



THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

RFP NO. 440-2022

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR AUDIT AND/OR INVESTIGATIVE/FORENSIC
ENGAGEMENTS**

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PART B - BIDDING PROCEDURES

B1. CONTRACT TITLE

B1.1 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR AUDIT AND/OR INVESTIGATIVE/FORENSIC ENGAGEMENTS

B2. SUBMISSION DEADLINE

B2.1 The Submission Deadline is 12:00 noon Winnipeg time, October 3, 2022.

B2.2 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. PROPONENTS' CONFERENCE

B3.1 The Contract Administrator will hold a Proponents' conference via Microsoft TEAMS from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 14, 2022.

B3.1.1 Proponents are requested to register for the Proponent's Conference by providing a valid email address to audit@winnipeg.ca not later than 8:30 a.m. on the day of the proposed meeting.

B3.2 Although attendance at the Proponents Conference is not mandatory, the City strongly suggests that Proponents attend.

B3.3 The Proponent is advised that at the Proponent's Conference the City will provide an overview of the requirements as well as information about the nature of the services being procured. The City will address questions from the proponents.

B3.4 The Proponent shall not be entitled to rely on any information or interpretation received at the Proponents' conference unless that information or interpretation is provided by the Contract Administrator in writing.

B4. ENQUIRIES

B4.1 All enquiries shall be directed to the Contract Administrator identified in D4.1.

B4.2 If the Proponent finds errors, discrepancies or omissions in the Request for Proposal, or is unsure of the meaning or intent of any provision therein, the Proponent shall promptly notify the Contract Administrator of the error, discrepancy or omission at least five (5) Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline.

B4.3 Responses to enquiries which, in the sole judgment of the Contract Administrator, require a correction to or a clarification of the Request for Proposal will be provided by the Contract Administrator to all Proponents by issuing an addendum.

B4.4 Responses to enquiries which, in the sole judgment of the Contract Administrator, do not require a correction to or a clarification of the Request for Proposal will be provided by the Contract Administrator only to the Proponent who made the enquiry.

B4.5 All correspondence or contact by Proponents with the City in respect of this RFP must be directly and only with the Contract Administrator. Failure to restrict correspondence and contact to the Contract Administrator may result in the rejection of the Proponents Proposal Submission.

B4.6 The Proponent shall not be entitled to rely on any response or interpretation received pursuant to B4 unless that response or interpretation is provided by the Contract Administrator in writing.

B4.7 Any enquiries concerning submitting through MERX should be addressed to:

MERX Customer Support
Phone: 1-800-964-6379
Email: merx@merx.com

B5. CONFIDENTIALITY

- B5.1 Information provided to a Proponent by the City or acquired by a Proponent 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 Proponent before receipt hereof; or
 - (b) becomes publicly known other than through the Proponent; or
 - (c) is disclosed pursuant to the requirements of a governmental authority or judicial order.
- B5.2 The Proponent shall not make any statement of fact or opinion regarding any aspect of the Request for Proposal to the media or any member of the public without the prior written authorization of the Contract Administrator.

B6. ADDENDA

- B6.1 The Contract Administrator may, at any time prior to the Submission Deadline, issue addenda correcting errors, discrepancies or omissions in the Request for Proposal, or clarifying the meaning or intent of any provision therein.
- B6.2 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.
- B6.3 Addenda will be available on the MERX website at www.merx.com.
- B6.4 The Proponent is responsible for ensuring that he/she has received all addenda and is advised to check the MERX website for addenda regularly and shortly before the Submission Deadline, as may be amended by addendum.
- B6.5 The Proponent shall acknowledge receipt of each addendum in Paragraph 10 of Form A: Bid/Proposal. Failure to acknowledge receipt of an addendum may render a Proposal non-responsive.
- B6.6 Notwithstanding B4, enquiries related to an Addendum may be directed to the Contract Administrator indicated in D4.

B7. SUBSTITUTES

- B7.1 The Work is based on the Plant, Materials and methods specified in the Request for Proposal.
- B7.2 Substitutions shall not be allowed unless application has been made to and prior approval has been granted by the Contract Administrator in writing.
- B7.3 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.
- B7.4 The Proponent 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 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 Total Performance.

B7.5 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.

B7.6 The Contract Administrator will provide a response in writing, at least two (2) Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline, to the Proponent who requested approval of the substitute.

B7.6.1 The Contract Administrator will issue an Addendum, disclosing the approved materials, equipment, methods and products to all potential Proponents. The Proponent 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.

B7.7 If the Contract Administrator approves a substitute as an “approved equal”, any Proponent may use the approved equal in place of the specified item.

B7.8 If the Contract Administrator approves a substitute as an “approved alternative”, any Proponent 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 B22.

B7.9 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.

B8. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

B8.1 The Proposal shall consist of the following components:

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

B8.2 The Proposal should also consist of the following components:

- (a) Experience of Proponent and Subcontractors (Section C) in accordance with B11;
- (b) Experience of Key Personnel Assigned to the Engagement (Section D), in accordance with B12; and
- (c) Sample Engagement Methodology (Section E) in accordance with B13.

B8.3 Further to B8.1 all components of the Proposal shall be fully completed or provided in the order indicated, and submitted by the Proponent no later than the Submission Deadline, with all required entries made clearly and completely, to constitute a responsive Proposal.

B8.4 Further to B8.2, all components of the Proposal should be fully completed or provided in the order indicated, and submitted by the Proponent no later than the Submission Deadline, with all required entries made clearly and completely.

