



City of Tacoma, WA

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REQUEST FOR BIDS

VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT PARTS AND REPAIR SERVICES

SPECIFICATION NO. GF15-0245F

FLEET SERVICES



City of Tacoma
City of Tacoma / Public Works Fleet Services

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Submittal Deadline: 11:00 a.m., Pacific Time, Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Submittal Delivery: Sealed submittals will be received and time stamped at this location only:

City of Tacoma Procurement and Payables Division
Tacoma Public Utilities - Administration Building North, Main Floor
3628 South 35th Street, Tacoma, WA 98409

Submittal Opening: Sealed submittals in response to a RFB will be opened by a Purchasing representative and read aloud during a public bid opening held in Conference Room M-1, located on the main floor in the same building. Submittals in response to an RFP or RFQ are recorded as received but are not typically opened and read aloud. After 1:00 p.m. the day of bid opening, the names of vendors submitting proposals are posted to the website for public viewing.

Solicitation Documents: An electronic copy of the complete solicitation documents may be viewed and obtained by accessing the City of Tacoma Purchasing website at www.TacomaPurchasing.org.

- [Register for the Bid Holders List](#) to receive notices of addenda, questions and answers and related updates.
- Click here to see a [list of vendors registered for this solicitation](#).

Pre-Proposal Meeting: A pre-proposal meeting will not be held..

Project Scope: Occasional service, repairs, and parts provided by factory-authorized dealers for various vehicles and equipment including Crane Carrier Co., International Truck, Autocar Truck, and Peterbilt Motors vehicles; Caterpillar Machinery, Elgin Sweeper, Tymco Sweepers, Vactor, Wayne Curbtender, and McNeilus truck bodies, on an as-needed basis for up to five years.

Estimate: \$2,000,000

Additional Information: Requests for information regarding the specifications may be obtained by contacting Richelle Krienke, senior buyer, by email to rkrienke@cityoftacoma.org.

Protest Policy: City of Tacoma protest policy, located at www.tacomapurchasing.org, specifies procedures for protests submitted prior to and after submittal deadline.



Meeting sites are accessible to persons with disabilities. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities can be arranged with 48 hours advance notice by calling 253-502-8468.

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SUBMITTAL CHECK LIST

This checklist identifies items to be included with your submittal. Any submittal received without these required items may be deemed non-responsive and may not be considered for award.

Please do not include the entire specification document with your submittal. Doing so may render your submittal non-responsive.

Sealed submittals must be received by the City of Tacoma Purchasing Division by the date and time specified in the Request for Bids page at the front of this Specification or subsequent addenda. See also Section 3.04 Submittal Package Requirements.

Respondents are encouraged to use recycled/recyclable products and both sides of paper for printed and photocopied materials, wherever possible.

The following items, in this order, make up your submittal package: <i>(Please do not include the entire specification document with your submittal.)</i>		
1	Signature Page (Appendix A), with <i>ink signature</i> , including acknowledgement of any addenda This form is intended to serve as page 1 of your submittal. Do not alter it in any way or add to letterhead paper or present cover letters or blank pages ahead of it.	
2	Price Proposal Form (Appendix A) - no substitutions or alterations	
<p>Provide the following in a sealed envelope or package labeled with the specification number, specification title, and Respondent name and address as indicated in Section 3.04:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One original with ink signature of your complete submittal arranged as indicated in Sections 3.01 and 3.02. • Two copies of your complete original submittal. • One electronic copy (flash drive) in either Word or PDF format, arranged as indicated in Sections 3.01 and 3.02. <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">Clearly identify original and copies.</p>		

After award approval, the following documents will be required or issued:

1	Selected Respondent required to enter into a contract incorporating terms and conditions contained herein.
2	Certificate of Insurance and required endorsements (Appendix B)
3	City of Tacoma business license, if applicable (Appendix C – See item 1.15 C. of the Standard Terms and Conditions Section 1 – Solicitation)

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SECTION 1 – PROJECT SCOPE / TECHNICAL PROVISIONS

1.01 PROJECT OVERVIEW AND PURPOSE

- A. The City of Tacoma (City) / Public Works Fleet Services is soliciting bids to establish one or more contracts with qualified vendors to fulfill the City’s needs for factory-authorized dealers to furnish occasional service, repairs, and parts for various vehicles and equipment including Crane Carrier Co., International Truck, Autocar Truck, and Peterbilt Motors vehicles; Caterpillar Machinery, Elgin Sweeper, Tymco Sweepers, Vactor, Wayne Curbtender, and McNeilus truck bodies, on an as-needed basis for up to five years.
- B. The preference is to award a single contract. However, the City reserves the right to split the award, reduce the award, or make no award, if it is in the City’s best interest.
- C. Note that the provisions found in Section 1, Section 2, Section 3, and Section 4 will prevail over any conflicting provisions found in the Standard Terms and Conditions of this RFB.
- D. This solicitation may be found at www.tacomapurchasing.org: Navigate to *Contracting Opportunities / Services Solicitations*, scroll to this RFB and click the word *Specification*.

1.02 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The anticipated schedule of events concerning this RFB is as follows:

Questions due, 3:00 p.m.	May 21, 2015
Questions and answers posted	May 22, 2015
Submittal deadline, 11:00 a.m.	June 2, 2015
City Council consideration of award, if required	June 2015

This is a tentative schedule only and may be altered at the sole discretion of the City.

1.03 PRE-BID CONFERENCE / INQUIRIES TO REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)

- A. A pre-submittal bid conference will not be held; however, questions and requests for clarification of these Specifications may be submitted in writing by **3:00 p.m., Pacific Time, May 21, 2015**, to Richelle Krienke, Purchasing Division, via email to rkrienke@cityoftacoma.org. Questions received after this date and time may not be answered.
 - 1. Please indicate the RFB specification number and title in the email subject line.
 - 2. Present your questions in MS Word format or directly in the body of the email message. If applicable, cross reference the specific section of the RFP.

- a. As these will be copied into a Word document, please keep the formatting simple (e.g., Arial 11, flush left) without the use of tables, headers, footers, multiple fonts, multiple formats, styles, etc.
- 3. Questions will not be accepted by telephone or fax.
- 4. Questions marked confidential will not be answered.
- 5. Individual answers will not be provided directly to Respondents.
- 6. The City reserves the discretion to group similar questions to provide a single answer or not to respond when the requested information is confidential.
- 7. The City will not be responsible for unsuccessful submittal of questions.
- B. Written answers to questions will be posted with the Specification on or about **May 22, 2015**, on the Purchasing website at www.TacomaPurchasing.org: Navigate to *Contracting Opportunities / Services Solicitations*, and scroll to this RFB. A notice will not be posted with the Specification if no questions are received.
- C. To receive notice of the posted answers, you must register as “[bid holder](#)” for this solicitation. Notices will not be sent if no questions are received.
- D. The answers are not typically considered an addendum. (See Section 4.01)

1.04 ACCEPTANCE AND RESPONSIVENESS

- A. Respondents agree to provide a minimum of 60 days from the submittal deadline for acceptance by the City.
- B. Submittals will be reviewed by the City to determine compliance with the requirements and instructions specified in this RFB. The Respondent is specifically notified that failure to comply with any part of this RFB may result in rejection of the submittal as non-responsive. The City reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to waive irregularities deemed to be immaterial.
- C. The final selection, if any, will be that submittal which, after review and in the sole judgment of the City, best meets the requirements set forth in this RFB.

1.05 CONTRACT TERM

- A. The initial contract shall be for a period of three years from date of award, with the option to extend up to two additional one-year periods upon mutual consent of both parties and subject to the price increase/decrease provisions in Section 1.06 below.
- B. The City reserves the right to cancel the Contract for any reason, by written notice, as stipulated in the Contract.

1.06 PRICING

- A. Unit or lump sum prices shall be all inclusive and submitted as FOB destination, freight pre-paid and allowed (freight included in price).
- B. If the unit price does not compute to the extended total price, the unit price shall govern.
- C. Prices shall include costs of bid preparation, servicing of the account, all contractual requirements during contract period such as transportation, permits, labor, insurance costs, wages, materials, components, equipment, and appurtenances necessary to complete the work, which shall conform to the best practice known to the trade in design, quality, material and workmanship and be subject to the specifications in full.
- D. Prices must remain firm for each contract period; however, nothing in this contract will prevent the Contractor from charging a lower than quoted price.
 - 1. Price increases may be passed along during a contract period if the increase is due to federally mandated regulations.

- E. Most Favorable Prices and Terms. Respondent represents that all prices, terms and benefits offered are equal to or better than the equivalent prices, terms and benefits offered by Respondent to any other state or local government unit or commercial customer.

Should Contractor, during the term of the contract, enter into any contract, agreement or arrangement that provides lower prices, more favorable terms or greater benefits to any other such government unit or commercial customer, the contract shall thereupon be deemed amended to provide the same price or prices, terms and benefits to the City. This provision applies to comparable parts and to purchase volumes by the City that are not less than the purchase volumes of the government unit or commercial customer that has received the lower prices, greater benefits, or more favorable terms.

- F. Parts shall be priced per a standard pricing schedule in effect at time of sale for a specified class of purchaser (e.g., fleet, government, dealer, jobber, industrial, manufacturer, or price list).

If a discount or a markup is applicable to that price list, Respondent shall state percentage on the Price Proposal Form. The stated percentage shall remain firm for the term of the contract.

- G. Freight charges on parts shall not be billed unless authorized by the shop supervisor. See Section 1.08 below.
- H. Additional parts not covered by the quoted published price sheet shall be priced by equivalent markup from cost or by the quoted discount/markup percentage applicable to the price sheet.
- I. Labor rates. The hourly labor rate shall be listed on the Price Proposal Form and shall be firm for the initial three-year term of the Contract. The hourly labor rate invoiced shall be prorated to actual time worked (not flat rate).

- J. Pick up and Deliver One Way. Contractor to pick up and deliver vehicles/equipment at shops listed in Section 1.09 at the flat rate quoted on the Price Proposal Form. Shop supervisor may waive vendor pick up and/or delivery on a case-by-case basis.
- K. Shop/Hazardous Waste Disposal Fee. Flat rate to include miscellaneous shop supplies and hazardous waste disposal charges.
- L. Travel time shall not be charged for mobile service.
- M. No charges or fees other than those described in this bid shall be invoiced.
- N. Bid submittal prices will establish a base price against which contractors may request price adjustments at contract renewal after the initial three-year term.

1.07 PRICE ADJUSTMENTS

- A. Parts. At time of contract renewal, Contractor may request parts price adjustments, to pass through increases from its suppliers. Contractor must provide written documentation in support of any requests.
- B. Labor and Fees. At time of contract renewal, Contractor may request price adjustment to the hourly labor rate, pickup and delivery fee, and/or shop/hazardous waste disposal fee. All requests for price increases shall be substantiated by written documentation of a cost increase beyond the control of the Contractor. If accepted, price shall be adjusted only to the percentage of the increased cost to the Contractor.
- C. Requests must be submitted in writing to Fleet Parts and Contracts Manager, City of Tacoma Fleet Operations, 3639 S Pine St, Tacoma WA 98409, 253-591-5866, at least 45 days prior to the end of the contract term.
- D. No adjustment will be made for contractor profit margin.
- E. The City reserves all rights to approve or not approve any request for price increases.
- F. Price Increase requests may be evaluated against various market conditions, including but not limited to, Consumer Price Index for Seattle - Tacoma - Bremerton, All Items 1982-84+100, for the comparable period, state/federal regulations affecting production costs of the materials, volatile commodity market conditions, various producer price or commodity indices, minimum wage adjustments, etc.

