



**CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS**  
Purchasing Office  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**  
**OFFER SHEET**

**SOLICITATION NO:** MHJ0104

**COMMODITY/SERVICE DESCRIPTION:** Business Outreach, Engagement, and Education Services

**DATE ISSUED:** 05/23/2016

**COMMODITY CODE:** 91837

**PROPOSAL DUE PRIOR TO:** Thurs, June 9, 2016 at 2:00pm

**FOR CONTRACTUAL AND TECHNICAL ISSUES CONTACT THE FOLLOWING AUTHORIZED CONTACT PERSON:**

**PROPOSAL OPENING TIME AND DATE:** Thurs, June 9, 2016 at 2:15pm

Marty James  
Buyer II

**LOCATION:** MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 124 W 8<sup>th</sup> STREET  
RM 308, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

**Phone:** (512) 974-3164

**E-Mail:** [Marty.James@austintexas.gov](mailto:Marty.James@austintexas.gov)

**LIVE SOLICITATION CLOSING ONLINE:** For RFP's, only the names of respondents will be read aloud

For information on how to attend the Solicitation Closing online, please select this link:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/bid-opening-webinars>

**When submitting a sealed Offer and/or Compliance Plan, use the proper address for the type of service desired, as shown below:**

Address for US Mail (Only)	Address for Fedex, UPS, Hand Delivery or Courier Service
City of Austin	City of Austin, Municipal Building
Purchasing Office-Response Enclosed for Solicitation # MHJ0104	Purchasing Office-Response Enclosed for Solicitation # MHJ0104
P.O. Box 1088	124 W 8 <sup>th</sup> Street, Rm 308
Austin, Texas 78767-8845	Austin, Texas 78701
	Reception Phone: (512) 974-2500

**NOTE: Offers must be received and time stamped in the Purchasing Office prior to the Due Date and Time. It is the responsibility of the Offeror to ensure that their Offer arrives at the receptionist's desk in the Purchasing Office prior to the time and date indicated. Arrival at the City's mailroom, mail terminal, or post office box will not constitute the Offer arriving on time. See Section 0200 for additional solicitation instructions.**

**All Offers (including Compliance Plans) that are not submitted in a sealed envelope or container will not be considered.**

**SUBMIT 1 ORIGINAL AND 3 ELECTRONIC COPIES OF YOUR RESPONSE**

**\*\*\*SIGNATURE FOR SUBMITTAL REQUIRED ON PAGE 3 OF THIS DOCUMENT\*\*\***

**This solicitation is comprised of the following required sections. Please ensure to carefully read each section including those incorporated by reference. By signing this document, you are agreeing to all the items contained herein and will be bound to all terms.**

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**\* Documents are hereby incorporated into this Solicitation by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were incorporated in full text. The full text versions of the \* Sections are available on the Internet at the following online address:**

[http://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/vendor\\_connection/index.cfm#STANDARDBIDDOCUMENTS](http://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/vendor_connection/index.cfm#STANDARDBIDDOCUMENTS)

**If you do not have access to the Internet, you may obtain a copy of these Sections from the City of Austin Purchasing Office located in the Municipal Building, 124 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Room #308 Austin, Texas 78701; phone (512) 974-2500. Please have the Solicitation number available so that the staff can select the proper documents. These documents can be mailed, expressed mailed, or faxed to you.**

**The undersigned, by his/her signature, represents that he/she is submitting a binding offer and is authorized to bind the respondent to fully comply with the solicitation document contained herein. The Respondent, by submitting and signing below, acknowledges that he/she has received and read the entire document packet sections defined above including all documents incorporated by reference, and agrees to be bound by the terms therein.**

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Federal Tax ID No. \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Officer or Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature of Officer or Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Proposal response must be submitted with this Offer sheet to be considered for award**

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The following Supplemental Purchasing Provisions apply to this solicitation:

1. **EXPLANATIONS OR CLARIFICATIONS:** (reference paragraph 5 in Section 0200)

All requests for explanations or clarifications must be submitted in writing to the Purchasing Office via email to [Marty.James@austintexas.gov](mailto:Marty.James@austintexas.gov) no later than seven (7) business days before the solicitation close date.

2. **INSURANCE:** Insurance is required for this solicitation.

A. **General Requirements:** See Section 0300, Standard Purchase Terms and Conditions, paragraph 32, entitled Insurance, for general insurance requirements.