- B8.5 Proposal format, including number of pages, size of pages and, font, etc., will not be regulated, except that the Proposal should contain a table of contents, page numbering and should be in the Sections identified above. Proponents are encouraged to use their creativity to submit a Proposal which provides the requested information for evaluation and other information which illustrates the strength of their proposed solution.
- B8.6 The Proposal shall be submitted electronically through MERX at www.merx.com.
- B8.6.1 Proposals will **only** be accepted electronically through MERX.
- B8.7 Proponents are advised that inclusion of terms and conditions inconsistent with the Request for Proposal, will be evaluated in accordance with B22.1(a).
- B8.8 Any cost or expense incurred by the Proponent that is associated with the preparation of the Proposal shall be borne solely by the Proponent.

B9. PROPOSAL

- B9.1 The Proponent shall complete Form A: Bid/Proposal, making all required entries.
- B9.2 Paragraph 2 of Form A: Bid/Proposal shall be completed in accordance with the following requirements:
- (a) if the Proponent is a sole proprietor carrying on business in his/her own name, his/her name shall be inserted;
 - (b) if the Proponent is a partnership, the full name of the partnership shall be inserted;
 - (c) if the Proponent is a corporation, the full name of the corporation shall be inserted;
 - (d) if the Proponent 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.
- B9.2.1 If a Proposal is submitted jointly by two or more persons, each and all such persons shall identify themselves in accordance with B9.2.
- B9.3 In Paragraph 3 of Form A: Bid/Proposal, the Proponent shall identify a contact person who is authorized to represent the Proponent for purposes of the Proposal.
- B9.4 Paragraph 13 of Form A: Bid/Proposal shall be signed in accordance with the following requirements:
- (a) if the Proponent is a sole proprietor carrying on business in his/her own name, it shall be signed by the Proponent;
 - (b) if the Proponent is a partnership, it shall be signed by the partner or partners who have authority to sign for the partnership;
 - (c) if the Proponent is a corporation, it shall be signed by its duly authorized officer or officers;
 - (d) if the Proponent 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.
- B9.4.1 The name and official capacity of all individuals signing Form A: Bid/Proposal should be entered below such signatures.
- B9.5 If a Proposal is submitted jointly by two or more persons, the word "Proponent" shall mean each and all such persons, and the undertakings, covenants and obligations of such joint Proponents in the Proposal and the Contract, when awarded, shall be both joint and several.

B10. PRICES

- B10.1 The Proponent shall state a price in Canadian funds for each item of the Work identified on Form B: Prices.

- B10.1.1 Notwithstanding C12.2.3, 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.
- B10.1.2 Prices stated in response to B10.1 shall not include any costs which may be incurred by the Consultant with respect to any applicable funding agreement obligations as outlined in D19. Any such costs shall be determined in accordance with D19.
- B10.2 The quantities listed on Form B: Prices are to be considered approximate only. The City will use said quantities for the purpose of comparing Proposals.
- B10.3 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.
- B10.4 Where applicable, payments to Non-Resident Contractors are subject to Non-Resident Withholding Tax pursuant to the Income Tax Act (Canada).

B11. EXPERIENCE OF PROPONENT AND SUBCONTRACTORS (SECTION C)

- B11.1 Proposals should include:
- (a) details demonstrating the history and experience of the Proponent and Subcontractors in providing professional audit, investigative/forensic services with adherence to professional standard as well as contract administration services on up to three projects of similar complexity, scope and value.
- B11.2 For each project listed in B11.1(a), the Proponent should submit:
- (a) description of the project;
 - (b) role of the contractor;
 - (c) design and schedule (anticipated project schedule and actual project delivery schedule, showing design separately);
 - (d) Engagement Coordinator; and
 - (e) reference information (two current names with telephone numbers per project).
- B11.2.1 Where applicable, information should be separated into Proponent and Subcontractor project listings.
- B11.3 The Proposal should include general firm profile information, including years in business, average volume of work, number of employees and other pertinent information for the Proponent and all Subcontractors.

B12. EXPERIENCE OF KEY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE ENGAGEMENT (SECTION D)

- B12.1 Describe your approach to overall team formation and coordination of team members.
- B12.2 **Identify** the following Key Personnel assigned to the engagement. Proponents are to take note of the credentials required for each position:
- (a) Engagement Coordinator.
 - (b) Associate Staff Auditor shall have:
 - (i) a minimum of two (2) years relevant performance audit or investigative/forensic audit experience.
 - (c) Senior Auditor shall have:
 - (i) CPA (Chartered Professional Accountant) or CFE (Certified Fraud Examiner), or CPA, CFF (Certified in Financial Forensics);
 - (ii) a minimum of two (2) years relevant project management experience, and

- (iii) a minimum of five (5) years relevant performance audit or investigative/forensic audit experience.
 - (d) Managers shall have:
 - (i) CPA or CFE, or CPA, CFF designation;
 - (ii) a minimum of five (5) years relevant project management experience; and
 - (iii) a minimum of seven (7) years experience conducting and overseeing relevant performance audit projects and/or investigative/forensic audit projects.
- B12.3 For each person identified in B12.2, provide the following:
 - (a) Educational background and degrees;
 - (b) Professional recognition (if any);
 - (c) Years experience in a similar role;
 - (d) Current job title including years of experience in current position; and
 - (e) Years of experience with existing employer.
- B12.4 For each person identified in B12.2, list at least two comparable projects in which they have played a primary role. If a project selected for a key person is included in B11, provide only the project name and the role of the key person. For other projects provide the following:
 - (a) Description of project;
 - (b) Role of the person;
 - (c) Engagement Coordinator; and
 - (d) Reference information (two current names with telephone numbers per project).
- B13. SAMPLE ENGAGEMENT METHODOLOGY (SECTION E)**
- B13.1 Proponents should present a sample engagement methodology. The methodology should address each requirement of the Scope of Services identified in D2.
- B13.2 Describe your firm's project management approach and team organization during the performance of Services, so that the evaluation committee has a clear understanding of the methods the Proponent will use in the delivery of this Project.
- B13.3 Methodology should be presented in accordance with the Scope of Services identified in D2. Describe the collaborative process/method to be used by the Key Personnel of the team in the various phases of the Project.
- B13.4 Proposals should address:
 - (a) the team's understanding of the broad functional and technical requirements;
 - (b) the team's understanding of the urban design issues;
 - (c) the proposed Project budget;
 - (d) the City's Project methodology with respect to the information provided within this RFP; and the City's Project Management Manual at <http://winnipeg.ca/infrastructure/asset-management-program/templates-manuals.stm#2> and templates at <https://winnipeg.ca/infrastructure/asset-management-program/templates-manuals.stm#4> and;
 - (e) any other issue that conveys your team's understanding of the Project requirements.
- B13.5 For each person identified in B12.3, list the percent of the person's time to be dedicated to the Project in accordance with the Scope of Services identified in D2.