1.08 FREIGHT / SHIPPING

- A. Notwithstanding Sections 1.06 and 1.07 above, the City may occasionally authorize the Contractor to invoice freight costs for special orders when next day air shipment or special handling is requested. The Contractor shall invoice special order freight charges at actual cost of transportation.
- B. The City will not pay handling charges for shipping any order. However, if the Contractor is requested by the City to ship a part from a factory that charges the Contractor a handling charge for shipping, upon approval of the City staff person placing the order,

the handling charge may be passed through to the City at net cost. Contractor shall provide documentation that the charge is at net cost upon request.

1.09 DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

Delivery shall be Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. to following the City of Tacoma locations:

Fleet Operations Shop
3639 S Pine St
Tacoma WA 98409

Fleet Annex Shop (Refuse)
3510 S Mullen St
Tacoma WA 98409

1.10 DELIVERY PERFORMANCE / RESPONSE TIME

Respondents are required to submit a delivery timeline to which they commit. Purchase order delivery dates will reflect this timeline. In the event a delivery date is not met, the City reserves the right to purchase these products from another source. The City may terminate the contract if late deliveries persist.

SECTION 2 – PROJECT SCOPE / TECHNICAL PROVISIONS

2.01 TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. This bid is for occasional work that the City might find necessary to have performed by a factory-authorized dealer. The City's Public Works/Fleet Services performs nearly all maintenance and repairs for City vehicles/equipment, and will continue to do so. However, there are occasionally situations where the City utilizes factory-authorized dealers to diagnose and/or repair equipment. The contracts resulting from this bid will establish firm pricing and service parameters for dealers to provide those services to the City on an as-needed basis.
- B. It is important that vehicles/equipment be repaired and returned to service in a timely manner. The City reserves the right to purchase from other vendors if the Contractor cannot meet our service needs. Repeated failure to meet the timeliness or quality of repair work may result in termination of the contract.
- C. This Contract covers the current fleet of vehicles/equipment maintained by the City and is subject to vehicles/equipment added and deleted during the contract period. For approximate model years and vehicle/equipment types in the current fleet, contact Tim Hardy at thardy3@cityoftacoma.org or 253-593-7734. To inspect fleet prior to bidding: for Crane, International, Autocar, and Peterbilt contact Odell Williams, Fleet Annex Shop Supervisor at 253-593-7704 and for Caterpillar, Elgin, Tymco, Vactor, and International contact Steve Peterson, Fleet Operations Shop Supervisor, at 253-591-5581.
- D. Labor/Repairs. Service requests will be made by shop supervisors. Contractor shall advise supervisor of the estimated time of pickup and work completion. Contractor shall diagnose and advise shop supervisor of needed repairs. The diagnosis, estimate of parts and labor hours, and price shall be faxed to shop supervisor for approval before proceeding, and contact supervisor again before exceeding estimate.
- E. City reserves the right to decline the repairs and pay vendor for labor to diagnose and identify problem.
- F. All packing slips, repair orders, and invoices shall include purchase order number or vehicle/equipment number given at time of request. All documents requiring a signature must be signed legibly and include the City of Tacoma employee identification number of the person signing.

2.02 VENDOR REQUIREMENTS

- A. Respondent's facilities are to be located within 25 miles of 3639 South Pine Street, Tacoma, WA 98409
- B. Respondent shall be a factory authorized dealer and subsequently authorized to perform warranty repairs and factory updates.
- C. Respondent shall have up-to-date diagnostic equipment and factory-trained, certified mechanics with the expertise to identify and resolve vehicle/equipment problems efficiently.
- D. Respondent guarantees that City requests will be given priority in scheduling repairs and

service. If required pickup and delivery cannot be met by the awarded vendor, City reserves the right to purchase from an alternate source.

- E. Respondent shall have local and backup parts inventory, diagnostic tools, and service facilities to service the vehicles/equipment and all their components, and assure their performance.
- F. Contractor to pick up and deliver vehicles/equipment at the shops listed in Sections 1.09 and 2.03. Shop supervisor may waive vendor pickup and delivery on a case-by-case basis.
- G. Contractor shall provide and keep current a certificate of insurance per the requirements in Section 2.04. Respondents are encouraged to furnish insurance requirements to their surety for review prior to bidding.

2.03 WARRANTY

Parts and labor warranties shall be stated on the Price Proposal Form and shall fully conform to the manufacturer's warranty, but in no case shall warranties be less than 90 days from the date of receipt by the City. Warranty period for new parts shall be no less than one (1) year from the date of installation. Warranty period for used, repaired or rebuilt parts shall be no less than 90 days from the date of installation. Warranties must cover defects in workmanship and materials and Contractor must pass through to the City any coverage for labor reimbursement for a failed part installed by the Contractor.

The warranty shall be inclusive of all costs associated with picking up the vehicle/equipment or parts from and returning to the locations below, for all required warranty work:

Fleet Operations Shop
3639 S Pine St
Tacoma WA 98409

Fleet Annex Shop (Refuse)
3510 S Mullen St
Tacoma WA 98409

2.04 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Respondents are encouraged to furnish requirements to their surety for review prior to bidding.
- B. Contractor shall provide, and keep current for the life of the contract, a certificate of insurance per the attached requirements.
- C. Section A.1. of the attached Insurance Certificate Requirements is hereby revised to read:
 - A. 1. Comprehensive General Liability or Garage Liability if an automobile dealer, equipment dealer, or automobile repair operation.
- D. If Contractor provides only mobile repair service and vehicle/equipment is not in Contractor's shop, then Comprehensive General Liability applies.
- E. The following additional requirements also apply to this Contract:

1. *Insurance Services Office Garage Liability or the equivalent to include but not limited to premises & operations, liability arising out of work done by or on behalf of vendor by subcontractors, Blanket Contractual Liability, and Products & Completed Operations. Limits shall not be less than \$1,000,000 each accident or \$1,000,000 each occurrence with a \$2,000,000 annual aggregate.*
2. *Auto Liability arising out of the use of all owned, non-owned, or hired automobiles with limits not less than \$1,000,000 each accident.*
3. *Coverage for physical damage to vehicles/equipment owned by the City of Tacoma while in the care, custody, or control of vendor. A minimum limit of \$100,000 for construction and refuse equipment and commercial truck dealers, and \$50,000 for automobile dealers shall be maintained with a maximum deductible of \$2,500.*

2.05 REPORTS

Upon request, Contractor shall furnish a report of Contract usage, including number of labor hours and total value of parts and labor.

SECTION 3 – REQUIRED CONTENT, SUBMITTAL FORMAT, EVALUATION, AWARD

3.01 CONTENT TO BE SUBMITTED

Organization of the submittal should follow the sequence of contents below so that essential information can be located easily during evaluation.

A. Required Forms

1. Signature Page
2. Price Proposal Form

3.02 CONFIDENTIAL OR PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

- A. Information that is confidential or proprietary must be clearly marked on each affected page. Further, an index must be provided indicating the affected page number(s) and location(s) of all such identified material. Information not included in said index will not be reviewed for confidentiality or as proprietary before release. See items 1.17 and 1.18 of the Standard Terms and Conditions Section 1 – Solicitation (Appendix C).
- B. **Marking the entire submittal as “confidential” or “proprietary” or “trade secret” is not acceptable and is grounds to reject such submittal.**

3.03 SUBMITTAL PACKAGE REQUIREMENTS

Submittals must be sealed in an envelope or package labeled with the specification number, specification title, and Respondent name and address, and received by the City of Tacoma Purchasing Division by the date and time specified in the Request for Bids page or subsequent addenda.

3.04 EVALUATION

- A. Evaluation of this Contract will not be based on cost and percentages/discounts alone, as other factors and features are also important.
- B. Respondents are to provide unit or lump sum pricing for each line item, which will be summed for a subtotal price. Subtotals will be compared amongst each Respondent, including any offered payment discount terms of 20 days or more.
- C. City staff may request to inspect Respondent’s parts and service facilities and meet staff prior to contract award.
- D. In addition to price and percentage/discounts, the City may consider any or all of the following:
 1. Warranty terms
 2. Sustainability initiatives in support of City of Tacoma sustainability goals
 3. [Small Business Enterprise](#) participation
 4. Respondent responsibility based on but not limited to:
 - a. Outcome of inspection of Respondent’s local parts inventory, backup parts sources, shop equipment, and service facility

- b. Outcome of visit with Respondent's parts manager
 - c. Outcome of visit with Respondent's service manager and customer service staff
 - d. Distance of Respondent's service facility from Fleet Operations and Fleet Annex
 - e. Whether Respondent is factory authorized dealer; credentials of repair staff; ability to perform warranty repairs and factory updates
- E. The City may also take into consideration other criteria for determining award, including evaluation factors set forth in Municipal Code Section 1.06.262. Other elements or factors, whether or not specifically provided for in this specification, which would affect the final cost to and the benefits to be derived by the City, may be considered in determining the award of the contract. The final award decision will be based on the best interests of the City.

3.05 AWARD

The City reserves the right to award the contract to the responsible Respondent or Respondents with the lowest responsive bid whose submittal is the most advantageous to the City, price and other factors considered.

3.06 ADDITIONAL CONTRACTS / INTERLOCAL PURCHASES

The initial award will be for PW Fleet Services; however, other City locations/departments may be added to this Contract or develop their own separate contract from these Specifications during the contract term.

Other agencies or entities may enter into a separate contract based on these Specifications per RCW 39.34. (See Standard Terms and Conditions Section 2 – Supplies 2.12 and Standard Terms and Conditions Section 2 – Services 2.10.)

3.07 PAYMENT METHOD – CREDIT CARD ACCEPTANCE – ACH/EFT ACCEPTANCE

Payment methods include:

- A. Credit card. Tacoma's VISA procurement card program is supported by standard bank credit suppliers and requires merchants abide by the VISA merchant operating rules.
 - 1. Vendors must be PCI-DSS compliant (secure credit card data management).
 - 2. Vendors must be set up by their card processing equipment provider (merchant acquirer) as a minimum of a Level II merchant with the ability to pass along tax, shipping and merchant references information.
- B. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) by Automated Clearing House (ACH).
- C. Check or other cash equivalent.
- D. The City may consider cash discounts when evaluating submittals. See 1.06 B. of the Standard Terms and Conditions Section 1 – Solicitation.

The City's preferred method of payment is by Visa credit card (aka procurement card). Respondents may be required to have the capability of accepting the City's authorized

procurement card as a method of payment. **The City of Tacoma will not pay increased prices or additional fees when the procurement card is used.**

The City, in its sole discretion, will determine the method of payment for supplies and/or services as part of this Contractor.

SECTION 4 – PROJECT REQUIREMENTS / SPECIAL PROVISIONS

4.01 REVISIONS TO RFB – ADDENDA

In the event it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFB, addenda will be issued to registered planholders and posted on the Purchasing website at www.TacomaPurchasing.org: Navigate to *Current Contracting Opportunities / Services*, and then click *Specification* for this RFB. Failure to acknowledge addenda may result in a submittal being deemed non-responsive.

Answers in response to RFB inquiries (see Section 1.03 above) are not typically provided as an addendum.

4.02 AMBIGUITY, CONFLICT, OR OTHER ERRORS IN RFP

Respondent shall notify in writing the City of Tacoma Purchasing contact identified in the Request for Proposals page of any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other error in these Specifications no later than five business days prior to the submittal deadline. The City will make any necessary modifications by addendum (see Section 4.01 above).

Respondent is responsible for identifying any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other error in these Specifications prior to submitting its proposal or the ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other error is waived. Any submittal that includes assumed clarifications and/or corrections without the required authentication of the same is subject to rejection.

4.03 DELIVERY OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES – IDLING PROHIBITED

The City of Tacoma has a commitment to reduction of unnecessary fuel emissions and improving air quality by reducing unnecessary air pollution from idling vehicles. Limiting car and truck idling supports cleaner air, healthier work environments, the efficient use of city resources, the public's enjoyment of City properties and programs, conservation of natural resources, and good stewardship practices.

