



THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

BID OPPORTUNITY

BID OPPORTUNITY NO. 804-2015

PROVISION OF AGGREGATOR SERVICES

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PART B - BIDDING PROCEDURES

B1. CONTRACT TITLE

B1.1 PROVISION OF AGGREGATOR SERVICES

B2. SUBMISSION DEADLINE

B2.1 The Submission Deadline is 4:00 p.m. Winnipeg time, November 12, 2015.

B2.2 Bids determined by the Manager of Materials to have been received later than the Submission Deadline will not be accepted and will be returned upon request.

B2.3 The Contract Administrator or the Manager of Materials may extend the Submission Deadline by issuing an addendum at any time prior to the time and date specified in B2.1.

B3. ENQUIRIES

B3.1 All enquiries shall be directed to the Contract Administrator identified in D4.1.

B3.2 If the Bidder finds errors, discrepancies or omissions in the Bid Opportunity, or is unsure of the meaning or intent of any provision therein, the Bidder shall promptly notify the Contract Administrator of the error, discrepancy or omission at least five (5) Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline.

B3.3 If the Bidder is unsure of the meaning or intent of any provision therein, the Bidder should request clarification as to the meaning or intent prior to the Submission Deadline.

B3.4 Responses to enquiries which, in the sole judgment of the Contract Administrator, require a correction to or a clarification of the Bid Opportunity will be provided by the Contract Administrator to all Bidders by issuing an addendum.

B3.5 Responses to enquiries which, in the sole judgment of the Contract Administrator, do not require a correction to or a clarification of the Bid Opportunity will be provided by the Contract Administrator only to the Bidder who made the enquiry.

B3.6 The Bidder shall not be entitled to rely on any response or interpretation received pursuant to B3 unless that response or interpretation is provided by the Contract Administrator in writing.

B4. CONFIDENTIALITY

B4.1 Information provided to a Bidder by the City or acquired by a Bidder by way of further enquiries or through investigation is confidential. Such information shall not be used or disclosed in any way without the prior written authorization of the Contract Administrator. The use and disclosure of the confidential information shall not apply to information which:

- (a) was known to the Bidder before receipt hereof; or
- (b) becomes publicly known other than through the Bidder; or
- (c) is disclosed pursuant to the requirements of a governmental authority or judicial order.

B4.2 The Bidder shall not make any statement of fact or opinion regarding any aspect of the Bid Opportunity to the media or any member of the public without the prior written authorization of the Contract Administrator.

B5. ADDENDA

B5.1 The Contract Administrator may, at any time prior to the Submission Deadline, issue addenda correcting errors, discrepancies or omissions in the Bid Opportunity, or clarifying the meaning or intent of any provision therein.

- B5.2 The Contract Administrator will issue each addendum at least two (2) Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline, or provide at least two (2) Business Days by extending the Submission Deadline.
- B5.2.1 Addenda will be available on the Bid Opportunities page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Division website at <http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt/bidopp.asp>
- B5.2.2 The Bidder is responsible for ensuring that he/she has received all addenda and is advised to check the Materials Management Division website for addenda regularly and shortly before the Submission Deadline, as may be amended by addendum.
- B5.3 The Bidder shall acknowledge receipt of each addendum in Paragraph 8 of Form A: Bid. Failure to acknowledge receipt of an addendum may render a Bid non-responsive.