B14. DISCLOSURE

B14.1 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.

B14.2 The Persons are:

- (a) N/A

B15. CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GOOD FAITH

B15.1 Further to C3.2, Proponents, by responding to this RFP, declare that no Conflict of Interest currently exists, or is reasonably expected to exist in the future.

B15.2 Conflict of Interest means any situation or circumstance where a Proponent or Key Personnel proposed for the Work has:

- (a) other commitments;
- (b) relationships;
- (c) financial interests; or
- (d) involvement in ongoing litigation;

that could or would be seen to:

- (i) exercise an improper influence over the objective, unbiased and impartial exercise of the independent judgment of the City with respect to the evaluation of Proposals or award of the Contract; or
 - (ii) compromise, impair or be incompatible with the effective performance of a Proponent's obligations under the Contract.
- (e) has contractual or other obligations to the City that could or would be seen to have been compromised or impaired as a result of its participation in the RFP process or the Project; or
- (f) has knowledge of confidential information (other than confidential information disclosed by the City in the normal course of the RFP process) of strategic and/or material relevance to the RFP process or to the Project that is not available to other proponents and that could or would be seen to give that Proponent an unfair competitive advantage.

B15.3 In connection with its Proposal, each entity identified in B15.2 shall:

- (a) avoid any perceived, potential or actual Conflict of Interest in relation to the procurement process and the Project;
- (b) upon discovering any perceived, potential or actual Conflict of Interest at any time during the RFP process, promptly disclose a detailed description of the Conflict of Interest to the City in a written statement to the Contract Administrator; and
- (c) provide the City with the proposed means to avoid or mitigate, to the greatest extent practicable, any perceived, potential or actual Conflict of Interest and shall submit any additional information to the City that the City considers necessary to properly assess the perceived, potential or actual Conflict of Interest.

B15.4 Without limiting B15.3, the City may, in its sole discretion, waive any and all perceived, potential or actual Conflicts of Interest. The City's waiver may be based upon such terms and conditions as the City, in its sole discretion, requires to satisfy itself that the Conflict of Interest has been appropriately avoided or mitigated, including requiring the Proponent to put into place such policies, procedures, measures and other safeguards as may be required by and be acceptable to the City, in its sole discretion, to avoid or mitigate the impact of such Conflict of Interest.

B15.5 Without limiting B15.3, and in addition to all contractual or other rights or rights at law or in equity or legislation that may be available to the City, the City may, in its sole discretion:

- (a) disqualify a Proponent that fails to disclose a perceived, potential or actual Conflict of Interest of the Proponent or any of its Key Personnel;
- (b) require the removal or replacement of any Key Personnel proposed for the Work that has a perceived, actual or potential Conflict of Interest that the City, in its sole discretion, determines cannot be avoided or mitigated;
- (c) disqualify a Proponent or Key Personnel proposed for the Work that fails to comply with any requirements prescribed by the City pursuant to B15.4 to avoid or mitigate a Conflict of Interest; and
- (d) disqualify a Proponent if the Proponent, or one of its Key Personnel proposed for the Project, has a perceived, potential or actual Conflict of Interest that, in the City's sole discretion, cannot be avoided or mitigated, or otherwise resolved.

B15.6 The final determination of whether a perceived, potential or actual Conflict of Interest exists shall be made by the City, in its sole discretion.

B16. QUALIFICATION

B16.1 The Proponent 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 Proponent does not carry on business in Manitoba, in the jurisdiction where the Proponent 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.

B16.2 The Proponent 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 <https://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt/Templates/files/debar.pdf>

B16.3 The Proponent 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;
- (b) be fully capable of performing the Work required to be in strict accordance with the terms and provisions of the Contract;
- (c) have a written workplace safety and health program, if required, pursuant to The Workplace Safety and Health Act (Manitoba); and
- (d) have completed the Accessible Customer Service online training required by the Accessibility for Manitobans Act (AMA) (see B16.6 and D6).

B16.3.1 Notwithstanding B16.3 and in the event that a Contractor intends to use a Sub-Contractor to perform any or all of the Work of any particular engagement, at the sole discretion of the Contract Administrator, the City reserves the right to refuse the use of such Sub-Contractor for that particular engagement or for any particular portion of the engagement Work.

B16.4 Qualified resources are required for service delivery. If the Proponent provides resources from another jurisdiction, the Proponent will incur all travel expenses. Depending upon the particular engagement, the City may require the firm's qualified resource to attend City of Winnipeg facilities as part of the engagement.

- B16.5 Contractors/subcontractors who have been educated outside of Canada must have education which is comparable to the minimum qualification in Canada. Contractors/subcontractors working under submitting foreign credentials require an official academic assessment report issued by a recognized Canadian assessment service.
- B16.6 Further to B16.3(d), the Proponent acknowledges they and all Subcontractors have obtained training required by the Accessibility for Manitobans Act (AMA) available at <http://www.accessibilitymb.ca/training.html> for anyone that may have any interaction with the public on behalf of the City of Winnipeg.
- B16.7 The Proponent 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 Proponent and of any proposed Subcontractor.
- B16.8 The Proponent shall provide, on the request of the Contract Administrator, full access to any of the Proponent's equipment and facilities to confirm, to the Contract Administrator's satisfaction, that the Proponent's equipment and facilities are adequate to perform the Work.

