as incomplete and deemed non-responsive.

The Respondent is responsible for disclosing any charges or fees that the City would incur with the Respondent, before, during, and after the implementation as Other Costs.

All costs must, at a minimum, be provided as requested in Exhibit 2. For purposes of comparing costs among Respondents, Respondent must not deviate from the cost table outlined in Exhibit 2. The City reserves the right to negotiate a final fixed price, terms, and conditions with selected Respondent(s).

7. Minority and Women Business Enterprises Commitment

Respondent must complete and submit the forms that are attached to this RFP in Exhibit 5 to evidence Respondent's proposed MBE/WBE participation in some aspect of the contract. For purposes of your response to this RFP, the minimum Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) participation goal is 25% and the minimum Women Business Enterprise (WBE) participation goal is 5% of the total contract value.

Respondent must submit a completed Schedule D-1 and obtain a separate Schedule C-1 completed and signed by each proposed MBE and WBE firm describing the services to be provided. With each Schedule C-1 form, Respondent should submit a current Letter of Certification issued by the City of Chicago. The proposed MBE or WBE firm must be certified by the City of Chicago at the time of Proposal submission. The City reserves the right to require Respondents to replace any proposed MBE/WBE that is not certified with the City of Chicago.

Further, the percentage participation for each MBE or WBE firm on the individual Schedule C-1s should match the percentages for each MBE or WBE firm listed on the Schedule D-1. All schedules submitted must be original signature. Failure to submit these documents, or incomplete documents, may result in Respondent being declared non-responsive.

In order to determine the best way in which to achieve and document MBE/WBE participation, Respondent must refer to the Special Conditions Regarding Minority Business Enterprise Commitment and Women Business Enterprise Commitment attached to this RFP as Exhibit 5. To locate MBE/WBE firms who are currently certified with the City of Chicago in various areas of specialty, you can search the City's MBE/WBE Directory Database on the City's website: www.cityofchicago.org/Procurement.

8. Financial Statements

Respondent must 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 un-audited 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.

9. Economic Disclosure Statement and Affidavit (“EDS”) and Appendix A

Respondent shall complete an Economic Disclosure Statement and Affidavit and Appendix A. **See Online City of Chicago EDS Instructions, and Attachment A Online EDS Acknowledgement, in Exhibit 6.** If Respondent is a business entity other than a corporation, then each member, partner, etc., of Respondent must complete an EDS, as applicable, per the 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. **Upon completion of Online EDS, Respondent shall submit a copy of 2 documents with their Proposal: 1) Certificate of Filing printed from system and 2) hardcopy of the executed Attachment A, Online EDS Acknowledgement form in lieu of hardcopy EDS forms.**

The Respondent submitting as the prime must submit the above referenced EDS documents with its Proposal. Subcontractors may be asked, at the City's discretion, to provide an EDS during the evaluation process.

10. 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:

- A. A debtor in bankruptcy; or
- B. 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
- C. A respondent in an administrative action for deficient performance on a project or in violation of a statute or related to service reliability; or
- D. A defendant in any criminal action; or
- E. 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
- F. 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
- G. 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.

11. Insurance

Respondent should include a statement that they can comply with the City's insurance requirements. Prior to contract award, the selected Respondent will be required to submit evidence of insurance in the amounts specified in the attached Exhibit 7.

VI. EVALUATING PROPOSALS

A. Evaluation Process

An Evaluation Committee, which will include representatives from the Department of Environment, Department of Water Management, 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 Proposal evaluation process is organized into three phases:

Phase I - Preliminary Proposal Assessment

Phase II - Proposal Evaluation
Phase III - Site Visits 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 V, Required Content of the Proposal. 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 service requirements set forth in the RFP. Phase II will include a detailed analysis of the Respondent's qualifications, experience, proposed implementation and management plan, cost proposal and other factors based on the evaluation criteria outlined below.

As part of the evaluation process, the EC will review the information required by Section V, for each Proposal received. The EC may also review other 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.

B. Evaluation Criteria

Phase II will include a preliminary evaluation of: (1) the Respondent's financial stability; (2) the Respondent's compliance with applicable laws, ordinances and statutes; and (3) any information from Respondent that indicates potential conflicts of interest. The EC may, at its discretion, reject from further consideration Proposals that indicate: (1) a Respondent is not financially stable in a way such to ensure performance over the duration of the contract; (2) a Respondent has not complied with applicable laws, ordinances and statutes; or (3) a conflict of interest compromises the Respondent's ability to satisfactorily perform the proposed Services or undermines the integrity of the competitive procurement process.

In Phase II, the Evaluation Committee will review the Respondent's Proposal to determine overall responsiveness and completeness of the Proposal with respect to the components outlined in the RFP using the following criteria (not necessarily listed in order of importance):

1. Professional and Technical Competence:

- A. Ability to provide the Services described in the RFP, including capacity to perform the Scope of Services described in Exhibit 1 of this RFP.
 - B. Professional Qualifications and Specialized Experience of Respondent and its Team on projects of similar scope and magnitude (e.g., specifically with respect to large organizations, and government agencies).
 - C. Professional Qualifications and Specialized Experience of Respondent's Key Personnel (and Team Members) and Local Availability of Key Personnel committed to the City of Chicago.
 - D. Past and Current Performance of the Respondent (and Team members) on other contracts in terms of quality of services, operating within budget 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.
2. Quality, Comprehensiveness and Adequacy of the proposed Implementation and Management Plan including ability to meet service levels, capacity to support the project based on staffing plan including supervisory key personnel who will manage and oversee program.

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 and approach to meeting the City's service level needs.

3. Pricing/Cost Proposal. The City will consider completeness and adequacy of cost as per the Itemized Cost Proposal, Exhibit 2.
4. Focus on equity and community engagement:
 - A. Demonstrated understanding of equity in relation to GSI
 - B. Past performance on equitable initiatives
 - C. Demonstrated experience with community-centered engagement
 - D. Demonstrate partnership with Community Based Organizations
5. The level, relevancy, and quality of participation by MBE/WBE firms certified by the City of Chicago. It should be noted that non-responsiveness to this requirement may be cause for the prospective Respondent to be disqualified. (Pass/Fail)

Criteria A - D above will be graded on a scale of 1-5 respectively for a potential total of 20 points. Criterion E is pass or fail based on required MBE/WBE or DBE goals. MBE/WBE or DBE participation above the minimum requirement is encouraged. A short list of the top three most qualified Respondents will have the highest scores summing criteria above. The short list of Respondents may be invited to make oral representations and/or provide clarifications to their submittal

VII. 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 Respondent, or a recommendation to reject any or all Proposals.