- i. The Contractor shall provide a Certificate of Insurance as verification of coverages required below to the City at the below address prior to contract execution and within 14 calendar days after written request from the City. Failure to provide the required Certificate of Insurance may subject the Offer to disqualification from consideration for award
- ii. The Contractor shall not commence work until the required insurance is obtained and until such insurance has been reviewed by the City. Approval of insurance by the City shall not relieve or decrease the liability of the Contractor hereunder and shall not be construed to be a limitation of liability on the part of the Contractor.
- iii. The Contractor must also forward a Certificate of Insurance to the City whenever a previously identified policy period has expired, or an extension option or holdover period is exercised, as verification of continuing coverage.
- iv. The Certificate of Insurance, and updates, shall be mailed to the following address:

City of Austin Purchasing Office  
P. O. Box 1088  
Austin, Texas 78767

B. **Specific Coverage Requirements:** The Contractor shall at a minimum carry insurance in the types and amounts indicated below for the duration of the Contract, including extension options and hold over periods, and during any warranty period. These insurance coverages are required minimums and are not intended to limit the responsibility or liability of the Contractor.

- i. **Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance:** Coverage shall be consistent with statutory benefits outlined in the Texas Worker's Compensation Act (Section 401). The minimum policy limits for Employer's Liability are \$100,000 bodily injury each accident, \$500,000 bodily injury by disease policy limit and \$100,000 bodily injury by disease each employee.
  - (1) The Contractor's policy shall apply to the State of Texas and include these endorsements in favor of the City of Austin:
    - (a) Waiver of Subrogation, Form WC420304, or equivalent coverage
    - (b) Thirty (30) days Notice of Cancellation, Form WC420601, or equivalent coverage
- ii. **Commercial General Liability Insurance:** The minimum bodily injury and property damage per occurrence are \$500,000 for coverages A (Bodily Injury and Property Damage) and B (Personal and Advertising Injury).
  - (1) The policy shall contain the following provisions:
    - (a) Contractual liability coverage for liability assumed under the Contract and all other Contracts related to the project.
    - (b) Contractor/Subcontracted Work.
    - (c) Products/Completed Operations Liability for the duration of the warranty period.
    - (d) If the project involves digging or drilling provisions must be included that provide Explosion, Collapse, and/or Underground Coverage.
  - (2) The policy shall also include these endorsements in favor of the City of Austin:
    - (a) Waiver of Subrogation, Endorsement CG 2404, or equivalent coverage

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- (b) Thirty (30) days Notice of Cancellation, Endorsement CG 0205, or equivalent coverage
      - (c) The City of Austin listed as an additional insured, Endorsement CG 2010, or equivalent coverage
    - iii. **Business Automobile Liability Insurance:** The Contractor shall provide coverage for all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles with a minimum combined single limit of \$500,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage. Alternate acceptable limits are \$250,000 bodily injury per person, \$500,000 bodily injury per occurrence and at least \$100,000 property damage liability per accident.
      - (1) The policy shall include these endorsements in favor of the City of Austin:
        - (a) Waiver of Subrogation, Endorsement CA0444, or equivalent coverage
        - (b) Thirty (30) days Notice of Cancellation, Endorsement CA0244, or equivalent coverage
        - (c) The City of Austin listed as an additional insured, Endorsement CA2048, or equivalent coverage.
  - C. **Endorsements:** The specific insurance coverage endorsements specified above, or their equivalents must be provided. In the event that endorsements, which are the equivalent of the required coverage, are proposed to be substituted for the required coverage, copies of the equivalent endorsements must be provided for the City's review and approval.
3. **TERM OF CONTRACT:**
- A. The Contract shall be in effect for an initial term of 12 months and may be extended thereafter for up to three (3) additional 12 month periods, subject to the approval of the Contractor and the City Purchasing Officer or his designee.
  - B. Upon expiration of the initial term or period of extension, the Contractor agrees to hold over under the terms and conditions of this agreement for such a period of time as is reasonably necessary to re-solicit and/or complete the project (not to exceed 120 days unless mutually agreed on in writing).
  - C. Upon written notice to the Contractor from the City's Purchasing Officer or his designee and acceptance of the Contractor, the term of this contract shall be extended on the same terms and conditions for an additional period as indicated in paragraph A above.
  - D. Prices are firm and fixed for the first 12 months. Thereafter, price changes are subject to the Economic Price Adjustment provisions of this Contract.
4. **QUANTITIES:** The quantities listed herein are estimates for the period of the Contract. The City reserves the right to purchase more or less of these quantities as may be required during the Contract term. Quantities will be as needed and specified by the City for each order. Unless specified in the solicitation, there are no minimum order quantities.

