SOLICITATION FOR: Merchant Services and Payment Gateway RFP 15-75



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

RELEASE DATE: 02/09/15
QUESTIONS DUE: 02/16/15
DUE DATE AND TIME: 02/25/15 @ 11AM EST

DELIVER TO:

City of Somerville
Purchasing Department
Attn: Alex Nosnik
Asst. Director
93 Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02143

NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

RFP 15-75

All bids must be in accordance with terms and conditions set forth herein as stated.

SECTION A	Sealed proposals for: Merchant Services and Payment Gateway
	The bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Director, Somerville City Hall,
	93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA. 02143 no later than 02/25/15 @ 11AM EST
SECTION B.	Forms of price bid, specifications and terms of contract can be obtained at the above office on or
	after 02/09/15
SECTION C.	Bid envelopes shall be clearly marked as follows:
	Merchant Services and Payment Gateway
	Bid No: RFP 15-75
SECTION D.	If awarded vendor is a Corporation, vendor must comply with request for "Certificate of Good
	Standing". See attached instructions.
SECTION E.	INSURANCE: Awarded Vendor must comply with insurance requirements as stated in the bid
	package.
SECTION F.	Living Wage - See Section 5.0
SECTION G.	The requirements in Section E or F will be waived if the words "Non-Applicable" (N/A) are
	inserted in the space designated.
SECTION H.	The Purchasing Director reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any
	informalities, to divide the award, to amend any specifications or to accept any portion of a bid, if
	in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.
SECTION I.	The City reserves the right to cancel a contract, if awarded bidder does not respond to all
	necessary documents and required signature forms within ten (10) working days of receipt of contract.

Signature	:		
Company	·	_	
By:		Title:	
Date:	Tel. No:	_Fax:	

CITY OF SOMERVILLE MASSACHUSETTS SOMERVILLE CITY HALL 93 HIGHLAND AVENUE SOMERVILLE, MA 02143

BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS FOR Merchant Services and Payment Gateway Bid No. RFP 15-75

Enclosed you will find a request for proposal for: Merchant Services and Payment Gateway

SECTION 1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION ON BID PROCESS

1.1 General

• When submitting proposal, please identify the solicitation title and number clearly on the submitted envelope. All responses must be sealed and delivered to:

Purchasing Department City of Somerville 93 Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02143.

- Bids submitted must be an original
- A complete bid consists of all documents listed in Sections 2.0, 4.0, 5.0 and all related appendices. Bids will be considered non-compliant and will be rejected if all required documents are not present.
- A complete BID must also include a cover letter signed by an official authorized to bind the proposer contractually and contain a statement that the proposal is firm for ninety (90) days. An unsigned letter or one signed by an individual not authorized to bind the Offeror will be disqualified.
- The City of Somerville reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive minor informalities, and accept the proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the City.
- The successful Offeror must be an Equal Opportunity Employer.
- The signature of the Offeror's authorized official(s) must be provided on all the proposal

forms.

- All information in the Offeror's response should be organized and presented in a clear / concise format. Accuracy and completeness are essential. The successful response will be incorporated into a contract as an exhibit; therefore, Offerors should not make claims to which they are not prepared to commit themselves contractually.
- Additional copies of the solicitation may be obtained from the Purchasing Department on and after 02/09/15
- between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Fridays.
- The Price Summary Form in Section 4 must be completed. No substitute form will be accepted. Pricing must remain firm for the entire contract period.
- Failure to answer any questions, to complete any form, or to provide the documentation required will be deemed non-responsive and result in disqualification of the bid unless the City determines that such failure constitutes a minor informality, as defined in Chapter 30B.
- Please review and return your sealed bids as sent. Also, ensure that all forms are completed and your bid response is submitted as requested. Use the attached Proposers Checklist to ensure bid documents are complete.

1.2 Submission Instructions

Please submit two sealed envelopes, all within one sealed packaged, with the following contents and marked in the following manner:

Contents of Envelope	Marked As
Envelope 1 Non-Price Technical Proposal: Shall Include (1) original and three (3) copies, and one (1) electronic copy. [Electronic copies are to be submitted on CD-ROM or thumb drives and are to be saved in Adobe Acrobat format. ("Read only" files are acceptable.)]	To Be Marked: Non-Price Proposal Merchant Services and Payment Gateway RFP 15-75
Envelope 2 Price Proposal: Shall Include one (1) original and one (1) copy.	To Be Marked: Price Proposal Merchant Services and Payment Gateway RFP 15-75
Please send the complete sealed package to the attention of :	Alex Nosnik Asst. Director Purchasing Department Somerville City Hall 93 Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02143

(Note: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B requires that price proposals must be separate from technical proposals. Therefore, <u>please make no reference to pricing in the non-price technical proposal.</u> Failure to adhere to this requirement will result in disqualification. It is the sole responsibility of the Offeror to insure that the proposal arrives on time at the designated place. Late Proposals will not be considered, and will be returned.)

Reference: The Proposer shall list <u>at least three</u> relevant references. The City of Somerville reserves the right to use ourselves as a reference. References shall include the following information.

- The name, address and telephone number of each client listed above.
- A description of the work performed under each contract.
- A description of the nature of the relationship between proposer and the customer.
- The name and telephone number of the person the City may contact as a reference.
- The amount of the contract.
- The volume of the work performed.
- The dates of performance.

1.3 Questions

Questions concerning this solicitation must be mailed or hand delivered in writing to:

Alex Nosnik Asst. Director

Somerville City Hall Purchasing Department 93 Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02143

Or emailed to:

anosnik@somervillema.gov

Or faxed to:

617-625-1344

Answers will be sent via an addendum to all Offerors who received this solicitation through the Purchasing Department. Bidders are encouraged to contact the Purchasing Department to register as a bid document holder to automatically receive addenda as they are issued. It is the responsibility of the Offeror to also monitor the bid portal on the City's website for any updates, addendums, etc. regarding that specific solicitation. The web address is:

http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids.

If any bidders or proposers contact anyone outside of the Purchasing Department regarding this bid/proposal, that bidder/proposer will be disqualified immediately.

1.4 Bidding Schedule

Key dates for this Invitation for Bid:

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RFP Issued	02/09/15
Deadline for Submitting Questions to RFP	02/16/15
Proposals Due	02/25/15 @ 11AM EST
Anticipated Contract Award	05/01/15
Est. Contract Commencement Date	07/01/15
Est. Contract Completion Date	06/30/18

Responses must be	City of Somerville	
delivered by 02/25/15	Purchasing Department Attn: Alex Nosnik	
@ 11AM EST to:	93 Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02143	

SECTION 2.0 SPECIFICATIONS/SCOPE OF SERVICES

2.1 Background

The City of Somerville seeks a qualified vendor to provide a PCI-compliant gateway and merchant account for credit card processing at various City Departments including but not limited to Traffic & Parking, City Clerk, Inspectional Services and Public Safety Departments.

Estimated transactional volumes, by department, are as follows:

Department	Number of Annual Transactions
Treasury	20,000
City Clerk	2,000
Inspectional Services Division	2,000
Traffic & Parking	16,000 - 20,000
Public Safety	600
Water Department	12,000

Vendor shall provide credit card terminals for each cashier window to facilitate payment and provide receipts.

Vendors may choose to collaborate on a response to this proposal in order to meet the full scope of services. The City intends to award one contract. Any subcontractors used by the contracted Vendor must be approved in writing by the City. The anticipated contract start date will be in July 2015. The contract duration will be for three years.

2.2 Scope of Work

Vendor shall provide a PCI-compliant gateway to accept online payments for real estate and personal property taxes, water bills, vital records, and any other bills owed to the City or items citizens can purchase from the City. Vendor shall also have the ability to provide a merchant account for credit card processing at various City Departments including but not limited to Traffic & Parking, City Clerk, Inspectional Services and Public Safety Departments. Credit Card terminals will be needed for each cashier window to facilitate payment and provide receipts.