Phase III- Site Visit, 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, and/or be 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 of the Respondents and submit its recommendation to the Commissioner.

The City will require the selected Respondent(s) to participate in contract negotiations. The City's requirement that the selected Respondent(s) negotiate is not a commitment by the City to award a contract. If the City determines that it is unable to reach an acceptable contract with the selected Respondent(s), including failure to agree on a fair and reasonable cost proposal for the Services or any other terms or conditions, the Department may terminate negotiations with the selected Respondent(s).

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 interest. 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.

VIII. ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF THE RFP PROCESS

A. Addenda

If it becomes necessary to revise or expand upon any part of this RFP, an addendum will be sent (electronically 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 should acknowledge receipt.

Respondents are solely responsible for acquiring the necessary information or materials from the Department.

Copies of the pre-proposal conference attendees and any addenda, are available via the Internet here: https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/progs/env/RFP_StormwaterStrategy.html.

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

1. Responses to questions and requests for clarification sent to the Department of Environment; or
2. Responses to questions and requests for clarification raised at the Pre-Proposal Conference.

B. City's Rights to Reject Proposals

The City, acting through the Commissioner, 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 this RFP. If no Respondent is selected through this RFP process, then the City may utilize any other procurement method available under the Municipal Purchasing Act and the Municipal Code of Chicago, to obtain the Services described in this RFP or as may otherwise be so required.

C. 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/or participating in any conferences, site visits, demonstrations, oral presentations or negotiations.

D. Prohibition on Certain Contributions.- Mayoral Executive Order No. 2011-4

No Contractor or any person or entity who directly or indirectly has an ownership or beneficial interest in Contractor of more than 7.5% ("Owners"), spouses and domestic partners of such Owners, Contractor's Subcontractors, any person or entity who directly or indirectly has an ownership or beneficial interest in any Subcontractor of more than 7.5% ("Sub-owners") and spouses and domestic partners of such Sub-owners (Contractor and all the other preceding classes of persons and entities are together, the "Identified Parties"), shall make a contribution of any amount to the Mayor of the City of Chicago (the "Mayor") or to his political fundraising committee during (i) the bid or other solicitation process for this Contract or Other Contract, including while this Contract or Other Contract is executory, (ii) the term of this Contract or any Other Contract between City and Contractor, and/or (iii) any period in which an extension of this Contract or Other Contract with the City is being sought or negotiated.

Contractor represents and warrants that since the date of public advertisement of the specification, request for qualifications, request for proposals or request for information (or any combination of those requests) or, if not competitively procured, from the date the City approached the Contractor or the date the Contractor approached the City, as applicable, regarding the formulation of this Contract, no Identified Parties have made a contribution of any amount to the Mayor or to his political fundraising committee.

Contractor shall not: (a) coerce, compel or intimidate its employees to make a contribution of any amount to the Mayor or to the Mayor's political fundraising committee; (b) reimburse its employees for a contribution of any amount made to the Mayor or to the Mayor's

political fundraising committee; or (c) bundle or solicit others to bundle contributions to the Mayor or to his political fundraising committee.

The Identified Parties must not engage in any conduct whatsoever designed to intentionally violate this provision or Mayoral Executive Order No. 2011-4 or to entice, direct or solicit others to intentionally violate this provision or Mayoral Executive Order No. 2011-4.

Violation of, non-compliance with, misrepresentation with respect to, or breach of any covenant or warranty under this provision or violation of Mayoral Executive Order No. 2011-4 constitutes a breach and default under this Contract, and under any Other Contract for which no opportunity to cure will be granted. Such breach and default entitles the City to all remedies (including without limitation termination for default) under this Contract, under Other Contract, at law and in equity. This provision amends any Other Contract and supersedes any inconsistent provision contained therein.

If Contractor violates this provision or Mayoral Executive Order No. 2011-4 prior to award of the Contract resulting from this specification, the Commissioner may reject Contractor's bid.

For purposes of this provision:

"Other Contract" means any agreement entered into between the Contractor and the City that is (i) formed under the authority of MCC Ch. 2-92; (ii) for the purchase, sale or lease of real or personal property; or (iii) for materials, supplies, equipment or services which are approved and/or authorized by the City Council.

"Contribution" means a "political contribution" as defined in MCC Ch. 2-156, as amended.

"Political fundraising committee" means a "political fundraising committee" as defined in MCC Ch. 2-156, as amended.

E. 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 falsifies any statement of material fact made in connection with an 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. (Added Coun. J. 12-15-04, p. 39915, § 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)

EXHIBIT 1

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Timeline:

Pursuant to the modified deadline approved by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), the current deadline for updating the City's Green Stormwater Infrastructure Strategy is October 1, 2025.

Task 1: Project Management

The selected consultant will implement a strong project management plan, providing weekly status reports and meeting regularly with the Department of Environment (DOE) to address any issues. DOE will monitor services to ensure compliance with the City's contract.

Task 2: Landscape Analysis of Green Stormwater Infrastructure in Chicago

Task 2A: GSI Impact Evaluation

Analyze the impact of GSI on stormwater management, flooding risk, combined sewer overflows, and community co-benefits in Chicago.

Task 2B: Construct a Map of GSI in Chicago

Create a comprehensive map of GSI developments by city agencies since the 2014 strategy. Assess equitable implementation across neighborhoods. Overlay map with existing grey stormwater infrastructure to identify areas of high flood risk.

Task 2C: Identify Public Sector GSI Investments

Identify GSI developments within Chicago by public sector entities. Public sector entities include but are not limited to CDOT, DWM, DPD, and MWRD. This process should involve identifying who operates and maintains the projects, how much each agency has invested in GSI, and any agency policies or programs that promote GSI development and maintenance.

Task 2D: Identify Private and Community GSI Investments

Identify privately implemented GSI projects in Chicago. Key players include private developers and community-based organizations. Identify who owns and maintains the projects, how much they cost, what the funding source was, and why it was built.