B6. SUBSTITUTES

- B6.1 The Work is based on the Plant, Materials and methods specified in the Bid Opportunity.
- B6.2 Substitutions shall not be allowed unless application has been made to and prior approval has been granted by the Contract Administrator in writing.
- B6.3 Requests for approval of a substitute will not be considered unless received in writing by the Contract Administrator at least five (5) Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline.
- B6.4 The Bidder shall ensure that any and all requests for approval of a substitute:
- (a) provide sufficient information and details to enable the Contract Administrator to determine the acceptability of the Plant, Material or method as either an approved equal or alternative;
 - (b) identify any and all changes required in the applicable Work, and all changes to any other Work, which would become necessary to accommodate the substitute;
 - (c) identify any anticipated cost or time savings that may be associated with the substitute;
 - (d) certify that, in the case of a request for approval as an approved equal, the substitute will fully perform the functions called for by the general design, be of equal or superior substance to that specified, is suited to the same use and capable of performing the same function as that specified and can be incorporated into the Work, strictly in accordance with the proposed work schedule and the dates specified in the Supplemental Conditions for Substantial Performance and Total Performance;
 - (e) certify that, in the case of a request for approval as an approved alternative, the substitute will adequately perform the functions called for by the general design, be similar in substance to that specified, is suited to the same use and capable of performing the same function as that specified and can be incorporated into the Work, strictly in accordance with the proposed work schedule and the dates specified in the Supplemental Conditions for Substantial Performance and Total Performance.
- B6.5 The Contract Administrator, after assessing the request for approval of a substitute, may in his/her sole discretion grant approval for the use of a substitute as an “approved equal” or as an “approved alternative”, or may refuse to grant approval of the substitute.
- B6.6 The Contract Administrator will provide a response in writing, at least two (2) Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline, to the Bidder who requested approval of the substitute.
- B6.6.1 The Contract Administrator will issue an Addendum, disclosing the approved materials, equipment, methods and products to all potential Bidders. The Bidder requesting and obtaining the approval of a substitute shall be responsible for disseminating information regarding the approval to any person or persons he/she wishes to inform.
- B6.7 If the Contract Administrator approves a substitute as an “approved equal”, any Bidder may use the approved equal in place of the specified item.

B6.8 If the Contract Administrator approves a substitute as an “approved alternative”, any Bidder bidding that approved alternative may base his/her Total Bid Price upon the specified item but may also indicate an alternative price based upon the approved alternative. Such alternatives will be evaluated in accordance with B15.

B6.9 No later claim by the Contractor for an addition to the Total Bid Price because of any other changes in the Work necessitated by the use of an approved equal or an approved alternative will be considered.

B7. BID SUBMISSION

B7.1 The Bid shall consist of the following components:

- (a) Form A: Bid; and
- (b) Form B: Prices.

B7.2 Further to B7.1, the Bidder should include the written correspondence from the Contract Administrator approving a substitute in accordance with B6.

B7.3 All components of the Bid shall be fully completed or provided, and submitted by the Bidder no later than the Submission Deadline, with all required entries made clearly and completely in ink, to constitute a responsive Bid.

B7.4 Bidders are advised not to include any information/literature except as requested in accordance with B7.1.

B7.5 Bidders are advised that inclusion of terms and conditions inconsistent with the Bid Opportunity document, including the General Conditions, will be evaluated in accordance with B15.1(a)

B7.6 The Bid may be submitted by mail, courier or personal delivery, or by facsimile transmission.

B7.7 If the Bid is submitted by mail, courier or personal delivery, it shall be enclosed and sealed in an envelope clearly marked with the Bid Opportunity number and the Bidder's name and address, and shall be submitted to:

The City of Winnipeg
Corporate Finance Department
Materials Management Division
185 King Street, Main Floor
Winnipeg MB R3B 1J1

B7.7.1 Samples or other components of the Bid which cannot reasonably be enclosed in the envelope may be packaged separately, but shall be clearly marked with the Bid Opportunity number, the Bidder's name and address, and an indication that the contents are part of the Bidder's Bid Submission.

B7.8 If the Bid is submitted by facsimile transmission, it shall be submitted to 204- 949-1178.

B7.8.1 The Bidder is advised that the City cannot take responsibility for the availability of the facsimile machine at any time.

B7.9 Bids submitted by internet electronic mail (e-mail) will not be accepted.

B8. BID

B8.1 The Bidder shall complete Form A: Bid, making all required entries.

B8.2 Paragraph 2 of Form A: Bid shall be completed in accordance with the following requirements:

- (a) if the Bidder is a sole proprietor carrying on business in his/her own name, his/her name shall be inserted;
- (b) if the Bidder is a partnership, the full name of the partnership shall be inserted;

- (c) if the Bidder is a corporation, the full name of the corporation shall be inserted;
- (d) if the Bidder is carrying on business under a name other than his/her own, the business name and the name of every partner or corporation who is the owner of such business name shall be inserted.

B8.2.1 If a Bid is submitted jointly by two or more persons, each and all such persons shall identify themselves in accordance with B8.2.

B8.3 In Paragraph 3 of Form A: Bid, the Bidder shall identify a contact person who is authorized to represent the Bidder for purposes of the Bid.

B8.4 Paragraph 10 of Form A: Bid shall be signed in accordance with the following requirements:

- (a) if the Bidder is a sole proprietor carrying on business in his/her own name, it shall be signed by the Bidder;
- (b) if the Bidder is a partnership, it shall be signed by the partner or partners who have authority to sign for the partnership;
- (c) if the Bidder is a corporation, it shall be signed by its duly authorized officer or officers;
- (d) if the Bidder is carrying on business under a name other than his/her own, it shall be signed by the registered owner of the business name, or by the registered owner's authorized officials if the owner is a partnership or a corporation.

