

City of Houston



Administration &  
Regulatory Affairs

**CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS**  
**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**  
**SOLICITATION NO.: S37-T23757**

**STRATEGIC  
PURCHASING DIVISION**  
**"PARTNERING TO  
BETTER SERVE  
HOUSTON"**

**NIGP CODE:**

**956-35;956-38**

**SOLICITATION DUE  
DATE/TIME:**

**October 22, 2010 at 2:00 P.M., CST**

**SUBMITTAL LOCATION:**

**City Secretary's Office  
City Hall Annex, Public Level  
900 Bagby Street  
Houston, Texas 77002**

**DESCRIPTION:**

**ON-LINE LIBRARY BIBLIOGRAPHIC SUBSCRIPTION  
SERVICES**

**PRE-PROPOSAL  
CONFERENCE:**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>
10-11-2010	9:00 A.M.

<i>Location</i>
SPD, 901 Bagby, Conference Rm. 1 (Basement Level), Houston, TX 77002

In accordance with T.L.G.C. § Chapter 252, competitive sealed Proposals for the services specified will be received by the City Secretary's Office of the City of Houston at the above specified location, until the time and date cited. Offers must be in the actual possession of the City Secretary's Office on or prior to the time and date, and at the location indicated above. Late offers will not be considered.

Offers must be submitted in a sealed envelope or package with the Solicitation Number and the Offeror's name and address clearly indicated on the envelope or package. All offers must be completed in ink or typewritten. Additional instructions for preparing an offer are included in this Solicitation.

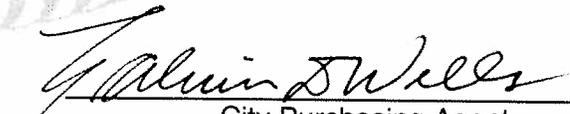
**OFFERORS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CAREFULLY READ THE ENTIRE SOLICITATION**

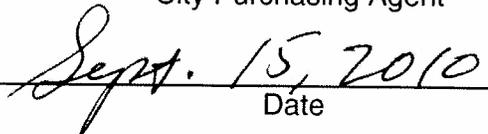
**Solicitation Contact Person:**  
**Joyce Hays**

Name

joyce.hays@houstontx.gov

E-Mail Address

  
City Purchasing Agent

  
Date

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**1.0 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURE:**

1.1 Seven (7) copies of the Proposal, including one (1) printed original signed in BLUE ink, and additional two (2) electronic CD copies are to be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing the assigned Solicitation Number, located on the first page of the RFP document to:

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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 the date and time as indicated on the first page of the RFP document. 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 Offeror. Offeror(s) may submit their Proposal to the City Secretary's Office any time prior to the 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 an individual(s) legally authorized to bind the Offeror(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 at the date, time, and location as indicated on the first page of the RFP document. Interested Offeror(s) should plan to attend. It will be assumed that potential Offeror(s) attending this meeting have reviewed the RFP in detail, and are prepared to bring up any substantive questions not already addressed by the City.

**4.0 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND SPECIFICATION CHANGES:**

4.1 Requests for additional information and questions should be addressed to the Administration and Regulatory Affairs Department, Strategic Purchasing Division Buyer, Joyce Hays, telephone: 832.393.8723, fax: 832.393.8759, or e-mail (preferred method to): joyce.hays@houstontx.gov, no later than **Thursday, October 14, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. CST**. The City of Houston shall provide written response to all questions received in writing before the submittal deadline. Questions received from all Offeror(s) shall be answered and sent to all Offeror(s) who are listed as having obtained the RFP. Offeror(s) shall be notified in writing of any changes in the specifications contained in this RFP.

**5.0 LETTER(S) OF CLARIFICATION:**

5.1 All Letters of Clarification and interpretations to this Solicitation shall be in writing. Any Letter of Clarification(s) 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 Letters of Clarification sent to Offeror(s).

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**6.0 EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS:**

- 6.1 Each Offeror 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 Offeror 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 Offeror from obligation to comply, in every detail, with all provisions and requirements of the RFP.

**7.0 EXCEPTIONS TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

- 7.1 All exceptions included with the Proposal shall be submitted in a clearly identified separate section of the Proposal in which the Offeror clearly cites the specific paragraphs within the RFP where the Exceptions occur. Any Exceptions not included in such a section shall be without force and effect in any resulting contract unless such Exception is specifically referenced by the City Purchasing Agent, City Attorney, Director(s) or designee in a written statement. The Offeror's preprinted or standard terms will not be considered by the City as a part of any resulting contract.
- 7.2 All Exceptions that are contained in the Proposal may negatively affect the City's Proposal evaluation based on the evaluation criteria as stated in the RFP, or result in possible rejection of Proposal.