Task 3: Co-benefit and cost-benefit analysis of GSI

Task 3A: Assess GSI Co-Benefits

Analyze the co-benefits of GSI, such as heat reduction, improved air quality, and health impacts, with an equity lens.

Task 3B: Compare the Costs and Benefits of Existing GSI

Conduct a cost-benefit analysis of GSI investments, considering stormwater management and community benefits. Exemplify the long-term financial and ecological impacts of GSI investments.

Task 4: Guide Future GSI Developments

Task 4A: Identify High-Impact Areas:

Analyze where GSI would have the most significant impact on flooding, CSOs, and co-benefits, prioritizing environmental justice communities. Build analysis from existing maps such as the cumulative impact assessment maps. Identify and develop criteria to be used by the City in its future selection and development of GSI projects. Criteria may include flood vulnerability and environmental justice impacts and take into account existing grey stormwater conveyance.

Task 4B: Evaluate GSI types

Compare GSI types (ex: permeable pavements, green roofs) and recommend the best scenarios for future investments, focusing on equity and environmental justice.

Task 4C: Comparative analysis of GSI across other cities

Examine other city GSI strategies and implementation in order to assess best practices and lessons learned.

Task 4D: Identify challenges and recommend solutions to city-led GSI

Analyze challenges faced by City departments in GSI implementation and funding and recommend pathways for improved coordination.

Task 5: Develop GSI Maintenance Recommendations

Task 5A: Assess Maintenance Needs

Identify the current and future maintenance needs for GSI projects, including cost estimates and recommend maintenance improvements.

Task 5B: Recommend Equitable Workforce Development

Provide recommendations to promote equitable workforce opportunities for GSI implementation and maintenance, especially in disinvested communities.

Task 6: Community Engagement

Task 6A: Collaborate with Community Members and Stakeholders to Develop GSI Plan

Develop an engagement plan and host community meetings (minimum of 4) in collaboration with the City and Steering Committee, in target areas. Provide adequate provisions for accessibility, including food and language translation.

Task 6B: Develop Community Engagement Process for Future GSI Projects

Create a plan for sustained community involvement in city GSI projects, informed by other cities' approaches.

Task 6C: Assist City Project Manager Conduct Internal Steering Committee meetings, external Advisory Committee meetings and stakeholder roundtables

Assist the City Project Manager with organizing and managing internal and external meetings, providing support for notetaking, facilitation, and subject matter expertise.

Task 7: Policy and Funding Recommendations for Equity

Task 7A: Identify Policy Changes to Promote More Equitable GSI Investments

Conduct comparative analysis of cities leading in GSI implementation. Propose policy interventions at the local and state level to expand GSI across the city and promote equitable GSI investment.

Task 7B: Identify Funding Drivers of GSI

Identify funding streams and grant opportunities to implement GSI. Recommend opportunities for economic development, workforce development and employment of residents in the sustainable infrastructure construction and maintenance sectors

Task 8: Coordination with City Project Manager

The consultant will work closely with the City Project Manager throughout the research, design, and engagement process. The consultant will meet with City's GSI Project Manager weekly to review progress. The City's GSI Project Manager will facilitate Internal and External Advisory Committees, with the selected consultant's support. The City Project Manager and selected contractor will collaboratively build on existing research that City staff has conducted.

Task 9: Final report: Chicago Green Stormwater Infrastructure Strategy 2025

Prepare the city's Green Stormwater Infrastructure Strategy document. The Green Stormwater Infrastructure Strategy will serve as an updated and expanded version of the 2014 Strategy and be distributed to the public. The Strategy will include research findings, case studies, guidance of equitable GSI implementation, and maps detailing GSI projects across the city. This document will be distributed publicly.

EXHIBIT 2

SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION

Cost proposal

Consultants shall propose a fixed sum compensation reflective of all anticipated project costs. The cost proposal should be all inclusive and should include any incidental costs such as those associated with hosting community meetings (room rental, facilitation technology, etc).

Using the table below, input any key personnel, their hourly rate, as well as the estimated hours and total costs. For incidental costs, use the columns below, adding in the task, description, and total cost. Below the table, add up all project costs for the “total project cost”. Consultant will not be entitled to compensation beyond their proposed “total project cost” and will be obligated to complete the Scope of Services under this Agreement even if costs incurred by the Consultant over the course of this Agreement exceed the “total project cost.”

Upon the beginning of the contract agreement, the consultant shall also submit monthly budget updates with their monthly invoices and submit a quarterly updated budget for City approval. The City and Consultant may revise the budget as needed. As part of their quarterly report, Consultant shall track any increases or deviations from the latest approved budget. Consultant as part of its quarterly report shall also track the dollars spent versus the percentage of work completed. Any deviations from the approved budget must be explained and receive prior approval by the City.

ORGANIZATION NAME:			
Key Personnel (Title)	FULLY LOADED HOURLY RATE	ESTIMATED HOURS	Maximum Total Cost

Incidental costs			
Task	Description		Total cost

Total project costs:

EXHIBIT 3
COMPANY PROFILE INFORMATION

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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 strategy for providing Green Infrastructure Strategy Services for clients:

(13) Briefly describe your firm’s experience with Green Infrastructure Strategy Services for clients:

EXHIBIT 4

COMPANY REFERENCES/CLIENT PROFILE INFORMATION

Submit a completed client profile information sheet for each company reference. Provide a minimum of 1 reference.

- (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: _____ Completion Date: _____
- (10) Initial Contract Amount: \$_____ Final Contract Amount: \$_____
- (11) Describe how the client's goals were met. Describe the Green Infrastructure Strategy Services offered and implemented. Attach additional pages, as necessary.

- (12) Discuss significant obstacles to providing the required services and how those obstacles were overcome:

- (13) Is the client still utilizing the Green Infrastructure Strategy Services?

- (14) What was the cost/financing structure of the contract?

EXHIBIT 5

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

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.

Pursuant to Section 2-92-955 of the Municipal Code of Chicago, the Chief Procurement Officer is authorized to establish a contract-specific participation goal to veteran-owned small local businesses certified by the City (VBEs) if the contract has an estimated value in excess of \$10,000, and there are least three VBEs in each of one or more areas of specialty germane to the contract, and the contract-specific goal is not more than 1% of the contract's value.

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, WBEs, and VBEs:

MBE Percentage	WBE Percentage	VBE Percentage
25%	5%	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.)