B8.4.1 The name and official capacity of all individuals signing Form A: Bid should be printed below such signatures.

B8.4.2 All signatures shall be original.

B8.5 If a Bid is submitted jointly by two or more persons, the word "Bidder" shall mean each and all such persons, and the undertakings, covenants and obligations of such joint Bidders in the Bid and the Contract, when awarded, shall be both joint and several.

B9. PRICES

B9.1 The Bidder shall state a price in Canadian funds for each item of the Work identified on Form B: Prices.

B9.1.1 Notwithstanding C11.1.3, prices on Form B: Prices shall not include the Goods and Services Tax (GST) or Manitoba Retail Sales Tax (MRST, also known as PST), which shall be extra where applicable.

B9.1.2 Further to B9.1, Bidders shall indicate in Item 4 on Form B: Prices, all charges that will be incurred from service providers and will be included in monthly invoices to Winnipeg Transit.

B9.2 The quantities listed on Form B: Prices are to be considered approximate only. The City will use said quantities for the purpose of comparing Bids.

B9.3 The quantities for which payment will be made to the Contractor are to be determined by the Work actually performed and completed by the Contractor, to be measured as specified in the applicable Specifications.

B9.4 Payments to Non-Resident Contractors are subject to Non-Resident Withholding Tax pursuant to the Income Tax Act (Canada).

B10. DISCLOSURE

B10.1 Various Persons provided information or services with respect to this Work. In the City's opinion, this relationship or association does not create a conflict of interest because of this full disclosure. Where applicable, additional material available as a result of contact with these Persons is listed below.

B10.2 The Persons are:

- (a) N/A

B11. QUALIFICATION

B11.1 The Bidder shall:

- (a) undertake to be in good standing under The Corporations Act (Manitoba), or properly registered under The Business Names Registration Act (Manitoba), or otherwise properly registered, licensed or permitted by law to carry on business in Manitoba, or if the Bidder does not carry on business in Manitoba, in the jurisdiction where the Bidder does carry on business; and
- (b) be financially capable of carrying out the terms of the Contract; and
- (c) have all the necessary experience, capital, organization, and equipment to perform the Work in strict accordance with the terms and provisions of the Contract.

B11.2 The Bidder and any proposed Subcontractor (for the portion of the Work proposed to be subcontracted to them) shall:

- (a) be responsible and not be suspended, debarred or in default of any obligations to the City. A list of suspended or debarred individuals and companies is available on the Information Connection page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Division website at <http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt/debar.stm>

B11.3 The Bidder and/or any proposed Subcontractor (for the portion of the Work proposed to be subcontracted to them) shall:

- (a) have successfully carried out work similar in nature, scope and value to the Work; and
- (b) be fully capable of performing the Work required to be in strict accordance with the terms and provisions of the Contract; and
- (c) have a written workplace safety and health program, if required, pursuant to The Workplace Safety and Health Act (Manitoba);
- (d) provide evidence that the City of Winnipeg data shall only be stored or hosted in Canada..

B11.4 The Bidder shall submit, within three (3) Business Days of a request by the Contract Administrator, proof satisfactory to the Contract Administrator of the qualifications of the Bidder and of any proposed Subcontractor.

B11.5 The Bidder shall provide, on the request of the Contract Administrator, full access to any of the Bidder's equipment and facilities to confirm, to the Contract Administrator's satisfaction, that the Bidder's equipment and facilities are adequate to perform the Work.

B12. OPENING OF BIDS AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION

B12.1 Bid Submissions will not be opened publicly.

B12.2 Following the Submission Deadline, the names of the Bidders and their Total Bid Prices (unevaluated, and pending review and verification of conformance with requirements) will be available on the Closed Bid Opportunities (or Public/Posted Opening & Award Results) page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Division website at <http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt/>

B12.3 After award of Contract, the name(s) of the successful Bidder(s) and the Contract amount(s) will be available on the Closed Bid Opportunities (or Public/Posted Opening & Award Results) page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Division website at <http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt/>

B12.4 The Bidder is advised that any information contained in any Bid may be released if required by City policy or procedures, The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Manitoba), or by other authorities having jurisdiction.