**8.0 POST-PROPOSAL DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFEROR(S):**

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

**9.0 PROTEST:**

- 9.1 A protest shall comply with and be resolved, according to the City of Houston Municipal Code, Chapter 15, Article 1 and rules adopted thereunder. Protests shall be submitted in writing and filed with both, the City Purchasing Agent and the Solicitation contact person as identified on the first page of the RFP. A pre-award protest of the RFP shall be received by the City Purchasing Agent prior to the contract award date. A post-award protest of an awarded contract shall be filed within ten (10) days after the protester knows, or should have known, the basis or outcome of the contract award.
- 9.2 A protest shall include the following:
  - 9.2.1 The name, address, e-mail, and telephone number of the protester;
  - 9.2.2 The signature of the protester or its representative who has the delegated authority to legally bind its company;
  - 9.2.3 Identification of the RFP description and the RFP or contract number;
  - 9.2.4 A detailed written statement of the legal and factual grounds of the protest, including copies of relevant documents, etc.; and
  - 9.2.5 The desired form of relief or outcome, which the protester is seeking.

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- 1.0 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.
- 2.0 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.
- 3.0 The City of Houston shall not be held accountable if material from responses is obtained without the written consent of the Offeror by parties other than the City, at any time during the Proposal evaluation process.
- 4.0 In the event an Offeror 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 secrets to the extent provided by law.
- 5.0 Offeror(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).
- 6.0 Offeror(s) shall not collude in any manner, or engage in any practices, with any other Offeror(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.
- 7.0 All Proposals submitted must be the original work product of the Offeror. The copying or paraphrasing of the work product of another Offeror is not permitted.
- 8.0 The RFP and the related responses of the selected Offeror will by reference (within either a contract or purchase order) become part of any formal Agreement between the selected Offeror and the City. The City and the selected Offeror 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 Offeror, the City reserves the right to select an alternative Offeror. The City reserves the right to negotiate with alternative Offeror the exact terms and conditions of the contract.
- 9.0 Offeror(s), 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 RFP at the time a Proposal is submitted to the City.
- 10.0 The Agreement(s) shall become effective on or about **April 14, 2011** for a term of five (5) years. The City of Houston reserves the option of extending the Agreement(s) on an annual basis for three (3) additional one-year terms, or portions thereof.
- 11.0 If necessary for the completion of tasks required under the project, the City will provide reasonable working space to the Prime Contractor.
- 12.0 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 negotiated Agreement.
- 13.0 Prime Contractor personnel essential to the continuity, and the 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.
- 14.0 The Prime Contractor will be expected to adhere to all standard contractual requirements of the City which shall 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.

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- 15.0 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.
- 16.0 Prime Contractor must promptly report to the City Project Director any conditions, transactions, situation, or circumstances encountered by the Prime Contractor which would impede or impair the proper and timely performance of the contract.
- 17.0 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.
- 18.0 The City reserves the right to waive any minor informality concerning this RFP, or to reject any or all Proposals or any part thereof.
- 19.0 The City reserves the right to request clarity of any Proposal after they have been received.
- 20.0 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.
- 21.0 The selected Offeror(s) 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.
- 22.0 After contract execution, the successful Offeror 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.
- 23.0 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.
- 24.0 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 provide 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.

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**1.0 INDEMNITY AND RELEASE:**

**1.1 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.

**1.2 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:

1.2.1 PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUPPLIERS AND/OR ITS AGENTS', EMPLOYEES', OFFICERS', DIRECTORS', CONTRACTORS', OR SUBCONTRACTORS' (COLLECTIVELY IN NUMBERED PARAGRAPHS 1.1-1.3, "PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER") ACTUAL OR ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OR INTENTIONAL ACTS OR OMISSIONS;

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

1.2.3 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.

1.2.4 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.

1.2.5 CONTRACTOR AGREES TO AND SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE CITY, ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, AND LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES (COLLECTIVELY THE CITY) 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.

**1.3 INDEMNIFICATION-SUBCONTRACTOR'S INDEMNITY**

1.3.1 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

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AS ITS RELEASE AND INDEMNITY TO THE CITY.