The MBE or WBE 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.

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

Note: MBE, WBE, and VBE participation goals are separate and those businesses with more than one certification with the City of Chicago, (e.g. MBE and WBE, MBE and VBE, WBE and VBE, etc.) may only be listed on a bidder's compliance plan under one certification, but not more than one, to demonstrate compliance with the Contract Specific Goals.

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

Additionally, 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% additional credit, for every 1% 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 MBE/WBE Contract Specific Goals, or it may be in addition to the Contract Specific Goals.

- **Definitions**

"Area of Specialty" means the description of an MBE, WBE, or VBE firm's business which has been determined by the Chief Procurement Officer to be most reflective of the MBE, WBE, or VBE firm's claimed specialty or expertise. Each MBE/WBE or VBE 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, WBE, and VBE 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/VBE to perform work within their Area of Specialty. It is the responsibility of all contractors to determine the capability and capacity of MBEs/WBEs/VBEs 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, WBE, and VBE 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" means the value of payments made to MBE, WBE, or VBE 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 Firms maintained and published by the City of Chicago. The Directory identifies firms that have been certified as MBEs, WBEs, and VBEs, 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, WBE, and VBE 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, WBE, or VBE 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 or VBE participation shall be considered in a Good Faith Efforts determination more than once against a contractor's MBE or WBE or VBE commitment with respect to all government contracts held by that contractor.)

"Joint venture" means an association of a MBE or WBE firm or VBE 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 or VBE 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 small, local minority owned and controlled business in accordance with City Ordinances and Regulations as well as a firm awarded certification as an MBE 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.

"Veteran-owned Business Enterprise" or "VBE" means a firm awarded certification as a veteran-owned small local business in accordance with the City ordinances and Regulations. It does not mean a firm that has been found ineligible or which has been decertified by the City.

"Women-owned Business Enterprise" or "WBE" means a firm awarded certification as a small, local women owned and controlled business in accordance with City Ordinances and Regulations as well as a firm awarded certification as a WBE 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.

o **Joint Ventures**

The formation of joint ventures to provide MBEs, WBEs and VBES 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 for MBE or WBE credit may consist of any combination of MBEs, WBEs, and non-certified firms as long as one member is an MBE or WBE. A joint venture for VBE credit may consist of any combination of VBEs and non-certified firms as long as one member is a VBE.

- a. The joint venture may be eligible for credit towards the Contract Specific Goals only if:
 - i. The MBE, WBE, or VBE 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, WBE, or VBE 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) or VBE credit for work performed by VBE joint venture partners equal to the value of work performed by the MBE, WBE, or VBE 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, WBE, or VBE 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, WBE, or VBE 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, WBEs, and VBEs. 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/VBE Affidavit of Joint Venture**

Where the bidder's Compliance Plan includes the participation of any MBE, WBE, or VBE as a joint venture partner, the bidder must submit with its bid the appropriate Schedule B and the proposed joint venture agreement. These documents must both clearly evidence that the MBE, WBE, or VBE joint venture partner(s) will be responsible for a clearly defined portion of the work to be performed, and that the MBE's, WBE's, or VBE'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, WBE's, or VBE'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, WBE, or VBE joint venture partner; and
- iv. The MBE's, WBE's, or VBE's commitment of management, supervisory, and operative personnel to the performance of the contract.

NOTE: Vague, general descriptions of the responsibilities of the MBE, WBE, or VBE 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, WBE, or VBE 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.

- o **Counting MBE/WBE and VBE Participation Toward the Contract Specific Goals**

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

Firms that are certified as both MBE and WBE, as MBE and VBE, or as WBE and VBE, or any combination thereof may only be listed on a bidder's compliance plan as either a MBE, a WBE, or a VBE 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, WBE, and VBE 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. An MBE, WBE, or VBE does not perform a commercially useful function if its participation is only required to receive payments in order to obtain the appearance of MBE, WBE, or VBE participation. The CPO may examine similar commercial transactions, particularly those in which MBEs, WBEs, or VBEs do not participate, to determine whether non-MBE, non-WBE, and non-VBE 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, WBE or VBE 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, WBE, or VBE performs the work itself: 100% of the value of work actually performed by

the MBE's, WBE's, or VBE'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, WBE, or VBE from third parties or second tier subcontractors in order to perform its (sub)contract with its own forces (except supplies and equipment the MBE, WBE, or VBE subcontractor purchases or leases from the prime contractor or its affiliate). 0% of the value of work at the project site that an MBE, WBE, or VBE subcontracts to a non-certified firm counts toward the Contract Specific Goals.

- d. If the MBE, WBE, or VBE is a manufacturer: 100% of expenditures to an MBE, WBE, or VBE 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, WBE, or VBE is a distributor or supplier: 60% of expenditures for materials and supplies purchased from a MBE, WBE or VBE that is certified as a regular dealer or supplier shall be counted toward the Contract Specific Goals.
- f. If the MBE, WBE, or VBE 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, WBE, or VBE 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, WBE, or VBE 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, WBE, VBE 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, WBEs, and VBEs; however, work subcontracted out to non-certified firms may not be counted.
- h. If the MBE, WBE, or VBE subcontracts out any of its work:
 - i. 100% of the value of the work subcontracted to other MBEs, WBEs, or VBEs performing work in its Area of Specialty may be counted toward the Contract Specific Goals.
 - ii. 0% of the value of work that an MBE, WBE, or VBE 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.

- o **Reductions to or Waiver of MBE, WBE and VBE Goals**

The following standards are used in determining whether or not a reduction or waiver of the MBE/WBE/VBE commitment goals of a particular contract is appropriate. If a bidder determines that it is unable to meet the MBE/WBE and/or VBE 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/VBE 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, Women, and Veteran 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/VBE 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.

- **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/VBE 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/VBE firms;
2. A listing of all MBE/WBE firms contacted that includes:
 - Name, address, telephone number and email of MBE/WBE/VBE 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/VBE 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/VBE 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/VBE goals; and
 - not imposing any limiting conditions which were not mandatory for all subcontractors; and
 - providing notice of subcontracting opportunities to MBE/WBE/VBE 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/VBE firms.

OR

- b. Subcontractor participation will be deemed excessively costly when the MBE/WBE/VBE 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/VBE 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/VBE 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 MBE/WBE/VBE or other firm.