The City requires a daily batch report from Vendor in order to reconcile cashier activity and bank account. The Vendor's equipment shall integrate with the City's MUNIS and Duncan Solutions accounting software programs. Credit card numbers shall not be stored on any City equipment and solely reside on Vendor terminals. Signature storage is strongly recommended in order to refute charge backs.

2.3 Specifications / Requirements

The following items are considered specific requirements for the successful completion of this contract. Vendor shall service the City of Somerville's account directly in regards to the following:

- Setting up terminal stations at each cashiering window, including training of City staff.
- Servicing future problems with terminals, ongoing IT support and maintenance, and help desk during normal business days, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Vendor will be invoicing the City for its dues (debiting will only occur for charge-backs).
- Supporting future reporting discrepancies and charge-backs

COMPARATIVE EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Comparative Evaluation Criteria set forth in this section of the RFP shall be used to evaluate responsible and responsive proposals. The Comparative Evaluation Criteria are:

1. Proposer acceptance of credit cards.

Highly Advantageous

Proposer accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover and Amex.

Advantageous

Proposer accepts Visa and MasterCard, but not all four major cards listed above.

Not Advantageous

Proposer accepts only one of the four major credit cards listed above.

2. Proposer's experience with the software programs relevant to this contract.

Highly Advantageous

Proposer has documented experience working with MUNIS and Duncan (a parking management company).

Advantageous

Proposer has documented experience working with MUNIS or Duncan (a parking management company), but not both.

Not Advantageous

Proposer has no documented experience working with MUNIS or Duncan (a parking management company).

3. Volume discounts offered by Proposer.

Highly Advantageous

Bulk terminal purchases decrease unit cost per terminal.

Not Advantageous

Terminal unit cost is fixed regardless of the number purchased.

4. Experience with local governments and other public agencies.

Highly Advantageous

Proposer has provided merchant services processing and payment gateways for more than three municipalities.

Advantageous

Proposer has provided merchant services processing and payment gateways for fewer than three municipalities.

Not Advantageous

Proposer has no experience with municipalities

All proposals will be reviewed by an evaluation committee composed of employees of the City. Final selection will be based upon and the evaluators' analysis of the information and materials required under the RFP and provided by the proposing vendors in their submissions. The City reserves the right to involve an outside consultant in the selection process. Proposals that meet the minimum quality requirements will be reviewed for responses to the comparative evaluation criteria. The evaluation committee will assign a rating of Highly Advantageous, Advantageous, Not Advantageous or Unacceptable to the comparative evaluation criteria.

The City will only award a contract to a responsive and responsible Proposer. Before awarding the contract(s), the City may request additional information from the Proposer to insure that the Proposer has the resources necessary to perform the required services. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if it determines that the criteria set forth have not been met.

2.4 Quality Requirements

Quality requirements, or basic business requirements, are the minimum set of standards that an entity must meet and certify to be considered responsible and responsive. **Please complete the Quality Requirements form, below, and submit it with your completed bid.** The City of Somerville will disqualify any response that does not meet the minimum quality requirements. A "No Response" to items 1, 2 or 3, or a failure to respond to any of the following minimum standards will result in disqualification of your bid.

	QUALITY REQUIREMENTS	YES	NO
1.	Proposer has at least two (2) years of business experience taking municipal transactions.		
2.	Proposer offers a Help Desk that is available at least from 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. on regular business days.		
3.	Proposer accepts Visa and MasterCard.		
4.	Optional: Are you a Mass. Supplier Diversity Office MBE/WBE certified minority or woman owned business?		

In order to provide verification of affirmative responses to items 1, 2 and 3 under the quality requirements listed in the Quality Requirements Form, proposers must submit written information that details the general background, experience, and qualifications of the organization. Subcontractors, if applicable, must be also included.

2.5 Period of Performance

The period of performance for this contract is three (3) years beginning on 07/01/15 and ending on 06/30/18.

2.6 Place of Performance

All services, delivery and other required support shall be conducted in Somerville and other locations designated by the Department POC. Meetings between the Vendor and City personnel shall be held at the City of Somerville, Massachusetts.

2.7 Vendor Conduct

The Vendor's employees shall comply with all City regulations, policies and procedures. The vendor shall ensure that their employees present professional work attire at all times. The authorized contracting body of the City may, at his/her sole discretion, direct the vendor to remove any vendor employee from city facilities for misconduct or safety reasons. Such rule does not relieve the vendor of their responsibility to provide sufficient and timely service. The City will provide the vendor with immediate written rationale notice for removal of employee through the Purchasing Department. Vendors must be knowledgeable of the conflict of interest law found on the Commonwealth's website http://www.mass.gov/ethics/laws-and-regulations-/conflict-of-interest-information/conflict-of-interest-law.html. Vendors may be required to take the Conflict of Interest exam.

2.8 Vendor Personnel

The proposer shall clearly state who will staff the project as project manager, and the staff must demonstrate the ability to carry out the requirements of this contract. The Evaluation Committee will evaluate the number of full time equivalents with demonstrated ability to carry out this project and the reasonableness and distribution of personnel expertise.

2.9 Confidentiality

The Vendor agrees that it will ensure that its employees and others performing services under this contract will not use or disclose any non-public information unless authorized by the Purchasing Department. That includes confidential reports, information, discussions, procedures, and any other data that are collected, generated or results from the performance of this SOW.

All documents, photocopies, computer data and any other information of any kind collected or received by the Vendor in connection with the contract work shall be provided to the Purchasing Department upon request at the termination of the contract (i.e., the date on which final payment is made on the contract or at such other time as may be requested by the Purchasing Director or as otherwise agreed by Purchasing Director and the Vendor).

The Contractor may not discuss the contract work in progress with any outside party, including responding to media and press inquiries, without the prior written permission of the Purchasing Department. In addition, the Vendor may not issue news releases or similar items regarding contract award, any subsequent contract modifications, or any other contract-related matter

without the prior written approval of the Purchasing Director. Requests to make such disclosure should be addressed in writing to the Purchasing Director.

2.12 Deliverables

The Offeror shall consider the below items as deliverables according to the SOW. All items noted within the table will be reviewed by the Treasurer and/or his designees. The Vendor shall provide for all day-to-day supervision, inspection and monitoring of all work performed to ensure compliance with the contract requirements. The contractor shall follow through to assure that all City and Contractor identified defects or omissions in the contract requirements are corrected.

SECTION 3.0 RULE FOR AWARD

The contract shall be awarded to the responsible and responsive proposer submitting the most advantageous proposal response, taking into consideration all evaluation criteria as well as price. The contract will be awarded within ninety (90) days after the bid opening. The time for award may be extended for up to 45 additional days by mutual agreement between the City and the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder (or, for a contract requiring payment to the City, the apparent highest responsive and responsible bidder).

SECTION 4.0 PRICING

The undersigned proposes to supply and deliver the materials and services specified below in full accordance with the Contract Documents supplied by the City of Somerville entitled: **Merchant Services and Payment Gateway**

The Offeror proposes to furnish and deliver the services specified at the following prices that include delivery, the cost of fuel, the cost of labor and all other charges related to successful completion of trips. Prices are to remain the same for the entire contract period. Vendor shall specify whether the below pricing is per department or a flat fee for all City departments. Vendor shall include ALL COSTS associated with fulfilling all aspects of the scope of services. If the Vendor believes that the below categories are inadequate to capture one or more unit costs, please use the "other fees" section at the bottom to provide these costs (be sure to label all of these other costs). Vendors can also attach additional price forms.