Vehicles and/or diesel fuel trucks shall not idle at the time and location of the delivery to the City for more than three minutes. The City requires contractors to utilize practices that reduce fuel consumption and emission discharge, including turning off trucks and vehicles during delivery of products to the City. Exceptions to this requirement include when associated power is necessary to make a delivery or provide the service, when the engine is used to provide power another device, and when a running engine is required for proper warm-up and cool-down of the engine.

4.04 ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PROCUREMENT

The City has interest in measures used by its contractors to ensure sustainable operations with minimal adverse impact on the environment. The City seeks to do business with vendors that value community and environmental stewardship that help us meet our sustainable purchasing goals.

In accordance with the City's Sustainable Procurement Policy, it is the policy of the City of Tacoma to encourage the use of products or services that help to minimize the environmental and human health impacts of City operations. Respondents are encouraged to incorporate

environmentally preferable products or services into their responses wherever possible. "Environmentally preferable" means products or services that have a lesser or reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing products or services that serve the same purpose. This comparison may consider raw materials acquisition, production, manufacturing, packaging, distribution, reuse, operation, maintenance, or disposal of the product or service. To view the above City policies go to Section XXIV.A. of the [Purchasing Policy Manual](#).

4.05 SUSTAINABILITY

The City of Tacoma encourages the use of sustainability practices and desires any awarded contractor(s) to assist in efforts to address such factors when feasible for:

- A. Pollutant releases
- B. Toxicity of materials used
- C. Waste generation
- D. Greenhouse gas emissions, including transportation of materials and services
- E. Recycle content
- F. Energy consumption
- G. Depletion of natural resources
- H. Potential impact on human health and the environment

The supplier shall package orders, preferably in environmental friendly packaging such as reduced packaging and recyclable packing materials.

4.06 COSTS TO PREPARE SUBMITTAL

The City is not liable for any costs incurred by the Respondent for the preparation of materials or a proposal submitted in response to this RFB, conducting presentations to the City, or any other activities related to responding to this RFB.

4.07 SUBMITTAL CLARIFICATION

Respondents may be asked to clarify their submittal. This action shall not be construed as negotiations or any indication of intentions to award. If called upon, the Respondent must respond to such requests within two business days or the timeframe set forth by the City in its request for clarification. A Respondent's failure to respond to such a request may result in rejection of its submittal. (See Section 1 – Solicitation 1.05.)

4.08 CONTRACT OBLIGATION / ACCEPTANCE OF SUBMITTAL CONTENTS

The bid submittal contents of the successful Respondent will become contractual obligations if a contract ensues.

4.09 ADDITIONAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Any related additional services or products of benefit to the City not specifically required in this RFB, but which the Contractor offers to provide, may be outlined on a separate page and included with the submittal.

4.10 EXPANSION CLAUSE

Any resultant contract may be further expanded in writing to include other related services or products normally offered by the Contractor, as long as the price of such additional services or products have a profit margin equal to or less than that in place at the time of original submittal. Such additions and prices will be established in writing. New items not meeting these criteria will not be added to the contract. Contractor profit margins are not to increase as a result of contract additions.

Any new products or services accepted by the City may be added to this contract and/or substituted for discontinued products or services. New products and services shall meet or exceed all specifications of original award.

4.11 ACCEPTANCE / REJECTION OF SUBMITTALS

The City reserves the right and holds at its discretion the following rights and options:

- To waive any or all informalities
- To award one or more contracts
- To award by line item or group of line items
- To not award one or more items
- To not award a contract
- To issue additional or subsequent solicitations

4.12 RESERVED RIGHTS

In addition to other rights in this RFB, the City reserves, holds, and may exercise at its sole discretion, the following rights and options:

- A. To supplement, amend, or otherwise modify or cancel this RFB with or without substitution of another solicitation.
- B. To conduct investigations of Respondents and their proposals, including inspection of their facilities.
- C. To seek partnerships between one or more Respondents.
- D. To award a contract or contracts resulting from this solicitation to the responsible Respondent whose submittal conforming to this solicitation will be most advantageous to the City.
- E. If an award is made and, prior to entering into a contract, subsequent information indicates that such award is not in the best interest of the City, the City may rescind the award without prior notice to the Respondent and either award to another Respondent or reject all submittals or cancel this solicitation.
- F. Respondents are advised that the City reserves the right to cancel award of this Contract at any time before execution of the Contract by both parties if cancellation is deemed to be in the City's best interest. In submitting a proposal, Respondents agree that the City is not liable for any costs or damages for the cancellation of an award. The Respondent assumes the sole risk and responsibility for all expenses connected with the preparation of its submittal.

APPENDIX A

Signature Page

Price Proposal Form

SIGNATURE PAGE

**CITY OF TACOMA
PUBLIC WORKS / FLEET SERVICES**

All submittals must be in ink or typewritten and must be executed by a duly authorized officer or representative of the bidding/proposing entity. If the bidder/proposer is a subsidiary or doing business on behalf of another entity, so state, and provide the firm name under which business is hereby transacted.

Submittals will be received and time stamped only at the City of Tacoma Purchasing Division, located in the Tacoma Public Utilities Administration Building North, Main Floor, at 3628 South 35th Street, Tacoma, WA 98409. **See the Request for Bids page near the beginning of the specification for additional details.**

**REQUEST FOR BIDS SPECIFICATION NO. GF15-0245F
VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT PARTS AND REPAIR SERVICES**

The undersigned bidder/proposer hereby agrees to execute the proposed contract and furnish all materials, labor, tools, equipment and all other facilities and services in accordance with these specifications.

The bidder/proposer agrees, by submitting a bid/proposal under these specifications, that in the event any litigation should arise concerning the submission of bids/proposals or the award of contract under this specification, Request for Bids, Request for Proposals or Request for Qualifications, the venue of such action or litigation shall be in the Superior Court of the State of Washington, in and for the County of Pierce.

Non-Collusion Declaration

The undersigned bidder/proposer hereby certifies under penalty of perjury that this bid/proposal is genuine and not a sham or collusive bid/proposal, or made in the interests or on behalf of any person or entity not herein named; and that said bidder/proposer has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any contractor or supplier on the above work to put in a sham bid/proposal or any person or entity to refrain from submitting a bid/proposal; and that said bidder/proposer has not, in any manner, sought by collusion to secure to itself an advantage over any other contractor(s) or person(s).

Bidder/Proposer's Registered Name

Signature of Person Authorized to Enter Date
into Contracts for Bidder/Proposer

Address

Printed Name and Title

City, State, Zip

(Area Code) Telephone Number / Fax Number

E-Mail Address

State Business License Number
in WA, also known as UBI (Unified Business Identifier) Number

E.I.No. / Federal Social Security Number Used on Quarterly
Federal Tax Return, U.S. Treasury Dept. Form 941

State Contractor's License Number
(See Ch. 18.27, R.C.W.)

Addendum acknowledgement #1_____ #2_____ #3_____ #4_____ #5_____

THIS PAGE MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED WITH SUBMITTAL.

CITY OF TACOMA
*** PRICE PROPOSAL FORM ***
Request for Bids GF15-0245F
Vehicle/Equipment Parts and Repair Services

Respondent Name _____

Respondent shall submit one original bid and two copies. If Respondent wishes to submit alternate bids, copy the appropriate bid pages and submit alternate bids.

We agree to furnish the following items F.O.B. Destination, freight prepaid and allowed (included in unit price).

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	PERCENTAGE
1.	Parts Discount or Markup		% _____
2.	Hourly Shop/Labor Rate	\$ _____	
3.	Shop Hazardous Waste Fees	\$ _____	
	Sum items 2 and 3:	\$ _____	

Sales tax will be paid at 9.5%

Does your firm accept payment by Visa credit card? __Y __N

NOTE: The City of Tacoma will not accept price changes or pay additional fees when a credit card is used.

Prompt Payment Discount _____% _____ days, net 30.

Payment discount periods of 20 calendar days or more will be considered in determining lowest responsive bid.

If a **volume discount** is offered, provide the quantities at which the price break will be given and the corresponding percentage:

Quantity _____ Discount _____%

Quantity _____ Discount _____%

Quantity _____ Discount _____%

Identify the makes/brands for which you are a factory authorized dealer (Sections 1.01, 2.01, 2.02, and 3.04):

Respondent Name _____

Will you pick up and deliver to the City as required by these Specifications: ___Yes ___No

Fleet Operations Shop (Section 1.09):
3639 S Pine St, Tacoma, WA

Distance (miles) _____

Pick up and deliver one way \$ _____

Fleet Annex Shop (Refuse) (Section 1.09):
3510 S Mullen St, Tacoma, WA

Distance (miles) _____

Pick up and deliver one way \$ _____

Current Parts Price List (common name/number and date): _____

Shop Days/Hours: _____

Service Dept Toll Free Phone: _____

Provide credentials of repair staff for performing warranty repairs and factory updates:

Has your firm incorporated sustainability measures into its everyday business practices?

___Y ___N Please describe:

Has your firm taken measures to minimize impacts to the environment in the delivery of supplies and services? ___Y ___N Please describe:

Respondent Name _____

Respondent's statement of delivery/response time. Provide your proposed delivery time following receipt of purchase order and all subsequent purchase orders during the term of this Contract. Provide additional pages if needed.

Manufacturer's/Respondent's Guarantees and/or Warranties. Indicate whether proposed guarantees and/or warranties "equal or exceed" those specified in Section 3.12, and Standard Terms and Conditions – Supplies 2.13 and Standard Terms and Conditions – Services 2.12. Provide additional pages if needed.

State Whether Exception "IS" or "IS NOT" Taken to This Specification*. A statement here that exception "IS NOT" taken will create a conclusive presumption that you accept and will comply with all Specification requirements. Provide additional pages if needed.

*NOTE: The City cannot legally accept a substantial deviation from the Specification. Bids/Proposals containing any substantial deviation will be rejected as non-responsive. If you state exception "IS NOT" taken to this Specification, but include statements or attach materials deviating from the standards established by this Specification, it is agreed that you will perform according to the highest standard indicated in this Specification.

Respondent Name _____

Small Business Enterprise (SBE)

Indicate whether your firm is a City of Tacoma [Small Business Enterprise](#), including the categories in which you are registered. **Y** **N**

Indicate whether your firm will be partnering with, or subcontracting to, a City of Tacoma [Small Business Enterprise](#). **Y** **N**

If yes:

- a) Provide name, address, and contact person of the SBE.
- b) Describe the work that will be completed by the SBE.
- c) What percentage of the total project will be completed by the SBE?

APPENDIX B

Standard Certificate of Insurance and Endorsement Requirements



INSURANCE CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

Please furnish the Purchasing Division with a Certificate of Insurance with the following liability limits based on the contract amount:

Table with 2 columns: CONTRACT AMOUNT and LIABILITY LIMITS. Rows include: \$ 25,000 and Under (\$ 500,000 Combined Single Limit), \$500,000 and Under (\$1,000,000 Per Occurrence / \$2,000,000 Aggregate), Over \$500,000 (\$5,000,000 Total Coverage)

- A. Umbrella excess liability may be used to reach the limits stated above. Coverage must include: 1. Comprehensive General Liability, 2. Automobile Liability - Hired and Non-Owned, 3. Contractual Coverage, 4. Broad Form Property Damage, 5. Underground Explosion and Collapse Hazard (if necessary by the nature of the work), 6. Any additional coverage specifically required by the City's specification
B. The following general requirements apply: 1. Insurance carrier must be authorized to do business in the State of Washington, 2. Coverage must include personal injury, protective and employer liability, 3. Contractor must provide with the certificate (a) evidence of the amount of any deductible or self-insured retention under the policy, and (b) policy endorsement(s) that verify compliance with the additional insured and the primary/non-contributory requirements specified in Section C. 1 and C. 2. below, 4. It is the contractor's responsibility to keep an up-to-date Certificate of Insurance on file with the City throughout the contract, 5. Contractor's insurance must be primary and non-contributory over any insurance the City may maintain, that is, any such City insurance shall be excess to limits stated in the certificate.
C. The following statements are required on the Certificate of Insurance: 1. "The City of Tacoma is named as an additional insured" ("as respects a specific contract" or "for any and all work performed with the City" may be included in this statement), 2. "This insurance is primary and non-contributory over any insurance or self-insurance the City may have" ("as respects a specific contract" or "for any and all work performed with the City" may be included in this statement), 3. "Should any of the above described policies be canceled before the expiration date thereof, the issuing company will mail 30 days written notice to the Certificate Holder named." Language such as, "endeavor to" mail and "but failure to mail such notice shall impose no obligation or liability of any kind upon the company, its agents or representative" is not acceptable and must be crossed out. See example below.