▪ **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/VBE 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 organizations on the City of Chicago Assist Agency List (available on the Department of Procurement Services website) when the prime contractor seeks a waiver or reduction in the utilization goals. Attachment B to these Special Conditions 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.

▪ **Impracticability**

If the Chief Procurement Officer determines that a lesser MBE, WBE, and/or VBE 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 (this subsection 70 "Reductions to or Waiver of MBE, WBE and VBE Goals") shall not apply where the Chief Procurement Officer determines prior to the bid solicitations that MBE/WBE/VBE 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.

o **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, WBEs and VBEs to perform work on the contract:

- MBE/WBE and VBE compliance plans demonstrating how the bidder plans to meet the Contract Specific Goals; and/or
- A request for reduction or waiver of the Contract Specific Goals as set forth in Section 6.5 of these Regulations. Please note that bidders must submit Schedule C's and D's demonstrating to what extent bidder is able to meet the Contract Specific Goals even if the Bidder submits a request for reduction or waiver of the Contract Specific Goals.

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, WBE and VBE 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. 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 2.0, "**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. 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 2.0 "**Reductions to or Waiver of MBE, WBE and VBE 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. 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, as determined by the Chief Procurement Officer in her sole discretion, 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.

The following Schedules and described documents constitute the bidders VBE proposal, and must be submitted in accordance with the guidelines stated:

1. Schedule C-V: Letter of Intent from VBE to Perform as Subcontractor, Supplier and/or Consultant.

The bidder must submit the appropriate Schedule C-V with the bid for each VBE included on the Schedule D-V. Suppliers must submit the Schedule C-V for Suppliers, first tier subcontractors must submit a Schedule C-V for Subcontractors to the Prime Contractor and second or lower tier subcontractors must submit a Schedule C-V for second tier Subcontractors. Each Schedule C-1 must be

executed by each VBE and accurately detail the work to be performed by the VBE and the agreed upon rates/prices. Each Schedule C must also include a separate sheet as an attachment on which the VBE fully describes its proposed scope of work, including a description of the commercially useful function being performed by the VBE in its Area of Specialty. If a facsimile copy of the Schedule C-V has been submitted with the bid, an executed original Schedule C-V must be submitted by the bidder for each VBE included on the Schedule D-1 within five business days after the date of the bid opening.

Failure to submit a completed Schedule C-V 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 VBE firm's current VBE Letter of Certification from the City must be submitted with the bid/proposal. All VBE Letters of Certification issued by the City of Chicago include a statement of the VBE firm's Area of Specialty. The VBE firm's scope of work, as detailed by their Schedule C-V, must conform to their stated Area of Specialty. Letters of Certification for VBEs that the City has found to be ineligible or decertified will not be accepted.

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

If the bidder's VBE proposal includes the participation of a VBE as joint venture on any tier (either as the bidder or 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 7.0 "Joint Ventures,"](#) above. In order to demonstrate the VBE 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 VBE; and (3) the commitment of management, supervisory and operative personnel employed by the VBE 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-V: Required Schedules Regarding VBE Utilization

Bidders must submit, together with the bid, a completed Schedule D-V committing them to the utilization of each listed VBE firm. Except in cases where the bidder has submitted a request for a complete waiver of or variance from the VBE commitment in accordance with [Section 7.0 "Reductions to or Waiver of MBE, WBE and VBE Goals"](#) herein, the bidder must commit to the expenditure of a specific dollar amount of participation by each VBE firm included on their Schedule D-V. The total dollar commitment to proposed VBEs must at least equal the VBE goal. Bidders are responsible for calculating the dollar equivalent of the VBE 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-V must conform to those presented in the submitted Schedule C-V. Bidders shall not be permitted to add VBEs after bid opening to meet the Contract Specific Goals, however, contractors are encouraged to add additional VBE 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 VBE in order to achieve conformity between the Schedules C-V and D-V.

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

o **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, WBEs and VBEs included in their approved MBE, WBE and VBE Utilization Plans. 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/VBE firms or any first tier non-certified firm and lower tier MBE/WBE/VBE firms must contain language requiring the MBE/WBE/VBE 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, WBE, and VBE participation and the status of any MBE, WBE, or VBE 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, WBEs, and VBEs 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.

o **Changes to Compliance Plans**

▪ **Permissible Basis for Change Required**

No changes to the MBE, WBE or VBE Compliance Plans or contractual MBE, WBE and VBE commitments or substitution of MBE, WBE or VBE 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, WBE, or VBE can be substituted only where an agreement cannot be reached for a reasonable price for the correct scope of work.

Substitutions of a MBE, WBE, or VBE 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 an MBE, WBE or VBE (graduation from the MBE, WBE, or VBE program does not constitute de-certification).
 - i) Termination of a Mentor Protégé Agreement.
- **Procedure for Requesting Approval**

If it becomes necessary to substitute a MBE, WBE, or VBE 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 an MBE, WBE, or VBE or otherwise change the Compliance Plan. The request must state specific reasons for the substitution or change. A letter from the MBE, WBE or VBE 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, WBE, or VBE subcontractor. Documentation of a replacement MBE, WBE, or VBE or of Good Faith Efforts, must meet the requirements in Section 5. If the MBE, WBE, or VBE 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, non-WBE, or non-VBE.

- 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, WBEs, or VBEs 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/VBE contract requirements.

- o **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, WBE, or VBE of the contractor or any joint venture partner, subcontractor or supplier if its status as an MBE, WBE, or VBE 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, 2-92-740, or 2-92-955 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 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.

- o **Arbitration**

- a) In the event a contractor has not complied with the contractual MBE/WBE/VBE percentages in its Schedule D-1 and/or D-V, underutilization of MBEs/WBEs/VBEs shall entitle the affected MBE/WBE/VBE 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. Any disputes between the contractor and such affected MBEs/WBEs/VBEs 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/VBE in accordance with these Regulations. This provision is intended

- for the benefit of any MBE/WBE/VBE affected by underutilization and grants such entity specific third-party beneficiary rights. Any rights conferred by these Regulations 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 an MBE/WBE/VBE.
- b) An MBE/WBE/VBE desiring to arbitrate shall contact the contractor in writing to initiate the arbitral 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/VBE 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/VBE 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/VBE.
 - d) The MBE/WBE/VBE 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.
- o **Equal Employment Opportunity**

Compliance with the requirements set forth in these Regulations will not diminish or supplant equal employment opportunity and civil rights provisions as required by law.