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5. **INVOICES and PAYMENT:** (reference paragraphs 12 and 13 in Section 0300)

- A. Invoices shall contain a unique invoice number and the information required in Section 0300, paragraph 12, entitled "Invoices." Invoices received without all required information cannot be processed and will be returned to the vendor.

Invoices shall be mailed to the below address:

	City of Austin
Department	Economic Development Department
Attn:	Accounts Payable
Address	PO BOX 1088
City, State Zip Code	Austin, TX 78767

- B. The Contractor agrees to accept payment by either credit card, check or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) for all goods and/or services provided under the Contract. The Contractor shall factor the cost of processing credit card payments into the Offer. There shall be no additional charges, surcharges, or penalties to the City for payments made by credit card.

6. **RECYCLED PRODUCTS:**

- A. The City prefers that Offerors offer products that contain recycled materials. When a recycled product is offered by the Offeror, the Offeror must state in their Offer the percentage of the product that is recycled and must include a list of the recycled materials that are contained in the product.
- B. The recycled content of paper products offered to the City shall be in accordance with the Federal Environmental Protection Agency's Recycled Product Procurement Guidelines. These guidelines are available at <http://www.epa.gov/cpg/> .
- C. Contract award for paper products will be made for recycled products unless the cost is more than 10% above the lowest price for non-recycled paper products as required in the City's Comprehensive Recycling Resolution.

7. **LIVING WAGES:**

- A. The minimum wage required for any Contractor employee directly assigned to this City Contract is \$13.03 per hour, unless Published Wage Rates are included in this solicitation. In addition, the City may stipulate higher wage rates in certain solicitations in order to assure quality and continuity of service.
- B. The City requires Contractors submitting Offers on this Contract to provide a certification (**see the Living Wages Contractor Certification included in the Solicitation**) with their Offer certifying that all employees directly assigned to this City Contract will be paid a minimum living wage equal to or greater than \$13.03 per hour. The certification shall include a list of all employees directly assigned to providing services under the resultant contract including their name and job title. The list shall be updated and provided to the City as necessary throughout the term of the Contract.
- C. The Contractor shall maintain throughout the term of the resultant contract basic employment and wage information for each employee as required by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

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- D. The Contractor shall provide to the Department's Contract Manager with the first invoice, individual Employee Certifications for all employees directly assigned to the contract. The City reserves the right to request individual Employee Certifications at any time during the contract term. Employee Certifications shall be signed by each employee directly assigned to the contract. The Employee Certification form is available on-line at [https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/vendor\\_connection/index.cfm](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/vendor_connection/index.cfm).
- E. Contractor shall submit employee certifications annually on the anniversary date of contract award with the respective invoice to verify that employees are paid the Living Wage throughout the term of the contract. The Employee Certification Forms shall be submitted for employees added to the contract and/or to report any employee changes as they occur.
- F. The Department's Contract Manager will periodically review the employee data submitted by the Contractor to verify compliance with this Living Wage provision. The City retains the right to review employee records required in paragraph C above to verify compliance with this provision.

**8. NON-SOLICITATION:**

- A. During the term of the Contract, and for a period of six (6) months following termination of the Contract, the Contractor, its affiliate, or its agent shall not hire, employ, or solicit for employment or consulting services, a City employee employed in a technical job classification in a City department that engages or uses the services of a Contractor employee.
- B. In the event that a breach of Paragraph A occurs the Contractor shall pay liquidated damages to the City in an amount equal to the greater of: (i) one (1) year of the employee's annual compensation; or (ii) 20 percent of the employee's annual compensation while employed by the City. The Contractor shall reimburse the City for any fees and expenses incurred in the enforcement of this provision.
- C. During the term of the Contract, and for a period of six (6) months following termination of the Contract, a department that engages the services of the Contractor or uses the services of a Contractor employee will not hire a Contractor employee while the employee is performing work under a Contract with the City unless the City first obtains the Contractor's approval.
- D. In the event that a breach of Paragraph C occurs, the City shall pay liquidated damages to the Contractor in an amount equal to the greater of: (i) one (1) year of the employee's annual compensation or (ii) 20 percent of the employee's annual compensation while employed by the Contractor.

