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STRATEGIC PURCHASING DIVISION

CAFETERIA/DELI OPERATIONS SERVICES

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CITY OF HOUSTON DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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PROCUREMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE OF
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR

Cafeteria/Deli Operations Service

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THE CITY OF HOUSTON

The City of Houston Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department invites prospective contractors to submit a written proposal for Cafeteria/Deli Operations Service for the City of Houston. Proposals are solicited for this service for the City of Houston in accordance with the terms, conditions and instructions as set forth in this Request for Proposal (RFP).

This Proposal is available on the Internet from: http://purchasing.houstontx.gov/

In the event you do not have download capability, the RFP document may be obtained from the Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department, Strategic Purchasing Division, Basement Level, Room B121A, City Hall, 901 Bagby, Houston, Texas 77002.

The City of Houston, Texas will receive proposals at the City Secretary's Office, City Hall Annex, Public Level, 900 Bagby, Houston, Texas 77002 until **Friday, November 20, 2009 2:00 P.M.** No proposals will be accepted after the stated deadline. When submitting proposals via UPS/FedEx, etc. please label it with the name: Office of the City Secretary + above-referenced address along with the proposal number.

There will be a **Pre-Proposal Conference on Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 2:00 P.M.** in the Strategic Purchasing Division, Conference Room No. 1, located at 900 Bagby, City Hall Annex, Tunnel Level, Houston, Texas.

Questions concerning the Proposal should be submitted to, Strategic Purchasing, High Technology, Room B522, City Hall, 901 Bagby, Houston, Texas 77002, Attn: Murdock Smith, phone: (832) 393-8725, fax: (832) 393-8759, murdock.smith@cityofhouston.net no later than **5:00 P.M., Tuesday, October 22, 2009.**

All proposals will be required to comply with City Council Ordinance No. 78-1538, passed August 9, 1978, relating to Equal Employment Opportunity Contract Compliance. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to accept any proposal or portion of a proposal deemed to be in the City's best interest.

Calvin D. Wells, Deputy Director
City Purchasing Agent

10/5/09
Date

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SECTION I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 Submittal Procedure:

1.1 Seven (7) copies of the proposal, including one (1) printed original, signed in BLUE ink, are to be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing the assigned Control Number located on the first page of the RFP document to:

1.1.1 City Secretary's Office
City Hall Annex
900 Bagby
Houston, Texas 77002

1.2 The deadline for the submittal of the proposal to the City Secretary's Office is no later than **Friday, November 20, 2009 at 2:00 P.M.** Failure to submit the required number of copies as stated above may be subject for disqualification from the proposal process.

1.3 Respondents may elect to either mail, or personally deliver, their proposals to the City Secretary's Office.

1.4 The City of Houston shall bear no responsibility for submitting responses on behalf of any Proposer. Respondents may submit their proposal to the City Secretary's Office any time prior to the above stated deadline.

2.0 Proposal Format:

2.1 The Proposal should be electronically generated and the printed original signed in ink. They should not be submitted in elaborate or expensive binders. Legibility, clarity and completeness are important and essential.

2.2 The proposal must be signed by individual(s) legally authorized to bind the Proposer(s) and must contain a statement that the proposal and the prices contained therein shall remain firm for a period of one hundred-eighty (180) days.

3.0 Pre-Proposal Conference:

3.1 A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held **Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 2:00 P.M.** in the Strategic Purchasing Division Conference Room No. 1, City Hall Annex, located at 900 Bagby, Tunnel Level, Houston, Texas. Interested Proposers should plan to attend. It will be assumed that potential Proposers attending this meeting have reviewed the RFP in detail and are prepared to bring up any substantive questions, which have not already been addressed by the City.

4.0 Additional Information and Specifications Changes:

4.1 Requests for additional information and questions should be addressed to the Administration and Regulatory Affairs Department, High Technology Section, Murdock Smith, (832) 393-8725 fax: (713) 247-3039, murdock.smith@cityofhouston.net no later than **Tuesday, October 22, 2009 at 5:00 P.M.** local time. local time. The City of Houston shall provide written response to all questions received in writing on or before the written question submittal deadline. Questions received from all respondents shall be answered and sent to all respondents who are listed as having obtained Requests for Proposals. Proposers shall be notified in writing of any changes in the specifications contained in this Request for Proposal.

5.0 Addenda & Modifications:

5.1 All addenda, amendments, and interpretations to this solicitation shall be in writing. Any amendment or interpretation that is not in writing shall not legally bind the City of Houston. Only information supplied by the City of Houston in writing or in this RFP should be used in preparing proposal responses.

5.2 The City does not assume responsibility for the receipt of any addendum sent to Proposers.

6.0 Examination of Documents and Requirements:

6.1 Each Proposer shall carefully examine all RFP documents and thoroughly familiarize themselves with all requirements prior to submitting a proposal to ensure that the proposal meets the intent of this RFP.

6.2 Before submitting a proposal, each Proposer shall be responsible for making all investigations and examinations that are necessary to ascertain conditions and requirements affecting the requirements of this RFP. Failure to make such investigations and examinations shall not relieve the Proposer from obligation to comply, in every detail, with all provisions and requirements of the Request for Proposal.

7.0 Post-Proposal Discussions with Proposers:

7.1 It is the City's intent to commence final negotiation with the Proposer(s) deemed most advantageous to the City. The City reserves the right to conduct post-proposal discussions with any Proposer(s).

8.0 Terms, Conditions, Limitations and Exceptions:

8.1 This RFP does not commit the City of Houston to award a contract, issue a Purchase Order, or to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal in response to this request.

8.2 The proposals will become part of the City's official files without any obligation on the City's part. All Responses shall be held confidential from all parties other

than the City until after the contract is awarded. Afterward, the proposals shall be available to the public.

8.3 The City of Houston shall not be held accountable if material from responses is obtained without the written consent of the Proposer by parties other than the City, at any time during the proposal evaluation process.

8.4 In the event a Proposer submits trade secret information to the City, the information must be clearly labeled as a "Trade Secret". The City will maintain the confidentiality of such trade secret to the extent provided by law.

8.5 Proposer(s) shall not offer any gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value to any official or employee of the City of Houston (including any and all members of proposal evaluation committees).

8.6 Proposer(s) shall not collude in any manner, or engage in any practices, with any other Proposer(s), which may restrict or eliminate competition or otherwise restrain trade. This is not intended to preclude subcontracts and joint ventures for the purposes of: a) responding to this RFP, or b) establishing a project team with the required experience and/or capability to provide the goods or services specified herein. Conversely, the City can combine or consolidate proposals, or portions thereof, for the purposes mentioned above.

8.7 All proposals submitted must be the original work product of the Proposer. The copying or paraphrasing of the work product of another Proposer is not permitted.

8.8 The RFP and the related responses of the selected Proposer will by reference (within either a Contract or Purchase Order) become part of any formal agreement between the selected Proposer and the City. The City and the selected Proposer may negotiate a contract or contracts for submission to City Council for consideration and approval. *In the event an agreement cannot be reached with the selected Proposer, the City reserves the right to select an alternative Proposer. The City reserves the right to negotiate with alternative Proposer the exact terms and conditions of the contract.*

8.9 Proposers, their authorized representatives, and their agents are responsible for obtaining, and will be deemed to have, full knowledge of the conditions, requirements, and specifications of the Request for Proposal at the time a proposal is submitted to the City.

8.10 The price agreement(s) shall become effective on or about ***February 12, 2010*** *for a term of three (3) calendar years. The City of Houston reserves the option of extending the agreement(s) on an annual basis for two (2) additional one-year terms or portions thereof.*

8.11 If necessary for the completion of tasks required under the project, the City will provide reasonable working space to the Prime Contractor.

8.12 Clerical support and reproduction of documentation costs shall be the responsibility of the Prime Contractor. If required, such support and costs shall be defined in the contract negotiated.

8.13 Prime Contractor personnel essential to the continuity and successful and timely completion of the project should be available for the duration of the project unless substitutions are approved in writing by the City Project Director.

8.14 The Prime Contractor will be expected to adhere to all standard contractual requirements of the City which will include, but are not limited to, provisions for: Time Extensions, Appropriation of Available Funds, Approvals, Term and Termination, Independent Contractor, Business Structure and Assignments, Subcontractors, Parties in Interest, Non-waiver, Applicable Laws, Notices, Use of Work Products, Equal Employment Opportunity, Force Majeure, and Inspections and Audits.

8.15 The City may terminate its performance under a contract in the event of a default by the Prime Contractor and a failure to cure such default after receiving notice of default from the City. Default may result from the Prime Contractor's failure to perform under the terms of the contract or from the Prime Contractor becoming insolvent, having a substantial portion of its assets assessed for the benefit of creditors, or having a receiver or trustee appointed.

8.16 Prime Contractor must promptly report to the City Project Director any conditions, transactions, situation, or circumstances encountered by the Prime Proposer, which would impede or impair the proper and timely performance of the contract.

8.17 The City of Houston has sole discretion and reserves the right to cancel this RFP or to reject any or all proposals received prior to contract award.

8.18 The City reserves the right to waive any minor informality concerning this RFP, or to reject any or all proposals or any part thereof.

8.19 The City reserves the right to request clarification of any proposal after they have been received.

8.20 The City reserves the right to select elements from different individual proposals and to combine and consolidate them in any way that best serves the City's interest. The City reserves the right to reduce the scope of the project and evaluate only the remaining elements from all proposals. The City reserves the right to reject specific elements contained in all proposals and to complete the evaluation process based only on the remaining items.

8.21 The selected Proposer must furnish a "Certificate of Registration" which authorizes them to conduct business in the State of Texas prior to the awarding of the contract. Such Registration is obtained from the Texas Secretary of State's Office, which will also provide the certification thereof.

8.22 After contract execution, the successful Proposer shall be the Prime Contractor and responsible party for contracting and communicating the work to be performed to subcontractors and for channeling other information between the City and subcontractors. Any subcontracting must be specified in the proposal. Any subcontracting not specified in the proposal will need prior written approval from the City Purchasing Agent.