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS/LOCATIONS/VEHICLES/EXCLUSIONS ADDED BY ENDORSEMENT/SPECIAL PROVISIONS
The below listed certificated holder is added as an additional insured as respects any and all work performed with the City (or as respects project _____). This insurance is primary over any insurance or self-insurance the City may have for any and all work performed with the City (or as respects project _____).

Table with 2 columns: CERTIFICATE HOLDER and CANCELLATION. Row 1: CITY OF TACOMA, PO BOX 11007, TACOMA WA 98411-0007; "Should any of the above described policies be cancelled before the expiration date thereof, the issuing company will endeavor to mail 30 days written notice to the certificate holder named to the left, but failure to do so shall impose no obligation or liability of any kind upon the company, its agents or representatives."

APPENDIX C

Standard Terms and Conditions – Solicitation – Section 1

Standard Terms and Conditions – Services – Section 2

Standard Terms and Conditions – Supplies – Section 2

Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program

**CITY OF TACOMA
STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS
SECTION 1 – SOLICITATION**

THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE PART OF THIS SPECIFICATION AND ARE BINDING ON ALL RESPONDENTS SUBMITTING RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR BIDS, PROPOSALS, QUALIFICATIONS AND INFORMATION.

1.01 DELIVERY OF SUBMITTALS TO THE CITY'S PURCHASING DIVISION

Submittal packages must be received by the City's Purchasing Division, Tacoma Public Utilities Administration Building, Main Floor, 3628 South 35th Street, Tacoma, WA 98409-3115, prior to the scheduled time and date stated in the solicitation announcement. Each submittal, intact and bound, shall be completely sealed, with the name of the submitting party (hereinafter "Respondent"), the specification number and title clearly marked on the exterior of the package. City offices are not open for special mail or other deliveries on weekends and City holidays.

Submittals may be delivered to the City by mail or in person; however, **the Respondent is solely responsible for timely delivery of its submittal to the Purchasing Division.**

Facsimile (fax) copies of submittals for requests for sealed bids, requests for proposals, requests for qualifications and requests for information will not be accepted at any City fax machine.

Submittals received after the time stated in the solicitation announcement will not be accepted and will be returned, unopened, to the Respondent.

For purposes of determining whether a submittal has been timely received, the City's Purchasing Division may rely on Universal Coordinated Time from the National Bureau of Standards as reported by <http://www.greenwichmeantime.com/>

1.02 WITHDRAWAL OF SUBMITTALS

A. Prior to Submittal Deadline (Bid Opening)

Submittals may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled submittal deadline by providing written notice to the City's Purchasing Division. The notice may be submitted in person or by mail; however, it must be received by the City's Purchasing Division prior to the submittal deadline.

B. After Submittal Deadline

No submittal can be withdrawn after having been opened as set forth in the solicitation announcement, and before the actual award of the contract, unless the award is delayed more than 60 calendar days beyond the date of opening. If a delay of more than 60 calendar days does occur, the Respondent must submit written notice to the purchasing manager that Respondent is withdrawing its submittal.

1.03 SUBMITTAL IS NON-COLLUSIVE

The Respondent acknowledges that by its delivery of a submittal to the City in response to this solicitation it represents that the prices in such submittal are neither directly nor indirectly the result of any formal or informal agreement with another Respondent.

1.04 OPENING AND ACCEPTANCE OF SUBMITTALS

Submittals, unless previously withdrawn, will be read aloud, irrespective of any irregularities or informalities in such submittal, at the time and place specified in the solicitation announcement.

All submittals must remain open for acceptance by the City for a period of at least 60 calendar days from the date of opening.

1.05 RIGHT TO REJECT

The City of Tacoma reserves the right to reject any and all submittals, waive minor deviations or informalities, and if necessary, call for new submittals.

A. Requests for Proposals (RFP)

By submitting a proposal in response to a City RFP, the Respondent acknowledges and consents to the below City rights and conditions. With regard to this procurement process, the City reserves, holds

without limitation, and may exercise, at its sole discretion, the following rights and conditions:

1. To terminate the procurement process or decide not to award a contract as a result thereof by written notice to the Respondents for any reason whatsoever.
2. To waive any defect, technicality, or any other minor informality or irregularity in any submittal, or any other response from Respondents.
3. To make minor or major changes or alterations to the evaluation, selection and/or performance schedule(s) for any events associated with this procurement process upon notice to the Respondents.
4. To supplement, amend or otherwise modify the RFP specifications, at any time upon prior notice to Respondents, including but not limited to modifications to the description of services and/or products contained in the RFP, by omitting services/products and/or including services/products not currently contemplated therein.
5. To request clarifications, additional information, and/or revised submittals from one or more Respondents.
6. To conduct investigations with respect to the qualifications and experience information for each Respondent included in a submittal and to request additional evidence to support any such information.
7. To eliminate any Respondent that submits an incomplete or inadequate response, or is non-responsive to the requirements of the RFP specifications, or is otherwise deemed to be unqualified during any stage of the procurement process.
8. To select and interview a single finalist or multiple finalists for the purpose of promoting the City's evaluation of submittals provided in response to the RFP specifications. The City may, in its sole and exclusive discretion as to what is in the City's best interest, elect not to conduct interviews of any or all respondents in connection with this RFP process.
9. To discontinue contract negotiations with a selected Respondent and commence such negotiations with another respondent, except as otherwise provided in Chap. 39.80, RCW.
10. To select and enter into a contract with one or more Respondents whose submittal best satisfies the interests of the City and is most responsive, in the sole judgment of the City, to the requirements of the RFP specifications.
11. To take any other action affecting the RFP specifications or the procurement process that is determined to be in the City's best interests.
12. In the event the City receives questions concerning RFP specifications from one or more Respondents prior to the deadline for response, the City reserves the right to provide such questions, and the City's responses, if any, to all Respondents.
13. Neither the City, its officials, staff, agents, employees, representatives, nor consultants will be liable for any claims or damages resulting from any aspect of this procurement process.

1.06 EVALUATION OF SUBMITTALS

The City of Tacoma reserves the right to award to the lowest and best responsible Respondent(s) delivering a submittal in compliance with the specification documents, provided such submittals are reasonable and are in the best interest of the City to accept. The City may use a number of criteria for determining award, including evaluation factors set forth in Municipal Code Section 1.06.262. Respondents who are inexperienced or who fail to properly perform other contracts may have their submittal rejected for such cause.

A. Evaluation Factors

In addition to the factors set forth in Municipal Code Section 1.06.262, the following may be used by the City in determining the lowest and best responsible submittal:

1. Compliance with the Specification and with applicable City requirements, including by not limited to, the City's Ethics Code and its Small Business Enterprise and Local Employment and Apprenticeship programs.
2. Submittal prices, listed separately if requested, as well as a lump sum total (if the unit price does not compute to the extended total price, the unit price shall govern).
3. Time of delivery and/or completion of performance (delivery date(s) offered).
4. Warranty terms.
5. Quality of performance of previous contracts or services, including safety requirements and past compliance with the City's Ethics Code.
6. Previous and existing compliance with laws and ordinances relating to contracts or services.
7. Sufficiency of financial resources.
8. Quality, availability and adaptability of the supplies or services to the particular use required.
9. Ability to provide future maintenance and service on a timely basis.
10. Location of nearest factory authorized warranty repair facility or parts dealership.
11. Ability, capacity, experience, stability, reputation, integrity, character, judgment, technical qualifications and skill to perform the contract or provide the services required.

All other elements or factors, whether or not specifically provided for in this Specification, which would affect the final cost to, and the benefits to be derived by, the City, may be considered in determining the award of the contract. The final award decision will be based on the best interests of the City.

B. Cash Discount

Payment discount periods of 20 calendar days or more, if offered in the submittal, will be considered in determining the apparent lowest responsible submittal. Discounts will be analyzed in context of their overall cumulative effect.

1.07 COMPLETION OF CITY FORMS

All submittals must be completed in ink or typewritten using the forms included with this Specification, and submitted exactly as specified.

City forms requiring signature must be signed in ink by an authorized officer, employee or agent of the Respondent.

Prices must be stated in figures. Corrections shall be initialed in ink by the person signing the submittal. Prices having erasures or interlineations (cross outs) will not be accepted unless initialed in ink by the Respondent.

1.08 CORRECTION OF AMBIGUITIES AND OBVIOUS ERRORS

The City reserves the right to correct obvious errors in the Respondent's submittal. In this regard, if the unit price does not compute to the extended total price, the unit price shall govern.

1.09 CLARIFICATION OF SPECIFICATION

Questions regarding this Specification and/or any included terms, conditions, forms, plans or drawings are to be submitted in writing to the City staff person identified as the contact for this Specification. All requests for interpretation must be received by the City no later than five business days prior to the opening date. Any interpretation of this Specification will be made by addendum duly issued and posted to the Purchasing website at www.TacomaPurchasing.org. Such addendum must be acknowledged in the submittal. The City of Tacoma will not be responsible for any other explanation or interpretation of the specification documents.

1.10 ALTERATIONS NOT ALLOWED

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the specification documents, submittals that are incomplete or conditioned in any way, contain erasures, alternatives or items not called for, or not in conformity with law, may be rejected as being non-responsive. Any attempt to condition the submittal by inserting exceptions to the Specification or any conditions, qualifications or additions that vary its terms may result in rejection of the

submittal. The City cannot legally accept any submittal containing a material deviation from the Specifications.

1.11 INSERTION OF MATERIAL CONFLICTING WITH SPECIFICATIONS

Only material inserted by the Respondent to meet requirements of the specification documents will be considered. Any other material inserted by the Respondent will be disregarded by the City of Tacoma as being non-responsive and may be grounds for rejection of the submittal.

1.12 FIRM PRICES/ESCALATION

Except as specifically allowed elsewhere in the specification documents, only firm prices will be accepted.

1.13 SHIPPING

Prices must be quoted FOB destination (the place of destination as defined in RCW 62A.2-319, as that statute may hereafter be amended), with freight prepaid and allowed (shipping costs included in unit prices), and risk of loss remaining with Respondent until delivery is tendered.

1.14 LEGAL HOLIDAYS

The City of Tacoma observes the following holidays, which shall apply to performance of all contracts awarded from this solicitation:

New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King's Birthday	3rd Monday in January
Washington's Birthday	3rd Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	1st Monday in September
Veteran's Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	4th Thursday of November
Day after Thanksgiving	4th Friday of November
Christmas Day	December 25

When any of these holidays occur on Saturday or Sunday, the preceding Friday or the following Monday, respectively, is a legal holiday for the City of Tacoma.

1.15 TAXES

Unless otherwise required in this Specification, applicable federal, state, city and local taxes shall be included in the submittal as indicated below. The total cost to the City, including all applicable taxes, may be the basis for contract award determination. As used herein, the term "taxes" shall include any and all taxes, assessments, fees, charges, interest, penalties, and/or fines imposed by applicable laws and regulations in connection with the procurement of goods and/or services hereunder.