PRICE SUMMARY FORM TO BE ENCLOSED IN SEPARATELY SEALED ENVELOPE

Please provide Unit Price for the following and include any additional fees not listed:

Contract Fee:	\$
Monthly Minimum Charge:	\$
Setup Fee:	\$
Annual Assessment/Compliance Fee:	\$
Monthly Service Fee:	\$
Per Transaction Fee:	\$
(list separately if there is a dollar and % transaction charge):	\$
Terminal Fee (lease per month or year):	\$
Terminal Unit Price (if City opts to buy):	\$
Chargeback Fee:	\$
Batch Settlement Fee:	\$
Other Fees (describe):	\$
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I certify that the certifications required by this solicitation are attached hereto, completed, and signed by an authorized official of the company. I further certify that all services on which my firm offered a proposal are available for delivery within the time limits established in this Request For Proposals. I further certify that if this firm is the successful proposer, we will produce evidence of liability, property and Worker's Compensation insurance for the limits specified in this solicitation.

NAME OF COMPA	NY / INDIVIDU	U AL:		
ADDRESS:				
CITY/STATE/ZIP:_				
TELEPHONE/FAX/	EMAIL:			
SIGNATURE OF A	UTHORIZED	INDIVIDUAL:		
Please acknowledge	receipt of any	and all Addend	ums (if applicable) l	y signing below and
including this form	in your proposa	al package. Fai	lure to do so may su	bject the proposer to
disqualification.				
ACKNOWLEDGEN	MENT OF ADI	DENDUMS:		
Addendum #1	#2	#3	#4	_

SECTION 5.0 FORMS

5.1 Required Submissions (included with response)

- **5.1.1** Proposers' Checklist
- **5.1.2** Quality Requirements Form
- **5.1.3** Reference Sheet
- **5.1.4** Non-Collusion & Tax Compliance Form
- **5.1.5** Certificate of Signature Authority
- **5.1.6** Somerville Living Wage Ordinance Form
- **5.1.7** Vendor TIN Certification Form

5.2 Required Submissions (to be provided post award)

- **5.2.1** Certificate of Good Standing: The **awarded vendor** must provide the City with a current "Certificate of Good Standing" from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Additional information related to this requirement is included in this solicitation.
- **5.2.2** Insurance Certificate: As outlined on attached form included in this solicitation, must be provided by the **awarded vendor** within

Merchant Services and Payment Gateway RFP 15-75

PROPOSERS' CHECKLIST

Please ensure all documents listed on this checklist are included with your bid. Failure to do so may subject the proposer to disqualification.

Non-Price P	roposal
	Cover Letter
	Bidder's Checklist
	Notice to Proposers (found at the beginning of this document)
	Acknowledgement of Addenda (if applicable and non-price related)
	Quality Requirements/Minimum Selection Criteria
	Somerville Living Wage Form
	Certificate of Non-Collusion and Tax Compliance
	Certificate of Signature Authority
	Certificate of Good Standing (will be required of awarded Vendor; please furnish with bid if available)
	Insurance Specifications (bidders to review and include in bid package; furnish sample certificate with bid if possible)
	Reference Form (or equivalent may be attached)
Price Propos	sal
	Acknowledgement of Addenda (if applicable and price related)
	Price Summary Page

REFERENCE FORM

Bidder:		
IFB Title:		
Bidder must provide references	s for: Three other similar sized Municipalities pro	vided the same services
Reference:	Contact:	
Address:	Phone:	
	Email:	
Description and date(s) of supp	blies or services provided:	
Reference:	Contact:	
Address:	Phone:	
	Email:	
Description and date(s) of supp	olies or services provided:	
Reference:	Contact:	
Address:	Phone:	
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Non-Collusion Form and Tax Compliance Certification

<u>Instructions</u>: Complete each part of this two-part form and sign and date where indicated below.

A. NON-COLLUSION FORM

I, the undersigned, hereby certify under penalties of perjury that this bid or proposal has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person.

As used in this certification, the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club, or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.

Signature:
Signature: (Individual Submitted Bid or Proposal) Duly Authorized
Name of Business or Entity:
Date:
B. TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION
Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 62C, §49A, I certify under the penalties of perjury that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, I am in compliance with all laws of the Commonwealth relating to taxes, reporting of employees and contractors, and withholding and remitting child support, as well as paid all contributions and payments in lieu of contributions pursuant to MGL 151A, §19A(b).
Signature:
(Duly Authorized Representative of Vendor)
Name of Business or Entity:
Social Security Number or Federal Tax ID#:
Date:



Sole Proprietor Declaration as to Workers' Compensation Insurance					
<u>Instructions</u> : Complete this form and sign and date where indicated below.					
1. Please Print Legibly					
Business/Organization Name:Address:					
City/State/Zip:					
2. I hereby certify that I am a sole proprietor doing business above, and have no employees working for me in any capa law to obtain workers compensation insurance. I am the sole of the	ocity, and am not required by ole proprietor of the firm and owner and proprietor of said				
3. I certify that I am an independent contractor and I under this contract I am not an agent, servant or employee of the eligible for, and shall not participate in, any City of Somer including but not limited to pension, deferred compensation accidental death and dismemberment insurance or other fri	City of Somerville and am not ville employee benefits, n plans, health, life and				
4. I hereby certify that all work required will be performed or persons who perform voluntary service without pay.	personally and solely by me				
5. I hereby certify that I am hereby authorized to make, enter into, execute, and deliver contracts and bonds in the name and on behalf of said sole proprietorship, and such execution of any contract of obligation in this sole proprietorship's name and on its behalf shall be valid and binding upon this sole proprietorship.					
Date	Printed Name				
	Signature				

Form:____
Contract Number:_____



	tificate of Authority Liability Companies Only)
<u>Instructions</u> : Complete this form	n and sign and date where indicated below.
1. I, the undersigned, being a mem	nber or manager of
(Complete Nat	me of Limited Liability Company)
a limited liability company (LLC) purpose of contracting with the Cit	hereby certify as to the contents of this form for the ty of Somerville.
2. The LLC is organized under the	e laws of the state of:
3. The LLC is managed by (check	a one) a Manager or by its Members.
 other legally binding on behalf of the LLG duly authorized to dappropriate to carry of the LLC; and 	of the LLC; execute and deliver this contract, agreement, and/or g documents relating to any contract and/or agreement C; lo and perform all acts and things necessary or out the terms of this contract or agreement on behalf rote, or other document or action is necessary to
Name	<u>Title</u>
Date :	



Certificate of Authority

(Corporations Only)
Instructions: Complete this form and sign and date where indicated below.
1. I hereby certify that I, the undersigned, am the duly elected Clerk/Secretary of
(Insert Full Name of Corporation)
2. I hereby certify that the following individual (Insert the Name of Officer who Signed the Contract and Bonds)
is the duly elected of said Corporation. (Insert the Title of the Officer in Line 2)
3. I hereby certify that on (Insert Date: Must be on or before Date Officer Signed Contract/Bonds)
at a duly authorized meeting of the Board of Directors of said corporation, at which a quorum was present, it was voted that
(Insert Name of Officer from Line 2) (Insert Title of Officer from Line 2) of this corporation be and hereby is authorized to make, enter into, execute, and deliver contracts and bonds in the name and on behalf of said corporation, and affix its Corporate Seal thereto, and such execution of any contract of obligation in this corporation's name and on its behalf, with or without the Corporate Seal, shall be valid and binding upon this corporation; and that the above vote has not been amended or rescinded and remains in full force and effect as of the date set forth below.
4. ATTEST: Signature: AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL HERE (Clerk or Secretary) Printed Name:
Printed Title:
Date:(Date Must Be on or after Date Officer Signed Contract/Bonds)

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SOMERVILLE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE CERTIFICATION FORM CITY OF SOMERVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 2-397 et seq*.