- o **Attachments and Schedules**

The following attachments and schedules follow:

- Attachment B: Sample Format for Requesting Assist Agency Comments on Bidder's Request for Reduction or Waiver of MBE/WBE/VBE 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 C-V: Letter of Intent from VBE to Perform as Subcontractor, Supplier, and/or Consultant
- Schedule D-1: Compliance Plan Regarding MBE/WBE Utilization
- Schedule D-V: Compliance Plan Regarding VBE Utilization

Note: **Attachment A:** Assist Agencies may be found on the DPS website at https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dps/supp_info/city-of-chicago-assist-agencies.html.

Attachment B - Sample Format for Requesting Assist Agency Comments on Bidder's Request for Reduction or Waiver of MBE/WBE/VBE Goals
On Bidder/Proposer's Letterhead – SEND TO THE ASSIST AGENCIES – DO NOT SEND TO THE CITY

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

(Date)

Specification No.: {Specification Number}

Project Description: {PROJECT DESCRIPTION}

(Assist Agency Name and Address – **SEND TO THE ASSIST AGENCIES – DO NOT SEND TO THE CITY**)

Dear _____:

_____ (Bidder/Proposer) intends to submit a bid/proposal in response to the above referenced specification with the City of Chicago. Bids are due _____ advertised specification with the City of Chicago.

The following areas have been identified for subcontracting opportunities on both a direct and indirect basis:

Our efforts to identify potential subcontractors have not been successful in order to meet the Minority/Women/Veteran Business Enterprise contract goals. **Due to the inability to identify an appropriate MBE/WBE/VBE firm certified by the City of Chicago to participate as a subcontractor or joint venture partner, a request for the waiver of the contract goals will be submitted.** If you are aware of such a firm, please contact

Name of Company Representative at Address/Phone

within (10) ten business days of receipt of this letter.

Under the City of Chicago's MBE/WBE and VBE Programs, your agency is entitled to comment upon this waiver request to the City of Chicago. Written comments may be directed within ten (10) working days of your receipt of this letter to:

Jacquelyn Charleston, Deputy Procurement Officer
Department of Procurement Services
City of Chicago
121 North La Salle Street, Room 806
Chicago, Illinois 60602

If you wish to discuss this matter, please contact the undersigned at _____.

Sincerely,

Schedule B – Affidavit of MBE/WBE/VBE Joint Venture

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

All information requested on 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, attach additional sheets. **In all proposed joint ventures, each MBE, WBE, and/or VBE venturer must submit a copy of its current Letter of Certification.**

I. Name of joint venture: _____
Address: _____
Telephone number of joint venture: _____

II. Email address:
Name of not-MBE/WBE/VBE venturer: _____
Address: _____
Telephone number: _____
Email address: _____

III. Name of MBE/WBE/VBE venturer: _____
Address: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Email address: _____
Contact person for matters concerning MBE/WBE/VBE compliance: _____

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

V. Attach a copy of the joint venture agreement:
In order to demonstrate the MBE, WBE, and/or VBE joint venture partner’s share in the capital contribution, control, management, risks and profits of the joint venture is equal to its ownership interest,

the proposed joint venture agreement must include specific details related to: (1) the contributions of capital, personnel and equipment and share of the costs of bonding and insurance; (2) work items to be performed by the MBE/WBE/VBE's own forces; (3) work items to be performed under the supervision of the MBE/WBE/VBE venturer; and (4) the commitment of management, supervisory and operative personnel employed by the MBE/WBE/VBE to be dedicated to the performance of the project.

VI. Ownership of the Joint Venture.

A. What is the percentage(s) of MBE/WBE/VBE ownership of the joint venture?

MBE/WBE/VBE ownership percentage(s) _____

Non-MBE/WBE/VBA ownership percentages(s) _____

B. Specify MBE/WBA/VBA percentages for each of the following (provide narrative descriptions and other details as applicable):

1. Profit and loss sharing:

2. Capital contributions:

a. Dollar amounts of initial contributions: _____

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 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:

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 his/her 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/VBE firm, the MBE/WBE/VBE firm, or the joint venture.

Trade	Non-MBE/WBE/VBE Firm (Number)	MBE/WBE/VBE (Number)	Joint Venture (Number)

X. If any personnel proposed for this project will be employees of the joint venture:

A. Are any proposed joint venture employees currently employed by either venturer?

Currently employed by non-MBE/WBE/VBE venturer (number) _____

Employed by MBE/WBE/VBE venturer_

B. Identify by name and firm the individual who will be responsible for hiring joint venture employees:

C. Which venturer will be responsible for the preparation of joint venture payrolls:

XI. Please state any material facts of additional information pertinent to the control and structure of this joint venture.

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 that 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/VBE Partner Firm

Name of Non-MBE/WBE/VBE 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:

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.

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.

One or more owners or principals of the Prime Contractor () does / () does not have an ownership interest in the undersigned. Provide names of such individuals and their respective ownership percentages, or indicate "none." Attach additional sheets if necessary: _____

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 0.5 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 is required to demonstrate Good Faith Efforts pursuant to the MBE/WBE Special Conditions in a request for a waiver or reduction of MBE/WBE goals. Indirect participation may be considered as part of such Good Faith Efforts in support of the requested waiver or reduction.

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: _____

Schedule D-1: Prime Contractor Affidavit-MBE/WBE Compliance Plan

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

Schedule D-1: Prime Contractor Affidavit-MBE/WBE Compliance Plan

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		

Schedule D-1: Prime Contractor Affidavit-MBE/WBE Compliance Plan

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

(Name- Please Print or Type)

(Phone)

One or more owners or principals of the Prime Contractor () does / () does not have an ownership interest in any MBE or WBE listed in this Schedule D. Provide names of such individuals and their respective ownership percentages, and identify the MBE/WBE firms in which such ownership is held, or indicate "none." Add additional sheets if necessary:

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 6

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 4.2.1). 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. 023117 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 7

CONTRACT INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS AND INSURANCE CERTIFICATE

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT

Green Stormwater Infrastructure Strategy

DOE-072-PRO SERV CONSULTING UNDER \$250,000 [Green Stormwater]

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), 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 **\$5,000,000** 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) **Cyber Liability**

If any personally identifiable information, personally 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.