### **2.0 INDEMNIFICATION PROCEDURES:**

2.1 Notice of Claims. If the City or Prime Contractor 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 30 days. The notice must include the following:

2.1.1 a description of the indemnification event in reasonable detail,

2.1.2 the basis on which indemnification may be due, and

2.1.3 the anticipated amount of the indemnified loss.

2.2 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 30-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.

2.3 Defense of Claims.

2.3.1 Assumption of Defense. Prime Contractor 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 must advise the City as to whether or not it will defend the claim. If Prime Contractor does not assume the defense, the City shall assume and control the defense, and all defense expenses constitute an indemnification loss.

2.3.2 Continued Participation. If Prime Contractor 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 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 Prime 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.

### **3.0 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:**

3.1 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.**

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

3.2.1 Commercial General Liability Insurance including Contractual Liability:

3.2.1.1 \$500,000 per occurrence

3.2.1.2 \$1,000,000 aggregate, (defense costs excluded from face value of the policy)

3.2.2 Workers' Compensation:

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- 3.2.2.1 Amount shall be statutory amount
- 3.2.2.2 **Employer's Liability cannot be used as a substitute for Workers' Compensation**
- 3.2.3 Automobile Liability (See Note Below):
- \$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.
- 3.2.4 Employer's Liability:
- 3.2.4.1 Bodily injury by accident \$100,000 (each accident)
- 3.2.4.2 Bodily injury by disease \$100,000 (policy limit)
- 3.2.4.3 Bodily injury by disease \$100,000 (each employee)
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 If the City of Houston requires you to maintain in effect insurance coverage during the term of a contract resulting from the City's acceptance of your response to this request for proposal ("potential contract"), all of your insurance policies must require on their face, or by endorsement, that your insurance carrier waives any rights of subrogation against the City of Houston except for Professional Liability insurance. You must give 30-days' written notice to the City Purchasing Agent if any of your insurance policies are to be cancelled, materially changed, or not renewed. Within this 30-day period, you shall provide other suitable policies in lieu of those about to be canceled, materially changed, or not renewed so as to maintain in effect the required coverage. If you do not comply with this requirement, the Purchasing Agent, at his or her sole discretion, may: (1) immediately suspend you from any further performance under the potential contract and begin procedures to terminate for default, or (2) purchase the required insurance with City funds and deduct the cost of the premiums from amounts due to you under the potential contract.
- 3.5 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 their policies excluding Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability.
- 3.5.1 (See Insurance Requirements Exhibit for a sample insurance certificate format.)
- 3.5.2 Only unaltered original insurance certificates endorsed by the underwriter are acceptable. Photocopies are unacceptable.
- 3.6 Contractor shall maintain in effect certain insurance coverage, which is described as follows:
- 3.6.1 Form of Policies: The Director may approve the form of the insurance policies, but nothing the Director does or fails to do relieves Contractor from 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.
- 3.6.2 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

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to the most current edition Best's Key Rating Guide, Property-Casualty United States.

- 3.6.3 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.
- 3.6.4 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.
- 3.6.5 Cancellation: Each policy must state that it may not be canceled, materially modified, or non-renewed unless the contractor 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.
- 3.6.6 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, except for Professional Liability insurance.
- 3.6.7 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.
- 3.6.8 Liability for Premium: Contractor shall pay all insurance premiums, and the City shall not be obligated to pay any premiums.
- 3.6.9 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.
- 3.6.10 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.
- 3.6.10.1 Contractor shall continuously and without interruption, maintain in force the required insurance coverage's specified in this Section. If Contractor does not comply with this requirement, the Director, at his or her sole discretion, may immediately suspend Contractor from any further performance under this Agreement and begin procedures to terminate for default, or
- 3.6.10.2 Purchase the required insurance with City funds and deducts the cost of the premiums from amounts due to Contractor under this Agreement.
- 3.6.10.3 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.
- 3.6.11 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.
- 4.0 CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE LANGUAGE:**
- 4.1 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

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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.

### **5.0 INSPECTIONS AND AUDITS:**

5.1 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.

### **6.0 INTERPRETING SPECIFICATIONS:**

6.1 *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 Offeror(s) 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.*

6.2 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 Offeror(s) and a City of Houston official or employee may not be used as a basis for deviations from the requirements contained in this RFP.