<u>Instructions</u>: This form shall be included in all Invitations for Bids and Requests for Proposals which involve the furnishing of labor, time or effort (with no end product other than reports) by vendors contracting or subcontracting with the City of Somerville, where the contract price meets or exceeds the following dollar threshold: \$10,000. If the undersigned is selected, this form will be attached to the contract or subcontract and the certifications made herein shall be incorporated as part of such contract or subcontract. **Complete this form and sign and date where indicated below on page 2.**

<u>Purpose:</u> The purpose of this form is to ensure that such vendors pay a "Living Wage" (defined below) to all covered employees (i.e., all employees except individuals in a city, state or federally funded youth program). In the case of bids, the City will award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder paying a Living Wage. In the case of RFP's, the City will select the most advantageous proposal from a responsive and responsible offeror paying a Living Wage. In neither case, however, shall the City be under any obligation to select a bid or proposal that exceeds the funds available for the contract.

<u>Definition of "Living Wage":</u> For this contract or subcontract, as of **7/1/2014** "Living Wage" shall be deemed to be an hourly wage of no less than **\$12.05** per hour. From time to time, the Living Wage may be upwardly adjusted and amendments, if any, to the contract or subcontract may require the payment of a higher hourly rate if a higher rate is then in effect.

CERTIFICATIONS

- 1. The undersigned shall pay no less than the Living Wage to all covered employees who directly expend their time on the contract or subcontract with the City of Somerville.
- 2. The undersigned shall post a notice, (copy enclosed), to be furnished by the contracting City Department, informing covered employees of the protections and obligations provided for in the Somerville Living Wage Ordinance, and that for assistance and information, including copies of the Ordinance, employees should contact the contracting City Department. Such notice shall be posted in each location where services are performed by covered employees, in a conspicuous place where notices to employees are customarily posted.
- 3. The undersigned shall maintain payrolls for all covered employees and basic records relating hereto and shall preserve them for a period of three years. The records shall contain the name and address of each employee, the number of hours worked, the gross wages, a copy of the social

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^{*}Copies of the Ordinance are available upon request to the Purchasing Department.

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security returns, and evident contracting City Departm	ence of payment thereof and such other of ent from time to time.	data as may be required by the
information of possible no Ordinance, the undersign the work site, to interview	submit payroll records to the City upon reconcompliance with the provisions the Soled shall permit City representatives to obver employees, and to examine the books and to determine payment of wages.	omerville Living Wage oserve work being performed at
_	not fund wage increases required by the e health insurance benefits of any of its	
	s that the penalties and relief set forth in ition to the rights and remedies set forth	
CERTIFIED BY	:	
Signature:(Duly	Authorized Representative of Vendor	•)
Title:		
Name of Vendor	:	
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INSTRUCTIONS: PLEASE POST

NOTICE TO ALL EMPLOYEES REGARDING PAYMENT OF LIVING WAGE

Under the Somerville, Massachusetts' Living Wage Ordinance (Ordinance No. 1999-1), any person or entity who has entered into a contract with the City of Somerville is required to pay its employees who are involved in providing services to the City of Somerville no less than a "Living Wage".

The Living Wage as of **7/1/2014** is **\$12.05** per hour. The only employees who are not covered by the Living Wage Ordinance are individuals in a Youth Program. "Youth Program" as defined in the Ordinance, "means any city, state or federally funded program which employs youth, as defined by city, state or federal guidelines, during the summer, or as part of a school to work program, or in any other related seasonal or part-time program."

For assistance and information regarding the protections and obligations provided for in the Living Wage Ordinance and/or a copy of the Living Wage Ordinance, all employees should contact the City of Somerville's Purchasing Department directly.

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JOSEPH A. CURTATONE MAYOR

Vendor Certification

The vendor certifies that it has provided the City of Somerville with an accurate tax identification number (TIN). In the event that the City is fined by the IRS for an incorrect TIN provided by the vendor, the vendor agrees to reimburse the City for the amount of the fine.

TIN	
Signature	
Printed Name of Person signing	
Company	_
Date	



SOMERVILLE

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

TO: Vendor

FROM: Purchasing Department

RE: CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

The Awarded Vendor must comply with our request for a CURRENT "Certificate of Good Standing".

If you require information on how to obtain the "Certificate of Good Standing" or Certificate of Registration (Foreign Corporations) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, please call the Secretary of State's Office at (617) 727-2850 (Press #1) located at One (1) Ashburton Place, 17th Floor, Boston, MA 02133 or you may access their web site at: www.sec.state.ma.us/corp/certificates/certificate request.asp

If your company is incorporated outside of Massachusetts and therefore is a "foreign corporation", but is registered to do business in Massachusetts, please comply with our request for the Certificate of Registration from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. If your company is a foreign corporation, but is not registered to do business in Massachusetts, please provide the Certificate of Good Standing from <u>your</u> state of incorporation.

Please note that without the above certificate (s), the City of Somerville <u>cannot</u> execute your contract.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Requests for Certificates of Good Standing by mail may take a substantial amount of time. A certificate may be obtained immediately in person at the Secretary's Office at the address above. Also, at this time, the Secretary of State's Office may not have your current annual report recorded. If this is the case, and you are therefore unable to obtain the Certificate of Good Standing, please forward a copy of your annual report filing fee check with your signed contracts. Please forward your original Certificate of Good Standing to the Purchasing Department upon receipt.

Thank You,

Purchasing Director



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s)

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INSURANCE SPECIFICATIONS INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARDED VENDOR ONLY:

Prior to commencing performance of any work or supplying materials or equipment covered by these specifications, the contractor shall furnish to the Office of the Purchasing Director a Certificate of Insurance evidencing the following:

A. GENERAL LIABILITY - Comprehensive Form

Bodily Injury Liability.....\$ One Million

Property Damage Liability......\$\sum_\text{One Million}

B. COVERAGE FOR PAYMENT OF WORKER'S COMPENSATION BENEFIT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 152 OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS IN THE AMOUNT AS LISTED BELOW:

WORKER'S COMPENSATION.....\$Statutory

EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY.....\$ Statutory

C. AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE AS LISTED BELOW:

BODILY INJURY LIABILITY.....\$ STATUTORY

- l. A contract will not be executed unless a certificate (s) of insurance evidencing above-described coverage is attached.
- 2. Failure to have the above-described coverage in effect during the entire period of the contract shall be deemed to be a breach of the contract.
- 3. All applicable insurance policies shall read:

"CITY OF SOMERVILLE" as a certificate holder and as an additional insured for general liability only along with a description of operation in the space provided on the certificate.

Certificate Should Be Made Out To:
City Of Somerville
Purchasing Department
93 Highland Avenue
Somerville, Ma. 02143

Note: If your insurance expires during the life of this contract, you shall be responsible to submit a new certificate(s) covering the period of the contract. No payment will be made on a contract with an expired insurance certificate.

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Prior to commencing performance of any work or supplying materials or equipment covered by these specifications, the contractor shall furnish to the Office of the Purchasing Director a Certificate of Insurance evidencing the following:

A. PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY......\$ 500,000.00

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 - "CITY OF SOMERVILLE" as a certificate holder and as an additional insured for general liability only along with a description of operation in the space provided on the certificate.
- 4. Please comply with our requirement of a **thirty (30) day** notice of cancellation and note on certificate.