8.23 Prime Contractor assumes total responsibility for the quality and quantity of all work performed, whether it is undertaken by the Prime Contractor or is subcontracted to another organization.

8.24 If subcontractor involvement is required in the use of license, patent, or proprietary process, the Prime Contractor is responsible for obtaining written authorization from the subcontractor to use the process or providing another process comparable to that which is required and which is acceptable to the City, all at no additional cost or liability to the City.

9.0 Invoicing:

9.1 The City of Houston is a single entity for accounting, billing, and discounting. Any invoices accompanied by detailed supplements and other back up documents are to be submitted to:

9.1.1 City of Houston
Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department
Accounts Payable Section
P.O. Box 1562
Houston, Texas 77251

9.2 The City of Houston requires timely and accurate accounting and billing information.

10.0 Indemnity and Release:

10.1 RELEASE

PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER AGREES TO AND SHALL RELEASE THE CITY, ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, AND LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES (COLLECTIVELY THE "CITY") FROM ALL LIABILITY FOR INJURY, DEATH, DAMAGE, OR LOSS TO PERSONS OR PROPERTY SUSTAINED IN CONNECTION WITH OR INCIDENTAL TO PERFORMANCE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, EVEN IF THE INJURY, DEATH, DAMAGE, OR LOSS IS CAUSED BY THE CITY'S SOLE OR CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE AND/OR THE CITY'S STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY OR STRICT STATUTORY LIABILITY.

10.2 INDEMNIFICATION

PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER AGREES TO AND SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD THE CITY, ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, AND LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES (COLLECTIVELY THE "CITY") HARMLESS FOR ALL CLAIMS, CAUSES OF ACTION, LIABILITIES, FINES, AND EXPENSES (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ATTORNEYS' FEES, COURT COSTS, AND ALL OTHER DEFENSE COSTS AND INTEREST) FOR INJURY, DEATH, DAMAGE, OR LOSS TO PERSONS OR PROPERTY SUSTAINED IN CONNECTION WITH OR INCIDENTAL TO PERFORMANCE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THOSE CAUSED BY:

10.2.1 PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUPPLIERS AND/OR ITS AGENTS', EMPLOYEES', OFFICERS', DIRECTORS', CONTRACTORS', OR SUBCONTRACTORS' (COLLECTIVELY IN NUMBERED PARAGRAPHS 10.1-10.3, "PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER") ACTUAL OR ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OR INTENTIONAL ACTS OR OMISSIONS;

10.2.2 THE CITY'S AND PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER'S ACTUAL OR ALLEGED CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE, WHETHER PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER IS IMMUNE FROM LIABILITY OR NOT; AND

10.2.3 THE CITY'S AND PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER'S ACTUAL OR ALLEGED STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY OR STRICT STATUTORY LIABILITY, WHETHER PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER IS IMMUNE FROM LIABILITY OR NOT.

10.2.4 PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD THE CITY HARMLESS DURING THE TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT AND FOR FOUR YEARS AFTER THE AGREEMENT TERMINATES. PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER'S INDEMNIFICATION IS LIMITED TO $500,000 PER OCCURRENCE. PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER SHALL NOT INDEMNIFY THE CITY FOR THE CITY'S SOLE NEGLIGENCE.

10.2.5 CONTRACTOR AGREES TO AND SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE CITY, ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, AND LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES (COLLECTIVELY THE ACITY@) FROM ALL CLAIMS OR CAUSES OF ACTION BROUGHT AGAINST THE CITY ALLEGING THAT THE CITY'S USE OF ANY EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE, PROCESS, OR DOCUMENTS CONTRACTOR FURNISHES DURING THE TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT INFRINGES ON A PATENT, COPYRIGHT, OR TRADEMARK, OR MISAPPROPRIATES A TRADE SECRET. CONTRACTOR SHALL PAY ALL COSTS (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ATTORNEYS' FEES, COURT COSTS, AND ALL OTHER DEFENSE COSTS, AND INTEREST) AND DAMAGES AWARDED. CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT SETTLE ANY CLAIM ON TERMS WHICH PREVENT THE CITY FROM USING THE EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE, PROCESS, AND DOCUMENTS WITHOUT THE CITY'S PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT. WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER BEING NOTIFIED OF THE CLAIM, CONTRACTOR SHALL, AT ITS OWN EXPENSE, EITHER (1) OBTAIN FOR THE CITY THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE USING THE EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE, PROCESS, AND DOCUMENTS OR, (2) IF BOTH PARTIES AGREE, REPLACE OR MODIFY THEM WITH COMPATIBLE AND FUNCTIONALLY EQUIVALENT PRODUCTS. IF NONE OF THESE ALTERNATIVES IS REASONABLY AVAILABLE, THE CITY MAY RETURN THE EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE, OR DOCUMENTS, OR DISCONTINUE THE PROCESS, AND CONTRACTOR SHALL REFUND THE PURCHASE PRICE.

10.3 <u>INDEMNIFICATION-SUBCONTRACTOR'S INDEMNITY</u>

10.3.1 CONTRACTOR SHALL REQUIRE ALL OF ITS SUBCONTRACTORS (AND THEIR SUBCONTRACTORS) TO RELEASE AND INDEMNIFY THE CITY TO THE SAME EXTENT AND IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME FORM AS ITS RELEASE AND INDEMNITY TO THE CITY.

11.0 Indemnification Procedures:

11.1 Notice of Claims. If the City or Prime Contractor/Supplier receives notice of any claim or circumstances which could give rise to an indemnified loss, the receiving party shall give written notice to the other party within 10 days. The notice must include the following:

11.1.1 a description of the indemnification event in reasonable detail,

11.1.2 the basis on which indemnification may be due, and

11.1.3 the anticipated amount of the indemnified loss.

11.2 This notice does not stop or prevent the City from later asserting a different basis for indemnification or a different amount of indemnified loss than that indicated in the initial notice. If the City does not provide this notice within the 10 day period, it does not waive any right to indemnification except to the extent that Prime Contractor/Supplier is prejudiced, suffers loss, or incurs expense because of the delay.

11.3 Defense of Claims

11.3.1 Assumption of Defense. Prime Contractor/Supplier may assume the defense of the claim at its own expense with counsel chosen by it that is reasonably satisfactory to the City. Prime Contractor/Supplier shall then control the defense and any negotiations to settle the claim. Within 10 days after receiving written notice of the indemnification request, Prime Contractor/Supplier must advise the City as to whether or not it will defend the claim. If Prime Contractor/Supplier does not assume the defense, the City shall assume and control the defense, and all defense expenses constitute an indemnification loss.

11.3.2 Continued Participation. If Prime Contractor/Supplier elects to defend the claim, the City may retain separate counsel to participate in (but not control) the defense and to participate in (but not control) any settlement negotiations. Prime Contractor/Supplier may settle the claim without the consent or agreement of the City, unless it (i) would result in injunctive relief or other equitable remedies or otherwise require the City to comply with restrictions or limitations that adversely affect the City, (ii) would require the City to pay amounts that Contractor does not fund in full, (iii) would not result in the City's full and complete release from all liability to the plaintiffs or claimants who are parties to or otherwise bound by the settlement.

12.0 Insurance Requirements:

The Contractor shall obtain and maintain in effect during the term of this agreement, insurance coverage as set forth below and shall furnish certificates of insurance showing the City as an additional insured, in duplicate form, prior to the beginning of the Contract. The City shall be named as an additional insured on all such policies except Professional Liability and Workers' Compensation, must contain an endorsement that the policy is primary to any other insurance available to the Additional Insured with respect to claims arising under the agreement. **The issuer of any policy shall have a Certificate of Authority to transact insurance business in the State of Texas or have a Best's rating of at least B+ and a Best's Financial Size Category of Class VI or better, according to the most current edition of Best's Key Rating Guide, Property-Casualty United States.**

12.1 Comprehensive General Liability including Contractual Liability and Automobile Liability insurance shall be in at least the following amounts:

12.1.1 Commercial General Liability Insurance including Contractual Liability:

12.1.1.1 $500,000 per occurrence;

12.1.1.2 $1,000,000 aggregate, (defense costs excluded from face value of the policy)

12.1.2 Workers' Compensation including Broad Form All States Endorsement:

12.1.2.1 Amount shall be statutory amount.

12.1.2.2 **Employer's Liability cannot be used as a substitute for Workers' Compensation**

12.1.3 Automobile Liability (See Note Below):

12.1.3.1 $1,000,000 Combined Single Limit per occurrence

Defense costs are excluded from the face amount of the policy. Aggregate Limits are per 12-month policy period unless otherwise indicated.

12.1.4 Employer's Liability

12.1.4.1 Bodily injury by accident $100,000 (each accident)

12.1.4.2 Bodily injury by disease $100,000 (policy limit)

12.1.4.3 Bodily injury by disease $100,000 (each employee)

12.2 Automobile liability insurance for autos furnished or used in the course of performance of this Contract including Owned, Non-owned and Hired Auto coverage (Any Auto coverage may be substituted for Owned, Non-owned and Hired Auto coverage.) If no autos are owned by the Contractor, coverage may be

limited to Non-owned and Hired Autos. If Owned Auto coverage cannot be purchased by Contractor, Scheduled Auto coverage may be substituted for Owned Auto coverage. EACH AUTO USED IN PERFORMANCE OF THIS CONTRACT MUST BE COVERED IN THE LIMITS SPECIFIED.

12.3 All of the insurance required to be carried by the Contractor hereunder shall be by policies which shall require on their face, or by endorsement, that the insurance carrier waives any rights of subrogation against the City, Contractor shall give written notice to the Director if any of its insurance policies are cancelled, materially changed or non-renewed. Within such thirty (30) day period Contractor covenants that it will provide other suitable policies in lieu of those about to be cancelled or materially changed so as to maintain in effect the coverage required under the provisions hereof. Failure or refusal of the Contractor to obtain and keep in force the above required insurance coverage shall authorize the City, at its option, to terminate this Contract at once.