6) **Professional Liability**

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.

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) 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.

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. 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. 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.

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.

Insurance Certificate Instructions:

Respondent, if selected, shall register with the City's online insurance certificate portal using the designated email registration link provided at https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/progs/env/RFP_StormwaterStrategy.html and as specified in Exhibit 8. Respondent shall provide a current and valid email address for both the contractor and the contractor's insurance agent or provider, as described in further detail in Exhibit 8. The Selected Respondent is responsible for ensuring the submission of a certificate of insurance (COI) through the City's online insurance certificate portal prior to award of a contract.

A Respondent selected for contract negotiation and award who fails to fulfill the requirement to register and submit a COI through the City's online insurance certificate portal may be deemed nonresponsive and the City may choose to instead engage a different Respondent for contract negotiation.

If a Respondent is unable to register and submit the COI through the City's online insurance certificate portal and instead submits a printed insurance certificate prior to contract award, the City may accept a paper COI provided that written justification is provided explaining the Respondent's good faith efforts to comply with the terms of this section and the reasons why the submission could not be completed.

Instructions for registering and submitting COIs are available at the following URL:
<http://www.cityofchicago.org/COI>.

EXHIBIT 8

REGISTRATION AND SUBMITTAL OF CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE THROUGH MYCOI

** Exhibit 8 only pertains to selected consultants. It provides instructions on registering and submitting a certificate of insurance.

You will receive a registration e-mail from registration@myCOItracking.com. Please follow the instructions in the e-mail to complete your registration with myCOI. Outlined within this exhibit are step by step instructions on how to register.

Contractor's organizational contact for this contract and insurance related matters as well as your insurance agent's contact information will be needed for registration.

You do not need to provide a certificate of insurance during your registration; myCOI will work with your agent using the information provided during registration to obtain the certificate of insurance directly from your agent.

Once the certificate of insurance is submitted by your agent and is approved for compliance by myCOI notification will be provided.

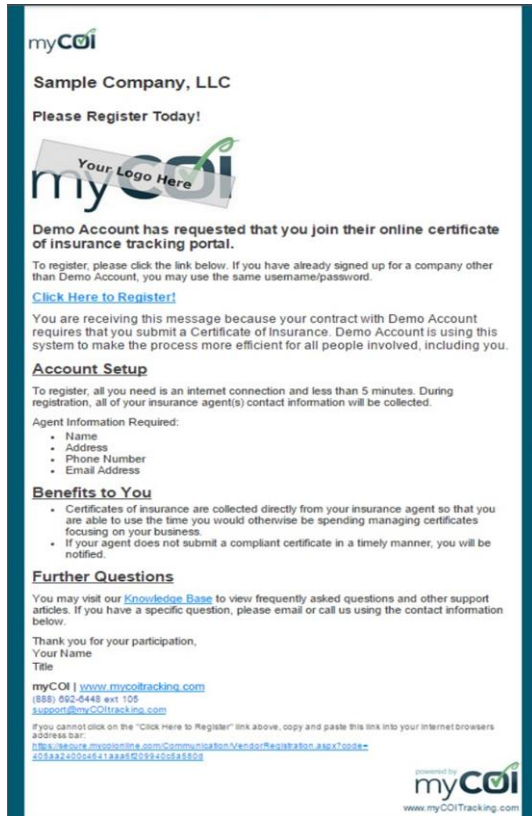
Please add the following e-mail addresses to your safe sender list to ensure you receive all e-mail communication from myCOI: registration@myCOItracking.com, certificaterequest@myCOIsolution.com

If you have any questions, please contact myCOI directly at 317-759-9426, Ext. 105 or via e-mail at support@myCOItracking.com.

The Vendor Registration Process:

myCOI's vendor registration takes approximately five minutes to complete. You, as the vendor, will set-up your sign-in information and provide some basic contact information for your insurance agent.

From here, you will not be contacted by myCOI unless your insurance agent is not responsive to our requests. This five minute registration process is intended to replace the hours of frustration vendors can experience when they are placed in the middle of communications between their insurance agent and a compliance administrator.



The process begins with you receiving a registration invitation from myCOI. Selecting the “Click Here to Register” link will begin take you directly to the registration page.

The first page of the registration will ask you to set up a user name and password.

The image is a screenshot of the myCOI registration page. At the top, it says "myCOI Tracking Success" and "(888) 692-6448 | Get help". Below this is a progress bar with four steps: "1 Registration", "2 Contact Information", "3 Insurance Agents", and "4 Confirm Registration". The main heading is "Please create a new account or log in". There are two radio buttons: "I need to create a new account with myCOI" (selected) and "I already have an account with myCOI and want to log in with it". The "new account" section has fields for "AGENT NAME", "AGENCY ADDRESS", "AGENCY PHONE NUMBER", "AGENCY EMAIL ADDRESS", and "POLICY LINES WRITTEN BY YOUR AGENT". The "log in" section has fields for "USERNAME" and "PASSWORD", and a link "Forgot your username or password?". A "Help" button is on the right. At the bottom right, there is a "Next >" button.

Next, you will then set a security question

The screenshot shows the 'myCOI' registration interface. At the top, it says 'myCOI Tracking Success' and '(888) 692-6448 | Get help'. Below this is a progress bar with four steps: 1 Registration, 2 Contact Information, 3 Insurance Agents, and 4 Confirm Registration. The current step is 'Set Your Security Question & Answer'. A sub-header reads: 'If you should ever forget your password and need to reset it, you will be asked to provide the answer to your chosen security question.' Below this is a 'SECURITY QUESTION' dropdown menu with the following options: 'What was your childhood nickname?', 'What is the name of your favorite childhood friend?', 'What is your oldest sibling's birthday month and year? (e.g., January 1900)', 'What is your oldest sibling's middle name?', 'What was your childhood phone number including area code? (e.g., 000-000-0000)', 'What was the name of your first stuffed animal?', 'What was the last name of your third grade teacher?', 'What is your youngest brother's birthday month and year? (e.g., January 1900)', 'In what city or town was your first job?', and 'What is the name of a college you applied to but didn't attend?'. Navigation buttons '< Back' and 'Next >' are visible at the bottom of the question list. A red 'Help' button is on the right side.