**9. WORKFORCE SECURITY CLEARANCE AND IDENTIFICATION (ID):**

- A. Access to the Economic Development Department building by the Contractor, all subcontractors and their employees will be strictly controlled at all times by the City. Security badges will be issued by the Department for this purpose. The Contractor shall submit a complete list of all persons requiring access to the Economic Development building at least thirty (30) days in advance of their need for access. The City reserves the right to deny a security badge to any Contractor personnel for reasonable cause. The City will notify the Contractor of any such denial no more than twenty (20) days after receipt of the Contractor's submittal.
- B. Where denial of access by a particular person may cause the Contractor to be unable to perform any portion of the work of the contract, the Contractor shall so notify the City's Contract Manager, in writing, within ten (10) days of the receipt of notification of denial.
- C. Contractor personnel will be required to check in at the security desk when entering or leaving the Economic Development building and security badges must be on display at all times when in the

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building. Failure to do so may be cause for removal of Contractor Personnel from the worksite, without regard to Contractor's schedule. Security badges may not be removed from the premises.

- D. The Contractor shall provide the City's Contract Manager with a list of personnel scheduled to enter the building, seven days in advance. The list shall identify the persons by name, date of birth, driver's license number, the times that they will be inside the building and the areas where they will be working. Only persons previously approved by the City for the issuance of security badges will be admitted to the building.
- E. The Contractor shall comply with all other security requirements imposed by the City and shall ensure that all employees and subcontractors are kept fully informed as to these requirements.

10. **ECONOMIC PRICE ADJUSTMENT:**

- A. **Price Adjustments:** Prices shown in this Contract shall remain firm for the first 12 months of the Contract. After that, in recognition of the potential for fluctuation of the Contractor's cost, a price adjustment (increase or decrease) may be requested by either the City or the Contractor on the anniversary date of the Contract or as may otherwise be specified herein. The percentage change between the contract price and the requested price shall not exceed the percentage change between the specified index in effect on the date the solicitation closed and the most recent, non-preliminary data at the time the price adjustment is requested. The requested price adjustment shall not exceed ten percent (10%) for any single line item and in no event shall the total amount of the contract be automatically adjusted as a result of the change in one or more line items made pursuant to this provision. Prices for products or services unaffected by verifiable cost trends shall not be subject to adjustment.
- B. **Effective Date:** Approved price adjustments will go into effect on the first day of the upcoming renewal period or anniversary date of contract award and remain in effect until contract expiration unless changed by subsequent amendment.
- C. **Adjustments:** A request for price adjustment must be made in writing and submitted to the other Party prior to the yearly anniversary date of the Contract; adjustments may only be considered at that time unless otherwise specified herein. Requested adjustments must be solely for the purpose of accommodating changes in the Contractor's direct costs. Contractor shall provide an updated price listing once agreed to adjustment(s) have been approved by the parties.
- D. **Indexes:** In most cases an index from the Bureau of Labor Standards (BLS) will be utilized; however, if there is more appropriate, industry recognized standard then that index may be selected.
  - i. The following definitions apply:
    - (1) **Base Period:** Month and year of the original contracted price (the solicitation close date).
    - (2) **Base Price:** Initial price quoted, proposed and/or contracted per unit of measure.
    - (3) **Adjusted Price:** Base Price after it has been adjusted in accordance with the applicable index change and instructions provided.
    - (4) **Change Factor:** The multiplier utilized to adjust the Base Price to the Adjusted Price.
    - (5) **Weight %:** The percent of the Base Price subject to adjustment based on an index change.
  - ii. **Adjustment-Request Review:** Each adjustment-request received will be reviewed and compared to changes in the index(es) identified below. Where applicable:
    - (1) Utilize final Compilation data instead of Preliminary data
    - (2) If the referenced index is no longer available shift up to the next higher category index.
  - iii. **Index Identification:** Complete table as they may apply.