B17. OPENING OF PROPOSALS AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION

- B17.1 Proposals will not be opened publicly.
- B17.2 After award of Contract, the Contract amount and the name of the successful Proponent and their address will be available on the MERX website at www.merx.com.
- B17.3 The Proponent is advised any information contained in any Proposal Submission may be released if required by The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Manitoba), by other authorities having jurisdiction, or by law or by City policy or procedures (which may include access by members of City Council).
- B17.3.1 To the extent permitted, the City shall treat as confidential information, those aspects of a Proposal Submission identified by the Proponent as such in accordance with and by reference to Part 2, Section 17 or Section 18 or Section 26 of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Manitoba), as amended.
- B17.4 Following the award of Contract, a Proponent will be provided with information related to the evaluation of his/her submission upon written request to the Contract Administrator.

B18. IRREVOCABLE OFFER

- B18.1 The Proposal(s) submitted by the Proponent shall be irrevocable for the time period specified in Paragraph 11 of Form A: Bid/Proposal.
- B18.2 The acceptance by the City of any Proposal shall not release the Proposals of the other responsive Proponents and these Proponents shall be bound by their offers on such until a Contract for the Work has been duly formed and the contract securities have been furnished as herein provided, but any Bid shall be deemed to have lapsed unless accepted within the time period specified in Paragraph 11 of Form A: Bid/Proposal.

B19. WITHDRAWAL OF OFFERS

- B19.1 A Proponent may withdraw his/her Proposal without penalty prior to the Submission Deadline.

B20. INTERVIEWS

- B20.1 The Contract Administrator may, in his/her sole discretion, interview Proponents during the evaluation process.

B21. NEGOTIATIONS

- B21.1 The City reserves the right to negotiate details of the Contract with any Proponent. Proponents are advised to present their best offer, not a starting point for negotiations in their Proposal Submission.
- B21.2 The City may negotiate with the Proponents submitting, in the City's opinion, the most advantageous Proposals. The City may enter into negotiations with one or more Proponents without being obligated to offer the same opportunity to any other Proponents. Negotiations may be concurrent and will involve each Proponent individually. The City shall incur no liability to any Proponent as a result of such negotiations.
- B21.3 If, in the course of negotiations pursuant to B21.2, the Proponent amends or modifies a Proposal after the Submission Deadline, the City may consider the amended Proposal as an alternative to the Proposal already submitted without releasing the Proponent from the Proposal as originally submitted.

B22. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

- B22.1 Award of the Contract shall be based on the following evaluation criteria:
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| (a) compliance by the Proponent with the requirements of the Request for Proposal or acceptable deviation therefrom: | (pass/fail) |
| (b) qualifications of the Proponent and the Subcontractors, if any, pursuant to B16: | (pass/fail) |
| (c) Total Bid Price; (Section B) | 40% |
| (d) Experience of Proponent and Subcontractors; (Section C) | 30% |
| (e) Experience of Key Personnel Assigned to the Engagement; (Section D) | 20% |
| (f) Sample Engagement Methodology (Section E) | 10% |
- B22.2 Further to B22.1(a), the Award Authority may reject a Proposal as being non-responsive if the Proposal 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 Proposal, or waive technical requirements or minor informalities or irregularities if the interests of the City so require.
- B22.3 Further to B22.1(b), the Award Authority shall reject any Proposal submitted by a Proponent who does not demonstrate, in its Proposal or in other information required to be submitted, that it is qualified.
- B22.4 If, in the sole opinion of the City, a Proposal does not achieve a pass rating for B22.1(a) and B22.1(b), the Proposal will be determined to be non-responsive and will not be further evaluated.
- B22.5 Further to B22.1(c), the Total Bid Price shall be the sum of the quantities multiplied by the unit prices for each item shown on Form B: Prices.
- B22.5.1 Further to B22.1(a), in the event that a unit price is not provided on Form B: Prices, the City will determine the unit price by dividing the Amount (extended price) by the approximate quantity, for the purposes of evaluation and payment.
- B22.6 Further to B22.1(d), Experience of Proponent and Subcontractors will be evaluated considering the experience of the organization on projects of similar size and complexity as well as other information requested, in accordance with B11.
- B22.7 Further to B22.1(e), Experience of Key Personnel Assigned to the Engagement will be evaluated considering the experience and qualifications of the Key Personnel and Subcontractor personnel on Projects of comparable size and complexity, in accordance with B12.

- B22.8 Further to B22.1(f), Sample Engagement Methodology will be evaluated considering your firm's understanding of the City's Project, project management approach and team organization, in accordance with B13.
- B22.9 Notwithstanding B22.1(d) to B22.1(f), where Proponents fail to provide a response to B8.2(a) to B8.2(c), the score of zero may be assigned to the incomplete part of the response.
- B22.10 Proposals will be evaluated considering the information in the Proposal Submission and any interviews held in accordance with B20.
- B22.11 Where references are requested, the reference checks to confirm information provided may not be restricted to only those submitted by the Proponent, and may include organizations representing Persons, known to have done business with the Proponent.
- B22.12 This Contract will be awarded as a whole.