CERTIFICATE SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO:

City of Somerville Purchasing Department 93 Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02143

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SECTION 6.0 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFEROR

6.1 General Information & Submission Instructions

6.1.1 Bid Delivery

Responses must be	City of Somerville			
	Purchasing Department			
delivered by 02/25/15	Attn: Alex Nosnik			
@ 11AM EST to:	93 Highland Avenue			
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One (1) proposal package (including two sealed envelopes) should be submitted. Responses must be sealed and marked with the solicitation tile and number. All bids must include a forms listed in the Proposers Checklist

6.1.2 Evaluation Methodology

All responses will be reviewed by an evaluation committee composed of employees of the City. However, the City reserves the right to involve an outside consultant in the selection process. Final selection will be based upon the evaluators' analysis of the information and materials provided by the proposing vendors in their technical submissions compared to both the Quality Requirements & Comparative Evaluation Criteria of the solicitation. Responses that meet the minimum Quality Requirements will then be reviewed for responses to the Comparative Evaluation Criteria. The evaluation committee will assign a rating of Highly Advantageous, Advantageous, Not Advantageous or Unacceptable to the Comparative Evaluation Criteria.

The City will award the contract to the most responsive and responsible Offeror who demonstrates best value to the city, technical and price considered. Before awarding the contract(s), the City may request additional information from the Offeror to insure that the Offeror has the necessary resources to perform the required services. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if it determines that the criteria set forth have not been met.

6.2 Non-Price (Technical) Proposal Format

Responses must be submitted in accordance with the requirements set forth in this solicitation. These requirements were developed to standardize the preparation of responses while helping to assure consistency in format and content. This process will reduce the time required to prepare a response and will simplify the review process by City staff. Results of the proposal review process will be utilized to establish a preliminary ranking of the proposers. The City may interview the top ranked candidates as part of the evaluation process. All information in the technical proposal should be organized and presented as directed below. Your Non-Price Proposal response should contain all forms outlined in the Proposers Checklist in the order that they appear.

Responses shall be prepared on standard 8.5 x 11 inch paper (charts may be landscaped but must be on 8.5 x 11 inch paper) and shall be in a legible font size (12). All pages of each response shall be appropriately numbered, and identified with the solicitation number. For ease of reference, consecutive page numbering with tabs is required.

Elaborate format and binding are neither necessary nor desirable. All binders will be capable of lying flat when opened. The cover and spine of each binder will clearly identify the Offeror's name, solicitation number, formal solicitation title and copy number, (e.g. copy 2 of 3). The original for each volume will be clearly identified on the cover and the spine. All binders will allow for easy removal and replacement of pages.

6.2.1 Cover Letter

Include a cover letter will summarize, in a brief and concise manner that the Offeror understands of the requested services. Please include the official name of the firm submitting the proposal, mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number, fax number and contact name. The letter must be signed by an official authorized to bind the proposer contractually and contain a statement that the proposal is firm for ninety (90) days. An unsigned letter or one signed by an individual not authorized to bind the Offeror will be disqualified.

6.2.2 Qualifications & Experience

The proposer shall include qualifications and experience of the firm (or sole proprietor). The proposer shall identify the year the firm was established, the total number of employees currently employed, and the number of employees focused on this engagement. This section should also generally describe work which is similar in scope and complexity which the Offeror has undertaken in the past. A discussion of the challenges faced, and solutions developed are highly recommended. The proposer may include any additional literature and product brochures.

6.2.3 Quality Requirements Form

The Quality Requirements Form, or set of basic business standards, must be addressed by each offeror and presented within the technical proposal documentation.

6.3 Price Proposal Format

6.3.1 Cover Letter

Include a cover letter to summarize, in a brief and concise manner, that the Offeror understands that their offer will bid the firm to the price submitted with their response. Please include the official name of the firm submitting the proposal, mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number, fax number and contact name. The letter must be signed by an official authorized to bind the proposer contractually and contain a statement that the pricing is firm for ninety (90) days. An unsigned letter or one signed by an individual not authorized to bind the Offeror will be disqualified.

6.3.2 Price Summary Page

See Section 4.0.

6.3.3 Bid Prices to Remain Firm

All bid prices submitted in response to this solicitation must remain firm for 90 days following the bid opening.

6.3.4 Price Submission

All prices must contain the unit rate as requested on the bid price form in this solicitation. All prices are to include delivery, the cost of fuel, the cost of labor and all other charges related to the products or services listed. Prices are to remain fixed for the contract period of performance.

6.3.5 Estimated Quantities

The City of Somerville has provided estimated quantities for services over the course of the contract period. These estimates are estimates only and not guaranteed.

6.4 Bid Signature

A response must be signed as follows: 1) if the Offeror is an individual, by her/him personally; 2) if the Offeror is a partnership, by the name of the partnership, followed by the signature of each general partner; and 3) if the Offeror is a corporation, by the authorized officer, whose signature must be attested to by the clerk/secretary of the corporation, and with the corporate seal affixed.

6.5 Time for Bid Acceptance

The contract will be awarded within 60 days after the bid opening. The time for award may be extended for up to 45 additional days by mutual agreement between the City of Somerville and the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder (or, for a contract requiring payment, the apparent highest responsive and responsible bidder.)

The Offeror's submission will remain in effect for a period of 90 days from the response deadline or until it is formally withdrawn, a contract is executed or this solicitation is canceled, whichever occurs first.

6.6 Hours of Operation

The awarded Vendor shall schedule his working hours to coincide with the working hours of the City. The normal working hours are 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday – Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Fridays.

6.6.1 Holidays

Holidays are as followed:

New Year's Day Memorial Day Columbus Day Martin Luther King Day Bunker Hill Day Veterans' Day Presidents' Day Independence Day Thanksgiving Day
Patriots' Day Labor Day Thanksgiving Friday
Christmas Eve (half day) Christmas Day

Please visit http://www.somervillema.gov/ for the City's most recent calendar. *Under State Law, all holidays falling on Sunday must be observed on Monday.

If the awarded Vendor for their convenience desires to perform work during other than normal working hours or on other than normal work days, or if the Vendor is required to perform work at such times, the Vendor shall reimburse the City for any additional expense occasioned the City, thereby, such as, but not limited to, overtime pay for City employees, utilities service, etc.

UNLESS otherwise specified in these provisions, services will be performed during normal work hours. When required services occur on holidays, work will be performed on either the previous or following work day, unless specified otherwise.

6.6.2 Inclement Weather Days

In the event of inclement weather, the Vendor is responsible for listening to the public media to determine if the City has been closed because of the weather. The Vendor is encouraged to coordinate work schedules with the City POC to accommodate support requirements, other personnel availability, meeting schedules and vacation schedules.

6.6.3 Unforeseen Office Closure

If, at the time of the scheduled bid opening, Purchasing Department is closed due to uncontrolled events such as fire, snow, ice, wind, or building evacuation, the bid opening will be postponed until 2:00 p.m. on the next normal business day. Bids will be accepted until that date and time.

6.7 Changes & Addenda

If any changes are made to this solicitation, an addendum will be issued. Addenda will be emailed or faxed to all bidders on record as having picked up the solicitation. The City will also post addendums on its website (http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids). No changes may be made to the solicitation documents by the Offerors without written authorization and/or an addendum from the Purchasing Department.

6.8 Modification or Withdrawal of Bids, Mistakes, and Minor Informalities

An Offeror may correct, modify, or withdraw a bid by written notice received by the City of Somerville prior to the time and date set for the bid opening. Bid modifications must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly labeled "Modification No.__" to the address listed in part one of this section. Each modification must be numbered in sequence, and must reference the original solicitation.

After the bid opening, an Offeror may not change any provision of the bid in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the City or fair competition. Minor informalities will be waived or the bidder will be allowed to correct them. If a mistake and the intended bid are clearly evident on the face of the bid document, the mistake will be corrected to reflect the intended correct bid,

and the bidder will be notified in writing; the bidder may not withdraw the bid. A bidder may withdraw a bid if a mistake is clearly evident on the face of the bid document, but the intended correct bid is not similarly evident.

6.9 Right to Cancel/Reject Bids

The City of Somerville may cancel this solicitation, or reject in whole or in part any and all bids, if the City determines that cancellation or rejection serves the best interests of the City.