B13. IRREVOCABLE BID

B13.1 The Bid(s) submitted by the Bidder shall be irrevocable for the time period specified in Paragraph 9 of Form A: Bid.

B13.2 The acceptance by the City of any Bid shall not release the Bids of the next two lowest evaluated responsive Bidders and these Bidders shall be bound by their Bids on such Work for the time period specified in Paragraph 9 of Form A: Bid.

B14. WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

B14.1 A Bidder may withdraw his/her Bid without penalty by giving written notice to the Manager of Materials at any time prior to the Submission Deadline.

B14.1.1 Notwithstanding C22.5, the time and date of receipt of any notice withdrawing a Bid shall be the time and date of receipt as determined by the Manager of Materials.

B14.1.2 The City will assume that any one of the contact persons named in Paragraph 3 of Form A: Bid or the Bidder's authorized representatives named in Paragraph 10 of Form A: Bid, and only such person, has authority to give notice of withdrawal.

B14.1.3 If a Bidder gives notice of withdrawal prior to the Submission Deadline, the Manager of Materials will:

- (a) retain the Bid until after the Submission Deadline has elapsed;
- (b) open the Bid to identify the contact person named in Paragraph 3 of Form A: Bid and the Bidder's authorized representatives named in Paragraph 10 of Form A: Bid; and
- (c) if the notice has been given by any one of the persons specified in B14.1.3(b), declare the Bid withdrawn.

B14.2 A Bidder who withdraws his/her Bid after the Submission Deadline but before his/her Bid has been released or has lapsed as provided for in B13.2 shall be liable for such damages as are imposed upon the Bidder by law and subject to such sanctions as the Chief Administrative Officer considers appropriate in the circumstances. The City, in such event, shall be entitled to all rights and remedies available to it at law.

B15. EVALUATION OF BIDS

B15.1 Award of the Contract shall be based on the following bid evaluation criteria:

- (a) compliance by the Bidder with the requirements of the Bid Opportunity, or acceptable deviation therefrom (pass/fail);
- (b) qualifications of the Bidder and the Subcontractors, if any, pursuant to B11 (pass/fail);
- (c) Total Bid Price;
- (d) economic analysis of any approved alternative pursuant to B6;

B15.2 Further to B15.1(a), the Award Authority may reject a Bid as being non-responsive if the Bid Submission is incomplete, obscure or conditional, or contains additions, deletions, alterations or other irregularities. The Award Authority may reject all or any part of any Bid, or waive technical requirements or minor informalities or irregularities if the interests of the City so require.

B15.3 Further to B15.1(b), the Award Authority shall reject any Bid submitted by a Bidder who does not demonstrate, in his/her Bid or in other information required to be submitted, that he/she is responsible and qualified.

- B15.4 Further to B15.1(c), the Total Bid Price shall be the sum of the quantities multiplied by the unit prices and multiplied by 12 months for each item shown on Form B: Prices.
- B15.5 This Contract may be awarded as a whole (Alternative 1) or separately by item (Alternative 2) as identified on Form B: Prices.
- B15.5.1 Notwithstanding B9.1, the Bidder may, but is not required to, bid on both alternatives, or on any one or more items in Alternative 2.
- B15.5.2 Notwithstanding B16.3, the City shall not be obligated to award any item to the responsible Bidder submitting the lowest evaluated responsive Bid for that item and shall have the right to choose the alternative which is in its best interests. If the Bidder has not bid on both alternatives or on all items in Alternative 2, he/she shall have no claim against the City if his/her partial Bid is rejected in favour of an award of the Contract on the basis of an alternative or item upon which he/she has not bid.

B16. AWARD OF CONTRACT

- B16.1 The City will give notice of the award of the Contract or will give notice that no award will be made.
- B16.2 The City will have no obligation to award a Contract to a Bidder, even though one or all of the Bidders are determined to be responsible and qualified, and the Bids are determined to be responsive.
- B16.2.1 Without limiting the generality of B16.2, the City will have no obligation to award a Contract where:
- (a) the prices exceed the available City funds for the Work;
 - (b) the prices are materially in excess of the prices received for similar work in the past;
 - (c) the prices are materially in excess of the City's cost to perform the Work, or a significant portion thereof, with its own forces;
 - (d) only one Bid is received; or
 - (e) in the judgment of the Award Authority, the interests of the City would best be served by not awarding a Contract.
- B16.3 Where an award of Contract is made by the City, the award shall be made to the responsible and qualified Bidder submitting the lowest evaluated responsive Bid in accordance with B15 .
- B16.3.1 Following the award of contract, a Bidder will be provided with information related to the evaluation of his/her Bid upon written request to the Contract Administrator.
- B16.4 Notwithstanding C4.1, the City may issue a Purchase Order to the successful Bidder in lieu of the execution of a Contract.
- B16.5 The Contract Documents, as defined in C1.1(n)(ii), in their entirety shall be deemed to be incorporated in and to form a part of the Purchase Order notwithstanding that they are not necessarily attached to or accompany said Purchase Order.