A. Federal Excise Tax

The City of Tacoma is exempt from federal excise tax. The City will furnish a Federal Excise Tax Exemption certificate, if required. If the Respondent fails to include any applicable tax in its submittal, then Respondent shall be solely responsible for the payment of said tax.

B. State and Local Sales Tax

The City of Tacoma is subject to Washington state sales tax. It is the Respondent's obligation to state the correct sales tax percentage and include the applicable Washington state, city and local sales tax as a separate line item(s) in the submittal.

C. City of Tacoma Business and Occupation Tax

It is the Respondent's obligation to include City of Tacoma Business and Occupation tax in the unit and/or lump sum prices submitted; it shall not be shown separately on the submittal.

Per Sub-Title 6A of the City of Tacoma Municipal Code, transactions with the City of Tacoma may be subject to the City's Business and Occupation Tax.

It is the responsibility of the Respondent awarded the contract to register with the City of Tacoma's Tax and License Division, 733 South Market Street, Room 21, Tacoma, WA 98402-3768, telephone 253-591-5252, website <http://www.cityoftacoma.org/Page.aspx?nid=201>.

D. Any or All Other Taxes

Any or all other taxes are the responsibility of the Respondent unless otherwise required by law.

1.16 WASHINGTON BUSINESS LICENSE REQUIREMENT

All submittals should include a Washington State Business License number in the space provided on the Submittal Signature Page. If the recommended respondent does not have a Washington State Business License at the time of submittal, it must obtain such license and provide proof thereof to the City of Tacoma prior to contract award. Failure to include a Washington State Business License may be grounds for rejection of the submittal. Information regarding Washington State Business Licenses may be obtained at <http://www.dol.wa.gov/businesses.htm>.

1.17 PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Washington State Public Disclosure Act (RCW 42.56 et seq.) requires public agencies in Washington to promptly make public records available for inspection and copying unless they fall within the specified exemptions contained in the Act. Documents submitted under this Specification are considered public records and, unless exempt from disclosure under the Act, will be made available for inspection and copying by the public in response to a public records request.

1.18 PROPRIETARY OR CONFIDENTIAL TRADE SECRET INFORMATION

If the Respondent considers any submittal document to be exempt from disclosure under the law, the Respondent shall clearly mark on the specific page(s) affected such words as "CONFIDENTIAL," "PROPRIETARY" or "TRADE SECRET." The Respondent shall also submit an index with its submittal identifying the affected page number(s) and location(s) of all such identified material. **Failure to provide an index identifying the location of the material in the submittal that Respondent considers to be protected from disclosure will result in the records being released in response to a request for those records without further notice to Respondent. Marking the entire submittal as "confidential" or "proprietary" or "trade secret" is not acceptable and is grounds to reject such submittal.**

If a public records request is made for disclosure of all or any part of Respondent's submittal, **and** Respondent has (i) properly marked and (ii) indexed the material it asserts to be exempt from disclosure, the City will determine whether the material is exempt from public disclosure. If, in the City's opinion, the material is subject to a possible exemption to disclosure, the City will notify Respondent of the request and impending release and allow the Respondent ten (10) business days to take whatever action Respondent deems necessary to protect its interests. The City will reasonably cooperate with any legal action initiated by the Respondent to prevent release; provided that all expense of such action shall be borne solely by the Respondent, including any damages, penalties, attorney's fees or costs awarded by reason of having opposed disclosure and Respondent shall indemnify City against same. If the Respondent fails to take such action within said period, the City will release all materials deemed subject to disclosure. Submission of materials in response to this solicitation shall constitute assent by the Respondent to the foregoing procedure and the Respondent shall have no claim against the City on account of actions taken pursuant to such procedure.

1.19 TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

The City of Tacoma ensures full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by prohibiting discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in the provision of benefits and services resulting from its federally assisted programs and activities. Contact Tacoma's Title VI coordinator at 253-591-5224 for additional information.

1.20 LEGAL DISPUTES

Respondent agrees and stipulates that in the event any litigation should occur concerning or arising out of this solicitation or any submittal delivered in response hereto, the sole venue of any such legal action shall be the Pierce County Superior Court of the state of Washington and the interpretation of the terms of the solicitation and submittal shall be governed by the laws of the state of Washington.

1.21 PURCHASE ORDER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Terms and conditions of City of Tacoma purchase orders, if issued, shall apply to contracts and awards resulting from this solicitation.

1.22 RESPONDENT'S REFUSAL TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT

Any Respondent who refuses to enter into a contract after it has been awarded to the Respondent will be in breach of the agreement to enter the contract, and the Respondent's certified or cashiers check or bid bond, if any, shall be forfeited.

1.23 AWARD

The City reserves the right to award contracts for any or all items to one or more respondents in the best interests of the City.

1.24 FINAL AWARD DETERMINATION

The Tacoma City Council or Public Utility Board, for awards over \$200,000, shall be the final judge as to which submittal(s) is/are the lowest and best responsible, and best meets the interest of the City of Tacoma to accept. The purchasing manager makes the determination for awards of \$200,000 and less.

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**CITY OF TACOMA
STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS
SECTION 2 – SERVICES**

UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY THE SPECIFICATION OR AGREED TO IN WRITING, THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS SHALL GOVERN THE RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONTRACT.

2.01 CONTRACTOR

As used herein, the "Contractor" shall be the Respondent(s) awarded a contract pursuant to this Specification, whether designated as a Respondent, Vendor, Proposer, Bidder, Seller, Merchant, Service Provider or otherwise.

2.02 ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Specification, purchase orders issued by the City pursuant hereto, and the Contractor's submittal, in that order of precedence, shall constitute the "Contract" between the parties. Said documents represent the entire agreement between the parties and supersede any prior oral statements, discussions or understandings between the parties, and/or subsequent contractor invoices. No modification of this Contract shall be effective unless mutually agreed in writing.

2.03 SERVICES

The services and/or work contracted for herein exclude public works and improvements as defined in RCW 39.04, as that statute may hereafter be amended.

2.04 SCOPE OF WORK

The Contractor agrees to diligently and completely perform the services required by this Contract.

The City shall have the right to make changes within the general scope of services and/or deliverables upon execution in writing of a change order or amendment hereto. If the changes will result in additional work effort by Contractor the City agrees to reasonably compensate the Contractor for such additional effort up to the maximum amount specified in the Contract or as otherwise provided by Tacoma Municipal Code. Delivery of incidental products will be as designated in this Contract.

2.05 TIME FOR PERFORMANCE

All services shall be satisfactorily completed by the termination date contemplated by this Contract, and this Contract shall expire on said date unless mutually extended in writing by the Parties.

2.06 EXTENSION OF CONTRACT

This Contract shall be subject to extension by mutual agreement per the same prices, terms and conditions.

2.07 COMPENSATION

The City shall compensate the Contractor in accordance with the Contract. Said compensation shall be the total compensation for Contractor's performance hereunder including, but not limited to, all work, services, deliverables, materials, supplies, equipment, subcontractor's fees and all reimbursable travel and miscellaneous or incidental expenses to be incurred by Contractor.

2.08 INVOICES

Each invoice shall show City of Tacoma purchase order number, release number if applicable, quantity, unit of measure, item description, unit price and extended price for each line. Line totals shall be summed to give a grand total to which sales tax shall be added, if applicable. Invoices shall be sent in duplicate to:

Accounts Payable
City of Tacoma
P. O. Box 1717
Tacoma Washington 98401-1717

Any terms, provisions or language in Contractor's invoice(s) that conflict with the terms of this Contract shall not apply to this Contract unless expressly accepted in writing by the City.

2.09 PAYMENT TERMS

Payment shall be made through the City's ordinary payment process, and shall be considered timely if made within 30 days of receipt of a properly completed invoice. Payment will not be considered late if mailed or electronically disbursed within the time specified. Payment(s) made in accordance with this Contract shall fully compensate the Contractor for all risk, loss, damages or expense of whatever nature, and acceptance of payment shall constitute a waiver of all claims submitted by Contractor. All payments shall be subject to adjustment for any amounts, upon audit or otherwise, determined to have been improperly invoiced.

Invoices will not be processed for payment, nor will the period of cash discount commence, until all invoiced items are received and satisfactory performance of the Contract has been attained, and a properly completed invoice is received by the City. If an adjustment in payment is necessary due to damage or dispute, the cash discount period shall commence on the date final approval for payment is authorized.

2.10 ADDITIONAL CITY CONTRACTS

During the term of this Contract, other City of Tacoma Departments/Divisions shall have the right to enter into additional service contracts or issue purchase orders based on the unit prices and/or service rates stated in this Contract. An exception taken specifically to this provision at time of submittal shall not constitute a material deviation in the bidding process.

2.11 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

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The Contractor warrants that all services performed pursuant to the Contract shall be generally suitable for the use to which the City intends to use said services as expressed in this Contract. The Contractor represents and warrants that it will diligently and completely perform all services and obligations consistent with customarily accepted good practices and standards of performance applicable to service providers rendering the same or similar type of service and that it will comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations including, but not limited to, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act (WISHA). If the Contractor intends to rely on information or data supplied by the City, other City contractor's or other generally reputable sources without independent verification, such intent shall be brought to the attention of the City.

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If this Contract involves services for which state and/or local laws may require the Contractor to pay prevailing wages, and Contractor hereby agrees to pay such applicable prevailing wages. If applicable to this Contract, a Schedule of Prevailing Wage Rates for the locality or localities where this Contract will be performed is attached and made of part of this Contract by this reference. If prevailing wages do apply to this Contract, the Contractor and its subcontractors shall (a) be bound by the provisions of Chapter 39.12 RCW, as amended, relating to prevailing wages and usual fringe benefits, (b) ensure that no worker, laborer or mechanic employed in the performance of any part of this Contract shall be paid less than the prevailing rate of wage specified on that Schedule, and (c) immediately upon award of the Contract, contact the Department of Labor and Industries, Prevailing Wages section, Olympia, Washington, to obtain full information, forms and procedures relating to these matters. Per such procedures, a Statement of Intent to Pay Prevailing Wages must be submitted by the Contractor and its subcontractors to the City, in the manner requested by the City, prior to any payment by the City hereunder, and an Affidavit of Wages Paid must be received or verified by the City prior to final Contract payment.

2.18 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officer, employee or agent of the City, nor any member of the immediate family of any such officer, employee or agent as defined by City ordinance, shall have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in this Contract, either in fact or in appearance. The Contractor shall comply with all federal, state and City conflict of interest laws, statutes and regulations. The Contractor represents that the Contractor presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, in the program to which this Contract pertains that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of the Contractor's services and obligations hereunder. The Contractor further covenants that, in performance of this Contract, no person having any such interest shall be employed. The Contractor also agrees that its violation of the City's Code of Ethics contained in Chapter 1.46 of the Tacoma Municipal Code shall constitute a breach of this Contract subjecting the Contract to termination.

2.19 REPORTS, RIGHT TO AUDIT, PERSONNEL

A. Reports

The Contractor shall, at such times and in such form as the City may reasonably require, furnish the City with periodic status reports pertaining to the services undertaken pursuant to this Contract.

B. Right to Audit

Upon City's request, the Contractor shall make available to City all accounts, records and documents related to the scope of work for City's inspection, auditing, or evaluation during normal business hours as reasonably needed by City to assess performance, compliance and/or quality assurance under this Contract.

C. Personnel

If before, during, or after the execution of this Contract, the Contractor has represented or represents to the City that certain personnel would or will be responsible for performing services pursuant to this Contract, then the Contractor is obligated to ensure that said personnel perform said Contract services to the maximum extent permitted by law. This Contract provision shall only be waived by written authorization by the City, and on a case by case basis.

2.20 TERMINATION AND SUSPENSION

The City may terminate this Contract at any time, with or without cause, by giving 10 business days written notice to Contractor. In the event of termination, all finished and unfinished work prepared by the Contractor pursuant to this Contract shall be provided to the City. In the event City terminates this Contract due to the City's own reasons and without cause due to the Contractor's actions or omissions, the City shall pay the Contractor the amount due for actual work and services necessarily performed under this Contract up to the effective date of termination, not to exceed the total compensation set forth herein.