6.10 Unbalanced Bids

The City reserves the right to reject unbalanced, front-loaded and conditional bids.

6.11 Brand Name "or Equal"

Any references to any brand name or proprietary product in the specifications shall require the acceptance of an equal or better brand. The City has the right to make the final determination as to whether an alternate brand is equal to the brand specified.

6.12 Warranty

The Offeror warrants that (1) the Supplies sold are merchantable, (2) that they are fit for the purpose for which they are being purchased, (3) that they are absent any latent defects and (4) that they are in conformity with any sample which may have been presented to the City. The bidder guarantees that upon inspection, any defective or inferior Supplies shall be replaced without additional cost to the City. The Vendor will assume any additional cost accrued by the City due to the defective or inferior Supplies. The bidder guarantees all Supplies for a period of one (1) year, or as otherwise specified herein.

6.13 Contract Term Length

The contract will remain in effect for three (3) years, from on /about 07/01/15 to on/ about 06/30/18.

6.14 Invoicing

The Vendor will mail an invoice to the ordering Department after completion of the service and be authorized by a work order. All invoice submissions must include a Vendor Work Order which was signed by the Department Head, or his/her designee authorizing the work to be performed on a City Building. Any Invoices that are presented for payment, that do not have a signed work order backup, by a City designee, will not be paid by the City.

6.15 Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

For Electronic Funds Transfer payment, the following information shall be submitted with invoices to the office / individuals address listed in Section III:

- Contract/Order number.
- Contractor's name & address as stated in the contract/order number.
- The signature (manual or electronic, as appropriate) title, and telephone number of the Vendor's representative authorized to provide sensitive information.

- Name of financial institution.
- Financial institution nine (9) digit routing transit number.
- Vendor's account number.
- Type of account, i.e., checking or saving.

6.16 Cancellation

The City reserves the right to cancel this contract at any time on any grounds, including the vendor's failure to comply with the Scope of Work (SOW) provided herein.

6.17 Questions About the Solicitation

Questions concerning this solicitation must be mailed or hand delivered in writing to:

Alex Nosnik
Asst. Director
Somerville City Hall
Purchasing Department
93 Highland Avenue

Or emailed to:

anosnik@somervillema.gov

Somerville, MA 02143

Or faxed to:

617-625-1344

Written responses will be mailed or faxed to all bidders on record as having picked up the RFP.

If any bidders or proposers contact anyone outside of the Purchasing Department regarding this bid/proposal, that bidder/proposer will be disqualified immediately.

SECTION 7.0 GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

7.1 Taxes

Purchases incurred by the City are exempt from Federal Excise Taxes, Massachusetts Sales Tax, and solicitation prices must exclude any such taxes. Tax Exemption Certificates will be furnished upon request. City of Somerville's Massachusetts Tax Exempt Number is M046 001 414.

7.2 Freight on Board (FOB)

All prices are to be firm F.O.B. delivered destination (Somerville, MA), to the address specified on the "Notice to Proposers" or any other department location doing business for the City of Somerville in need of such services

7.3 Unit Price

In case of error in extension of prices quoted herein, the unit price will govern.

7.4 Price Reduction

It is understood and agreed that should any price reductions occur between the opening of this RFP and completion of this delivery. The benefits of all such reductions will be extended.

7.5 Guarantees

The proposer to whom a contract is awarded, guarantees to the City of Somerville all supplies, equipment, related services/maintenance, and labor for a period of at least one (1) year. <u>Upon inspection</u>, any defective or inferior equipment, supplies/materials shall be replaced without additional cost to the City. The contractor will assume any additional cost accrued by the City.

7.6 Indemnification

The vendor agrees to take all necessary precautions to prevent injury to any persons or damage to property during the term of this agreement and shall indemnify and save the City of Somerville harmless against all loss and expense resulting in any way, from any negligent or willful act or omission on the part of the Vendor, it's agents, employees, or sub-contractors or resulting directly or indirectly from Vendor's performance under this Agreement.

7.7 Insurance

Vendor's liability insurance shall be purchased and maintained by the Vendor to protect him from claims under Worker's Compensation Acts and other employee benefits acts, claims from damages because of bodily injury, including death, and from claims for damages, other than to the work itself, to property which may arise out of or result from the Vendor's operation under this agreement, whether such operation by himself or anyone employed by them. This insurance shall be written for not less than any limits of law, whichever is the greater and shall include contractual liability applicable to Vendor's obligations. The Vendor shall deposit with the City of Somerville standard certificates of insurance thereof for any insurance about to expire at least

ten (10) days before such expiration. All such insurance policies shall contain an endorsement or provision requiring thirty (30) days written notice to the City of Somerville prior to cancellations or material change in coverage, scope, or amount of any such policy or policies. Compliance by Vendor with the insurance requirement, however, shall not relieve Vendor from liability under the indemnity provisions. Vendor shall require subcontractors to provide and maintain the required insurance at subcontractors' expense. Subcontractors shall list the City of Somerville and Contractor as additional insured where applicable.

7.8 Independent Contractor

Vendor is not an agent or employee of the City of Somerville and is not authorized to act on behalf of the City of Somerville.

7.9 Complete Agreement

This agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings between the parties and may not be changed unless mutually agreed upon in writing by both parties.

7.10 Assignment

Vendor shall not assign the Agreement, or any interest therein, without prior written consent of the City of Somerville.

7.11 Subcontractors

Vendor shall not engage any other company, sub-contractor or individual to perform any obligation hereunder, without the prior written consent of the City of Somerville.

7.12 Governing Law

The Bidding procedures shall be in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30B, as most recently amended and all other applicable laws. The contractor shall comply with all Federal, State and Local laws regulations and ordinances governing this type of work.

7.13 Enforceability

In the event any provision of this Agreement is found to be legally unenforceable, such unenforceability shall not prevent enforcement of any other provision of the Agreement.

7.14 Conflict of Interest

The Proposer certifies that no official or employee of the City of Somerville has a financial interest in this proposal or in the contract which the proposer offers to execute or in the expected profits to arise there from, unless there has been compliance with provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 43, sec. 27 (Interest in Public Contract by Public Employees), and Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 268A, sec. 20 (Conflict of Interest), and that this proposal is made in good faith without fraud or collusion or connection with any other person submitting a proposal.

7.15 Termination

7.15.1 For Cause

The City of Somerville shall have the right to terminate this agreement if (i) Vendor neglects or fails to perform or observe any of these obligations hereunder and a cure is not affected by Vendor within fifteen (15) days next following its receipt of a termination notice issued by the City of Somerville, or (ii) if a judgment or decree is entered against Vendor approving a petition for any arrangement, liquidations, dissolution or similar relief relating to bankruptcy or insolvency and such judgment or decree remains unvacated for thirty (30) days; or (iii) immediately if Vendor shall file a voluntary petition in bankruptcy or any petition or answer seeking any arrangement, liquidation or dissolution relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or other relief or debtors shall seek or consent or acquiesce an appointment of any trustee, receiver of liquidation of any of Vendor's property; or (iv) funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in any fiscal year succeeding the first year of this Agreement. The City of Somerville shall pay all reasonable and supportable costs incurred prior to termination, which payment shall not exceed the value of service provided.

7.15.2 Termination for Convenience

The City may terminate this Contract without cause, at any time, effective upon the date of termination specified by written notice to the Contractor, in which case, the Contractor shall be compensated for: (1) sums due under this Contract incurred up to the date of termination for all Work performed and accepted by the City up to the termination date, calculated on a percentage completion basis covering the period of time between the last approved application for payment and the date of termination using the progress schedule and schedule of values. The Contractor shall use its best efforts to mitigate any expenses and shall in no event incur any new obligations after the date of termination.