12.4 If any part of the work is sublet, similar insurance shall be provided by or in behalf of the Subcontractor to cover their operations, and the Contractor shall furnish evidence of such insurance, satisfactory to the City. In the event a Subcontractor is unable to furnish insurance in the limits required under the Contract, the Contractor shall endorse the Subcontractor as an Additional Insured on his policies excluding Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability.

12.4.1 (See Insurance Requirements Exhibit for a sample insurance certificate format).

12.4.2 **Only unaltered original insurance certificates endorsed by the underwriter are acceptable. Photocopies are unacceptable.**

12.5 Contractor shall maintain in effect certain insurance coverage, which is described as follows:

12.5.1 Form of Policies: The Director may approve the form of the insurance policies, but nothing the Director does or fails to do relieves Contractor form its duties to provide the required coverage under this Agreement. The Director's actions or in-actions do not waive the City's right under this Agreement.

12.5.2 Issuers of Policies: The issuer of any policy shall have a Certificate of Authority to transact insurance business in Texas or have a Best's rating of at least B+ and a Best's Financial Size Category of Class VI or better, according to the most current edition Best's Key Rating Guide, Property-Casualty United States.

12.5.3 Insured Parties: Each policy, except those for Workers Compensation, Employer's Liability, and Professional Liability, must name the City (and its officers, agents, and employees) as Additional Insured parties on the original policy and all renewals or replacements.

12.5.4 Deductibles: Contractor shall be responsible for and bear any claims or losses to the extent of any deductible amounts and waives any claim it may have for the same against the City, its officers, agents, or employees.

12.5.5 Cancellation: Each policy must state that it may not be canceled, materially modified, or non-renewed unless the insurance company gives the Director 30 days' advance written notice. Contractor shall give written notice to the Director within five days of the date on which total claims by any party against Contractor reduce the aggregate amount of coverage below the amounts required by this Agreement. In the alternative, the policy may contain an endorsement establishing a policy aggregate for the particular project or location subject to this Agreement.

12.5.6 Subrogation: Each policy must contain an endorsement to the effect that the issuer waives any claim or right of subrogation to recover against the City, its officers, agents, or employees.

12.5.7 Endorsement of Primary Insurance: Each policy, except Worker's Compensation and Professional Liability (if any), must contain an endorsement that the policy is primary to any other insurance available to the Additional Insured with respect to claims arising under this Agreement.

12.5.8 Liability for Premium: Contractor shall pay all insurance premiums, and the City shall not be obligated to pay any premiums.

12.5.9 Subcontractors: Contractor shall require all subcontractors to carry insurance naming the City as an additional insured and meeting all of the above requirements except amount. The amount must be commensurate with the amount of the subcontract, but in no case less than $500,000 per occurrence. Contractor shall provide copies of insurance certificates to the Director.

12.5.10 Proof of Insurance On the Effective Date and at any time during the Term of this Agreement, Contractor shall furnish the Director with Certificates of Insurance, along with an Affidavit from Contractor confirming that the Certificates accurately reflect the insurance coverage maintained. If requested in writing by the Director, Contractor shall furnish the City with certified copies of Contractor's actual insurance policies.

12.5.10.1 Contractor shall continuously and without interruption, maintain in force the required insurance coverages specified in this Section. If Contractor does not comply with this requirement, the Director, at his or her sole discretion, may

12.5.10.2 Immediately suspend Contractor from any further performance under this Agreement and begin procedures to terminate for default, or

12.5.10.3 Purchase the required insurance with City funds and deduct the cost of the premiums from amounts due to Contractor under this Agreement.

12.5.10.4 The City shall never waive or be stopped to assert its right to terminate this Agreement because of its acts or omissions regarding its review of insurance documents.

12.5.11 Other Insurance: If requested by the Director, Contractor shall furnish adequate evidence of Social Security and Unemployment Compensation Insurance, to the extent applicable to Contractor's operations under this Agreement.

13.0 Contractor Performance Language:

13.1 Contractor should make citizen satisfaction a priority in providing services under this Contract. Contractor's employees should be trained to be customer-service oriented and to positively and politely interact with citizens when performing contract services. Contractor's employees should be clean, courteous, efficient and neat in appearance at all times and committed to offering the highest degree of service to the public. If, in the Director's determination, the Contractor is not interacting in a positive and polite manner with citizens, the Contractor shall take all remedial steps to conform to the standards set by this Contract and is subject to termination for breach of contract.

14.0 Inspections and Audits:

14.1 City representatives may have the right to perform, or have performed, (1) audits of Contractor's books and records, and (2) inspections of all places where work is undertaken in connection with this Agreement. Contractor shall keep its books and records available for this purpose for at least three (3) years after this Agreement terminates. This provision does not affect the applicable statute of limitations.

15.0 Interpreting Specifications:

15.1 The specifications and product references contained herein are intended to be descriptive rather than restrictive. The City is soliciting proposals to provide a complete product and service package, which meets its overall requirements. Specific equipment and system references may be included in this RFP for guidance, but they are not intended to preclude Proposers from recommending alternative solutions offering comparable or better performance or value to the City. Unless specifically stated otherwise with regard to a specific item of equipment, it should be assumed that the City requires all equipment proposed for this project to be supported by a manufacturer's warranty, which is equal to or better than the prevailing standard in the industry.

15.2 Changes in the specifications, terms and conditions of this RFP will be made in writing by the City prior to the proposal due date. Results of informal meetings or discussions between a potential Proposer and a City of Houston official or employee may not be used as a basis for deviations from the requirements contained in this RFP.

16.0 Local Minority/Women Businesses Enterprises Participation:

16.1 Contractor shall comply with the City's Minority and Women Business Enterprise ("MWBE") programs as set out in Chapter 15, Article V of the City of Houston Code of Ordinances. Contractor shall make good faith efforts to award subcontracts or supply agreements in at least **11%** of the value of this Agreement to MWBEs. Contractor acknowledges that it has reviewed the requirements for good faith efforts on file with the City's Affirmative Action Division and will comply with them.

16.2 Contractor shall require written subcontracts with all MWBE subcontractors and shall submit all disputes with MWBEs to binding arbitration in Houston, Texas if directed to do so by the Affirmative Action Division Director. MWBE subcontracts must contain the terms set out in Exhibit I. If Contractor is an individual person (as distinguished from a corporation, partnership, or other legal entity), and the amount of the subcontract is $50,000 or less, the subcontract must also be signed by the attorneys of the respective parties.

17.0 City Contractors' Pay or Play Program:

17.1 The requirements and terms of the City of Houston Pay or Play Program, as set out in Executive Order 1-7, are incorporated into this agreement for all purposes. Contractor has reviewed Executive Order No. 1-7 and shall comply with its terms and conditions as they are set out at the time of City Council approval of this agreement. This provision requires certain contractors to offer to certain employees a minimal level of health benefits or to contribute a designated amount to be used to offset the costs of providing health care to uninsured people in the Houston/Harris County area. Failure to complete **Exhibit X** "Pay or Play" Acknowledgement Form & Certification of Agreement to Comply with Pay or Play Program may be just cause for rejection of your proposal.

18.0 City Contractor Ownership Disclosure Ordinance:

18.1 City Council requires knowledge of the identities of the owners of entities seeking to contract with the City in order to review their indebtedness to the City prior to entering contracts. Therefore, all respondents to this RFP must comply with Houston Code of Ordinances Chapter 15, as amended (Sections 15-122 through 15-126) relating to the disclosure of owners of entities bidding on, proposing for or receiving City contracts.

18.2 Completion of **Exhibit VI** –"Affidavit of Ownership or Control" will satisfy this requirement. Failure to provide this information may be just cause for rejection of your bid or proposal.

19.0 Contractor Debt:

19.1 **IF CONTRACTOR, AT ANY TIME DURING THE TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT, INCURS A DEBT, AS THE WORD IS DEFINED IN SECTION 15-122 OF THE HOUSTON CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IT SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE CITY CONTROLLER IN WRITING. IF THE CITY CONTROLLER BECOMES AWARE THAT CONTRACTOR HAS INCURRED A DEBT, SHE SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY CONTRACTOR IN WRITING. IF CONTRACTOR DOES NOT PAY THE DEBT WITHIN 30 DAYS OF EITHER SUCH NOTIFICATION, THE CITY CONTROLLER MAY**

DEDUCT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE DEBT FROM ANY PAYMENTS OWED TO CONTRACTOR UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, AND CONTRACTOR WAIVES ANY RECOURSE THEREFOR.

20.0 City of Houston Fair Campaign Ordinance:

20.1 The City of Houston Fair Campaign Ordinance makes it unlawful for a contractor to offer any contribution to a candidate for City elective office. For purposes of this ordinance a contract is defined as any contract for goods or services having a value in excess of $30,000 or more, regardless of the way by which it was solicited or awarded. **Exhibit V** of this RFP describes the contract and documentation requirements relating to this ordinance.

21.0 Drug Detection and Deterrence Procedures for Contractors:

21.1 It is the policy of the City to achieve a drug-free workforce and to provide a workplace that is free from the use of illegal drugs and alcohol. It is also the policy of the City that the manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, sale or use of illegal drugs or alcohol by contractors while on City premises is prohibited. Accordingly, effective September 1, 1994, and pursuant to the Mayor's Executive Order 1-31, as a condition to the award of any contract for labor or services, a successful Proposer must certify to its compliance with this policy. **EXHIBIT VII** contains the standard language, which will be used in each contract for labor or services, as well as the Executive Order 1-31 disclosure and compliance forms (Attachments A, B and C). These forms must be completed and returned prior to award.

22.0 Project Administration:

22.1 Questions regarding the scope of the project, technical specifications, proposed applications, etc. may be addressed to the Project Manager at the pre-proposal conference.