### **7.0 CONTRACTOR DEBT:**

7.1 **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, HE 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.**

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**1.0 CITY CONTRACTORS' PAY OR PLAY PROGRAM:**

1.1 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 IX** "Pay or Play" Acknowledgement Form & Certification of Agreement to Comply with Pay or Play Program may be just cause for rejection of your Proposal.

**2.0 CITY CONTRACTOR OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE ORDINANCE:**

2.1 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 into 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.

2.2 Completion of Exhibit V – "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.

**3.0 CITY OF HOUSTON FAIR CAMPAIGN ORDINANCE:**

3.1 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 IV** of this RFP describes the contract and documentation requirements relating to this Ordinance.

**4.0 DRUG DETECTION AND DETERRENCE PROCEDURES FOR CONTRACTORS:**

4.1 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 Offeror(s) must certify to its compliance with this policy. **EXHIBIT VI** 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.

**5.0 PROJECT ADMINISTRATION:**

5.1 Questions regarding the scope of the project, technical specifications, proposed applications, etc., may be addressed to the project manager at the Pre-Proposal conference.

**6.0 PROCUREMENT TIMELINE/SCHEDULE:**

6.1 Listed below are the important and estimated completion dates and times for this Request for Proposal (RFP).

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Date RFP Issued	September 24, 2010
Pre-Proposal Conference	October 11, 2010
Questions from Proposers Due to City	October 14, 2010
Proposals Due from Offeror(s)	October 22, 2010
Notification of Intent to Award ( <i>Estimated</i> )	January 7, 2011
Council Agenda Date ( <i>Estimated</i> )	March 23, 2011
Contract Start Date ( <i>Estimated</i> )	April 14, 2011

## SPECIFICATIONS / SCOPE OF WORK

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- 1.0 The Houston Public Library, a department of the City of Houston, has over 40 locations and serves a population of 2.5 million residents.
- 2.0 In FY 2010 (July 2009 – June 2010), the Library cataloged over 45,000 titles in the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) Worldcat database and contributed over 700 new bibliographic records to that database. **Note:** OCLC is a worldwide library cooperative, owned, governed and sustained by its members since 1967. Its purpose is to establish, maintain and operate a computerized library network and to promote the evolution of library use, of libraries themselves and of librarianship, and to provide processes and products for the benefit of library users and libraries.
- 3.0 The Houston Public Library is seeking a vendor capable of providing subscription access to the following OCLC cataloging and resource sharing services:
  - 3.1 Cataloging Charges: The following product codes are included in these subscription cataloging codes: FIX1002 (Monthly), FIX1162 (Quarterly), FIX1172 (Semi-annual), FIX1052 (Annual).
    - 3.1.1 CCA1501  
Accessions List
    - 3.1.2 CRC3715  
Export Bibliographic
    - 3.1.3 CRC3727  
Export Authority
    - 3.1.4 CRC3728  
Pathfinder
    - 3.1.5 DSH3562  
Cat Display Holdings
    - 3.1.6 MLE2082  
PromptCat Added Copy
    - 3.1.7 MLE2083  
PromptCat Shared Sys PDR
    - 3.1.8 MLE2084  
PromptCat Shared Sys No Rec
    - 3.1.9 MLE2088  
PromptCat Data Rec Unit
    - 3.1.10 MLE2094  
PromptCat MARC Record
    - 3.1.11 MLE2096  
PromptCat Add'l Record Copy
    - 3.1.12 ONT2025  
Bib Record Notification
    - 3.1.13 ONT2030  
Bib Record Notification >7000 Records
    - 3.1.14 ONT2500  
CAT Online FTU

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- 3.1.15 CTR3338  
Batch Grp Record Cpy
- 3.1.16 CTR3376  
Batch Sng Record Cpy
- 3.1.17 MLE2007  
MARC Record Copy Charge
- 3.1.18 MLE2008  
Multi-Institution MARC Copy Charge Copy
- 3.1.19 MLE2061  
MARC Set-up Fee
- 3.1.20 MLE2081  
MARC Records Selected
- 3.1.21 MLE2676  
GOVDOC Record Copy Charge
- 3.1.22 SBL0131  
CAT WorldCat Search
- 3.1.23 SCN0044  
CAT WorldCat Scan
- 3.1.24 TAP2650  
GOVDOC Retrieve Sethold
- 3.1.25 TAP3812  
Batch Sng OCLC-derived
- 3.1.26 TAP3814  
Batch Grp OCLC-derived
- 3.1.27 TAP3833  
Batch Sng PCC
- 3.1.28 TAP3911  
Batch Sng Non-OCLC
- 3.1.29 TAP3931  
Batch Grp Non-OCLC
- 3.1.30 TAP3824  
Batch Single Institution Digital Registry
- 3.1.31 ZCT6042  
Z39.50 Batchload OCLC - Der
- 3.1.32 ZCT6058  
Z39.50 Cat Search/Export
- 3.1.33 ZCT6059  
Z39.50 FTU Online