B23. AWARD OF CONTRACT

- B23.1 The City will give notice of the award of the Contract, or will give notice that no award will be made.
- B23.2 The City will have no obligation to award a Contract to a Proponent, even though one or all of the Proponents are determined to be qualified, and the Proposals are determined to be responsive.
- B23.2.1 Without limiting the generality of B23.2, 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 Proposal 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.
- B23.3 Where an award of Contract is made by the City, the award shall be made to the qualified Proponent submitting the most advantageous offer.
- B23.4 Further to Paragraph 7 of Form A: Bid/Proposal and C4, the City may issue an award letter to the successful Proponent in lieu of execution of Contract Documents
- B23.4.1 The Contract documents as defined in C1.1(p) in their entirety shall be deemed to be incorporated in and to form a part of the award letter notwithstanding that they are not necessarily attached to or accompany said award letter.
- B23.5 Following the award of contract, a Proponent will be provided with information related to the evaluation of his/her Proposal upon written request to the Contract Administrator.
- B23.6 If, after the award of Contract, the Project is cancelled, the City reserves the right to terminate the Contract. The Proponent will be paid for all Services rendered up to time of termination.

PART C - GENERAL CONDITIONS

C0. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- C0.1 The *General Conditions for Supply of Services* (Revision 2020-01-31) 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 Request for Proposal 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 SERVICES

The Work to be done under the Contract shall consist of providing professional services for audit and investigative/forensic engagements for the period from January 1, 2023 until December 31, 2023, with the option of four (4) mutually agreed upon one (1) year extensions.

D2.1.1 The City may negotiate the extension option with the Proponent within ninety (90) Calendar Days prior to the expiry date of the Contract. The City shall incur no liability to the Proponent 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.

D2.1.3 Proponents are advised that, in future, the City may be participating in collaborative procurement initiatives with other levels of government. Accordingly, extensions to this Contract may not be exercised.

D2.1 The Work shall be done on an "as required" basis during the term of the Contract.

D2.1.1 The type and quantity of Work to be performed under this Contract shall be as authorized from time to time by the Contract Administrator and/or Users.

D2.1.2 Subject to C7, the City shall have no obligation under the Contract to purchase any quantity of any item in excess of its actual operational requirements.

D2.2 The major components of the Work are as follows, but not limited to:

- (a) Audit Services;
- (b) Perform performance audits or investigative/forensic Work in accordance with respective standards and framework. For example, performance audits are performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards;
- (c) Provide objective, fact-based information, and value-added independent advice with respect to financial, policy, operations, risk and control issues identified through audits and investigations;
- (d) Perform planning, fieldwork, reporting and communication for audit and investigative/forensic Work;
- (e) Provide recommendations to strengthen internal controls, create efficiencies, improve operations and mitigate risk;
- (f) Monitor and supervise the Work of the project team to ensure quality of Work performed and in accordance with project timelines and budget;
- (g) Draft reports and related briefings, including but not limited to the facts, methodology, analysis, findings (condition, criteria, cause, effect), conclusions and recommendations; and
- (h) Maintain adherence to professional standards (to be identified for each project prior to commencement) including completing a risk-based assessment (where applicable); proof of action through the provision of Working papers, develop findings and conclusion based on sufficient and appropriate evidence; complete quality control reviews which meet professional standards.

D2.3 Pursuant to the RFP, when the City requires audit/investigative/forensic services the City will provide a detailed scope of service for that particular engagement. The Contractor will provide written details of any and all requirements required by the City to execute the engagement including, but not limited to engagement plan, time line, proposed budget in alignment with Form B: Prices.

D2.4 The Contractor shall not perform any Work until final approval has been given by the Contract Administrator, or designate in writing.

D3. COOPERATIVE PURCHASE

D3.1 The Contractor is advised that this is a cooperative purchase.

D3.2 The Contract Administrator may, from time to time during the term of the Contract, approve other public sector organizations and utilities, including but not limited to municipalities, universities, schools and hospitals, to be participants in the cooperative purchase.

D3.3 The Contract Administrator will notify the Contractor of a potential participant and provide a list of the delivery locations and estimated quantities.

D3.4 If any location of the potential participant is more than ten (10) kilometres beyond the boundaries of the City of Winnipeg, the Contractor shall, within fifteen (15) Calendar Days of the written notice, notify the Contract Administrator of the amount of any additional delivery charge for the location.

D3.5 If any additional delivery charges are identified by the Contractor, the potential participant may accept or decline to participate in the cooperative purchase.

D3.6 The Contractor shall enter into a contract with each participant under the same terms and conditions as this Contract except:

- (a) supply under the contract shall not commence until the expiry or lawful termination of any other contract(s) binding the participant for the same goods;
- (b) a participant may specify a duration of contract shorter than the duration of this Contract;
- (c) a participant may specify that only some items under this Contract and/or less than its total requirement for an item are to be supplied under its contract; and
- (d) any additional delivery charge identified and accepted in accordance with clause D3.4 and D3.5 will apply.

D3.7 Each participant will be responsible for the administration of its contract and the fulfilment of its obligations under its contract. The City shall not incur any liability arising from any such contract.

D3.8 No participant shall have the right or authority to effect a change in the Contract, or of any other participant in this Contract.

D4. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

D4.1 The Contract Administrator is:

Joe Anne Wiebe
Executive Assistant - Audit
Telephone No. 204-986-3404
Email Address.: jwiebe@winnipeg.ca

D4.2 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. NOTICES

- D5.1 Except as provided for in C22.4, all notices, requests, nominations, proposals, consents, approvals, statements, authorizations, documents or other communications to the Contractor shall be sent to the address or facsimile number identified by the Contractor in Paragraph 2 of Form A: Bid/Proposal.
- D5.2 All notices, requests, nominations, proposals, consents, approvals, statements, authorizations, documents or other communications to the City, except as expressly otherwise required in, D7.4 or elsewhere in the Contract, shall be sent to the attention of the Contract Administrator identified in D4.
- D5.3 All notices, requests, nominations, proposals, consents, approvals, statements, authorizations, documents or other communications required to be submitted or returned to the City Solicitor shall be sent to the following facsimile number:

The City of Winnipeg
Legal Services Department
Attn: Director of Legal Services
Facsimile No.: 204 947-9155