23.0 Schedule:

23.1 Listed below are important dates and times by which actions related to this Request for Proposal (RFP) should be completed.

22.2

EVENT	DATE
Date of issue of the RFP	October 7, 2009
Pre-Proposal Conference	October 15, 2009
Questions from Proposers due to City	October 22, 2009
Proposals due from Proposers	November 20, 2009
Notification of intent to award (*Estimated*)	December 18, 2009
Council Agenda Date (Tentative)	January 6, 2010
Contract start date *(Estimated)*	April 6, 2010

SECTION II. SCOPE OF WORK

1.0 Purpose

1.1 The Houston Department of Health and Human Services (HDHHS) is requesting proposals for the Cafeteria/Deli Operations Services at the 8000 N. Stadium location. The Cafeteria/deli will provide drinks, snacks, sandwiches and salads to staff and HDHHS customers. The cafeteria/deli will provide customers with high quality products at a fair and reasonable price value. The HDHHS requires the successful vendor to comply with Houston Food Ordinance requirements, (Chapter 20, Article II of the City of Houston Code of Ordinances). The successful contractor will be analyzed by attendees from the Food Service Manager Certification class and the HDHHS employees. The total area available for the cafeteria/deli is 1256 sq. ft, with 1160 square feet for the actual cafeteria/deli kitchen and seating area and 96 square feet for storage. The area is located on the first floor at 8000 N. Stadium, Houston, Texas.

2.0 General

2.1 HDHHS has determined that in order to select the most advantageous proposal to operate the cafeteria/deli at the main location, comparative judgments of various factors will be necessary. The food offered needs to be of high quality, wide variety and good value. The HDHHS requests at a minimum that 30% of the items offered on the menu are high in nutritional value.

2.2 The successful contractor shall have a business plan for operating the cafeteria/deli that demonstrates a thoughtful and realistic projection of the associated revenue and expenses. The Contractor shall provide a menu for review and approval prior to commencing operations. Changes to the menu and the times of operation can be made, as needed, with the mutual agreement of both parties. Only the HDHHS Director, or his/ her designee, can authorize a change on behalf of the Department.

3.0 Basic Services

3.1 The Contractor shall provide HDHHS customers with a basic menu of high quality and a wide variety of food and drinks. Traffic at this location is upward of 600 people per day. Menus and price ranges shall be determined in advance, and must be approved by the HDHHS Director or his/her designee.

3.2 The Contractor shall open the cafeteria/deli from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The initial hours of operation may be adjusted based on demand, in mutual agreement with the HDHHS Director's approval.

3.3 The City shall license the Contractor to occupy the space designated by the Director for the sole purpose of operating a cafeteria/deli in accordance with this RFP. The cost of space, electricity, gas, water and sewer shall be provided by the City..

3.4 The Contractor shall be provided with premium space and shall help market the new cafeteria/deli ventures in an effort to attract additional customers.

3.5 The Contractor shall be offered exclusive/preferred rights and privileges to operate the food service sales as needed for HDHHS staff meetings, staff functions, and outside meetings scheduled in HDHHS Stadium meeting rooms within the Contractor's capabilities.

3.6 The Contractor shall prepare a profit and loss statement, in a format directed by the Director for each accounting period and submit it with net profits no later than fifteen (15) days following the close of the preceding accounting period.

3.7 The Contractor shall incur all related expenses for remodeling the cafeteria/deli and storage area, installing all necessary equipment and maintaining said equipment in good running order.

3.8 The Contractor shall purchase, install or construct all improvements in the designated operating area no later than 90 days after the issuance of the Notice to Proceed Letter.

3.9 The Contractor shall submit proposal/drawings to the HDHHS Director, or his/her designee, for review and approval of the items and locations of improvements that the Contractor proposes to construct. The Contractor may schedule site visits with HDHHS Administrative Services Division (ASD) in order to make preliminary planning decisions. All coordination for site visits should be addressed to Fred Maier or Claudette Manning, ASD. They can be reached via e-mail: fred.maier@cityofhouston.net or Claudette.manning@cityofhouston.net.

3.10 The Contractor and/or its employees shall not erect, maintain or keep at the location, any structure or equipment of any kind, except with the written consent of the Director.

3.11 The Contractor shall not make any alterations in, or additions to, nor post any signs upon any part of the premises or permit signs to be posted for advertising of services of any nature on the premises or on the Contractor's person, employees, or equipment without prior permission from the Director.

3.12 The Contractor shall be responsible for all required cleaning, maintenance contracts and repairs to equipment. The highest standards of cleanliness are required.

3.13 The Contractor shall be solely responsible for the purchasing of waste receptacles, signage to be displayed and any roll out signs or umbrellas to be

used for marketing or shading in the outside seating areas. The area should be pleasant, bright and well maintained.

3.14 The Contractor shall obtain at its sole expense all local, state or federal licenses and/or approvals necessary for its operation of a cafeteria/deli in the premises and shall maintain such licenses/approvals throughout the time it uses the premises pursuant to this RFP. The Contractor shall comply with all local, state and federal laws and ordinances in operating the cafeteria/deli. All food code regulations shall apply to this facility.

3.15 The Contractor shall provide any additional equipment and/or improvements to the premises which are required by reason of its operation of the cafeteria/deli in the premises at no cost to the City.

3.16 The Contractor shall provide modifications to the space or additional equipment which the Contractor on its own deems necessary to the operation of the. All such modifications or additional equipment to be cafeteria/deli vered to or installed in the cafeteria/deli's space must be approved in advance by the HDHHS Director.

3.17 HDHHS reserves the right to perform any proposed modification to the space with its own work crews. Any equipment, fixture, or appurtenance, the installation of which requires a permanent alteration to the building structure, shall become the property of HDHHS upon expiration or termination of the contract. HDHHS may, at its discretion allow the Contractor to remove equipment, fixtures or appurtenances if the Contractor at its own expense and to the Department's satisfaction restore the building structure to its condition prior to installation.

3.18 The Contractor shall provide all required dishware, flatware, paper goods, appliances, and other utensils required for the serving and consumption of the menu items. Commercial quality paper/plastic ware for customers use shall be required.

3.19 For purposes of food preparation, cleaning, etc. the Contractor shall be allowed access to the cafeteria/deli between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday through Saturday.

3.20 The Contractor shall have no right to use the premises except during those hours described above or as specifically permitted by the HDHHS Director. The cafeteria/deli operation shall not interfere with the normal operations of the building.

3.21 The City or individuals as permitted by the City may use the cafeteria/deli seating space at times when the cafeteria/deli is not operating, provided that such use shall not be inconsistent with the Contractor's use and the City notifies the Contractor of such intended use in advance. The Contractor shall not be responsible for any damage to the premises caused by the City or such individuals or groups. The seating area is to be available to all HDHHS customers even if they have not purchased food from the cafeteria/deli .

3.22 Prior to exercising any option year to renew, the City reserves the right to review financial records of the Contractor, including statements of revenue and operating expense for the cafeteria/deli.

3.23 The Contractor shall be responsible to hire and supervise its own employees as required to prepare and serve the food it provides, and shall be in charge of all the day to day operations of the cafeteria/deli, including, but not limited to the ordering and preparation of food and oversight of the area where the food is to be consumed.

3.24 The Contractor shall have a certified Food Service Manager present during all hours of operation in accordance with Food Ordinance Section 20-53.

3.25 Site visits may be scheduled per request with reasonable notice.

SECTION III. PROPOSAL OUTLINE AND CONTENT

To simplify the review process and to obtain the maximum degree of comparability, the proposal must follow the outline as set forth below and, at a minimum, contain the information as requested. Proposers are encouraged to include additional relevant information.

1.0 Title Page:

1.1 The title page should include the title of the RFP and number, the name and address of the Proposer, and the date of the proposal.

2.0 Submittal Form:

2.1 PROPOSAL MUST BE SIGNED AND NOTORIZED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE(S) OF THE PROPOSER, WHICH MUST BE THE ACTUAL LEGAL ENTITY THAT WILL PERFORM THE CONTRACT IF AWARDED AND THE TOTAL FIXED PRICE CONTAINED THEREIN SHALL REMAIN FIRM FOR A PERIOD OF ONE-HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) DAYS.

3.0 Letter of Transmittal:

3.1 A letter of transmittal shall include the following:

3.1.1 The names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of the individuals who are authorized to make representations on behalf of the Proposer.

3.1.2 A statement that the per unit proposed price and/or lump sum (if prices are proposed) is the total fixed price for the equipment and services enumerated.

3.1.3 A statement that the person signing the letter of transmittal is authorized to legally bind the Proposer; that the proposal and the total fixed price contained therein shall remain firm for a period of one hundred-eighty (180) days and that the proposal will comply with the requirements and arrangements in Section I of this RFP.

4.0 Expertise/Experience/Qualification Statement:

4.1 A brief statement describing the Proposer's background information, history, resources and/or track record. Please limit to three (3) pages.

4.2 An Organizational Chart.

4.3 Provide resumes of key personnel whom will be responsible for the cafeteria/deli very of the services/project.

4.4 Provide copies of key personnel certifications and/or licenses.

5.0 Proposed Strategy & Operational Plan:

5.1 Provide a detailed description and methodology of the proposed plan for Cafeteria/Deli Operations Service, which should include, but not be limited to the following:

5.1.1 A brief statement of the Proposer's understanding of the work to be done.

5.1.2 A detailed description that clearly defines the method of approach that will be utilized in the successful achievement of the RFP intended Scope of Work.

6.0 Financial Statement:

6.1 Submit your company's audited annual financial statements, in accordance with and as defined in the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) regulation(s) for the past two years. In addition, include your and Dunn & Bradstreet Report or Federal Tax Forms Filed to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for the past two years.