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Weight % or \$ of Base Price: 100%	
Database Name: Producer Price Index Industry Data	
Series ID: PCU54161-54161	
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Seasonally Adjusted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seasonally Adjusted
Geographical Area: United States	
Description of Series ID: Management consulting services	
This Index shall apply to the following items of the Bid Sheet / Cost Proposal: All	

E. **Calculation:** Price adjustment will be calculated as follows:

**Single Index:** Adjust the Base Price by the same factor calculated for the index change.

Index at time of calculation
Divided by index on solicitation close date
Equals Change Factor
Multiplied by the Base Rate
Equals the Adjusted Price

F. If the requested adjustment is not supported by the referenced index, the City, at its sole discretion, may consider approving an adjustment on fully documented market increases.

11. **INTERLOCAL PURCHASING AGREEMENTS:** (applicable to competitively procured goods/services contracts).

A. The City has entered into Interlocal Purchasing Agreements with other governmental entities, pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code. The Contractor agrees to offer the same prices and terms and conditions to other eligible governmental agencies that have an interlocal agreement with the City.

B. The City does not accept any responsibility or liability for the purchases by other governmental agencies through an interlocal cooperative agreement.

15. **CONTRACT MANAGER:** The following person is designated as Contract Manager, and will act as the contact point between the City and the Contractor during the term of the Contract:

Nicole Klepadlo

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Phone: (512) 974-7825

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Email: [Nicole.Klepadlo@austintexas.gov](mailto:Nicole.Klepadlo@austintexas.gov)

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**1. PROPOSAL FORMAT**

Submit one (1) double-sided original, and three (3) electronic versions of the complete proposal. The electronic version must be on a flash drive in PDF format.

The original and the copies must be submitted on 8.5 x 11” paper, bound or in a 3-ring binder. The original proposal must be clearly labeled as “original”. The original must include the original signature of the person authorized to sign on behalf of the Proposer.

Proposals shall be organized in the following format and information sequence. Use tabs to divide each part of your proposal and include a Table of Contents. Proposers should provide all details in the proposal as required in the Section 0500-Scope of Work and any additional information you deem necessary for your proposal to be evaluated.

**Tab 1 – Executive Summary**

Provide an Executive Summary of three (3) pages or less, which gives in brief concise terms, a summation of the Proposal.

**Tab 2 – City of Austin Purchasing Documents:**

Complete and submit the following documents:

- A. Offer and Award Sheet
  - B. Section 0605-Local Business Presence Identification Form
  - C. Section 0700-Reference Sheets
    - a. List three (3) non-City references in Section 0700 Reference Sheet that can verify experience in working with your firm and substantiate your success in planning and coordinating the event, and completing all deliverables within budget and schedule.
  - D. Section 0815 – Living Wage Contractor Certifications
  - E. Section 0835-Non-Resident Bidder Provisions
- Completed and Signed Section 0900 **No Goals Utilization Plan (if applicable)**. *If you will be utilizing subcontractors, you must contact the Small and Minority Business Resources Department (SMBR) at (512) 974-7600 to obtain a list of MBE and WBE firms available to perform the service and include the completed 0900 No Goals Utilization Plan with your proposal packet. Include the 0900 No Goals Utilization Plan in Tab 1d. You can download the 0900 No Goals Utilization Plan at <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/standard-bid-documents>*

**Tab 3 - Authorized Negotiator:**

Include name, address, and telephone number of person in your organization authorized to negotiate Contract terms and render binding decisions on Contract matters.

**Tab 4 – Business Organization:**

State full name and address of your organization and identify parent company if you are a subsidiary. Specify the branch office or other subordinate element which will perform, or assist in performing, work herein. Indicate whether you operate as a partnership, corporation, or individual. Include the State in which incorporated or licensed to operate.

**Tab 5 – System Concept and Solution:**

State your understanding of the requirement presented in the Scope of Work of this RFP and describe in detail your proposed solution. Provide all details as required in the Scope of Work and any additional information you deem necessary to evaluate your proposal.

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**Tab 6 - Program:**

Describe your Work Plan for achieving the RFP's Scope of Work. Include a deliverable schedule that identifies the approximate amount of time needed to complete each major task. Include any time-related displays, graphs, and charts as necessary to show tasks, sub-tasks, milestones, and decision points related to the Scope of Work and your plan for accomplishment. The City will meet with the successful Proposer following award and execution of the contract to finalize the project schedule.