The next part of the registration will ask you to review and confirm that the contact information myCOI has on file is correct. If the information is incorrect, you will revise the information on this screen before moving forward.

The screenshot shows the 'Your Contact Information' registration screen. The title is 'Your Contact Information'. Below the title, it says: 'This is the person from your organization to whom myCOI will send notification regarding your compliance status.' A red asterisk indicates a required field. The form contains the following fields: COMPANY NAME*, FIRST NAME*, LAST NAME*, ADDRESS 1*, ADDRESS 2*, CITY*, COUNTRY* (dropdown menu with 'UNITED STATES' selected), STATE/PROVINCE* (dropdown menu with 'ALASKA' selected), POSTAL CODE*, PHONE* (with fields for area code and number), SECONDARY PHONE (with fields for area code and number), FAX* (with a checkbox for 'I DON'T HAVE A FAX NUMBER'), EMAIL*, COMPANY TAX ID, and YEAR COMPANY STARTED. At the bottom, there is a section 'DO YOU HAVE EMPLOYEES IN THE FOLLOWING STATES? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)'. Below this is a sub-header 'WHAT'S THIS?' and a list of checkboxes for 'NORTH DAKOTA', 'OHIO', 'WASHINGTON', and 'WYOMING'. A red 'Help' button is on the right side.

Next you will be asked to add your insurance agent contact information and select the policy lines the insurance agent writes for you. If you have multiple insurance agents, there is an "add another agent" button located at the bottom of the screen.

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Agent Contact Information" with a progress bar at the top indicating four steps: 1 Registration, 2 Contact Information, 3 Insurance Agents, and 4 Confirm Registration. The form includes a sub-header "Agent Contact Information" and a note: "This is the person we will contact to provide certificates of insurance for the policy lines you indicate on the right. You may need to call your insurance agent to get this information." Below this is a legend: "* Indicates a required field." The form fields are: AGENT NAME*, AGENCY*, ADDRESS 1*, ADDRESS 2*, CITY*, COUNTRY* (with a dropdown for UNITED STATES and ALASKA), STATE/PROVINCE* (with a dropdown), POSTAL CODE*, PHONE* (with fields for area code and number), ALTERNATE PHONE (with fields for area code and number), AGENCY FAX, and AGENCY EMAIL*. To the right of the form is a section titled "Select the types of insurance this agent writes for you:" with a list of insurance types, each with a checkbox: GENERAL LIABILITY (checked), AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY, UMBRELLA/EXCESS, WORKERS COMPENSATION, PROPERTY INSURANCE, PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY, POLLUTION / ENVIRONMENTAL, CARGO LIABILITY, LEASED EQUIPMENT, RIGGER'S LIABILITY, BAILEE'S CUSTOMERS GOODS, INSTALLATION FLOATER, WAREHOUSE LIABILITY, BUILDER'S RISK, STOP GAP, LIQUOR LIABILITY, and BOILER & MACHINERY. At the bottom right of the form is a checkbox "I HAVE A WORK COMP WAIVER/CLEARANCE". Navigation buttons include "< Back" at the bottom left, "Add Another Agent" at the bottom right, and a red "Help" button on the right side.

Once you are finished adding your insurance agent(s), click the "I'm Done" button.

Including the agent's correct email address and selecting the correct types of insurance the agent writes is critical to myCOL's success in obtaining the necessary insurance documents.

On the next screen, you will be able to confirm the information you entered for your insurance agent(s). You are able to go back and revise the information if needed. Once you have confirmed that all insurance agents have been added and all data is correct, click the "Next" button.

- 1 Registration
- 2 Contact Information
- 3 Insurance Agents
- 4 Confirm Registration

Review Insurance Agents

WORKERS COMP WAIVER/SELF-INSURED

If you have a Workers Compensation Waiver or are Self-Insured, you must add your personal contact information as the Agent for the related policy lines.

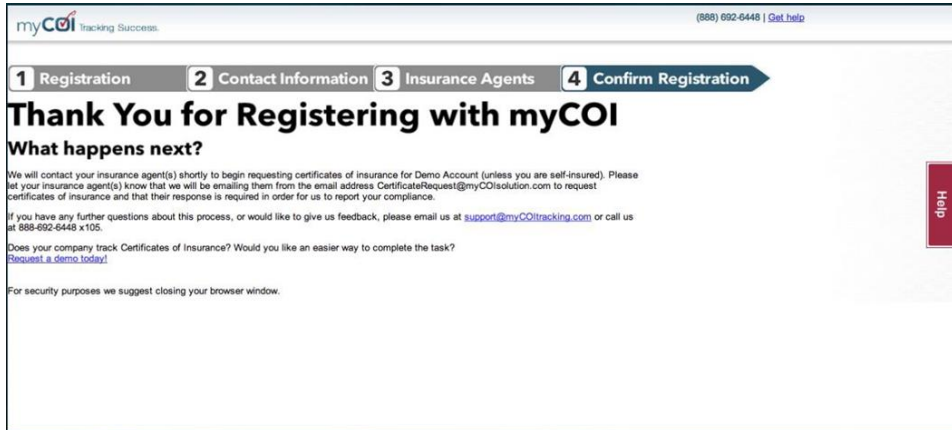
[Add Another Agent](#)

Name	Agency	# Lines of Coverage	Agent Type	Edit	Delete
ABC Agent	123 Agency	6	Insurance Agent		

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This completes the myCOI registration process! The myCOI system will automatically reach out to your insurance agent(s), using the email address you provided during registration, to obtain a copy of the certificate of insurance and any other necessary insurance related documents.



The screenshot shows the 'myCOI Tracking Success' page. At the top, it displays the progress steps: 1 Registration, 2 Contact Information, 3 Insurance Agents, and 4 Confirm Registration. The main heading is 'Thank You for Registering with myCOI'. Below this, it asks 'What happens next?' and provides instructions: 'We will contact your insurance agent(s) shortly to begin requesting certificates of insurance for Demo Account (unless you are self-insured). Please let your insurance agent(s) know that we will be emailing them from the email address CertificateRequest@myCOIsolution.com to request certificates of insurance and that their response is required in order for us to report your compliance.' It also offers a 'Request a demo today!' link and a 'Help' button on the right side. A security notice at the bottom suggests closing the browser window.



Need more help?
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EXHIBIT 9

SAMPLE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

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