7.0 Contents:

7.1 The contents should be identified by section, description, and page number and should include, at a minimum, the following sections:

7.1.1 Title Page
7.1.2 Signed and Notarized Submittal Form (Exhibit II)
7.1.3 Letter of Transmittal
7.1.4 Expertise/Experience/Reliability Statement
7.1.5 Organizational Chart, Resumes & Certifications/Licenses of proposed key personnel.
7.1.6 Proposed Strategy/Operational Plan
7.1.7 Proposed Equipment (If Applicable)
7.1.8 Financial Statement and Dunn & Bradstreet Reports or Federal Tax Forms Filed for past two years.
7.1.9 Signed M/WBE Forms: Attachment "A" Schedule of M/WBE Participation and Attachment "B" Letter of Intent (Exhibit I)
7.1.10 List of Previous Customers and List of Proposed Subcontractors (Exhibit II)
7.1.11 Pricing Form (Exhibit III)
7.1.12 Fair Campaign Ordinance Form "A" (Exhibit V)
7.1.13 Affidavit of Ownership or Control (Exhibit VI)
7.1.14 Drug Compliance Agreement Attachment "A" and Contractor's Certification of No Safety Impact Positions Attachment "C" (Exhibit VII)
7.1.15 Anti Collusion Statement (Exhibit VIII)
7.1.16 Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (Exhibit IX – Download Form at http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/forms/CIQ.pdf)
7.1.17 City Contractors' Pay or Play Acknowledgement Form (Exhibit X)
7.1.18 Requested Information Outlined in the Scope of Work & Other Additional Relevant/Supporting Information or Alternate Proposals.

SECTION IV. EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

1.0 Evaluation Summary:

1.1 An evaluation committee will develop a short list of respondents and those short listed respondents may be scheduled for a structured oral presentation, interview and food tasting. Such presentations will be at no cost to the City of Houston. At the end of the oral presentation and interview, the evaluation of the short listed respondents will be completed. The oral interview may be recorded and/or videotaped.

2.0 Selection Process

2.1 The award of this contract(s) will be made to the respondent(s) offering the response which best meets the needs of the City. The City may make investigations, as it deems necessary, to determine the capabilities of the Proposer. The Proposer shall furnish to the City such data as the City may request for this purpose. The City reserves the right to reject any offer if the evidence submitted by or the investigation of the Proposer fails to satisfy the City that the Proposer is properly qualified to provide the services contemplated. Each respondent will be evaluated on the basis of the following evaluation criteria that are listed in order of importance below:

2.1.1 Proposed Strategy & Operational Plan:	40%
2.1.2 Expertise/Experience/Qualifications:	20%
2.1.3 Conformance to RFP Requirements:	30%
2.1.4 Financial Strength of Vendor:	5%
2.1.5 Revenue/Cost Sharing Percentage	5%
Total:	**100%**

EXHIBIT I

GOAL ORIENTED MINORITY/WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

ATTACHMENT "A"

CITY OF HOUSTON
SCHEDULE OF M/WBE PARTICIPATION

DATE OF REPORT: _____

BID No.: _____

FORMAL BID TITLE: _____

NAME OF MINORITY/ WOMEN SUBCONTRACTOR	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION DIVISION CERTIFICATION No.	STREET ADDRESS AND CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	TELEPHONE No.	SCOPE OF WORK	AGREE PRICE

TOTAL. . . . . $_____

M/WBE PARTICIPATION AMOUNT. . . . . $_____%

TOTAL BID AMOUNT. . . . . $_____

ATTACHMENT "A" (CONTINUED)

IF YOU HAVE USED YOUR BEST EFFORTS TO CARRY OUT THE CITY'S M/WBE POLICY BY SEEKING SUBCONTRACTS AND SUPPLY AGREEMENTS WITH MINORITY AND WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, YET FAILED TO MEET THE STATED PERCENTAGE GOAL OF THIS BID DOCUMENT, LIST BELOW YOUR GOOD FAITH EFFORTS FOR COMPLIANCE (DEFINITION OF REQUIREMENTS CAN BE OBTAINED THROUGH AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AT (713) 837-9000).

THE UNDERSIGNED WILL ENTER INTO A FORMAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MINORITY AND/OR WOMEN SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS LISTED IN THIS SCHEDULE CONDITIONED UPON AWARD OF A CONTRACT FROM THE CITY.

NOTE:
ALL FIRMS LISTED ABOVE MUST BE CERTIFIED (OR ELIGIBLE FOR CERTIFICATION) BY THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION DIVISION.
THIS SCHEDULE OF M/WBE PARTICIPATION SHOULD BE RETURNED, IN DUPLICATE, WITH THE BID FORM.

_____

BIDDER COMPANY NAME

_____

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER OR AGENT OF BIDDER

_____

NAME (TYPE OF PRINT)

_____

TITLE

ATTACHMENT "B"

LETTER OF INTENT

THIS AGREEMENT IS SUBJECT TO BINDING ARBITRATION ACCORDING TO THE TEXAS GENERAL ARBITRATION ACT.

TO: **City of Houston**
City Purchasing Agent

MINORITY/WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (M/WBE) AND SUPPLIER

LETTER OF INTENT

Contract Bid Number: _____

Bid Title: _____

Bid Amount: _____

M/WBE Participation Amount: $_____ **M/WBE GOAL** _____%

1. _____ agrees to perform work/supply goods and/or
Name of Minority/Women Business Enterprise
services in connection with the above-named contract and _____ as:
Name of Prime Contractor

(a) _____ An Individual

(b) _____ A Partnership

(c) _____ A Corporation

(d) _____ A Joint Venture

2. _____ status is confirmed by M/WBE Directory made
Name of Minority/Women Business Enterprise
available through the City of Houston Affirmative Action Division. Certificate No.: _____.

3. _____ and _____
Name of Prime Contractor **Minority/Women Business Enterprise**
intend to work on the above-named contract in accordance with the M/WBE Participation Section of the City of Houston Contract Bid Provision.

The terms and conditions of Attachment "C" attached hereto are incorporated into this Letter of Intent for all purposes.

_____ _____
Signed-Prime Contractor Signed-Minority/Women Business Enterprise

_____ _____
Title Title

_____ _____
Date Date

ATTACHMENT "C"

CITY OF HOUSTON CERTIFIED M/WBE SUBCONTRACT TERMS

Contractor shall insure that all subcontracts with M/WBE subcontractors and suppliers are clearly labeled "**THIS CONTRACT IS SUBJECT TO BINDING ARBITRATION ACCORDING TO THE TEXAS GENERAL ARBITRATION ACT**" and contain the following terms:

1. _____ (M/WBE subcontractor) shall not delegate or subcontract more than 50% of the work under this subcontract to any other subcontractor or supplier without the express written consent of the City of Houston's Affirmative Action Director ("the Director")

2. _____ (M/WBE subcontractor) shall permit representatives of the City of Houston, at all reasonable times, to perform 1) audits of the books and records of the subcontractor, and 2) inspections of all places where work is to be undertaken in connection with this subcontract. Subcontractor shall keep such books and records available for such purpose for at least four (4) years after the end of its performance under this subcontract. Nothing in this provision shall affect the time for bringing a cause of action nor the applicable statute of limitations.

3. Within five (5) business days of execution of this subcontract, Contractor (prime contractor) and Subcontractor shall designate in writing to the Director an agent for receiving any notice required or permitted to be given pursuant to Chapter 15 of the Houston City Code of Ordinances, along with the street and mailing address and phone number of such agent.

4. As conclude by the parties to this subcontract, and as evidenced by their signatures hereto, any controversy between the parties involving the construction or application of any of the terms, covenants or conditions of this subcontract shall, on the written request of one party served upon the other or upon notice by Director served on both parties, be submitted to binding arbitration, under the Texas General Arbitration Act (Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code Ann., Ch. 171 – "the Act"). Arbitration shall be conducted according to the following procedures:

   a. Upon the decision of the Director or upon written notice to the Director form either party that a dispute ahs arisen, the Director shall notify all parties that they must resolve the dispute within thirty (30) days or the matter may be referred to arbitration.

   b. If the dispute is not resolved within the time specified, any party or the Director may submit the matter to arbitration conducted by the American Arbitration Association under the rules of the American Arbitration Association, except as other wise required by the City's contract with American Arbitration Association on file in the Office of the City's Affirmative Action Division.

   c. Each party shall pay all fees required by the American Arbitration Association and sign a form releasing the American Arbitration Association and its arbitrators from liability for decisions reached in the arbitration.

   d. In the event the American Arbitration Association no longer administers Affirmative Action arbitration for the City, the Director shall prescribe alternate procedures as necessary to provide arbitration by neutrals in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 15 of the Houston City Code of Ordinances.

These provisions apply to goal oriented contracts. A goal oriented contract means any contract for the supply of goods or non-personal or non-professional services in excess of $100,000.00 for which competitive bids are required by law; not within the scope of the MBE/WBE program of the United States Environmental Protection Agency on the United States Department of Transportation; and ;, which the City Purchasing Agent has determined to have significant M/WBE subcontracting potential in fields which there are an adequate number on known MBEs and/or WBE's to compete for City contract.

The M/WBE policy of the City of Houston will discussed during the pre-bid. For information assistance, and/or to receive a copy of the City's Affirmative action policy and/or ordinance contact the Affirmative Action Division at (713) 837-9000, 611 Walker, 20th Floor, Houston, Texas.