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3.2 Cataloging CREDIT Product Codes: For subscription libraries with credits netted\*; the following will be included in FIX1012 & FIX1013 (Monthly), FIX1016 & FIX1054 (Quarterly), FIX1017 & FIX1055 (Semi-annual) and FIX1019 & FIX1056 (Annual).

- 3.2.1 AST1060  
PCC Orig Input
- 3.2.2 AST1063  
CAT Orig Input
- 3.2.3 AST1065  
USNP Orig Input
- 3.2.4 AST1075  
Orig Input EncLv13
- 3.2.5 ONT2565  
CAT Database Enrichment
- 3.2.6 ONT2570  
PCC National Enhance Cr
- 3.2.7 ONT2571  
Enhance Credit
- 3.2.8 ONT2572  
CONSER Upgrade Credit
- 3.2.9 OTC1071  
CAT Online Hldgs Deletion
- 3.2.10 TAP3808  
Batch Sng OCLC-Der Delete
- 3.2.11 TAP3813  
Batch Sng OCLC-Der Adds
- 3.2.12 TAP3823  
Batch Grp OCLC-Der Add
- 3.2.13 TAP3843  
Batch Sng PCC Upgd/Add
- 3.2.14 TAP3915  
Batch Sng Non-OCLC Delete
- 3.2.15 TAP3933  
Batch Grp Non-OCLC Add
- 3.2.16 TAP3971  
Batch Sng Non-OCLCAdd
- 3.2.17 TOC3491  
CAT Minimal Rec Upgrade
- 3.2.18 CTR3400  
Search Key Sng Del

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- 3.2.19 SBC0961  
Cat Searches over 12,000
- 3.2.20 TAP3818  
Batch Grp OCLC-Der Delete
- 3.2.21 TAP3928  
Batch Grp Non-OCLC Delete
- 3.2.22 TAP3822  
Batch Single Institution Digital Registry  
Upgrade/Record Added
- 3.2.23 TAP3820  
Batch Single Institution Digital Registry Delete
- 3.2.24 TAP3821  
Batch Single Institution PCC Delete

\*Note: Most libraries receive transaction-based credits; these cataloging credit product codes will be credited monthly based on actual transaction activity.

3.3 WorldCat Resource Sharing: The following product codes are included in these ILL codes: FIX4500 (Monthly), FIX4508 (Quarterly), FIX4509 (Semi), FIX4510 (Annual)

- 3.3.1 RSH6700  
WorldCat Res Sharing Search
- 3.3.2 RSH6701  
WorldCat Res Sharing Request
- 3.3.3 IFM4572  
IFM Administration Fee (only for those institutions who have chosen this service)

3.4 WorldCat Resource Sharing CREDIT Product Code: This code will be credited monthly based on actual transaction activity:

- 3.4.1 OTC4561  
ILL Lending Credit

4.0 Online training and support must be provided for all OCLC-related products and services listed in section 3 including but not limited to MARC cataloging, Worldcat searching, bibliographic record loading, bibliographic record deletions, and serial records.

5.0 Additional desirable services:

5.1 Contractor must provide discounts on library database and e-journal and e-books subscriptions, including, but not limited to, those offered by the following vendors:

- ABC-Clio
- Alexander Street Press
- Association for Computing Machinery
- Asia-Studies Full-Text Online
- BioOne
- Books@Ovid
- Books24x7
- Columbia University Press
- Cambridge University Press

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Credo Reference  
ebrary  
e-Libro  
Emerald  
IGI Global  
Johns Hopkins University Press (Project MUSE)  
Journals@Ovid  
LexisNexis  
McGraw Hill  
Mango Languages  
Naxos Online Libraries, Inc.  
NetLibrary e-books  
Ovid  
Oxford University Press  
Oxford University Press (Law Titles)  
Recorded Books  
SAGE Publications  
STAT-USA  
Taylor & Francis Group  
The H.W. Wilson Company  
The World Bank

5.2 Contractor must provide discounts on library supply purchases including, but not limited to, the following vendors:

3M Library Systems  
Affordable Library Products  
Backstage Library Works  
BayScan Technologies  
Budget Library Supplies  
Brodart  
Century Business Solutions  
Creative DataProducts  
Data2  
DEMCO  
Gaylord  
Highsmith  
Kapco®  
Library Design Systems  
Reliance Label Solutions, Inc.  
Tech Logic  
The Library Store  
Vernon Library Supplies  
Watson Label Products

5.3 Contractor must provide online and face-to-face training on library-related topics including cataloging, imagining and preservation, and library management.