D6. ACCESSIBLE CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

- D6.1 The Accessibility for Manitobans Act (AMA) imposes obligations on The City of Winnipeg to provide accessible customer service to all persons in accordance with the Customer Service Standard Regulation ("CSSR") to ensure inclusive access and participation for all people who live, work or visit Winnipeg regardless of their abilities.
- D6.1.1 The Contractor agrees to comply with the accessible customer service obligations under the CSSR and further agrees that when providing the Goods or Services or otherwise acting on the City of Winnipeg's behalf, shall comply with all obligations under the AMA applicable to public sector bodies.
- D6.1.2 The accessible customer service obligations include, but are not limited to:
- (a) providing barrier-free access to goods and services;
 - (b) providing reasonable accommodations;
 - (c) reasonably accommodating assistive devices, support persons, and support animals;
 - (d) providing accessibility features e.g. ramps, wide aisles, accessible washrooms, power doors and elevators;
 - (e) inform the public when accessibility features are not available;
 - (f) providing a mechanism or process for receiving and responding to public feedback on the accessibility of all goods and services; and
 - (g) providing adequate training of staff and documentation of same.

SUBMISSIONS

D7. AUTHORITY TO CARRY ON BUSINESS

- D7.1 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.

D8. INSURANCE

- D8.1 The Contractor shall provide and maintain the following insurance coverage:
- (a) commercial general liability insurance, in the amount of at least two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) inclusive, with the City added as an additional insured; such liability policy to also contain a cross-liability clause, blanket contractual liability, non-owned automobile liability, contingent employer's liability, and products and completed operations cover, to remain in place at all times during the performance of the Services;
 - (b) Professional liability insurance in an amount not less than \$2,000,000 per claim and \$5,000,000 in the aggregate. Such policy shall remain in force for the duration of the Services and for twenty-four (24) months after completion of the Services.
- D8.2 Deductibles shall be borne by the Contractor.
- D8.3 The Contractor shall provide the Contract Administrator with a certificate(s) of insurance, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and the City's Insurance Supervisor at least two (2) Business Days prior to the commencement of any Service.
- D8.1 The Contractor shall not cancel, materially alter, or cause the policy to lapse without providing at least thirty (30) Calendar Days prior written notice to the Contract Administrator.
- D8.2 All policies shall be taken out with insurers licensed to carry on business in the Province of Manitoba.
- D8.3 The City shall have the right to alter the limits and/or coverages as reasonably required from time to time during the continuance of the Contract or any subsequent extensions. The City shall provide reasonable notice and request reasonable change.

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 D7;
 - (ii) evidence of the workers compensation coverage specified in C6.14; and
 - (iii) the direct deposit application form specified in D16.
 - (b) the Contractor has attended a meeting with the Contract Administrator, or the Contract Administrator has waived the requirement for a meeting.
- D9.3 The Contractor shall not commence any Work until fees and a Statement of Work (SOW) is confirmed and issued by the Contract Administrator to the Contractor.
- D9.3.1 A sample of the Statement of Work can be viewed as Appendix A – Sample Statement of Work.

D10. COVID-19 SCHEDULE DELAYS

- D10.1 The City acknowledges that the schedule for this Contract may be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Commencement and progress of the Work shall be performed by the Contractor with due consideration to the health and safety of workers and the public, directives from health authorities and various levels of government and in close consultation with the Contract Administrator.

- D10.2 If the Contractor is delayed in the performance of the Work by reason of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Work schedule may be adjusted by a period of time equal to the time lost due to such delay and costs related to such delay will be determined as identified herein.
- D10.3 A minimum of seven (7) Calendar Days prior to the commencement of Work, the Contractor shall declare whether COVID-19 will affect the start date. The Contractor shall provide sufficient evidence that the delay is directly related to COVID-19, including but not limited to evidence related to availability of staff, availability of Material or work by others.
- D10.4 For any delay related to COVID-19 and identified after Work has commenced, the Contractor shall within seven (7) Calendar Days of becoming aware of the anticipated delay declare the additional delay and shall provide sufficient evidence as indicated in D10.3. Failure to provide this notice will result in no additional time delays being considered by the City.
- D10.5 The Work schedule, identified in D10.2, where applicable will be adjusted to reflect delays accepted by the Contract Administrator.
- D10.6 Any time or cost implications as a result of COVID-19 and in accordance with the above, as confirmed by the Contract Administrator, shall be documented in accordance with C7.

CONTROL OF WORK

D11. JOB MEETINGS

- D11.1 Regular weekly job meetings will be held via Microsoft TEAMS. These meetings shall be attended by a minimum of one representative of the Contract Administrator, one representative of the City and one representative of the Contractor. Each representative shall be a responsible person capable of expressing the position of the Contract Administrator, the City and the Contractor respectively on any matter discussed at the meeting including the Work schedule and the need to make any revisions to the Work schedule. The progress of the Work will be reviewed at each of these meetings.
- D11.2 The Contract Administrator reserves the right to cancel any job meeting or call additional job meetings whenever he/she deems it necessary.

D12. DEFICIENCIES

- D12.1 Further to C11.7, the Contract Administrator may order the Contractor to alter or improve his/her methods, to increase or improve his/her Plant, to furnish additional or more suitable Material, or to employ additional or more qualified labour if, at any time, the Contract Administrator determines that:
- (a) the Work is not being, or will likely not be, performed satisfactorily; or
 - (b) progress is not being, or will likely not be, maintained in accordance with the work schedule.
- D12.2 If the Work or any part thereof is taken out of the Contractor's control pursuant to C18.7, all Plant and Material, and the interest of the Contractor in all licences, powers and privileges acquired, used or provided by the Contractor under the Contract shall be assigned by the Contractor to the City without compensation to the Contractor.
- D12.3 The City shall have the right to take possession of and use any of the Contractor's material and property of every kind provided by the Contractor for the purpose of the Work, and to procure other Plant or Material for the completion thereof.
- D12.4 When the Contract Administrator certifies that any Plant, Material or any interest of the Contractor referred to in D12.2, is no longer required for the purposes of the Work, or that it is not in the best interest of the City to retain that Plant, Material or interest, it shall revert to the Contractor.