ATTACHMENT "D"

CITY OF HOUSTON

Affirmative Action and Contract Compliance
M/WBE Utilization Report

Report Period _____

PROJECT NAME & NUMBER: _____ AWARD DATE: _____

PRIME CONTRACTOR: _____ CONTRACT No.: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CONTRACT AMOUNT: _____

LIAISON/PHONE No.: _____ M/WBE GOAL: _____

M/WBE SUB/VENDOR NAME	DATE OF AA CERTIFICATION	DATE OF SUBCONTRACT	SUBCONTRACT AMOUNT	% OF TOTAL CONTRACT	AMOUNT PAID TO DATE	% OF CONTRACT TO DATE

Use additional pages if needed. Submit by the 15th day of the following month.
Provide support documentation on all revenues paid to end of the report period to:
M/WBEs to reflect up/down variances on contract amount

Affirmative Action Division
ATTN: Velma Laws 713-837-9018
611 Walker, 20th Floor
Houston, Texas 77002

EXHIBIT II

LIST OF PREVIOUS CUSTOMERS/LIST OF SUBCONTRACTORS/SUBMITTAL FORMS

LIST OF PREVIOUS CUSTOMERS:

1. Name: _____ Phone No.: _____
   Address: _____
   Contract Award Date: _____ Contract Completion Date: _____
   Contract Name/Title: _____
   System Description: _____
   _____

2. Name: _____ Phone No.: _____
   Address: _____
   Contract Award Date: _____ Contract Completion Date: _____
   Contract Name/Title: _____
   System Description: _____
   _____

3. Name: _____ Phone No.: _____
   Address: _____
   Contract Award Date: _____ Contract Completion Date: _____
   Contract Name/Title: _____
   System Description: _____
   _____

4. Name: _____ Phone No.: _____
   Address: _____
   Contract Award Date: _____ Contract Completion Date: _____
   Contract Name/Title: _____
   System Description: _____

LIST OF SUBCONTRACTORS

The following is a list of subcontractors we propose to engage on the following items of Work. Any item of Work which does not designate a subcontractor will be done by the firm submitting the Proposal.

SEGREGATED PART OF WORK	SUBCONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER

SUBMITTAL FORM

NOTE: PROPOSAL MUST BE SIGNED AND NOTORIZED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE(S) OF THE PROPOSER, WHICH MUST BE THE ACTUAL LEGAL ENTITY THAT WILL PERFORM THE CONTRACT IF AWARDED **AND THE TOTAL FIXED PRICE CONTAINED THEREIN SHALL REMAIN FIRM FOR A PERIOD OF ONE-HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) DAYS.**

"THE RESPONDENT WARRANTS THAT NO PERSON OR SELLING AGENCY HAS BEEN EMPLOYED OR RETAINED TO SOLICIT OR SECURE THIS CONTRACT UPON AN AGREEMENT OR UNDERSTANDING FOR A COMMISSION, PERCENTAGE, BROKERAGE, OR CONTINGENT FEE, EXCEPTING BONA FIDE EMPLOYEES. FOR BREACH OR VIOLATION OF THIS WARRANTY, THE CITY SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO ANNUL THIS AGREEMENT WITHOUT LIABILITY OR, AT ITS DISCRETION, TO DEDUCT FROM THE CONTRACT PRICES OR CONSIDERATION, OR OTHERWISE RECOVER THE FULL AMOUNT OF SUCH COMMISSION, PERCENTAGE, BROKERAGE OR CONTINGENT FEE."

Respectfully Submitted:

_____

(print or type name of Contractor – full company name)

By: _____

(signature of authorized officer or agent)

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Address of Contractor: _____

_____

_____

Telephone No. of Contractor: (_____) _____

_____

(signature, name and title of Affiant)

_____

Notary Public in and for

_____ County, Texas

My Commission Expires: _____ day of _____ 20_____

EXHIBIT III

PRICING FORM

ITEM No.	QTY.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
			TOTAL	

NOTE: THIS IS A SAMPLE PRICE SHEET, PROPOSERS PLEASE CUSTOMIZE YOUR PRICE SHEET TO REFLECT THE COST OF YOUR PROPOSAL.

EXHIBIT IV

City of Houston Insurance Requirements for Contracts

To comply with the terms and conditions for insurance in a City of Houston Service Contract, the Contractor's Insurance Certificate must be prepared as follows and shall meet the requirements set forth on page 12 hereof and in Section C hereof:

A. The City of Houston must be listed as an **additional insured** on the face of the Certificate, except those for Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability.

B. Each Policy must contain an endorsement to the effect that the **issuer waives any claim or right in the nature of subrogation** to recover against the City, its officers, agents or employees.

C. The City of Houston must be included in the Insurer's Notification Requirement, which may be accomplished in one of the following ways:

1. By the Contractor's Insurance Agent revising the standard cancellation clause to read substantially as follows (all handwritten strike-outs, additions, and changes to the original text, must all be initialed by the Insurance Agent authorized to make such changes): -

==========**C A N C E L L A T I O N**==========

J. D.

NON-RENEWED

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION

J. D.

DATE THEREOF, THE ISSUING COMPANY WILL ~~ENDEAVOR TO~~ MAIL 30 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE OF SUCH CHANGE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED (TO THE LEFT), ~~BUT FAILURE TO MAIL SUCH NOTICE SHALL IMPOSE NO OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND~~

J. D.

~~UPON THE COMPANY, ITS AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES.~~

==========

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF INSURER _____John Doe_____

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- O R -

2. By Attaching Endorsements in the form attached.

D. Contractor shall require all subcontractors to carry insurance naming the City as an additional insured and meeting the all of the above requirements except as to amount. The amount shall be commensurate with the amount of the subcontract, but not in no case shall it be less than $500,000 per occurrence.

Revised - 03/09/95

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE EXPLANATIONS

1. Certificate must not be more than 90 days old.

2. Name and Address of Producer writing coverage.

3. Name of each insurance company providing coverage (as listed in Best's Key Rating Guide or on company's Certificate of Authority on file with Texas Department of Insurance). Each company must have (1) a Certificate of Authority to transact insurance business in Texas or (2) be an eligible non-admitted insurer in the State of Texas and have a Best's rating of B+ or better and a Best's financial size category of class VI or better according to the most current edition Best's Key Rating Guide.

4. Name and address of Insured (as shown on policy)

5. Letter in the column must reference the insurer of the policy being described

6. Must be a policy number; no binders will be accepted

7. Date policy became effective

8. Expiration date must be at least **60** days from date of cafeteria/deli very of certificate

9. Name and file number of project

10. Name of project manager

11. Signature or facsimile signature of authorized representative of Producer (blue ink preferred)

12. All required endorsements must accompany the certificate.

SAMPLE FOR AWARD OVER $50,000.00

ACORD. CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE Issue Date (MM/DD/YY)

PRODUCER

ISSUERS OF POLICIES. THE ISSUER SHALL HAVE A RATING OF AT LEAST B + AND FINANICAL SIZE OF CLASS VI OR BETTER ACCORDING TO THE CURRENT YEAR'S BEST RATING.

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW.

COMPANIES AFFORDING COVERAGE

COMPANY A

INSURED

COMPANY B

SAMPLE FORM

COMPANY C

COMPANY D

COMPANY E

COVERAGE'S

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN. THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

CO LTR.	TYPE OF INSURANCE	POLICY NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE (MM/DD/YY)	POLICY EXPIRATION (MM/DD/YY)	POLICY LIMITS
A.	**General Liability** (X) Commercial General Liabilitv Claims Made (X) Occur. Owners & Contractors Prot.				General Aggregate $1.000.000 Products-Comp/Op Agg. $1.000.000 Personal & Adv. Injury $1.000.000 Each Occurrence $ 500.000 Fire Damage (Any one fire) $ 50.000 Med. Expense $ 5,000 (Any one person)
A.	**Automobile Liability** (X) Any Auto (X) All Owned Autos ( ) Scheduled Autos ( ) Hired Autos ( ) Non-Owned Autos Garage Liability		Auto Liability Insurance for autos furnished or used in the course of performance of this Contract. Including Owned, Non-owned, and Hired Auto coverage. (Any Auto coverage may be substituted for Owned, Non-owned and Hired Auto Coverage.) If no autos are owned by Contractor, coverage may be limited to Non-owned and Hired Autos. If Owned Auto coverage cannot be purchased by Contractor, Scheduled Auto coverage may be substituted for Owned Auto coverage. EACH AUTO USED IN PERFORMANCE OF THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE COVERED IN THE LIMITS SPECIFIED.		Combined Single Limit $1,000,000 Bodily Injury (Per person) $ Bodily Injury (Per Accident) $ Property Damage $
	Excess Liability				Each Occurrence $ Aggregate $
	Worker's Compensation and Employee Liability **Other**		Statutory Limits	(X)	**Statutory Limits** Each Accident $ 100.000 Disease - Policy Limit $ 100.000 Disease - Each Employee $ 100,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATION/LOCATIONS/VEHICLES/SPECIAL ITEMS

City of Houston is named as additional insured on Auto and General Liability policies, and Waiver of Subrogation on Auto, General Liability. and Worker's Compensation.
For (Project Name)

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

SHALL BE MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS: **CANCELLATION** SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED NON-RENEWED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THERE OF.THE ISSUING COMPANY WILL MAIL THIRTY (30) DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED TO THE LEFT.CITY OF HOUSTON / FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

DEPARTMENT – PROCUREMENT SERVICES DIVSION

P.O. BOX 1562
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77251

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

EXHIBIT V

CITY OF HOUSTON FAIR CAMPAIGN ORDINANCE

The City of Houston Fair Campaign Ordinance makes it unlawful for a Contractor to offer any contribution to a candidate for City elective office (including elected officers and officers-elect). All respondents to this invitation to bid must comply with Houston Code of Ordinances Chapter 18 as amended relating to the contribution and solicitation of funds for election campaigns. Provisions of this ordinance are provided in part in the paragraphs that follow. Complete copies may be obtained from the office of the City Secretary.

Candidates for city office may neither solicit nor receive contributions except during a period commencing 270 calendar days prior to an election date for which a person is a candidate for such office and ending 90 calendar days after the election date, including run off elections if such candidate is on the ballot.

Further, it shall be unlawful either for any person who submits a bid or proposal to contribute or offer any contribution to a candidate or for any candidate to solicit or accept any contribution from such person for a period commencing at the time of posting of the City Council Meeting Agenda including an item for the award of the Contract and ending upon the 30th day after the award of the Contract by City Council.