PART C - GENERAL CONDITIONS

C0. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- C0.1 The *General Conditions for Supply of Services* (Revision 2007 04 12) are applicable to the Work of the Contract.
- C0.1.1 The *General Conditions for Supply of Services* are available on the Information Connection page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Division website at http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt/gen_cond.stm
- C0.2 A reference in the Bid Opportunity to a section, clause or subclause with the prefix “**C**” designates a section, clause or subclause in the *General Conditions for Supply of Services*.

PART D - SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS

GENERAL

D1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

D1.1 In addition to the *General Conditions for Supply of Services*, these Supplemental Conditions are applicable to the Work of the Contract.

D2. SCOPE OF WORK

D2.1 The Work to be done under the Contract shall consist of SMS Aggregator services, for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 with the option of five (5) mutually agreed upon one (1) year extensions

D2.1.1 The City may negotiate the extension option with the Contractor within sixty (60) Calendar Days prior to the expiry date of the Contract. The City shall incur no liability to the Contractor as a result of such negotiations.

D2.1.2 Changes resulting from such negotiations shall become effective on January 1st of the respective year. Changes to the Contract shall not be implemented by the Contractor without written approval by the Contract Administrator.

D2.2 The major components of the Work are as follows:

- (a) Provide aggregator services between the City of Winnipeg Transit servers and wireless carriers serving the Manitoba market (including but not limited to the following: MTS, Rogers, Fido, Telus, Koodo, Virgin, etc.) to enable short message service (SMS) interaction between Winnipeg Transit and the citizens of Winnipeg.

D3. DEFINITIONS

D3.1 When used in this Bid Opportunity:

- (a) "**Aggregator**" means a mobile telecom company with multiple agreements between carriers.
- (b) "**MO**" means an incoming mobile message routed from an end users mobile device and delivered to an application/client
- (c) "**MT**" means an outgoing mobile message routed from an application/client and delivered to an end user
- (d) "**SMS**" means short message service (text messaging) used for sending short messages.
- (e) "**Short Code**" means a 5 or 6 digit number to which SMS messages are sent from mobile devices
- (f) "**User**" means a person, department or other administrative unit of the City authorized by the Contract Administrator to order Work under this Contract.

D4. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

D4.1 The Contract Administrator is:

Steve Brandson
Manager of Information Systems, Transit
Telephone No. 204- 986-5746
Email: SBrandson@winnipeg.ca

D4.2 Bids Submissions must be submitted to the address in B7.7.

D4.3 At the pre-commencement meeting, the Contract Administrator will identify additional personnel representing the Contract Administrator and their respective roles and responsibilities for the Work.

D5. CONTRACTOR'S SUPERVISOR

D5.1 Further to C6.19, the Contractor shall employ and keep on the Work, at all times during the performance of the Work, a competent supervisor and assistants, if necessary, acceptable to the Contract Administrator. The supervisor shall represent the Contractor on the Site. The supervisor shall not be replaced without the prior consent of the Contract Administrator unless the supervisor proves to be unsatisfactory to the Contractor and ceases to be in his/her employ.

D5.2 Before commencement of Work, the Contractor shall identify his/her designated supervisor and any additional personnel representing the Contractor and their respective roles and responsibilities for the Work.

D5.2.1 Further to C5.5 Contract Administrator may give instructions or orders to the Contractor's supervisor and such instructions or orders shall be deemed to have been given to the Contractor.

D6. OWNERSHIP OF INFORMATION, CONFIDENTIALITY AND NON DISCLOSURE

D6.1 The Contract, all deliverables produced or developed, and information provided to or acquired by the Contractor are the property of the City and shall not be appropriated for the Contractors own use, or for the use of any third party.

D6.2 The Contractor shall not make any public announcements or press releases regarding the Contract, without the prior written authorization of the Contract Administrator.