The City may suspend this Contract, at its sole discretion, upon three business days written notice to the Contractor. Such notice shall indicate the anticipated period of suspension. Any reimbursement for expenses incurred due to the suspension shall be limited to the Contractor's actual expenses and shall be subject to verification. The Contractor shall resume performance of services under this Contract without delay when the suspension period ends.

Termination or suspension of this Contract by City shall not constitute a waiver of any claims or remaining rights the City may have against Contractor relative to performance hereunder.

2.21 INDEMNIFICATION – HOLD HARMLESS

The Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City, its officials, officers, agents, employees and volunteers, from any and all claims, demands, damages, lawsuits, liabilities, losses, liens, expenses and costs arising out of the subject matter of this Contract; provided that this provision shall not apply to the extent that damage or injury results from the fault of the City, or its officers, agents, or employees. The term "fault" as used herein shall have the same meaning as set forth in RCW 4.22.015, as that statute may hereafter be amended.

The Contractor specifically assumes potential liability for actions brought by the Contractor's own employees against the City and, solely for the purpose of this indemnification and defense, the Respondent specifically waives any immunity under the state industrial insurance law, Title 51 RCW.

These indemnifications shall survive the termination of this Contract.

A waiver or failure by either party to enforce any provision of this Contract shall not be construed as a continuing waiver of such provisions, nor shall the same constitute a waiver of any other provision of this Contract.

2.22 INSURANCE

The Contractor shall maintain all necessary insurance to protect Contractor and the City from losses and claims that may arise out of or result from performance of duties related to the Contract, including Worker's Compensation, automobile public liability and property damage, commercial general liability, professional liability, errors and omissions and others, as specified in the Insurance Requirements attachment.

2.23 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS

The Contractor is considered an independent contractor who shall at all times perform his/her duties and responsibilities and carry out all services as an independent contractor and shall never represent or construe his/her status to be that of an agent or employee of the City, nor shall the Contractor be eligible for any employee benefits. No payroll or employment taxes or contributions of any kind shall be withheld or paid by the City with respect to payments to Contractor. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for all said payroll or employment taxes and/or contributions including, but not limited to, FICA, FUTA, federal income tax, state personal income tax, state disability insurance tax and state unemployment insurance tax. If the City is assessed, made liable or responsible in any manner for such taxes or contributions, the Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold the City harmless from all costs incurred, including attorney fees.

Unless otherwise specified in writing, Contractor shall provide at its sole expense all materials, working space, and other necessities and instruments to perform its duties under this Contract. The Contractor, at

its sole expense, shall obtain and keep in force any and all applicable licenses, permits and tax certificates necessary to perform Contract services.

2.24 NOTICES

Except for routine operational communications, which may be delivered personally or transmitted by electronic mail or facsimile, all notices required hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally or mailed first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the Contractor's registered agent and to the applicable City department representative.

2.25 CITY OWNERSHIP OF WORK/RIGHTS IN DATA/PUBLICATIONS

To the extent that Contractor creates any work subject to the protections of the Copyright Act (Title 17 U.S.C) in its performance of this Contract, Contractor agrees to the following: The work has been specially ordered and commissioned by the City. Contractor agrees that the work is a "work made for hire" for copyright purposes, with all copyrights in the work owned by City. To the extent that the work does not qualify as a work made for hire under applicable law, and to the extent that the work includes material subject to copyright, Contractor hereby assigns to City, its successors and assigns, all right, title and interest in and to the work, including but not limited to, all copyrights, patent, trade secret and other proprietary rights, and all rights, title and interest in and to any inventions and designs embodied in the work or developed during the course of Contractor's creation of the work.

The Contractor shall be solely responsible for obtaining releases and/or licenses for the reproduction, distribution, creation of derivative works, performance, display, or other use of copyrighted materials. Should the Contractor fail to obtain said releases and/or licenses, the Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City for any claim resulting there from.

2.26 PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

This Contract and documents provided to the City by Contractor hereunder are deemed public records subject to disclosure under the Washington State Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW (Public Records Act). Thus, the City may be required, upon request, to disclose this Contract and documents related to it unless an exemption under the Public Records Act or other laws applies.

2.27 DUTY OF CONFIDENTIALITY

Contractor acknowledges that unauthorized disclosure of information or documentation concerning the Scope of Work hereunder may cause substantial economic loss or harm to the City. Except for disclosure of information and documents to Contractor's employees, agents, or subcontractors who have a substantial need to know such information in connection with Contractor's performance of obligations under this Contract, the Contractor shall not without prior written authorization by the City allow the release, dissemination, distribution, sharing, or other publication or disclosure of information or documentation obtained, discovered, shared or produced pursuant to this Contract.

2.28 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

In the event of a dispute pertaining to this Contract, the parties agree to attempt to negotiate in good faith an acceptable resolution. If a resolution cannot be negotiated, then the parties agree to submit the dispute to voluntary non-binding mediation before pursuing other remedies. This provision does not limit the City's right to terminate authorized by this Contract.

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Washington law shall govern the interpretation of this Contract. The state or federal courts located in Pierce County shall be the venue of any mediation, arbitration or litigation arising out of this Contract.

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The Contractor shall not assign, subcontract, delegate, or transfer any obligation, interest or claim to or under this Contract without the prior written consent of the City.

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A waiver or failure by either party to enforce any provision of this Contract shall not be construed as a continuing waiver of such provisions, nor shall the same constitute a waiver of any other provision of this Contract.

2.32 SEVERABILITY AND SURVIVAL

If any term, condition or provision of this Contract is declared void or unenforceable or limited in its application or effect, such event shall not affect any other provisions hereof and all other provisions shall remain fully enforceable. The provisions of this Contract, which by their sense and context are reasonably intended to survive the completion, expiration or cancellation of this Contract, shall survive termination of this Contract.

2.33 CONFLICT WITH CONTRACT

In the event of any conflict between this document, Standard Terms and Conditions Section 2, Services, and the Professional Services Contract or other type of Contract (Contract) ultimately negotiated and entered into between Respondent and the City, the provisions of the Contract shall prevail. However, absent any such conflict the provisions of this document, Standard Terms and Conditions Section 2, Services, are fully incorporated into and considered part of the Contract.

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**CITY OF TACOMA
STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS
SECTION 2 – SUPPLIES**

UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY THE SPECIFICATION OR AGREED TO IN WRITING, THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS SHALL GOVERN THE RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONTRACT.

2.01 SUPPLIER

As used herein, the "Supplier" shall be the Respondent(s) awarded a contract pursuant to this Specification, whether designated as a Respondent, Seller, Vendor, Proposer, Bidder, Contractor, Merchant, Service Provider or otherwise.

2.02 ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Specification, purchase orders issued by the City pursuant hereto, and the Supplier's submittal, in that order of precedence, shall constitute the "Contract" between the parties. Said documents represent the entire agreement between the parties and supersede any prior oral statements, discussions or understandings between the parties, and/or subsequent Supplier invoices. No modification of this Contract shall be effective unless mutually agreed in writing.

2.03 APPROVED EQUALS

Unless an item is indicated as "No substitute," special brands, when named, are intended to describe the standard of quality, performance or use desired. Equal items will be considered by the City, provided that the Supplier specifies the brand and model, and provides all descriptive literature, independent test results, specification sheets, schematic drawings, photographs, product samples, local servicing, parts availability, etc., to enable the City to evaluate the proposed equal. Performance testing in the field may be required.

The decision of the City as to what items are equal shall be final and conclusive. If the City elects to purchase a brand represented by the Supplier to be an "equal," the City's acceptance of the item is conditioned on the City's inspection and testing after receipt. If, in the sole judgment of the City, the item is determined not to be an equal, the item shall be returned at the Supplier's expense.

When a brand name or level of quality is not stated in the Supplier's submittal, it is understood the Supplier's submittal shall exactly confirm with those required in this Contract. If more than one brand name is stated in this Specification, Supplier(s) must indicate the brand and model/part number to be supplied.

2.04 PRICE, RISK OF LOSS, DELIVERY

A. Firm Prices/Risk of Loss

All prices shall remain firm during the term of this Contract. All prices shall be FOB, the place of destination (as defined in RCW 62A.2-319, as that statute may hereafter be amended), with freight prepaid and allowed (shipping costs included in unit prices), and risk of loss remaining with Supplier until delivery is tendered.

B. Delivery

Delivery will be to the designated addresses set forth in this Contract. Deliveries shall be between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday only, except holidays. Failure to make timely delivery shall be cause for termination of the order and return of all or part of the items at Supplier's expense except in the case of force majeure.

2.05 PACKING SLIPS, SHIPPING NOTICES AND INVOICES

Packing slips and shipping notices shall be sent to the specific City Division or Department receiving the item(s) and include complete description of items, contents of items if crated or cased, quantity, shipping point, carrier, bill of lading number and City of Tacoma purchase order.

Each invoice shall show City of Tacoma purchase order number, release number if applicable, quantity, unit of measure, item description, unit price and extended price for each line. Line totals shall be summed to give a grand total to which sales tax shall be added, if applicable. Invoices shall be sent in duplicate to:

Accounts Payable
City of Tacoma
P. O. Box 1717
Tacoma Washington 98401-1717

Any terms, provisions or language in Supplier's invoice(s) that conflict with the terms of this Contract shall not apply to this Contract unless expressly accepted in writing by the City.

2.06 PAYMENT TERMS

Payment shall be made through the City's ordinary payment process, and shall be considered timely if made within 30 days of receipt of a properly completed invoice. Payment will not be considered late if mailed or electronically disbursed within the time specified. Payment(s) made in accordance with this Contract shall fully compensate the Supplier for all risk, loss, damages or expense of whatever nature, and acceptance of payment shall constitute a waiver of all claims submitted by Supplier. All payments shall be subject to adjustment for any amounts, upon audit or otherwise, determined to have been improperly invoiced.

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The City reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantities of any item awarded pursuant to this Contract and pay according to the unit prices quoted in the submittal with no adjustments for anticipated profit.

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This Contract shall be subject to extension by mutual agreement per the same prices, terms and conditions.

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The City reserves the right to terminate this Contract at any time upon prior written notice to Supplier. Upon the effective date of termination specified in such notice, and payment by the City, all conforming supplies, materials or equipment previously furnished hereunder shall become its property.

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Chapter 1.07

SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

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1.07.010 Policy and purpose.

It is the policy of the City of Tacoma that citizens be afforded an opportunity for full participation in our free enterprise system and that historically underutilized business enterprises shall have an equitable opportunity to participate in the performance of City contracts. The City finds that in its contracting for supplies, services and public works there has been historical underutilization of small businesses located in certain geographically and economically disfavored locations and that this underutilization has had a deleterious impact on the economic well-being of the City. The purpose of this chapter is to remedy the effects of such underutilization through use of reasonably achievable goals to increase opportunities for historically underutilized businesses to participate in City contracts. It is the goal of this chapter to facilitate a substantial procurement, education, and mentorship program designed to promote equitable participation by historically underutilized businesses in the provision of supplies, services, and public works to the City. It is not the purpose of this chapter to provide any person or entity with any right, privilege, or claim, not shared by the public, generally, and this chapter shall not be construed to do so. This chapter is adopted in accordance with Chapter 35.22 RCW and RCW 49.60.400.

(Ord. 27867 Ex. A; passed Dec. 15, 2009)

1.07.020 Definitions.

Terms used in this chapter shall have the following meanings unless defined elsewhere in the Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC"), or unless the context in which they are used clearly indicates a different meaning.

A. "Affidavit of Small Business Enterprise Certification" means the fully completed, signed, and notarized affidavit that must be submitted with an application for SBE certification. Representations and certifications made by the applicant in this Affidavit are made under penalty of perjury and will be used and relied upon by City to verify SBE eligibility and compliance with SBE certification and documentation requirements.