For the purposes of this Ordinance, a **Contract** is defined as each Contract having a value in excess of $30,000 that is let by the City for professional services, personal services, or other goods or services of any other nature whether the Contract is awarded on a negotiated basis, request for proposal basis, competitive proposal basis or formal sealed competitive bids. The term **Contractor** includes proprietors of proprietorships, partners having an equity interest of 10% of more of partnerships, (including limited liability partnerships and companies), all officers and directors of corporations (including limited liability corporations), and all holders of 10% or more of the outstanding shares of corporations.

A STATEMENT DISCLOSING THE NAMES AND BUSINESS ADDRESSES EACH OF THOSE PERSONS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED WITH EACH BID OR PROPOSAL FOR A CITY CONTRACT. Completion of the attached form entitled "**Contractor Submission List**" will satisfy this requirement. Failure to provide this information may be just cause for rejection of your bid or proposal.

FORM A
CONTRACTOR SUBMISSION LIST
CITY OF HOUSTON FAIR CAMPAIGN ORDINANCE

The City of Houston Fair Campaign Ordinance makes it unlawful for a Contractor to offer any contribution to a candidate-for City elective office (including elected officers-elect) during a certain period of time prior to and following the award of the Contract by the City Council. The term "Contractor" Includes proprietors of proprietorships, partners or joint venturers having an equity interest of 10 percent or more for the partnership or Joint venture, and officers, directors and holders of 10 percent or more of the outstanding shares of corporations. A statement disclosing the. names and business addresses of each of those persons will be required to be submitted with each bid or proposal for a City Contract. See Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas, for further information.

This list is submitted under the provisions of Section 18-36(b) of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas, in connection with the attached proposal, submission or bid of:

Firm or Company Name: _____

Firm or Company Address: _____

The firm/company is organized as a (Check one as applicable) and attach additional pages if needed to supply the required names and addresses:

[ ] **SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP**

Name_____ _____
Proprietor Address

[ ] **A PARTNERSHIP**

List each partner having equity interest of 10% or more of partnership (if none state "none")

Name_____ _____
Partner Address

Name _____ _____
Partner Address

[ ] **A CORPORATION**

LIST ALL DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION (IF NONE STATE "NONE")

Name_____ _____
Director Address

Name_____ _____
Director Address

Name _____ _____
Director Address

LIST ALL OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION (IF NONE STATE NONE")

Name_____ _____
Officer Address

Name_____ _____
Officer Address

Name_____ _____
Officer Address

LIST ALL INDIVIDUALS OWNING 10% OR MORE OF OUTSTANDING SHARES OF STOCK OF THE CORPORATION (IF NONE STATE "NONE")

Name_____ _____
Address

Name_____ _____
Address

Name_____ _____
Address

I certify that I am duly authorized to submit this list on behalf of the firm, that I am associated with the firm in the capacity noted below and that I have personal knowledge of the accuracy of the information provided herein.

_____
Preparer

_____
Printed Name

_____
Title

Note: This list constitutes a **government record** as defined by § 37.01 of the Texas Penal Code.

8/23/01

EXHIBIT VI

CITY OF HOUSTON CONTRACTOR OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE ORDINANCE:

City Council requires knowledge of the identities of the owners of entities seeking to contract with the City in order to review their indebtedness to the City prior to entering contracts. Therefore, all respondents to this invitation to bid must comply with Houston Code of Ordinances Chapter 15, as amended (Sections 15-122 through 15-126) relating to the disclosure of owners of entities bidding on, proposing for or receiving City contracts. Provisions of this ordinance are provided in part in the paragraphs that follow. Complete copies may be obtained from the office of the City Secretary.

Contracting entity means a sole proprietorship, corporation, non-profit corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, or other entity that seeks to enter into a contract requiring approval by the Council but excluding governmental entities.

A contracting entity must submit at the time of its bid or proposal, an affidavit listing the full names and the business and residence addresses of all persons owning five percent or more of a contracting entity or, where a contracting entity is a non-profit corporation, the full names and the business and residence addresses of all officers of the non-profit corporation.

Completion of the **"Affidavit of Ownership or Control"**, included herein, and submitted with the Official Bid or Proposal Form will satisfy this requirement. Failure to provide this information may be just cause for rejection of your bid or proposal.

ORIG. DEPT.:_____ FILE/I.D. NO.:_____

INSTRUCTION: ENTITIES USING AN ASSUMED NAME SHOULD DISCLOSE SUCH FACT TO AVOID REJECTION OF THE AFFIDAVIT. THE FOLLOWING FORMAT IS RECOMMENDED: CORPORATE/LEGAL NAME DBA ASSUMED NAME.

STATE OF _____ §
§
COUNTY OF _____ §

AFFIDAVIT OF OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared _____ [*FULL NAME*] (hereafter "Affiant"), _____ [*STATE TITLE/CAPACITY WITH CONTRACTING ENTITY*] of _____ [*CONTRACTING ENTITY'S CORPORATE/LEGAL NAME*] ("Contracting Entity"), who being by me duly sworn on oath stated as follows:

1. Affiant is authorized to give this affidavit and has personal knowledge of the facts and matters herein stated.

2. Contracting Entity seeks to do business with the City in connection with _____ [*DESCRIBE PROJECT OR MATTER*] which is expected to be in an amount that exceeds $50,000.

3. The following information is submitted in connection with the proposal, submission or bid of Contracting Entity in connection with the above described project or matter.

4. Contracting Entity is organized as a business entity as noted below (check box as applicable).

FOR PROFIT ENTITY:

[ ] SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP
[ ] CORPORATION
[ ] PARTNERSHIP
[ ] LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
[ ] JOINT VENTURE
[ ] LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
[ ] OTHER (Specify type in space below)

NON-PROFIT ENTITY:

[ ] NON-PROFIT CORPORATION
[ ] UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION

_____

_____

_____

5. The information shown below is true and correct for the Contracting Entity and all owners of 5% or more of the Contracting Entity and, where the Contracting Entity is a non-profit entity, the required information has been shown for each officer, *i.e.*, president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, etc. ***[NOTE: IN ALL CASES, USE FULL NAMES, LOCAL BUSINESS AND RESIDENCE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS. DO NOT USE POST OFFICE BOXES FOR ANY ADDRESS. INCLUSION OF E-MAIL ADDRESSES IS OPTIONAL, BUT RECOMMENDED. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NEEDED.]***

Contracting Entity

Name: _____

Business Address *[NO./STREET]* _____

[CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE] _____

Telephone Number (____)_____

Email Address *[OPTIONAL]* _____

Residence Address *[NO./STREET]* _____

[CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE] _____

Telephone Number (____)_____

Email Address *[OPTIONAL]* _____

5% Owner(s) or More (IF NONE, STATE "NONE.")

Name: _____

Business Address *[NO./STREET]* _____

[CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE] _____

Telephone Number (____)_____

Email Address *[OPTIONAL]* _____

Residence Address *[NO./STREET]* _____

[CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE] _____

Telephone Number (____)_____

Email Address *[OPTIONAL]* _____

Orig. Dept.: _____ **File/I.D. No.:** _____

6. ***Optional Information***

Contracting Entity and/or _____ [***NAME OF OWNER OR NON-PROFIT OFFICER***] is actively protesting, challenging or appealing the accuracy and/or amount of taxes levied against _____ [***CONTRACTING ENTITY, OWNER OR NON-PROFIT OFFICER***] as follows:

Name of Debtor: _____

Tax Account Nos. _____

Case or File Nos. _____

Attorney/Agent Name _____

Attorney/Agent Phone No. (_____)_____

Tax Years _____

Status of Appeal ***[DESCRIBE]*** _____

_____

_____

_____

Affiant certifies that he or she is duly authorized to submit the above information on behalf of the Contracting Entity, that Affiant is associated with the Contracting Entity in the capacity noted above and has personal knowledge of the accuracy of the information provided herein, and that the information provided herein is true and correct to the best of Affiant's knowledge and belief.

_____
Affiant

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

(Seal)

_____
Notary Public

NOTE:
This affidavit constitutes a **government record** as defined by Section 37.01 of the Texas Penal Code. Submission of a false government record is punishable as provided in Section 37.10 of the Texas Penal Code. Attach additional pages if needed to supply the required names and addresses.

EXHIBIT VII

Drug Detection And Deterrence Procedures For Contractors

(a) It is the policy of the City to achieve a drug-free workforce and to provide a workplace that is free from the use of illegal drugs and alcohol. It is also the policy of the City that the manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, sale or use of illegal drugs or alcohol by contractors while on City premises is prohibited. By executing this Contract, Contractor represents and certifies that it meets and shall comply with all the requirements and procedures set forth in the Mayor's Policy on Drug Detection and Deterrence, City Council Motion No. 92-1971 ("Mayor's Policy") and the Mayor's Drug Detection and Deterrence Procedures for Contractors, Executive Order No. 1-31 ("Executive Order"), both of which are on file in the Office of the City Secretary.

(b) Confirming its compliance with the Mayor's Policy and Executive Order, Contractor, as a condition precedent to City's obligations under this Contract, will have filed with the Contract Compliance Officer for Drug Testing ("CCODT"), prior to execution of this Contract by the City, (i) a copy of its drug-free workplace policy, (ii) the Drug Policy Compliance Agreement substantially in the format set forth in Attachment "A" to the Executive Order, together with a written designation of all safety impact positions, and (iii)if applicable (e.g. no safety impact positions), the Certification of No Safety Impact Positions, substantially in the format set forth in Attachment "C" to the Executive Order. If Contractor files written designation of safety impact positions with its Drug Policy Compliance Agreement, it also shall file every six (6) months during the performance of this Contract or upon the completion of this Contract if performance is less than six (6) months, a Drug Policy Compliance Declaration in a form substantially similar to Attachment "B" to the Executive Order. The Drug Policy Compliance Declaration shall be submitted to the CCODT within thirty days of completion of this Contract. The first six (6) month period shall begin to run on the date City issues its notice to proceed hereunder or if no notice to proceed is issued. on the first day Contractor begins work under this Contract.