5.4 Contractor must provide discounts on registration costs for conferences and workshops related to library services.

# **PROPOSAL OUTLINE AND MINIMUM CONTENT REQUIREMENTS**

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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. Offeror(s) are encouraged to include additional relevant information.

### **1.0 TITLE PAGE:**

1.1 The title page should include the title and number of the RFP, name and address of the Offeror(s), and the date of the Proposal.

### **2.0 OFFER & SUBMITTLE 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 representation on behalf of the Offeror.

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 Offeror; 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 stated in the RFP.

### **4.0 EXPERTISE/EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATION STATEMENT:**

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

4.2 Provide an organizational chart of proposed team or staff for this project.

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

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

### **5.0 PROPOSED STRATEGY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:**

5.1 Provide a detailed description and methodology of the proposed plan for on-line library bibliographic subscription services, which should include, but not be limited to the following:

5.1.1 A brief statement of the Offeror understanding of the work to be done; and

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

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**6.0 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:**

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, page number, and should include, at a minimum, the following sections:

- 7.1.1 Title Page
- 7.1.2 Signed and Notarized Offer and Submittal Form (Exhibit I)
- 7.1.3 Letter of Transmittal
- 7.1.4 Expertise/Experience/Reliability Statement
- 7.1.5 Organizational Chart, Resumes and 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 List of References and List of Proposed Subcontractors (Exhibit I)
- 7.1.10 Pricing Form/Fee Schedule (Exhibit II)
- 7.1.11 Fair Campaign Ordinance Form "A" (Exhibit IV)
- 7.1.12 Affidavit of Ownership or Control (Exhibit V)
- 7.1.13 Drug Compliance Agreement Attachment "A" and Contractor's Certification of No Safety Impact Positions Attachment "C" (Exhibit VI)
- 7.1.14 Anti-Collusion Statement (Exhibit VII)
- 7.1.15 Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (Exhibit VIII )
- 7.1.16 City Contractors' Pay or Play Acknowledgement Form (Exhibit IX)
- 7.1.17 Requested Information Outlined in the Scope of Work and Other Additional Relevant/Supporting Information or Alternate Proposals

**EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCESS**  
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**1.0 EVALUATION SUMMARY:**

1.1 An evaluation committee will develop a short list of Offeror(s) based upon the initial review of each Proposal received. The short listed Offeror(s) may be scheduled for a structured oral presentation, demonstration and/or interview. Such presentations will be at no cost to the City of Houston. At the end of the oral presentation, demonstration and/or interview, the evaluation of the short listed Offeror(s) will be completed. However, the evaluation committee reserves the right to issue letter(s) of clarity when deemed necessary to any or all Offeror(s). The oral presentations, demonstrations and/or 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 Offeror(s) to create, modify and implement the required application modules. The Offeror(s) 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 Offeror(s) fails to satisfy the City or the Offeror(s) is deemed unqualified to provide the services contemplated. Each Proposal will be evaluated on the basis of the following evaluation criteria that are listed in order of importance below:

2.1.1	Ability to provide required services (OCLC-related)	55%
2.1.2	Experience/Reputation, including references	15%
2.1.3	Pricing	10%
2.1.4	Responsiveness to the RFP Requirements	10%
2.1.5	Additional services offered	10%

**EXHIBIT I – OFFER AND SUBMITTAL, REFERENCES,  
PROPOSED SUBCONTRACTORS  
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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)

City of Houston Vendor No. (If already doing business with City): \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent)

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address or P.O. Box

\_\_\_\_\_  
City – State – Zip Code

Telephone No. of Contractor: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature, Name and title of Affiant: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public in and for)

\_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT I – REFERENCES**  
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Vendor must provide at least three references with contact person and email or telephone number.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contract Award Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Contract Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contract Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
System Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**EXHIBIT III – INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS AND SAMPLE  
INSURANCE CERTIFICATE  
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To comply with the Terms & 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 in this Solicitation:

- 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):

=====CANCELLATION=====

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.~~

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AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF INSURER John Doe

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- 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.