**Tab 7 - Project Management Structure:**

The City will require the Proposer to demonstrate that it has a good organizational and management structure. Submit an organizational chart that:

1. Shows the supervisory and reporting structure for personnel assigned to carry out this RFP's Scope of Work.
2. Identify a single-point-of-contact for billing, follow-up and problem resolution.
3. Demonstrates that the loss or absence of key staff members will not compromise the quality of the research and report, or the schedule for completion.

**Tab 8- Personnel:**

The City will evaluate each Proposal based on the experience and qualifications of the professional staff that will be assigned to perform the Scopes of Work.

1. Include the names and qualifications of all personnel who will be assigned to this event. Include the staff of sub-consultant firms, if applicable. Identify key persons by name and title.
2. Describe each person's role, title, and percentage of time each person will devote to this event.
3. Indicate who the backup is for each key role, in case the primary staff assigned to the role becomes unavailable or incapacitated.

**Tab 9 – Price Proposal:**

A firm fixed price or not-to-exceed contract is contemplated, with progress payments as mutually determined to be appropriate.

1. Total cost will be an evaluation factor used to select the successful Proposer, so the cost should reflect the Proposer's "best offer". Proposer with the lowest cost to the City will be given the maximum number of points with the remaining points given on a percentage ratio basis.
2. The proposed cost should include all expenses necessary to perform the scope of work.
3. The proposer should include an estimated target of in-kind expenses.

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**Tab 10 – Exceptions to the Proposal:**

The Proposer shall clearly indicate each exception taken and indicate the alternative language along with the business need for the alternative language. The failure to identify exceptions or proposed changes with a full explanation will constitute acceptance by the Proposer of the Solicitation as proposed by the City. The City reserves the right to reject a Proposal containing exceptions, additions, qualifications or conditions not called for in the Solicitation. Use Attachment B to list out any exceptions. Be advised that exceptions to any portion of the Solicitation may jeopardize acceptance of the Proposal.

**Tab 11 – Proposal Acceptance Period:**

All Proposals are valid for a period of one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days subsequent to the RFP closing date unless a longer acceptance period is offered in the Proposal.

**3. PROPRIETARY INFORMATION:**

All material submitted to the City becomes public property and is subject to the Texas Open Records Act upon receipt. If a Proposer does not desire proprietary information in the Proposal to be disclosed, each page shall be identified and marked proprietary at time of submittal. The City will, to the extent allowed by law, endeavor to protect such information from disclosure. The final decision as to what information shall be disclosed, however, lies with the Texas Attorney General. Failure to identify proprietary information will result in all unmarked sections being deemed non-proprietary and available upon public request.

**4. PROPOSAL PREPARATION COST:**

All costs directly or indirectly related to preparation of a response to the RFP or any oral presentation required to supplement and/or clarify a Proposal which may be required by the City shall be the sole responsibility of the Proposer.

**5. EVALUATION FACTORS AND AWARD**

A. **Competitive Selection:** This procurement will comply with applicable City Policy. The successful Proposer will be selected by the City on a rational basis. Evaluation factors outlined in Paragraph B below shall be applied to all eligible, responsive Proposers in comparing proposals and selecting the Best Offeror. Award of a Contract may be made without discussion with Proposers after proposals are received. Proposals should, therefore, be submitted on the most favorable terms.

B. **Evaluation Factors:**

- i. 100 points.
  - (1) Demonstrated Applicable Experience & Personnel Qualifications - 30 points
  - (2) Strength of Work Plan and Proposed Solution – 15 points
  - (3) Demonstrated Understanding of the Scope of Work – 25 points
  - (4) Total Cost – 20 points
  - (5) LOCAL BUSINESS PRESENCE -10 points

Team's Local Business Presence	Points Awarded
Local business presence of 90% to 100%	10
Local business presence of 75% to 89%	8
Local business presence of 50% to 74%	6
Local business presence of 25% to 49%	4
Local presence of between 1 and 24%	2
No local presence	0

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- ii. Interviews, Optional. Interviews may be conducted at the discretion of the City. Maximum 25 points.
  - (i) The City will score proposals based on items 1-6 above. The City may select a “short list” of Proposers based on those scores. Short-listed Proposers may be invited for interviews with the City. The City reserves the right to rescore short-listed proposals as a result of the interviews and to make an award recommendation on that basis (maximum points for interviews – 25). The City reserves the right to negotiate the actual contract scope of work and cost after submission.