(c) Contractor shall have the continuing obligation to file with the CCODT written designations of safety impact positions and Drug Policy Compliance Declarations at anytime during the performance of this Contract that safety impact positions are added if initially no safety impact positions were designated. Contractor also shall have the continuing obligation to file updated designations of safety impact positions with the CCODT when additional safety impact positions are added to Contractor's employee work force.

(d) The failure of Contractor to comply with the above Sections shall be a breach of this Contract entitling City to terminate in accordance with Article IV.

DRUG POLICY COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

ATTACHMENT A

I, _____ as an owner or officer of
(Name) (Print/Type) **(Title)**

_____ (Contractor)
(Name of Company)

have authority to bind Contractor with respect to its bid, offer or performance of any and all contracts it may enter into with the City of Houston; and that by making this Agreement, I affirm that the Contractor is aware of and by the time the contract is awarded will be bound by and agree to designate appropriate safety impact positions for company employee positions, and to comply with the following requirements before the City issues a notice to proceed.

1. Develop and implement a written Drug Free Workplace Policy and related drug testing procedures for the Contractor that meet the criteria and requirements established by the Mayor's Amended Policy on Drug Detection and Deterrence (Mayor's Drug Policy) and the Mayor's Drug Detection and Deterrence Procedures for Contractors (Executive Order No. 1-31).

2. Obtain a facility to collect urine samples consistent with Health and Human Services (HHS) guicafeteria/deli nes and a HHS certified drug testing laboratory to perform the drug tests.

3. Monitor and keep records of drug tests given and the results; and upon request from the City of Houston, provide confirmation of such testing and results.

4. Submit semi-annual Drug Policy Compliance Declarations.

I affirm on behalf of the Contractor that full compliance with the Mayor's Drug Policy and Executive Order No. 1-31 is a material condition of the contract with the City of Houston.

I further acknowledge that falsification, failure to comply with or failure to timely submit declarations and/or documentation in compliance with the Mayor's Drug Policy and/or Executive Order No. 1-31 will be considered a breach of the contract with the City and may result in non-award or termination of the contract by the City of Houston.

_____
Date

_____
Contractor Name

_____
Signature

_____
Title

DRUG POLICY COMPLIANCE DECLARATION

ATTACHMENT "B"

I, _____ as an owner or officer of
(Name) (Print/Type) **(Title)**

_____ (Contractor)
(Name of Company)

have personal knowledge and full authority to make the following declarations:

This reporting period covers the preceding six months from _____ to _____, 19_____.

_____A written Drug Free Workplace Policy has been implemented and employees notified. The policy
Initials meets the criteria established by the Mayor's Amended Policy on Drug Detection and Deterrence (Mayor's Policy).

_____Written drug testing procedures have been implemented in conformity with the Mayor's Drug ***Initials***
Detection and Deterrence Procedures for Contractors, Executive Order 1-31. Employees have been notified of such procedures.

_____Collection/testing has been conducted in compliance with federal Health and Human Services
Initials (HHS) guicafeteria/deli nes.

_____Appropriate safety impact positions have been designated for employee positions performing on
Initials the City of Houston contract. The number of employees on safety impact positions during this reporting period is_____.

_____From _____ to _____ the following testing has occurred:
Initials (start date) (end date)

	Random	Reasonable Suspicion	Post Accident	Total
Number of Employees Tested	_____	_____	_____	_____
Number of Employees Positive	_____	_____	_____	_____
Percent Employees Positive	_____	_____	_____	_____

_____Any employee who tested positive was immediately removed from the City worksite consistent
Initials with the Mayor's Policy and Executive Order No. 1-31.

_____I affirm that falsification or failure to submit this declaration timely in accordance with
Initials established guicafeteria/deli nes will be considered a breach of contract.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the affirmations made herein and all information contained in this declaration are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

_____
Date

_____
Contractor Name

_____
Signature

_____
Title

Contractor's Certification Of No Safety Impact Positions In Performance Of A City Contract
ATTACHMENT "C"

I,_____
(Name) (Print/Type) (Title)

as an owner or officer of _____ (Contractor) have authority to bind the Contractor with respect to its bid, and I hereby certify that Contractor has no employee safety impact positions as defined in §5.18 of Executive Order No. 1-31 that will be involved in performing this City Contract. Contractor agrees and covenants that it shall immediately notify the City's Director of Personnel if any safety impact positions are established to provide services in performing this City Contract.

_____ Date

_____ Contractor Name

_____ Signature

_____ Title

CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATION OF NON-APPLICATION OF CITY OF HOUSTON DRUG DETECTION AND DETERRENCE PROCEDURES FOR CONTRACTORS
ATTACHMENT "D"

I _____ as an owner or officer of
(NAME) (PRINT/TYPE)

_____ (Contractor) have authority to bind the Contractor with respect to its bid, and I hereby certify that Contractor has fewer than fifteen (15) employees during any 20-week period during a calendar year and also certify that Contractor has no employee safety impact positions as defined in 5.18 of Executive Order No. 1-31 that will be involved in performing this City Contract. Safety impact position means a Contractor's employment position involving job duties that if performed with inattentiveness, errors in judgment, or diminished coordination, dexterity, or composure may result in mistakes that could present a real and/or imminent threat to the personal health or safety of the employee, co-workers, and/or the public.

_____ **DATE**

_____ **CONTRACTOR'S NAME**

_____ **SIGNATURE**

_____ **TITLE**

EXHIBIT VIII

Anti-Collusion Statement

The undersigned, as Proposer, certifies that the only person or parties interested in this proposal as principals are those named herein; that the Proposer has not, either directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the award of this contract.

_____ _____

Date Proposer Signature

EXHIBIT IX

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE:

Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code requires every Vendor or Contractor with the City of Houston ("City") to file a Conflict of Interest Questionnaire with the City Secretary of the City of Houston by the **seventh** business day after:

(1) any contract discussions or negotiations begin, or

(2) submitting an application, responses to requests for proposals, bids, correspondence, or any writing related to a potential agreement with the City.

The Conflict of Interest Questionnaire is available for downloading from the Texas Ethics Commission's website at http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/forms/CIQ.pdf. The completed Conflict of Interest Questionnaires will be posted on the City Secretary's website. There will also be a list of the City's Local Government Officers on the City of Houston's website.

Additionally, each Vendor or Contractor must file updated questionnaires no later than **September 1st** of each year that the Vendor or Contractor seeks to contract with the City, or the **seventh** business day after the date of an event that would render the questionnaire incomplete or inaccurate.

However, a Vendor or Contractor is not required to file a new questionnaire in any year if the vendor has completed a questionnaire between June 1st and September 1st of that year, unless the previous questionnaire is incomplete or inaccurate.

Original Conflict of Interest Questionnaire shall be filed with Houston's Records Administrator (Ms. Anna Russell, City Secretary, 900 Bagby, First Floor, Houston, Texas 77002). Vendors and Contractors shall include a copy of the form that was submitted to the City Secretary as part of the BID package. Any questions about filling out this form should be directed to your attorney

Failure of any Vendor or Contractor to comply with this law is a Class C misdemeanor.

EXHIBIT X

CITY CONTRACTORS' PAY OR PLAY PROGRAM

CITY OF HOUSTON
PAY OR PLAY PROGRAM
Acknowledgement Form

Form POP-1A

What this form does. This form acknowledges your awareness of the Pay or Play program. Your signature affirms that you will comply with the requirements of the program if you are the successful bidder/proposer, and ensure the same on behalf of subcontracts subject to the Pay or Play Program.

If you cannot make this assurance now, do not return this form.

For more information, contact the Contract Administrator.

Routing. Return this form with your bid or proposal.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Texas that if awarded a contract, I will comply with the requirements of the Pay or Play Program.

_____ _____
Signature Date

_____ _____
Print Name City Vendor ID

_____ _____
Company Name Phone Number

_____
Email Address

CERTIFICATION OF AGREEMENT TO COMPLY WITH PAY OR PLAY PROGRAM

Contractor Name: _____ $ _____
(Contractor/Subcontractor) (Amount of Contract)

Contractor Address: _____

Project No.: [GFS/CIP/AIP/File No.] _____

Project Name: [Legal Project Name] _____

In accordance with the City of Houston Pay or Play Program authorized by Ordinance 2007-534, Contractor agrees to abide by the terms of this Program. This certification is required of all contractors for contracts subject to the program. You must agree EITHER to PAY or to PLAY for each covered employee, including those of subcontractors subject to the program.

[ ] Yes [ ] No Contractor agrees to Pay $1.00 per hour for work performed by covered employees, including covered subcontractors' employees, under the contract with the City.

[ ] Yes [ ] No Contractor agrees to offer health benefits to each covered employee, including covered subcontractors' employees that meet or exceed the following criteria:

(1) the employer will contribute no less than $150 per employee per month toward the total premium cost; and

(2) the employee contribution, if any amount, will be no greater than 50% of the total premium cost.

[ ] Yes [ ] No Contractor agrees to pay of behalf of some covered employees and play on behalf of other covered employees, in accordance with program requirements, including subcontractors' employees, if applicable.

[ ] Yes [ ] No Contractor will comply with all provisions of the Pay or Play Program and will furnish all information and reports requested to determine compliance with program provisions.

[ ] Yes [ ] No For Prime Contractors Only: Contractor will file compliance reports with the City, which will include activity for subcontractors subject to the program, in the form and to the extent requested by the administering department or the Affirmative Action and Contract Compliance Office. Compliance reports shall contain information including, but not limited to, documentation showing employee health coverage and employee work records.

Following Information is Mandatory	Prime Contractor	Sub-Contractor
Total No. of Employees on City Job		
No. Of Employees – "Playing"		
No. Of Employees – "Paying"		
No. Of Employees "Exempt"		

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct.

_____ _____
CONTRACTOR (Signature) DATE

_____
NAME AND TITLE (Print or type)