B. "Base Bid" means a Bid for Public Works to be performed or Supplies or Services to be furnished under a City Contract, including additives, alternates, deductives, excluding force accounts, and taxes collected separately pursuant to Washington Administrative Code ("WAC") 458-20-171.

C. "Bid" means an offer submitted by a Respondent to furnish Supplies, Services, and/or Public Works in conformity with the Specifications and any other written terms and conditions included in a City request for such offer.

D. "Bidder" means an entity or individual who submits a Bid, Proposal or Quote. See also "Respondent."

E. "City" means all Departments, Divisions and agencies of the City of Tacoma.

F. "Contract" means any type of legally binding agreement regardless of form or title that governs the terms and conditions for procurement of Public Works and Improvements and/or Non-Public Works and Improvements Supplies and Services.

Contracts include the terms and conditions found in Specifications, Bidder or Respondent Submittals, and purchase orders issued by the City. A "Contract" as used in this chapter shall include an agreement between the City and a non-profit entity to perform construction-related services for Public Works. A "Contract" does not include: (1) awards made by the City with federal/state grant or City general funds monies to a non-profit entity where the City offers assistance, guidance, or supervision on a project or program, and the recipient of the grant awards uses the grant moneys to provide services to the

community; (2) sales transactions where the City sells its personal or real property; (3) a loan transaction where the City is acting as a debtor or a creditor; (4) lease, franchise; (5) agreements to use City real property (such as Licenses, Permits and Easements) and, (6) banking and other financial or investment services.

G. “Contractor” means any Person that presents a Submittal to the City, enters into a Contract with the City, and/or performs all or any part of a Contract awarded by the City, for the provision of Public Works, or Non-Public Works and Improvements, Supplies or Services.

H. “Evaluated Bid” means a Bid that factors each Respondent’s Base Bid including any alternates, deductive and additives selected by the City that will result in a weighed reduction based on that Respondent’s percentage of SBE participation, as defined by formula set forth in this chapter or in the SBE Regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter.

I. “Goals” means the annual level of participation by SBEs in City Contracts as established in this chapter, the SBE Regulations, or as necessary to comply with applicable federal and state nondiscrimination laws and regulations. Goals for individual Contracts may be adjusted as provided for in this chapter and shall not be construed as a minimum for any particular Contract or for any particular geographical area.

J. “SBE Certified Business” (or “SBEs”) means a business that meets the criteria set forth in Section 1.07.050 of this chapter and has been certified as meeting that criteria by the Community and Economic Development Department-SBE Program Coordinator.

K. “SBE Program Coordinator” means the individual appointed, from time to time, by the City’s Community and Economic Development Director to administer the SBE Regulations.

L. “SBE Regulations” shall mean the written regulations and procedures adopted pursuant to this chapter for procurement of Supplies, Services and Public Works.

M. “Lowest and Best Responsible Bidder” means the Bidder submitting the lowest Bid received that is within the range of acceptable bids, that also has the ability to timely perform the Contract bid upon considering such factors as financial resources, skills, quality of materials, past work record, and ability to comply with state, federal, and local requirements, including those set forth in the SBE Regulations.

N. “Non-Public Works and Improvements” means all competitively solicited procurement of Supplies and/or Services by the City not solicited as Public Works.

O. “Person” means individuals, companies, corporations, partnerships, associations, cooperatives, any other legally recognized business entity, legal representative, trustee, or receivers.

P. “Proposal” means a written offer to furnish Supplies or Services in response to a Request for Proposals. This term may be further defined in the Purchasing Policy Manual and/or in competitive solicitations issued by the City.

Q. “Public Works (or “Public Works and Improvements)” means all work, construction, alteration, repair, or improvement other than ordinary maintenance, executed at the cost of the City, or that is by law a lien or charge on any property therein. This term includes all Supplies, materials, tools, and equipment to be furnished in accordance with the Contract for such work, construction, alteration, repair, or improvement.

R. “Quote” means a competitively solicited written offer to furnish Supplies or Services by a method of procurement that is less formalized than a Bid or a Proposal. This term may be further defined in the Purchasing Policy Manual.

S. “Respondent” means any entity or Person, other than a City employee, that provides a Submittal in response to a request for Bids, Request for Proposals, Request for Qualifications, request for quotes or other request for information, as such terms are defined in Section 1.06.251 TMC. This term includes any such entity or Person whether designated as a supplier, seller, vendor, proposer, Bidder, Contractor, consultant, merchant, or service provider that; (1) assumes a contractual responsibility to the City for provision of Supplies, Services, and/or Public Works; (2) is recognized by its industry as a provider of such Supplies, Services, and/or Public works; (3) has facilities similar to those commonly used by Persons engaged in the same or similar business; and/or (4) distributes, delivers, sells, or services a product or performs a Commercially Useful Function.

T. “Services” means non-Public Works and Improvements services and includes professional services, personal services, and purchased services, as such terms are defined in Section 1.06.251 TMC and/or the City’s Purchasing Policy Manual.

U. “Submittal” means Bids, Proposals, Quotes, qualifications or other information submitted in response to requests for Bids, Requests for Proposals, Requests for Qualifications, requests for Quotations, or other City requests for information, as such terms are defined in Section 1.06.251 TMC.

V. “Supplies” means materials, Supplies, and other products that are procured by the City through a competitive process for either Public Works procurement or Non-Public Works and Improvements procurement unless an approved waiver has been granted by the appropriate authority.

(Ord. 28274 Ex. A; passed Dec. 16, 2014: Ord. 28141 Ex. A; passed Mar. 26, 2013: Ord. 27867 Ex. A; passed Dec. 15, 2009)

1.07.030 Discrimination prohibited.

A. No person that is engaged in the construction of public works for the City, engaged in the furnishing of laborers or craftspeople for public works of the City, or is engaged for compensation in the provision of non-public works and improvements supplies and/or services to the City, shall discriminate against any other person on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin or ancestry, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, marital status, familial status, or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability in employment. Such discrimination includes the unfair treatment or denial of normal privileges to a person as manifested in employment upgrades, demotions, transfers, layoffs, termination, rates of pay, recruitment of employees, or advertisement for employment.

B. The violation of the terms of RCW 49.60 or Chapter 1.29 TMC by any person that is engaged in the construction of public works for the City, is engaged in the furnishing of laborers or craftspeople for public works of the City, or is engaged for compensation in the provision of non-public works and improvements supplies and/or services shall result in the rebuttable presumption that the terms of this chapter have also been violated. Such violation may result in termination of any City contract the violator may have with the City and/or the violator’s ineligibility for further City Contracts.

(Ord. 27867 Ex. A; passed Dec. 15, 2009)

1.07.040 Program administration.

A. The Community and Economic Development Director, or his or her designated SBE Program Coordinator, shall be responsible for administering this chapter and obtaining compliance with respect to contracts entered into by the City and/or its contractors. It shall be the duty of the Director to pursue the objectives of this chapter by conference, conciliation, persuasion, investigation, or enforcement action, as may be necessary under the circumstances. The Director is authorized to implement an administrative and compliance program to meet these responsibilities and objectives.

B. The Director is hereby authorized to adopt and to amend administrative rules and regulations known as the SBE Regulations to properly implement and administer the provisions of this chapter. The SBE Regulations shall be in conformance with City of Tacoma policies and state and federal laws and be designed to encourage achievement of the SBE goals set forth herein. The SBE Regulations shall become effective following public notice and an opportunity to comment by the public.

C. The SBE Regulations adopted pursuant to this section are for the administrative and procedural guidance of the officers and employees of the City and are further expressions of the public policy of the City. The SBE Regulations, when adopted, shall not confer an independent cause of action or claim for relief cognizable in the courts of the state of Washington or the United States of America to any third parties, and such provisions shall not be used as the basis for a lawsuit in any court of competent jurisdiction challenging the award of any contract by the City.

(Ord. 28141 Ex. A; passed Mar. 26, 2013: Ord. 28110 Ex. B; passed Dec. 4, 2012: Ord. 27867 Ex. A; passed Dec. 15, 2009)

1.07.050 Certification.

A. The SBE Program Coordinator shall approve a person as a SBE Certified Business if all of the following criteria are satisfied:

1. Each person with an ownership interest in the company has a personal net worth of less than \$1,320,000 excluding one personal residence and the net worth of the business;
2. The company’s total gross receipts for any consecutive three year period within the last six years is not more than \$36,500,000 for public works companies and not more than \$15,000,000 for non-public works and improvements companies;
3. The owner(s) of the company executes an Affidavit of Small Business Enterprise Certification and files it with the City which states that all information submitted on the SBE application is accurate, that the business has sought or intends to do business with the City and/or within the Pierce County area and has experienced or expects to experience difficulty competing for such business due to financial limitations that impair its ability to compete against larger firms; and
4. The company can demonstrate that it also meets at least one of the following additional requirements:
 - a. The company’s business offices, or the personal residence of the owner, is located within a City of Tacoma designated Renewal Community/Community Empowerment Zone, prior to designation as a SBE, or
 - b. The company’s business offices, or the personal residence of the owner, is located within the City of Tacoma for at least six months prior to designation as a SBE; or

c. The company's business offices are located in a federally designated HUBZONE in Pierce County or any adjacent county for at least 12 months prior to designation as a SBE; or

d. The company's business offices are located in a federally designated HUBZONE in a County wherein the work will be performed, or an adjacent county, for at least 12 months prior to designation as a SBE.

B. Application Process. The SBE Program Coordinator shall make the initial determination regarding certification or recertification. Each SBE applicant shall provide the following documents; as such documents are more fully described in the SBE Regulations, to the SBE Program Coordinator:

1. A completed Statement of Personal Net Worth form;
2. A completed, signed, and notarized Affidavit of Small Business Enterprise Certification that affirms compliance with the certification and documentation requirements of this section;
3. List of equipment and vehicles used by the SBE;
4. Description of company structure and owners;
5. Such additional information as the SBE Program Coordinator or designee may require.

When another governmental entity has an equivalent SBE classification process the City may enter into an interlocal cooperative agreement for mutual recognition of certifications.

C. Recertification. A SBE qualified business shall demonstrate annually to the satisfaction of the SBE Program Coordinator that the following SBE qualifications are still in effect for such business:

1. That the company still meets all of the criteria set forth in subsection 1.07.050.A. TMC, and
2. That the company has maintained all applicable and necessary licenses in the intervening period, and
3. That the company demonstrates that the owner and/or designated employees have completed the minimum annual continuing business education training requirements set forth in the SBE Regulations.

D. Appeals. The applicant may appeal any certification determination by the SBE Program Coordinator under this chapter to the Director. The appeal must be made in writing and must set forth the specific reasons for the appeal. The Director shall make a decision on the appeal request within a reasonable time, which decision shall be final unless further appeal is made to the Hearing Examiner. In that event, the Hearing Examiner Rules of Procedure for Hearings, Chapter 1.23 TMC, shall be applicable to that appeal proceeding.

(Ord. 28274 Ex. A; passed Dec. 16, 2014; Ord. 28147 Ex. A; passed May 7, 2013; Ord. 28141 Ex. A; passed Mar. 26, 2013; Ord. 28110 Ex. B; passed Dec. 4, 2012; Ord. 27867 Ex. A; passed Dec. 15, 2009)

1.07.060 Program requirements.

A. Establishment of Annual SBE Goals. The SBE Regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter shall state reasonably achievable cumulative annual goals for utilization of SBEs in the provision of supplies, services, and public works procured by the City. Cumulative annual goals for the participation of SBEs in City contracts shall be based on the number of qualified SBEs operating within Pierce County or in a county that is adjacent to Pierce County or in a HUBZone in a county where the supplies, services and/or public works will be delivered or performed. The dollar value of all contracts awarded by the City to SBEs in the procurement of supplies, services, and public works shall be counted toward the accomplishment of the applicable SBE goal. The initial cumulative annual SBE goal for all public works, non-public works and improvements supplies and services procured by the City of Tacoma is 22 percent.