**Section 0605: Local Business Presence Identification**

A firm (Offeror or Subcontractor) is considered to have a Local Business Presence if the firm is headquartered in the Austin Corporate City Limits, or has a branch office located in the Austin Corporate City Limits in operation for the last five (5) years, currently employs residents of the City of Austin, Texas, and will use employees that reside in the City of Austin, Texas, to support this Contract. The City defines headquarters as the administrative center where most of the important functions and full responsibility for managing and coordinating the business activities of the firm are located. The City defines branch office as a smaller, remotely located office that is separate from a firm’s headquarters that offers the services requested and required under this solicitation.

**OFFEROR MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR EACH LOCAL BUSINESS (INCLUDING THE OFFEROR, IF APPLICABLE) TO BE CONSIDERED FOR LOCAL PRESENCE.**

*NOTE: ALL FIRMS MUST BE IDENTIFIED ON THE MBE/WBE COMPLIANCE PLAN OR NO GOALS UTILIZATION PLAN (REFERENCE SECTION 0900).*

**\*USE ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY\***

**OFFEROR:**

Name of Local Firm		
Physical Address		
Is your headquarters located in the Corporate City Limits? (circle one)	Yes	No
or		
Has your branch office been located in the Corporate City Limits for the last 5 years?		
Will your business be providing additional economic development opportunities created by the contract award? (e.g., hiring, or employing residents of the City of Austin or increasing tax revenue?)	Yes	No

**SUBCONTRACTOR(S):**

Name of Local Firm		
Physical Address		
Is your headquarters located in the Corporate City Limits? (circle one)	Yes	No
or		
Has your branch office been located in the Corporate City Limits for the last 5 years	Yes	No

Will your business be providing additional economic development opportunities created by the contract award? (e.g., hiring, or employing residents of the City of Austin or increasing tax revenue?)	Yes	No

**SUBCONTRACTOR(S):**

Name of Local Firm		
Physical Address		
Is your headquarters located in the Corporate City Limits? (circle one)	Yes	No
or		
Has your branch office been located in the Corporate City Limits for the last 5 years	Yes	No
Will your business be providing additional economic development opportunities created by the contract award? (e.g., hiring, or employing residents of the City of Austin or increasing tax revenue?)	Yes	No

**Section 0700: Reference Sheet**

Responding Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

The City at its discretion may check references in order to determine the Offeror's experience and ability to provide the products and/or services described in this Solicitation. The Offeror shall furnish at least 3 complete and verifiable references. References shall consist of customers to whom the offeror has provided the same or similar services within the last 5 years. References shall indicate a record of positive past performance.

1. Company's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title of Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

2. Company's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title of Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

3. Company's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title of Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 0815: Living Wages Contractor Certification**

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to the Living Wages provision (reference Section 0400, Supplemental Purchase Provisions) the Contractor is required to pay to all employees directly assigned to this City contract a minimum Living Wage equal to or greater than \$13.03 per hour.

The below listed employees of the Contractor who are directly assigned to this contract are compensated at wage rates equal to or greater than \$13.03 per hour.

Employee Name	Employee Job Title

**\*USE ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY\***

- (1) All future employees assigned to this Contract will be paid a minimum Living Wage equal to or greater than \$13.03 per hour.
- (2) Our firm will not retaliate against any employee claiming non-compliance with the Living Wage provision.

A Contractor who violates this Living Wage provision shall pay each affected employee the amount of the deficiency for each day the violation continues. Willful or repeated violations of the provision or fraudulent statements made on this certification may result in termination of this Contract for Cause and subject the firm to possible suspension or debarment, or result in legal action.

**Section 0835: Non-Resident Bidder Provisions**

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Bidder must answer the following questions in accordance with Vernon's Texas Statutes and Codes Annotated Government Code 2252.002, as amended:

Is the Bidder that is making and submitting this Bid a "Resident Bidder" or a "non-resident Bidder"?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) Texas Resident Bidder- A Bidder whose principle place of business is in Texas and includes a Contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in Texas.
- (2) Nonresident Bidder- A Bidder who is not a Texas Resident Bidder.