**EXHIBIT III – INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS AND SAMPLE  
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**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 **30** days from date of delivery 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

# EXHIBIT III – SAMPLE INSURANCE CERTIFICATE FOR CONTRACT AWARD (\$50K OR MORE) SOLICITATION NO.: S37-T23757

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

PRODUCER

ISSUERS OF POLICIES. THE ISSUER SHALL HAVE A RATING OF AT LEAST B + AND FINANCIAL 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.

INSURED

SAMPLE FORM

**COMPANIES AFFORDING COVERAGE**

- COMPANY A .....
- COMPANY B .....
- 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.	<b>General Liability</b> (X) Commercial General Liability Claims Made (X) Occur. Owners & Contractors Prot.			General Aggregate Products-Comp/Op Agg. Personal & Adv. Injury Each Occurrence Fire Damage (Any one fire) Med. Expense (Any one person)	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$ 500,000 \$ 50,000 \$ 5,000
A.	<b>Automobile Liability</b> (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 Bodily Injury (Per person) Bodily Injury (Per Accident) Property Damage	\$1,000,000 \$ \$ \$
	<b>Excess Liability</b>			Each Occurrence Aggregate	\$ \$
	<b>Worker's Compensation and Employee Liability</b>	Statutory Limits	(X)	<b>Statutory Limits</b> Each Accident Disease - Policy Limit Disease - Each Employee	\$ 100,000 \$ 100,000 \$ 100,000
	<b>Other</b>				

**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 – STRATEGIC PURCHASING DIVISION

P.O. BOX 1562  
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77251

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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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% or 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.



**EXHIBIT IV – FORM “A”: FAIR CAMPAIGN  
SOLICITATION NO.: S37-T23757**

**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 V: CONTRACTOR OWNERSHIP  
DISCLOSURE ORDINANCE  
SOLICITATION NO.: S37-T23757**

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.

**EXHIBIT V: AFFIDAVIT OF OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL**  
**SOLICITATION NO.: S37-T23757**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**AFFIDAVIT OF OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL**

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

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:**

**NON-PROFIT ENTITY:**

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

- NON-PROFIT CORPORATION
- UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION

**EXHIBIT V: AFFIDAVIT OF OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL**  
**SOLICITATION NO.: S37-T23757**

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]** \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT V: AFFIDAVIT OF OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL**  
**SOLICITATION NO.: S37-T23757**

**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 VI: DRUG DETECTION AND DETERRENCE  
PROCEDURES FOR CONTRACTORS  
SOLICITATION NO.: S37-T23757**

- (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.

**EXHIBIT VI – ATTACHMENT “A”  
 DRUG POLICY COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT  
 SOLICITATION NO.: S37-T23757**

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) guidelines 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**

**EXHIBIT VI – ATTACHMENT “B”  
 DRUG POLICY COMPLIANCE DECLARATION  
 SOLICITATION NO.: S37-T23757**

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) guidelines.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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)

	<u>Random</u>	<u>Reasonable Suspicion</u>	<u>Post Accident</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number of Employees Tested	_____	_____	_____	_____
Number of Employees Positive	_____	_____	_____	_____
Percent Employees Positive	_____	_____	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_\_ Any employee who tested positive was immediately removed from the City worksite consistent with the **(Initials)** Mayor's Policy and Executive Order No. 1-31.

\_\_\_\_\_ I affirm that falsification or failure to submit this declaration timely in accordance with established guidelines **(Initials)** 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**

**EXHIBIT VI – ATTACHMENT “C” AND “D”**  
**CONTRACTOR’S CERTIFICATION OF NO SAFETY IMPACT POSITIONS**  
**SOLICITATION NO.: S37-T23757**

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 VII – ANTI-COLLUSION STATEMENT**  
**SOLICITATION NO.: S37-T23757**

**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 VIII – CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**SOLICITATION NO.: S37-T23757**

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 1<sup>st</sup>** 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 1<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup> 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 VIII – CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

## SOLICITATION NO.: S37-T23757

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

**FORM CIQ**

For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 1491, 80th Leg., Regular Session. This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code by a person who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the person meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).  
 By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006, Local Government Code.  
 A person commits an offense if the person knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

**1** Name of person who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

**2**  Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.

(The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)

**3** Name of local government officer with whom filer has employment or business relationship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Officer

This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C & D) must be completed for each officer with whom the filer has an employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a), Local Government Code. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the filer of the questionnaire?