D6.3 The following shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed by the Contractor to the media or any member of the public without the prior written authorization of the Contract Administrator;

- (a) information provided to the Contractor by the City or acquired by the Contractor during the course of the Work;
- (b) the Contract, all deliverables produced or developed; and
- (c) any statement of fact or opinion regarding any aspect of the Contract.

D6.4 A Contractor who violates any provision of D6 may be determined to be in breach of Contract.

D7. NOTICES

D7.1 Notwithstanding C22.3, all notices of appeal to the Chief Administrative Officer shall be sent to the attention of the Chief Financial Officer at the following facsimile number:

The City of Winnipeg
Chief Financial Officer

Facsimile No.: 204-949-1174

D7.2 **Bids Submissions must be submitted to the address in B7.7.**

SUBMISSIONS

D8. AUTHORITY TO CARRY ON BUSINESS

D8.1 The Contractor shall be in good standing under The Corporations Act (Manitoba), or properly registered under The Business Names Registration Act (Manitoba), or otherwise properly registered, licensed or permitted by law to carry on business in Manitoba, or if the Contractor does not carry on business in Manitoba, in the jurisdiction where the Contractor does carry on

business, throughout the term of the Contract, and shall provide the Contract Administrator with evidence thereof upon request.

SCHEDULE OF WORK

D9. COMMENCEMENT

D9.1 The Contractor shall not commence any Work until he/she is in receipt of a notice of award from the City authorizing the commencement of the Work.

D9.2 The Contractor shall not commence any Work on the Site until:

- (a) the Contract Administrator has confirmed receipt and approval of:
 - (i) evidence of authority to carry on business specified in D8;
 - (ii) evidence of the workers compensation coverage specified in C6.14; and
- (b) the Contractor has attended a meeting with the Contract Administrator, or the Contract Administrator has waived the requirement for a meeting.

MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

D10. INVOICES

D10.1 Further to C11, the Contractor shall submit monthly invoices for the services received during the previous calendar month to:

The City of Winnipeg
Corporate Finance - Accounts Payable
4th Floor, Administration Building, 510 Main Street
Winnipeg MB R3B 1B9

Facsimile No.: 204- 949-0864

Email: CityWpgAP@winnipeg.ca

D10.2 Invoices must clearly indicate, as a minimum:

- (a) the City's purchase order number;
- (b) date of delivery;
- (c) delivery address;
- (d) type and quantity of work performed;
- (e) the amount payable with GST and MRST shown as separate amounts; and
- (f) the Contractor's GST registration number.

D10.3 The City will bear no responsibility for delays in approval of invoices which are improperly submitted.

D10.4 Bids Submissions must be submitted to the address in B7.7.

D11. PAYMENT

D11.1 Further to C11, the City may at its option pay the Contractor by direct deposit to the Contractor's banking institution.

PART E - SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL

E1. BACKGROUND

- E1.1 Winnipeg Transit has the mandate to provide public transportation service to the citizens of the City of Winnipeg. A part of our real-time location and schedules initiatives, we have our dynamic schedule information available via a SMS based application called BUStxt.
- E1.2 We have developed a simple command language by which cellular users can quickly request schedule information.

E2. APPLICABLE SPECIFICATIONS

- E2.1 These Specifications shall apply to the Work.
- E2.2 Our current Contract for aggregator services expires on December 31, 2015. The Contractor must be prepared to accommodate BUStxt by December 14, 2015 to allow for volume testing prior to January 1, 2016.
- E2.3 The service shall remain free to Winnipeg Transit customers. Customers shall not be charged with a premium for the use of this service over and above that which they pay their carrier as part of their existing text messaging plan.
- E2.4 Winnipeg Transit already has a short code (287898) that is to be sustained.
- E2.5 MO and MT messages are communicated using HTTP.
- E2.6 MO and MT process are to remain asynchronous. MO messages are received and acknowledged. Requests are queued and once processed responses sent via MT messages.
- E2.7 The Contractor shall only store or host City of Winnipeg data in Canada.
- E2.8 The following is the recent usage history of our BUStxt SMS service and is provided solely for information. Usage numbers vary by season but have remained steady for last couple of years.

Month	MO volume	MT volume
August, 2015	229,788	398,438
July, 2015	247,695	425,690
June, 2015	276,710	493,987
May, 2015	289,682	508,723
April, 2015	292,925	520,141
March, 2015	330,523	609,324
February, 2015	291,434	530,735
January, 2015	338,903	620,406
December, 2014	305,874	534,689
November, 2014	334,631	598,376
October, 2014	344,078	612,848
September, 2014	340,078	613,255