- B. If the Bidder id a "Nonresident Bidder" does the state, in which the Nonresident Bidder's principal place of business is located, have a law requiring a Nonresident Bidder of that state to bid a certain amount or percentage under the Bid of a Resident Bidder of that state in order for the nonresident Bidder of that state to be awarded a Contract on such bid in said state?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_ Which State: \_\_\_\_\_

- C. If the answer to Question B is "yes", then what amount or percentage must a Texas Resident Bidder bid under the bid price of a Resident Bidder of that state in order to be awarded a Contract on such bid in said state?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 0900: Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) Procurement Program No Goals Form**

SOLICITATION NUMBER:	RFP MHJ0104
PROJECT NAME:	Business Outreach, Engagement, and Education Services

**The City of Austin has determined that no goals are appropriate for this project.** Even though goals were not assigned for this solicitation, the Bidder/Proposer is required to comply with the City's MBE/WBE Procurement Program, if areas of subcontracting are identified.

If any service is needed to perform the Contract and the Bidder/Proposer does not perform the service with its own workforce or if supplies or materials are required and the Bidder/Proposer does not have the supplies or materials in its inventory, the Bidder/Proposer shall contact the Small and Minority Business Resources Department (SMBR) at (512) 974-7600 to obtain a list of MBE and WBE firms available to perform the service or provide the supplies or materials. The Bidder/Proposer must also make a Good Faith Effort to use available MBE and WBE firms. Good Faith Efforts include but are not limited to contacting the listed MBE and WBE firms to solicit their interest in performing on the Contract, using MBE and WBE firms that have shown an interest, meet qualifications, and are competitive in the market; and documenting the results of the contacts.

**Will subcontractors or sub-consultants or suppliers be used to perform portions of this Contract?**

No \_\_\_\_\_ If no, please sign the No Goals Form and submit it with your Bid/Proposal in a sealed envelope

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please contact SMBR to obtain further instructions and an availability list and perform Good Faith Efforts. Complete and submit the No Goals Form and the No Goals Utilization Plan with your Bid/Proposal in a sealed envelope.

After Contract award, if your firm subcontracts any portion of the Contract, it is a requirement to complete Good Faith Efforts and the No Goals Utilization Plan, listing any subcontractor, sub-consultant, or supplier. Return the completed Plan to the Project Manager or the Contract Manager.

<b>I understand that even though goals were not assigned, I must comply with the City's MBE/WBE Procurement Program if subcontracting areas are identified. I agree that this No Goals Form and No Goals Utilization Plan shall become a part of my Contract with the City of Austin.</b>	
_____	
Company Name	
_____	
Name and Title of Authorized Representative (Print or Type)	
_____	
Signature	Date

**Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) Procurement Program No Goals Utilization Plan**  
 (Please duplicate as needed)

**PRIME CONTRACTOR / CONSULTANT COMPANY INFORMATION**

SOLICITATION NUMBER: RFP MHJ0104			
PROJECT NAME: Business Outreach, Engagement, and Education Services			
Name of Contractor/Consultant			
Address			
City, State Zip			
Phone Number		Fax Number	
Name of Contact Person			
Is Company City certified?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> WBE <input type="checkbox"/> MBE/WBE Joint Venture <input type="checkbox"/>		

I certify that the information included in this No Goals Utilization Plan is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further understand and agree that the information in this document shall become part of my Contract with the City of Austin.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name and Title of Authorized Representative (Print or Type)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

Provide a list of all proposed subcontractors / sub-consultants / suppliers that will be used in the performance of this Contract. **Attach Good Faith Effort documentation if non MBE/WBE firms will be used.**

<b>Sub-Contractor / Sub-Consultant</b>			
City of Austin Certified	MBE <input type="checkbox"/>	WBE <input type="checkbox"/>	Ethics / Gender Code: <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Certified
Vendor ID Code			
Contact Person		Phone Number	
Amount of Subcontract	\$		
List commodity codes & description of services			

<b>Sub-Contractor / Sub-Consultant</b>			
City of Austin Certified	MBE <input type="checkbox"/>	WBE <input type="checkbox"/>	Ethics / Gender Code: <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Certified
Vendor ID Code			
Contact Person		Phone Number	
Amount of Subcontract	\$		
List commodity codes & description of services			

**FOR SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESS RESOURCES DEPARTMENT USE ONLY:**

Having reviewed this plan, I acknowledge that the proposer (HAS) or (HAS NOT) complied with City Code Chapter 2-9A/B/C/D, as amended.

**Reviewing Counselor** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Director/Deputy Director** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_