Yes       No

B. Is the filer of the questionnaire receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

Yes       No

C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership of 10 percent or more?

Yes       No

D. Describe each employment or business relationship with the local government officer named in this section.

**4**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# EXHIBIT IX – PAY OR PLAY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

## SOLICITATION NO.: S37-T23757

### I. Pay or Play Program Elements

#### A. Purpose

Authorized by Ordinance 2007-534 and Executive Order 1-7, the purpose of the Pay or Play Program is (1) to create a more level playing field among competing contractors so that those who provide health benefits to their employees are not disadvantaged in the bidding process; and 2) to recognize and account for the fact that there are costs associated with the health care of the uninsured.

#### B. Program Elements

1. Covered Contracts: Contracts covered by the program are those that are advertised after July 1, 2007, which are valued at or above \$100,000 and are not primarily for the procurement of property, goods, supplies or equipment.
  2. Covered employees: This program applies to employees of a covered Contractor or Subcontractor, including Contract labor, who are over age 18, work at least 30 hours per week and work any amount of time under a covered city Contract or Subcontract.
  3. Compliance with the program means that the Contractor either:
    - “Pays” by contributing \$1.00 per covered employee per hour for work performed under the Contract with the City; or
    - “Plays” by offering health benefits to covered employees. Health benefits must meet or exceed the following standards:
      - The employer will contribute no less than \$150 per covered employee per month toward the total premium cost.
      - The employee contribution, if any amount, will be no greater than 50% of the total monthly premium cost.
  4. Subcontracts: The Prime Contractor is responsible for compliance on behalf of covered employees, including Contract labor, of subcontractors with subcontracts valued at or greater than \$200,000, if the Subcontract is not primarily for the procurement of property, goods, supplies or equipment. Subcontractor compliance includes submission of applicable reports and/or payments to the Prime, as well as maintenance of records.
1. Exemptions/Waivers: The City of Houston will award a Contract to a Contractor that neither Pays nor Plays only if the Contractor has received an approved waiver.
  2. Administration: Contractor performance in meeting Pay or Play program requirements will be managed by the contracting department. The Office of Affirmative Action and Contract Compliance will have administrative oversight of the program, including audit responsibilities. Questions about the program should be referred to the department POP Liaison or the Office of Affirmative Action and Contract Compliance.

# **EXHIBIT IX – PAY OR PLAY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

## **SOLICITATION NO.: S37-T23757**

### **II. Documentation and Reporting Requirements**

#### **A. Document that must be signed and returned to administering department with the Bid/Proposal.**

1. Notice to Prospective City Contractors (Form POP-1A) acknowledges Bidder/Proposers' knowledge of the program and its requirements, and the intention to comply.

#### **B. Documents that must be signed and returned to administering department within a period designated by the department's Contract Administrator, upon notification of low Bidder or successful Proposer status:**

1. Certification of Contractor's Intent to Comply with Pay or Play Program (Form POP-2). Note Contractors that opt to "play" must provide proof of coverage, including documentation from insurance provider, and names of covered employees.
2. List of Participating Subcontractors (Form POP-3).

#### **C. The Contractor will comply with the following reporting requirements:**

1. Contractors that opt to Play  
Provide periodic reports to the Contract administrator showing proof of coverage. Reporting schedule will be determined by administering department based on length of Contract. (Form POP-7.)
2. Contractors that opt to Pay  
Provide monthly reports to administering department, detailing names of employees, hours worked, exemptions (if any) and amount owed. (Form POP-5.)

Contractors shall submit an initial report with the second invoice to the department. Payments based on monthly reports are due to the contracting department with submission of the following month's invoice. Payments may be made via wire transfer, provided that proof of transaction is submitted to administering department.

### **III. Compliance and Enforcement**

The Affirmative Action and Contract Compliance Office will audit program compliance. Contractors willfully violating or misrepresenting POP program compliance will be subject to corrective and/or punitive action, including but not limited to the assessment of fines and penalties and/or debarment.

The Pay or Play Program Requirements Form (POP-1) and all other POP Forms are available for downloading from the City of Houston's Website at <http://www.houstontx.gov/aacc/popforms.html>

**EXHIBIT IX – FORM “1A”**  
**PAY OR PLAY PROGRAM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**  
**SOLICITATION NO.: S37-T23757**



**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

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address

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	Subcontractor
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)