D13. ORDERS

D13.1 The Contractor shall provide a local Winnipeg telephone number or a toll-free telephone number at which orders for service may be placed.

D14. RECORDS

D14.1 The Contractor shall keep detailed records of the services supplied under the Contract.

D14.2 The Contractor shall record, as a minimum, for each item listed on Form B: Prices:

- (a) user name(s) and addresses;
- (b) order date(s);
- (c) service date(s); and
- (d) description and quantity of services provided.

D14.3 The Contractor shall provide the Contract Administrator with a copy of the records for each quarter year within fifteen (15) Calendar Days of a request of the Contract Administrator.

MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

D15. INVOICES

D15.1 Further to C12, the Contractor shall submit an invoice for each portion of work performed 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
Send Invoices to CityWpgAP-INVOICES@winnipeg.ca
Send Invoice Inquiries to CityWpgAP-INQUIRIES@winnipeg.ca

D15.2 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.

D15.3 The City will bear no responsibility for delays in approval of invoices which are improperly submitted.

D16. PAYMENT

D16.1 Further to C12, the City shall make payments to the Contractor by direct deposit to the Contractor's banking institution, and by no other means. Payments will not be made until the Contractor has made satisfactory direct deposit arrangements with the City. Direct deposit application forms are at https://winnipeg.ca/finance/files/Direct_Deposit_Form.pdf.

WARRANTY

D17. WARRANTY

D17.1 Notwithstanding C13, Warranty does not apply to this Contract.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

D18. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

D18.1 If the Contractor disagrees with any opinion, determination, or decision of the Contract Administrator, the Contractor shall act in accordance with the Contract Administrator's opinion, determination, or decision unless and until same is modified by the process followed by the parties pursuant to D18.

D18.2 The entire text of C21.4 is deleted, and amended to read: "Intentionally Deleted"

D18.3 The entire text of C21.5 is deleted, and amended to read:

- (a) If Legal Services has determined that the Disputed Matter may proceed in the Appeal Process, the Contractor must, within ten (10) Business Days of the date of the Legal Services Response Letter, submit his written Appeal Form, in the manner and format set out on the City's Materials Management Website, to the Chief Administrative Officer, and to the Contract Administrator. The Contractor may not raise any other disputes other than the Disputed Matter in his Appeal Form.

D18.4 Further to C21, prior to the Contract Administrator's issuance of a Final Determination, the following informal dispute resolution process shall be followed where the Contractor disagrees with any opinion, determination, or decision of the Contract Administrator ("Dispute"):

- (a) In the event of a Dispute, attempts shall be made by the Contract Administrator and the Contractor's equivalent representative to resolve Disputes within the normal course of project dealings between the Contract Administrator and the Contractor's equivalent representative.
- (b) Disputes which in the reasonable opinion of the Contract Administrator or the Contractor's equivalent representative cannot be resolved within the normal course of project dealings as described above shall be referred to a without prejudice escalating negotiation process consisting of, at a minimum, the position levels as shown below and the equivalent Contractor representative levels:
 - (i) The Contract Administrator;
 - (ii) Supervisory level between the Contract Administrator and applicable Department Head;
 - (iii) Department Head.

D18.4.1 Names and positions of Contractor representatives equivalent to the above City position levels shall be determined by the Contractor and communicated to the City at the pre-commencement or kick off meeting.

D18.4.2 As these negotiations are not an adjudicative hearing, neither party may have legal counsel present during the negotiations.

D18.4.3 Both the City and the Contractor agree to make all reasonable efforts to conduct the above escalating negotiation process within twenty (20) Business Days, unless both parties agree, in writing, to extend that period of time.

D18.4.4 If the Dispute is not resolved to the City and Contractor's mutual satisfaction after discussions have occurred at the final escalated level as described above, or the time period set out in D18.4.3, as extended if applicable, has elapsed, the Contract Administrator will issue a Final Determination as defined in C1.1(v), at which point the parties will be governed by the Dispute Resolution process set out in C21.

THIRD PARTY AGREEMENTS

D19. FUNDING AND/OR CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT OBLIGATIONS

- D19.1 In the event that funding for the Work of the Contract is provided to the City of Winnipeg by the Government of Manitoba and/or the Government of Canada, the following terms and conditions shall apply, as required by the applicable funding agreements.
- D19.2 Further to D19.1, in the event that the obligations in D19 apply, actual costs legitimately incurred by the Contractor as a direct result of these obligations ("Funding Costs") shall be determined by the actual cost to the Contractor and not by the valuation method(s) outlined in C7.4. In all other respects Funding Costs will be processed in accordance with Changes in Work under C7.
- D19.3 For the purposes of D19:
- (a) "**Government of Canada**" includes the authorized officials, auditors, and representatives of the Government of Canada; and
 - (b) "**Government of Manitoba**" includes the authorized officials, auditors, and representatives of the Government of Manitoba.
- D19.4 Modified Insurance Requirements
- D19.4.1 Where applicable, the Contractor will be required to provide wrap-up liability insurance in an amount of no less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) inclusive per occurrence. Such policy will be written in the joint names of the City, Contractor, Consultants and all sub-contractors and sub-consultants and include twelve (12) months completed operations. The Government of Manitoba and its Ministers, officers, employees, and agents shall be added as additional insureds.
- D19.4.2 If applicable the Contractor will be required to provide builders' risk insurance (including boiler and machinery insurance, as applicable) providing all risks coverage at full replacement cost, or such lower level of insurance that the City may identify on a case-by-case basis, such as an installation floater.
- D19.4.3 The Contractor shall obtain and maintain third party liability insurance with minimum coverage of two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) per occurrence on all licensed vehicles operated at the Site. In the event that this requirement conflicts with another licensed vehicle insurance requirement in this Contract, then the requirement that provides the higher level of insurance shall apply.
- D19.4.4 Insurers shall provide satisfactory Certificates of Insurance to the Government of Manitoba prior to commencement of Work as written evidence of the insurance required. The Certificates of Insurance must provide for a minimum of thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the Government of Manitoba in case of insurance cancellation.
- D19.4.5 All policies must be taken out with insurers licensed to carry on business in the Province of Manitoba.
- D19.5 Indemnification By Contractor
- D19.5.1 In addition to the indemnity obligations outlined in C17 of the General Conditions for Services, the Contractor agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Government of Canada and the Government of Manitoba and each of their respective Ministers, officers, servants, employees, and agents from and against all claims and demands, losses, costs, damages, actions, suit or other proceedings brought or pursued in any manner in respect of any matter caused by the Contractor or arising from this Contract or the Work, or from the goods or services provided or required to be provided by the Contractor, except those resulting from the negligence of any of the Government of Canada's or the Government of Manitoba's Ministers, officers, servants, employees, or agents, as the case may be.