7.15.3 Payment by the City

Payment by the City as provided in this section shall be deemed to fully compensate the Contractor for all expenses and those of any consultants, subcontractors and suppliers, directly or indirectly attributable to the termination. Lost profits shall not be payable. Any such termination shall not give rise to any cause of action for damages against the City.

7.15.4 Contractor's Duties Upon Termination For Convenience

Upon termination of this Contract without cause, the Contractor shall: (1) immediately stop the Work; (2) stop placing orders and Subcontracts in connection with this Contract; (3) cancel all existing orders and Subcontracts; (4) surrender the site to City in a safe condition; and (5) promptly transfer to City all materials, supplies, work in process, appliances, facilities, equipment and machinery of this Contract, and all work product, plans, drawings, specifications and other information and documents used in connection with Services performed under this Contract. Failure by the Contractor to comply with said duties shall relieve the City of its obligation to compensate the Contractor, as provided for under this section.

7.16 Discrimination

It is understood and agreed that it shall be a material breach of any contract resulting from this RFP for the contractor to engage in any practice which shall violate any provision of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 151B, relative to discrimination in hiring, discharge, compensation, or terms, conditions or privileges of employment because of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, sex, or ancestry.

7.17 Withdrawal or Modification of Bid Response

To withdraw, cancel or modify a response at any time prior to the solicitation opening date, an Offeror must submit such request in writing to the Purchasing Director. Correction or modifications must be sealed when submitted and must indicate on the outside of the envelope whether the correction or modification pertains to the price proposal or the non-price proposal.

7.18 Samples

All qualified proposers may be requested to submit samples.

7.19 Financial and Operational Information

By submitting a proposal, the proposer authorized the City of Somerville to contact any and all parties referenced by the proposer regarding financial and operational information.

7.20 Payment

The City of Somerville shall make no payment for a supply or service rendered prior to the execution of the contract

7.21 Extension of Contract

The City reserves the right to extend the time of any contract resulting from the bid as needed and/or to increase the value by 25% at the sole discretion of the Purchasing Director.

- a. The Offeror's submission will remain in effect for a period of 90 days from the response deadline or until it is formally withdrawn, a contract is executed or this solicitation is canceled, whichever occurs first.
- b. The City will have the option to cancel the contract provided that written notice is given 90 days prior to the effective termination date.

The Procurement Officer shall cancel the contract if funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in any fiscal year succeeding the first year.

7.22 Sales Tax Exemption

Materials, equipment, and supplies for this project are exempt from sales tax in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 64H, Section 6 (d). The City will furnish the successful bidder with its sales tax exemption number.

APPENDIX A SAMPLE CONTRACT

CONTRACT FOR SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE ACTING THROUGH THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT AND VENDOR NAME

Contract Period: Start date to End Date

Contract For: Goods and/or Supplies Furnished

Vendor: Vendor Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Phone #

ACCORDING TO THE SCOPE OF WORK CONTAINED HEREIN.

AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN

THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE **AND**

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- 1.
- The City agrees to pay the Vendor according to the SOW page in **Appendix**The City reserves the right to increase the quantity of Services and or Supplies in accordance with M.G.L. c30B. 2.

- 3. The City shall make no payment for a Supply or Service prior to the execution of this Contract.
- 4. Payments to the Vendor will be made within sixty (60) days from receipt of a detailed invoice.

C. Invoicing.

- 1. Final invoices from the Vendor are due no later than ninety (90) days from the Completion Date. Any invoice received past the ninety (90) day date will not be paid.
- 2. If this Contract is extended, invoices related to the extension period are due no later than ninety (90) days from the Extended Completion Date. (Quoted or Sole Source Contracts may not exceed \$24,999, including any amendments or extensions.)

ARTICLE IV. DEFAULT; TERMINATION; REMEDIES

A. Events of Default.

The following shall constitute events of default under this Contract:

- 1. The Vendor has made any material misrepresentation to the City; or
- 2. A judgment or decree is entered against the Vendor approving a petition for an arrangement, liquidation, dissolution or similar relief relating to bankruptcy or insolvency; or
- 3. The Vendor files a voluntary petition in bankruptcy or any petition or answer seeking any arrangement, liquidation or dissolution relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or other relief for debtors; or
- 4. The Vendor seeks or consents or acquiesces in the appointment of any trustee or receiver, or is the subject of any other proceeding under which a court assumes custody or control over the Vendor or of any of the Vendor's property; or
- 5. The Vendor becomes the defendant in a levy of an attachment or execution, or a debtor in an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or
- 6. The Vendor is involved in a winding up or dissolution of its corporate structure; or
- 7. Any failure by the Vendor to perform any of its obligations under this Contract, including, but not limited to, the following:
- (I) failure to commence performance of this Contract at the time specified in this Contract due to a reason or circumstance within the Vendor's reasonable control,
- (ii) failure to perform this Contract with sufficient personnel and equipment or with sufficient material to ensure the completion of this Contract within the specified time due to a reason or circumstance within the Vendor's reasonable control,
- (iii) failure to perform this Contract in a manner reasonably satisfactory to the City,
- (iv) failure to promptly re-perform within reasonable time the Services or Supplies that were properly rejected by the City as erroneous or unsatisfactory,
- (v) discontinuance of the Services or Supplies for reasons not beyond the Vendor's reasonable control,
- (vi) failure to comply with a material term of this Contract, including, but not limited to, the provision of insurance and nondiscrimination; or
- 8. Any other acts specifically and expressly stated in this Contract as constituting a basis for termination of this Contract.

B. Termination Upon Default.

In the event of a default by the Vendor, the City, acting through its Chief Procurement Officer, may, at its option, terminate this Contract immediately by written notice of termination. Notwithstanding the above, in the event of a default by the Vendor, the City, acting through its Chief Procurement Officer, may give notice in writing of a default, which notice shall set forth the nature of the default and shall set a date, by which the Vendor shall cure the default. If the Vendor fails to cure the default within the time as

may be required by the notice, the City, acting through its Chief Procurement Officer, may, at its option terminate the Contract.

C. Termination For Convenience.

- 1. Notwithstanding any language to the contrary within the body of this Contract, the City may terminate this Contract, without cause at any time, effective upon the termination date stated in the notice of termination.
- 2. If the Contract is terminated under this subsection, the Vendor shall be entitled to be paid for Supplies and/or Services delivered and accepted prior to notice of termination at the prices stated in the Contract or bid documents. Any Supplies and/or Services delivered after notification of termination but prior to the effective termination date must be approved in writing in advance by the City in order to be eligible for payment. In no event shall the Vendor be entitled to be paid for any Supplies and/or Services delivered after the effective date of termination.

D. Obligations Upon Termination.

Upon termination of this Contract with or without cause, the Vendor shall immediately, unless otherwise directed by the City:

- 1. Cease performance upon the stated termination date;
- 2. Surrender to the City the Vendor's work product, which is deliverable under the Contract, whatever its state of completion; and
- 3. Return all tools, equipment, documents, correspondence, drawings, plans, models, or any other items whatsoever belonging to or supplied by the City;

E. Rights and Remedies.

- 1. The City shall have the right to:
 - a) disallow all or any part of the Vendor's invoices not in material compliance with this Contract; and
 - b) temporarily withhold payment pending correction by the Vendor of any deficiency; and
 - c) sue for specific performance or money damages or both, including reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in enforcing any Vendor obligations hereunder; and
 - d) pursue remedies under any bond provided; and
 - e) pursue such other local, state and federal actions and remedies as may be available to the City.
- 2. Any termination shall not effect or terminate any of the rights or remedies of the City as against the Vendor then existing, or which may accrue because of any default.
- 3. No remedy referred to in this subsection is intended to be exclusive, but shall be cumulative, and in addition to any other remedy referred to above or otherwise available to the City or Vendor at law or in equity.
- 4. The Vendor shall not gain nor assert any right, title or interest in any product produced by the Vendor under this Contract.