B. Revision of Annual SBE Goals. SBE utilization goals for supplies, services, and public works shall be reviewed annually to determine the total level of SBE participation reasonably attainable. If no certified SBEs are available to provide supplies, services, and/or public works, the dollar value of such supplies, services, or public works shall be exempt from the calculation of the cumulative annual goals set forth in the SBE Regulations. Proposed reduction of the cumulative annual SBE goals shall be in accordance with the SBE Regulations.

C. Application of SBE Goals to Contracts. The SBE Program Coordinator shall consult with City departments/divisions to establish the SBE goal for competitively solicited contracts of \$25,000 and above, in accordance with this chapter and the SBE Regulations. No SBE goal will be established if no certified SBEs are available to provide supplies, services and/or public works.

D. Waivers. City departments/divisions or the SBE Program Coordinator may request to waive one or more of the requirements of this chapter as they apply to a particular contract or contracts. Waivers may be granted in any one or more of the following circumstances:

1. Emergency: The supplies, services and/or public works must be provided with such immediacy that neither the City nor the contractor can comply with the requirements herein. Such emergency and waiver must be documented by the department/division awarding the contract.
2. Not Practicable: Compliance with the requirements of this chapter would impose an unwarranted economic burden or risk to the City after consideration of existing budgetary approvals.
3. Sole source: The supplies, services, and/or public works are available from only one source, and subcontracting possibilities do not reasonably exist as determined by the finance purchasing manager.
4. Government purchasing. The City is a party to or included in a federal, state or inter-local government purchasing agreement as approved by the finance purchasing manager.
5. Lack of SBEs: An insufficient number of qualified SBE contractors exist to create SBE utilization opportunities.
6. Best interests of the City: Waiver of SBE goals is in the best interests of the City due to unforeseen circumstances, provided that said circumstances are set forth in writing by the requestor.

E. Review of Waivers. A waiver determination by the finance purchasing manager may be reviewed by the Board of Contracts and Awards (C&A Board). The C&A Board may also review a request to reduce or waive the SBE utilization goals based on Not Practicable or Best Interests of the City circumstances. The C&A Board shall determine whether compliance with such goals would impose unwarranted economic burden on, or risk to, the City of Tacoma as compared with the degree to which the purposes and policies of this chapter would be furthered by requiring compliance. If the determination of the C&A Board does not resolve the matter, a final determination shall be made by the City Council or Public Utility Board, as the case may be.

(Ord. 28141 Ex. A; passed Mar. 26, 2013; Ord. 27867 Ex. A; passed Dec. 15, 2009)

1.07.070 Evaluation of submittals.

A. All submittals for a supplies, services, or public works and improvements contract valued at \$25,000 or more shall be evaluated for attainment of the SBE goal established for that contract in accordance with this chapter and the SBE Regulations.

B. The determination of SBE usage and the calculation of SBE goal attainment per this section shall include the following considerations:

1. General. The dollar value of the contract awarded by the City to a SBE in the procurement of supplies, services, or public works shall be counted toward achievement of the SBE goal.
2. Supplies. A public works and improvements contractor may receive credit toward attainment of the SBE goal for expenditures for supplies obtained from a SBE; provided such SBE assumes the actual and contractual responsibility for delivering the supplies with its resources. The contractor may also receive credit toward attainment of the SBE goal for the amount of the commission paid to a SBE resulting from a supplies contract with the City; provided the SBE performs a commercially useful function in the process.
3. Services and Public Works subcontracts. Any bid by a certified SBE or a bidder that utilizes a certified SBE shall receive credit toward SBE goal attainment based on the percentage of SBE usage demonstrated in the bid. A contractor that utilizes a SBE-certified subcontractor to provide services or public works shall receive a credit toward the contractor's attainment of the SBE goal based on the value of the subcontract with that SBE.
4. Brokers, Fronts, or Similar Pass-Through Arrangements. SBEs acting as brokers, fronts, or similar pass-through arrangements (as such terms are defined in the SBE Regulations) shall not count toward SBE goal attainment unless the activity reflects normal industry practices and the broker performs a commercially useful function.

C. Evaluation of competitively solicited submittals for public works and improvements and for services when a SBE utilization goal has been established for the contract to be awarded shall be as follows:

1. When contract award is based on price. The lowest priced bid submitted by a responsive and responsible bidder will be reviewed to determine if it meets the SBE goal. Such low bid shall be determined to meet the SBE goal if the bidder is a certified SBE.

a. If the low bidder meets the SBE goal, the bid shall be presumed the lowest and best responsible bid for contract award.

b. If the lowest priced bid does not meet the SBE goal, but the bid of any other responsive and responsible bidder does, and such other bid(s) is or are priced within five percent of the lowest bid, then the following formula shall be applied to each such other bid:

$$(\text{Base Bid}) \left[\frac{\text{SBE Usage Percentages}}{\text{SBE Goal Percentages}} \times (.05 \times \text{Low Base Bid}) \right] = \text{Evaluated Bid}$$

c. The lowest evaluated bid after applying said evaluation formula shall be presumed the lowest and best responsible bid for contract award.

d. In no event shall a bidder's evaluated bid price be adjusted more than 5 percent from its base bid price for purposes of contract award.

2. When contract award is based on qualifications or other performance criteria in addition to price. Solicitations shall utilize a scoring system that promotes participation by certified SBEs. Submittals by respondents determined to be qualified may be further evaluated based on price using the formula applicable to price based contract awards above. The SBE Regulations may establish further requirements and procedures for final selection and contract award, including:

- a. Evaluation of solicitations for Architectural and Engineering (A&E) services;
- b. Evaluation and selection of submittals in response to requests for proposals; and
- c. Selection of contractors from pre-qualified roster(s).

D. Evaluation of competitively solicited submittals for supplies when no SBE utilization goal has been established for the contract to be awarded shall encourage SBE participation as follows:

1. A submittal from a responsive certified SBE that is priced within five percent of the otherwise lowest responsive bid shall be recommended for award. Otherwise, the lowest responsive bidder shall be recommended for contract award.

E. The SBE Regulations may establish further SBE goal evaluation requirements and procedures for award of contracts between \$5,000 and \$25,000.00 and for non-competitively solicited contracts. City departments/divisions shall use due diligence to encourage and obtain SBE participation for supplies, services, and public works contracts under \$5,000.

(Ord. 28141 Ex. A; passed Mar. 26, 2013; Ord. 27867 Ex. A; passed Dec. 15, 2009)

1.07.080 Contract compliance.

A. The contractor awarded a contract based on SBE participation shall, during the term of the contract, comply with the SBE goal established in said contract. To ensure compliance with this requirement following contract award, the following provisions apply:

- 1. Any substitutions for or failure to utilize SBEs projected to be used must be approved in advance by the SBE Program Coordinator. Substitution of one SBE with another shall be allowed where there has been a refusal to execute necessary agreements by the original SBE, a default on agreements previously made or other reasonable excuse; provided that the substitution does not increase the dollar amount of the bid.
- 2. Where it is shown that no other SBE is available as a substitute and that failure to secure participation by the SBE identified in the solicitation is not the fault of the respondent, substitution with a non-SBE shall be allowed; provided, that, the substitution does not increase the dollar amount of the bid.
- 3. If the SBE Program Coordinator determines that the contractor has not reasonably and actively pursued the use of replacement SBE(s), such contractor shall be deemed to be in non-compliance.

B. Record Keeping. All contracts shall require contractors to maintain relevant records and information necessary to document compliance with this chapter and the contractor's utilization of SBEs, and shall include the right of the City to inspect such records.

(Ord. 28141 Ex. A; passed Mar. 26, 2013; Ord. 27867 Ex. A; passed Dec. 15, 2009)

1.07.090 Program monitoring.

A. The SBE Program Coordinator shall monitor compliance with all provisions of this chapter and the SBE Regulations. The SBE Program Coordinator shall establish procedures to collect data and monitor the effect of the provisions of this chapter to assure, insofar as is practical, that the remedies set forth herein do not disproportionately favor one or more racial, gender, ethnic, or other protected groups, and that the remedies do not remain in effect beyond the point that they are required to

eliminate the effects of under utilization in City contracting. The SBE Program Coordinator shall have the authority to obtain from City departments/divisions, respondents, and contractors such relevant records, documents, and other information as is reasonably necessary to determine compliance.

B. The SBE Program Coordinator shall submit an annual report to the Community and Economic Development Director, Director of Utilities, and the City Manager detailing performance of the program. The report shall document SBE utilization levels, waivers, proposed modifications to the program, and such other matters as may be specified in the SBE Regulations.

(Ord. 28141 Ex. A; passed Mar. 26, 2013: Ord. 28110 Ex. B; passed Dec. 4, 2012: Ord. 27867 Ex. A; passed Dec. 15, 2009)

1.07.100 Enforcement.

The Director, or his or her designee, may investigate the employment practices of contractors to determine whether or not the requirements of this chapter have been violated. Such investigation shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures established in the SBE Regulations.

(Ord. 28141 Ex. A; passed Mar. 26, 2013: Ord. 28110 Ex. B; passed Dec. 4, 2012: Ord. 27867 Ex. A; passed Dec. 15, 2009)

1.07.110 Remedies.

A. Upon receipt of a determination of contractor violation by the SBE Program Coordinator, the City Manager or Director of Utilities, as appropriate, may take the following actions, singly or together, as appropriate:

1. Forfeit the contractor's bid bond and/or performance bond;
2. Publish notice of the contractor's noncompliance;
3. Cancel, terminate, or suspend the contractor's contract, or portion thereof;
4. Withhold funds due contractor until compliance is achieved; and/or
5. Recommend appropriate action including, but not limited to, disqualification of eligibility for future contract awards by the City (debarment) per Section 1.06.279 TMC;

B. Prior to exercise of any of the foregoing remedies, the City shall provide written notice to the contractor specifying the violation and the City's intent to exercise such remedy or remedies. The notice shall provide that each specified remedy becomes effective within ten business days of receipt unless the contractor appeals said action to the Hearing Examiner pursuant to Chapter 1.23 TMC.

C. When non-compliance with this chapter or the SBE Regulations has occurred, the SBE Program Coordinator and the department/division responsible for enforcement of the contract may allow continuation of the contract upon the contractor's development of a plan for compliance acceptable to the Director.

(Ord. 28141 Ex. A; passed Mar. 26, 2013: Ord. 28110 Ex. B; passed Dec. 4, 2012: Ord. 27867 Ex. A; passed Dec. 15, 2009)

1.07.120 Unlawful acts.

It shall be unlawful for any Person to willfully prevent or attempt to prevent, by intimidation, threats, coercion, or otherwise, any Person from complying with the provisions of this chapter.

(Ord. 27867 Ex. A; passed Dec. 15, 2009)

1.07.130 Severability.

If any section of this chapter or its application to any Person or circumstance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the remaining sections of this chapter, or the application of the provisions to other Persons or circumstances, shall not be affected.

(Ord. 27867 Ex. A; passed Dec. 15, 2009)

1.07.140 Sunset and review of program.

This chapter shall be in effect through and until December 31, 2019, unless the City Council shall determine at an earlier date that the requirements of this chapter are no longer necessary. If this chapter has not been repealed by July 1, 2019, the City Council shall determine by the end of that year whether substantial effects or lack of opportunity of SBEs remain true in the relevant market and whether, and for how long, some or all of the requirements of this chapter should remain in effect.

(Ord. 28274 Ex. A; passed Dec. 16, 2014: Ord. 28141 Ex. A; passed Mar. 26, 2013: Ord. 27867 Ex. A; passed Dec. 15, 2009)