- D19.5.2 The Contractor agrees that in no event will Canada or Manitoba, their respective officers, servants, employees or agents be held liable for any damages in contract, tort (including negligence) or otherwise, for:
- (a) any injury to any person, including, but not limited to, death, economic loss or infringement of rights;
 - (b) any damage to or loss or destruction of property of any person; or
 - (c) any obligation of any person, including, but not limited to, any obligation arising from a loan, capital lease or other long term obligation;
- in relation to this Contract or the Work.
- D19.6 Records Retention and Audits
- D19.6.1 The Contractor shall maintain and preserve accurate and complete records in respect of this Contract and the Work, including all accounting records, financial documents, copies of contracts with other parties and other records relating to this Contract and the Work during the term of the Contract and for at least six (6) years after Total Performance. Those records bearing original signatures or professional seals or stamps must be preserved in paper form; other records may be retained in electronic form.
- D19.6.2 In addition to the record keeping and inspection obligations outlined in C6 of the General Conditions for Services, the Contractor shall keep available for inspection and audit at all reasonable times while this Contract is in effect and until at least six (6) years after Total Performance, all records, documents, and contracts referred to in D19.6.1 for inspection, copying and audit by the City of Winnipeg, the Government of Manitoba and/or the Government of Canada and their respective representatives and auditors, and to produce them on demand; to provide reasonable facilities for such inspections, copying and audits, to provide copies of and extracts from such records, documents, or contracts upon request by the City of Winnipeg, the Government of Manitoba, and/or the Government of Canada and their respective representatives and auditors, and to promptly provide such other information and explanations as may be reasonably requested by the City of Winnipeg, the Government of Manitoba, and/or the Government of Canada from time-to-time.
- D19.7 Other Obligations
- D19.7.1 The Contractor consents to the City providing a copy of the Contract Documents to the Government of Manitoba and/or the Government of Canada upon request from either entity.
- D19.7.2 If the Lobbyists Registration Act (Manitoba) applies to the Contractor, the Contractor represents and warrants that it has filed a return and is registered and in full compliance with the obligations of that Act, and covenants that it will continue to comply for the duration of this Contract.
- D19.7.3 The Contractor shall comply with all applicable legislation and standards, whether federal, provincial, or municipal, including (without limitation) labour, environmental, and human rights laws, in the course of providing the Work.
- D19.7.4 The Contractor shall properly account for the Work provided under this Contract and payment received in this respect, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in effect in Canada, including those principles and standards approved or recommended from time-to-time by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada or the Public Sector Accounting Board, as applicable, applied on a consistent basis.
- D19.7.5 The Contractor represents and warrants that no current or former public servant or public office holder, to whom the Value and Ethics Code for the Public Sector, the Policy on Conflict of Interest and Post Employment, or the Conflict of Interest Act applies, shall derive direct benefit from this Contract, including any employment, payments, or gifts, unless the provision or receipt of such benefits is in compliance with such codes and the legislation.

D19.7.6 The Contractor represents and warrants that no member of the House of Commons or of the Senate of Canada or of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba is a shareholder, director or officer of the Contractor or of a Subcontractor, and that no such member is entitled to any benefits arising from this Contract or from a contract with the Contractor or a Subcontractor concerning the Work.

PART E - SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL

E1. APPLICABLE SPECIFICATIONS

- E1.1 These Specifications shall apply to the Work.
- E1.2 Proponents are reminded that requests for approval of substitutes as an approved equal or an approved alternative shall be made in accordance with B7. In every instance where a brand name or design specification is used, the City will also consider approved equals and/or approved alternatives in accordance with B7.

E2. SERVICES

- E2.1 The Contractor shall provide professional services for audit and investigative/forensic engagements in accordance with professional standards and shall be in accordance with B12.2 and D2.2, and also hereinafter specified.

E3. SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS

- E3.1 The City may have engagements whereby the qualifications of a Subject Matter Expert (SME) may be required for consultation purposes. For example, but not limited to Engineers, Medical Practitioners, etc.
 - E3.1.1 SME's are individuals that have the relevant designations/certifications in the areas of expertise for which they are considered SME.
 - E3.1.2 SME's shall have a minimum of five (5) years experience in the are in which they are considered SME.
- E3.2 Where consultation services of a SME is required to performing an engagement, the Contractor shall contact the Contract Administrator to obtain written approval to obtain the services of a SME.
 - E3.2.1 The Contractor shall be allowed to bill the City for the services of a SME on a pre-approved basis, and shall not exceed the hourly rate of Managers.

E4. APPENDICES

- E4.1 Appendix A – Sample Statement of Work.