ARTICLE V. INSURANCE

The Vendor shall deposit with the City certificates of insurance issued by companies qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in form and substance satisfactory to the City, with limits equal to or greater than those set forth in Appendix ____attached hereto and made a part of this Contract. Such certificates shall name the City of Somerville as an additional insured and shall contain an endorsement requiring thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the City and the City's approval prior to cancellation or change in amounts, types or scope of coverage. The Vendor shall deliver to the City new certificates of insurance at least ten (10) calendar days prior to expiration of the prior insurance and shall furnish the City with the name, business address and telephone number of the insurance agent. Vendors who are sole proprietors and who do not carry workers' compensation coverage shall certify in writing that they do not have any employees.

ARTICLE VI. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- **A. Governing Law.** This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- **B.** Complete Agreement. This Contract supersedes all prior agreements and understandings between the parties and may not be changed unless mutually agreed upon in writing by both parties.
- C. Condition of Enforceability Against the City. This Contract is only binding upon, and enforceable against, the City if: (1) the Contract is signed by the Mayor; (2) endorsed with approval by the City Auditor as to appropriation or availability of funds; (3) endorsed with approval by the City Solicitor as to form; and (4) funding is appropriated for this Contract or otherwise made available to the City.
- **D. Taxes.** Purchases incurred by the City are exempt from Federal Excise Taxes and Massachusetts Sales Tax, and prices must exclude any such taxes. Tax Exemption Certificates will be furnished upon request. The City of Somerville's Massachusetts Tax Exempt Number is: **M046 001 414**.
- **E.** Indemnification. The Vendor agrees to take all reasonably necessary precautions to prevent injury to any persons or damage to property during the term of this Contract and shall indemnify and save the City harmless against all damages, loss or expense, including judgments, costs, attorneys' fees and interest resulting in any way, from any negligent or willful act or omission on the part of the Vendor, its agents, employees or sub-contractors or resulting directly or indirectly from the Vendor's performance under this Contract.
- **F. Independent Contractor.** The Vendor is an independent contractor and is not an employee, agent or representative of the City.
- **G. Assignment.** The Vendor shall not assign this Contract or any interest herein, without the prior written consent of the City.
- **H. Sub-Contractors.** The Vendor shall not engage any other company, sub-contractor or individual to perform any obligation hereunder, without the prior written consent of the City.
- I. Discrimination. It is understood and agreed that it shall be a material breach of this Contract for the Vendor to engage in any practice which shall violate any provision of G.L. c. 151B, relative to discrimination in hiring, discharge, compensation or terms, conditions or privileges of employment because of race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, or ancestry.
- **J. Severability.** In the event that any paragraph or provision of this Contract shall be held to be illegal or unenforceable, such paragraph or provision shall be severed from this Contract and the entire Contract shall not fail on account thereof, but shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

- **K. Notice.** The parties shall give notice in writing by one of the following methods: (I) hand-delivery; (ii) facsimile (iii) certified mail, return receipt requested; or (iv) federal express, express mail, or any other nationally recognized overnight delivery service,
 - 1. To the Vendor at the address set forth herein or the following Tel #:
 - 2. To the City addressed to:

Name: <u>Purchasing Director</u> Address: <u>Somerville City Hall</u>

> 93 Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02143

Fax No.: <u>1-617-625-1344</u>

with a copy to: City Solicitor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; Fax No. (617) 776-8847.

Notice shall be effective on the earlier of (I) the day of actual receipt, or (ii) one day after tender of delivery.

- **L. Captions.** The captions of the sections in this Contract are for convenience and reference only and in no way define, limit or affect the scope or substance of any section of this Contract.
- **M.** Additional Provisions. Other conditions governing this Contract are set forth in the following appendices:

Appendix A – Notice to Offerors / Copy of Advertisement

Appendix B – Price Proposal Page

Appendix C – Scope of Work (SOW)

Appendix D – Proof of Insurance

Appendix E – Forms

The above-described appendices are, by this clause, made an integral part of this Contract. The Contract documents are to be read collectively and complementary to one another; any requirement under one shall be as binding as if required by all. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of this Contract and any of this Contract's documents, the provisions of this Contract shall prevail. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between this Contract, the Contract's documents and any applicable state law, the applicable state law shall prevail.

ARTICLE VII. REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS OF THE VENDOR

The Vendor hereby represents and certifies under the penalties of perjury:

- A. Organization. The Vendor is a duly organized and validly existing corporation/
 partnership/trust/sole proprietorship, other:
 and is qualified to do business and is in good standing in the Commonwealth of
 Massachusetts, with full power and authority to consummate the transactions
 contemplated hereby.

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- **B.** Authority. (Not applicable to Sole Proprietorship). This Contract has been duly executed and delivered on behalf of the Vendor by its president/ treasurer/ general partner/trustee/other: _______ to and in full compliance with the authority granted by its organizational documents and its votes or resolutions, which authority has not been amended, modified or rescinded as of the date hereof.
- **C. Non-Collusion.** This Contract was made without collusion or fraud with any other person and was in all respects bona fide and fair. As used in this paragraph, the word, "person," shall mean any natural person, joint venture, partnership, corporation, or other business or legal entity.

- Tax and Contributions Compliance. The Vendor is in full compliance with all laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relating to taxes and to contributions and payments in lieu of taxes. The Vendor's federal tax identification number is: _______The vendor certifies that it has provided the City with an accurate tax identification number (TIN). In the event that the City is fined by the IRS for an incorrect TIN provided by the vendor, the vendor agrees to reimburse the City for the amount of the fine.
 Municipal Taxes and Liens. The Vendor has paid all outstanding real estate, personal
- **E.** Municipal Taxes and Liens. The Vendor has paid all outstanding real estate, personal property or excise tax, water charges, fines and or any other municipal lien charges due to the City of Somerville.
- **F.** Conflict of Interest. The Vendor certifies that no official or employee of the City has a financial interest in this Contract or in the expected profits to arise therefrom, unless there has been compliance with the provisions of G. L. c. 43, § 27 (Interest in Public Contracts by Public Employees), and G. L. c. 268A, § 20 (Conflict of Interest).
- G. Licenses and Permits: The Vendor shall be in possession of all required licenses and permits for any activity which may occur from the Vendor's operations under this Contract. The Vendor shall submit copies of such licenses and/or permits upon request.
- **H. Debarment or Suspension.** The Vendor certifies that it has not been debarred or suspended under G. L. c. 29, § 29F, nor will it contract with a debarred or suspended subcontractor on any public contract.

ARTICLE VIII. WARRANTIES (APPLICABLE TO SUPPLIES ONLY)

- A. The Vendor warrants that (1) the Supplies sold are merchantable, (2) that they are fit for the purpose for which they are being purchased, (3) that they are absent any latent defects and (4) that they are in conformity with any sample which may have been presented to the City.
- **B.** The Vendor guarantees that upon inspection, any defective or inferior Supplies shall be replaced without additional cost to the City. The Vendor will assume any additional cost accrued by the City due to the defective or inferior Supplies.
- C. The Vendor guarantees all Supplies for a period of one (1) year, or as otherwise specified in **Appendix** _____

ARTICLE IX. LIVING WAGE (APPLICABLE TO SERVICES ONLY)

If this Contract is for Services in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or more, the Vendor must execute a "Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Form" (**Appendix** _____) and hereby represents and certifies under the penalties of perjury that it complies with the provisions of the Somerville Living Wage Ordinance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City and the Vendor have executed this Contract as a sealed instrument as of the date first written above.

CITY OF SOMERVILLE

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