

**CITY OF AUSTIN  
PURCHASING OFFICE  
PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS AND EVALUATION FACTORS  
SOLICITATION NUMBER: RFP TVN0051**

**1. PROPOSAL FORMAT**

Prefacing the proposal, the Proposer shall provide an Executive Summary of three (3) pages or less, which gives in brief, concise terms, a summation of the proposal. The proposal itself shall be organized in the following format and informational sequence:

- A. **Part I - 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.
- B. **Part II - System Concept and Solution**: Define in detail your understanding of the requirement presented in the Scope of Work of this request for proposal and your system solution. Provide all details as required in the Scope of Work and any additional information you deem necessary to evaluate your proposal.
- C. **Part III - Program**: Describe your technical plan for accomplishing required work. Include such 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. Specifically indicate:
  - i. A description of your work program by tasks. Detail the steps you will take in proceeding from Task 1 to the final tasks.
  - ii. The technical factors that will be considered in section above, and the depth to which each will be treated.
  - iii. The degree of definition provided in each technical element of your plan.
  - iv. The points at which written, deliverable reports will be provided.
  - v. The amount of progress payments you are requesting upon successful completion of milestones or tasks, deducting ten percent (10%), which will be paid upon final acceptance by the City.
  - vi. A statement of your compliance with all applicable rules and regulations of Federal, State and Local governing entities. The Proposer must state his compliance with terms of this Request for Proposal (RFP).
- D. **Part IV - Project Management Structure**: Provide a general explanation and chart which specifies project leadership and reporting responsibilities; and interface the team with City project management and team personnel. If use of subcontractors is proposed, identify their placement in the primary management structure, and provide internal management description for each subcontractor.
- E. **Part V - Prior Experience**: Describe only relevant corporate experience and individual experience for personnel who will be actively engaged in the project. Do not include corporate experience unless personnel assigned to this project actively participated. Do not include experience prior to 1998. Supply the project title, year, and reference name, title, present address, and phone number of principal person for whom prior projects were accomplished.
- F. **Part VI - Personnel**: Include names and qualifications of all professional personnel who will be assigned to this project. State the primary work assigned to each person and the percentage of time each person will devote to this work. Identify key persons by name and title. Provide all resumes.
- G. **Part VII - Local Business Presence**: The City seeks opportunities for businesses in the Austin Corporate City Limits to participate on City contracts. 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.

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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. Points will be awarded through a combination of the Offeror's Local Business Presence and/or the Local Business Presence of their subcontractors. Evaluation of the Team's Percentage of Local Business Presence will be based on the dollar amount of work as reflected in the Offeror's MBE/WBE Compliance Plan or MBE/WBE Utilization Plan. Specify if and by which definition the Offeror or Subcontractor(s) have a local business presence.

**H. Part VIII - Non-Collusion, Non-Conflict of Interest, and Anti-Lobbying:**

- i. On November 10, 2011, the Austin City Council adopted Ordinance No. 20111110-052 amending Chapter 2-7, Article 6 of the City Code relating to Anti-Lobbying and Procurement. The policy defined in this Code applies to Solicitations for goods and/or services requiring City Council approval under City Charter Article VII, Section 15 (Purchase Procedures). During the No-Contact Period, Offerors or potential Offerors are prohibited from making a representation to anyone other than the Authorized Contact Person in the Solicitation as the contact for questions and comments regarding the Solicitation.
- ii. If during the No-Contact Period an Offeror makes a representation to anyone other than the Authorized Contact Person for the Solicitation, the Offeror's Offer is disqualified from further consideration except as permitted in the Ordinance.
- iii. If a Respondent has been disqualified under this article more than two times in a sixty (60) month period, the Purchasing Officer shall debar the Offeror from doing business with the City for a period not to exceed three (3) years, provided the Respondent is given written notice and a hearing in advance of the debarment.
- iv. The City requires Offerors submitting Offers on this Solicitation to provide a signed Section 0810, Non-Collusion, Non-Conflict of Interest, and Anti-Lobbying Affidavit certifying that the Offeror has not in any way directly or indirectly made representations to anyone other than the Authorized Contact Person during the No-Contact Period as defined in the Ordinance. The text of the City Ordinance is posted on the Internet at:  
<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=161145>

- I. **Part IX - Proposal Acceptance Period:** All proposals are valid for a period of one hundred and twenty (180) calendar days subsequent to the RFP closing date unless a longer acceptance period is offered in the proposal

- J. **Part X - 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 must 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 must 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.

- K. **Part XI - 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.

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- L. **Part XII - Cost Proposal:** Information described in the following subsections is required from each Proposer. Your method of costing may or may not be used but should be described. A firm fixed price or not-to-exceed Contract is contemplated, with progress payments as mutually determined to be appropriate. Ten percent (10%) of the total contractual price will be retained until submission and acceptance of all work products.
- i. Manpower. Itemize to show the following for each category of personnel with separate hourly rates:
    - (1) manager, senior consultant, analyst, subcontractor, etc.
    - (2) estimated hours for each category of personnel
    - (3) rate applied for each category of personnel
    - (4) total cost
  - ii. Itemize cost of supplies and materials
  - iii. Other itemized direct costs
  - iv. If applicable, general and administrative burden. Indicate base used, percentage, and total cost relative to this procurement.
  - v. Travel expenses. All travel lodging expenses in connection with the Contract for which reimbursement may be claimed by the Contractor under the terms of the Solicitation will be reviewed against the City's Travel Policy as published and maintained by the City's Controller's Office and the Current United States General Services Administration Domestic Per Diem Rates (the "Rates") as published and maintained on the Internet at:  
[http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/contentView.do?contentId=17943&contentType=GSA\\_BASIC](http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/contentView.do?contentId=17943&contentType=GSA_BASIC)  
No amounts in excess of the Travel Policy or Rates shall be paid. All invoices must be accompanied by copies of detailed receipts (e.g. hotel bills, airline tickets). No reimbursement will be made for expenses not actually incurred. Airline fares in excess of coach or economy will not be reimbursed. Mileage charges may not exceed the amount permitted as a deduction in any year under the Internal Revenue Code or Regulations.
  - vi. Printing. State separately the cost of furnishing copies of the final report (if applicable).
  - vii. Total cost schedule.

2. **EXCEPTIONS:**

Be advised that exceptions to any portion of the Solicitation may jeopardize acceptance of the Proposal.

3. **PROPOSAL PREPARATION COSTS:**

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.

4. **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.

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**B. Evaluation Factors:**

- i. 100 points.
  - (1) System Concept and Solutions Proposed (Grasp of the requirement and its solution(s), responsiveness to terms and conditions, completeness and thoroughness of the technical data and documentation.) **30 points**
  - (2) Demonstrated Applicable Experience **20 points**
  - (3) Personnel Qualifications **20 points**
  - (4) Total Evaluated Cost **20 points**
  - (5) LOCAL BUSINESS PRESENCE (**Maximum 10 points**)

<b>Team's Local Business Presence</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
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

- ii. The City will score proposals on the basis of item 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. A maximum of 25 points may be awarded on the basis of the interviews.