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MBE/WBE PROCUREMENT PROGRAM
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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Project/Solicitation Number: RFQS 6100 CLMP182

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MBE/WBE GOALS

Annual/Project Participation Goals:				Annual/Project Participation Subgoals:		
MBE		%		African American	1.90	%
WBE		%	**OR**	Hispanic	9.00	%
				Asian/Native American	4.90	%
				WBE	15.80	%

OVERVIEW

This document should be read in conjunction with the City of Austin's Minority-owned and Women-owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program Ordinance for Professional Services (Chapter 2-9B of the Austin City Code) and the Small and Minority Business Resources Department (SMBR) Rules. The definitions contained in Chapter 2-9B apply to this document. The City Code and Rules are amended from time to time and the Proposer is responsible for ensuring they have the most up to date version. The City Code and Rules are incorporated into this document by reference. Copies of Chapter 2-9B and SMBR Rules may be obtained online at http://www.austintexas.gov/department/small-and-minority-business/about or from SMBR, 4201 Ed Bluestein, Austin, Texas 78721 (512) 974-7600.

Firms or individuals submitting responses to this Request for Bid agree to abide by the City's Minority-owned and Women-owned Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) Procurement Program and Rules. The City's MBE/WBE Program is intended (1) to promote and encourage MBEs and WBEs to participate in business opportunities with the City of Austin; (2) to afford MBEs and WBEs an equal opportunity to compete for work on City contracts; and (3) to encourage contractors to provide subcontracting opportunities to certified MBEs and WBEs by soliciting such Firm for subcontracting opportunities. The City of Austin and its contractors shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, or gender in the award and performance of contracts.

The City encourages Proposers to achieve the MBE/WBE participation goals and subgoals for this contract. However, Proposers may comply with the City Code and Rules without achieving the participation goals so long as they make and document Good Faith Efforts that would allow MBE and WBE participation per Section 2-9B-21 of the City Code and Section 9.1 of the Rules. Proposers that do not meet the project's goals and subgoals are subject to Good Faith Efforts review.

Prior to the due date and time specified in the City's solicitation documents, all Proposers (including those Firms certified as MBE/WBEs) shall submit: (1) an *MBE/WBE Compliance Plan* (Appendix A); and (2) if it is anticipated the project goals will not be met, all appropriate documentation to demonstrate Good Faith Efforts to meet the project goals. Any questions regarding preparation of the *Compliance Plan* should be directed to SMBR at SMBRComplianceDocuments@austintexas.gov. Such contact will not be a violation of the Anti-Lobbying Ordinance.

The City has implemented Anti-Lobbying Ordinance (Chapter 2-7 of the Austin City Code). Under Chapter 2-7, there is a "no-contact" period from the date the City issues a solicitation until the contract is executed. During the

"no-contact" period, a person responding to a City solicitation can speak only to the contract's authorized contact person regarding their solicitation response. Chapter 2-7 allows certain exceptions; for instance, a person responding to a City solicitation may speak to SMBR regarding this *Compliance Plan*. See the full language of the City Code or solicitation documents for further details.

If the *Compliance Plan* and Good Faith Efforts documentation are not submitted prior to the due date specified in the solicitation documents, the bid will be deemed non-responsive and not be accepted for consideration.

COMPLIANCE PLAN **INSTRUCTIONS**
(See Appendix A)

SMBR may request written clarification of items listed on the *Compliance Plan*. However, there will be no further opportunity for the Proposer to augment the MBE/WBE participation originally listed in the *Compliance Plan* or to demonstrate Good Faith Efforts that were not made prior to the submission of the *Compliance Plan*. Changes to the *Compliance Plan* are permitted only after contract execution and only with prior written approval of SMBR.

Please type or clearly print all information, use "none" or "N/A" where appropriate, and sign and date the *Compliance Plan* as indicated. ***Compliance Plans*** **not complying with the** ***Compliance Plan*** **Instructions shall be rejected as non-responsive. Submissions not utilizing the forms provided with the solicitation may render the submission nonresponsive or noncompliant.**

Section I Project Identification and Goals

This section includes the pre-printed Project Name, Project/Solicitation Number, and goals and/or subgoals. The Proposer does not need to fill in any information under Section I.

Section II Proposer Information

The Proposer should complete this section with its information and sign in the space provided. The portion of Section II marked as "Reserved for City of Austin SMBR Only" should be left blank.

Section III ***Compliance Plan*** **Summary**

This section is a summary of subconsultant participation in this solicitation. Proposers should complete Sections IV-VII, described below, before attempting to complete Section III. After completing Sections IV-VII, calculate the percentage of MBE/WBE participation for each goal and enter the information in the blanks provided. Because Section III is a summary, if there are any inconsistencies between Sections IV-VII and Section III, the calculations contained in Sections IV-VII will prevail. If the Proposer indicates that they do not anticipate meeting the goals with certified MBE/WBE firms, then the Proposer shall submit documentation detailing their Good Faith Efforts to meet the established MBE/WBE goals. The Compliance Plan will be reviewed and approved by the Small and Minority Business Resources Department.

Section IV Disclosure of MBE and WBE Participation

Please list all certified MBE/WBEs subconsultants, using the legal name under which they are registered to do business with the City of Austin, to be used in the performance of this contract. Please list the percentage of the overall contract that corresponds with the value of the work the subconsultants will be performing themselves. Do not include the value of work that the MBE/WBEs subconsultants will be subcontracting to second-level subconsultants.

By listing certified MBE and WBE Firms on the Compliance Plan, the Proposer indicates that both parties acknowledge the price and scope of work and that they are prepared to contract for that price and scope if the City awards the project to the Proposer. A Letter of Intent (LOI) does not replace a binding contract between a prime consultant and a subconsultant.

Before completing Section IV of the Compliance Plan, please read the following instructions regarding how to count MBE/WBE participation:

(A) Only the value of the work actually performed by the MBE/WBE shall be counted toward the goals. This includes:

(1) work performed by the MBE/WBE's own forces;

(2) the cost of supplies, materials, or equipment purchased, leased, or otherwise obtained by the MBE/WBE for the work of the contract (except that supplies, materials, and equipment purchased or leased from the prime consultant or its affiliate may not be counted toward the goal); and

(3) fees or commissions charged by an MBE/WBE for providing a bona fide service, such as professional, technical, consultant, or managerial services, or for providing bonds or insurance specifically required for the performance of a contract, provided the fee is reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees customarily allowed for similar services.

(B) When a Proposer purchases supplies, materials, or equipment from an MBE/WBE, the cost of those supplies, materials, or equipment shall be counted toward the goals as follows:

(1) If the supplies, materials, or equipment are obtained from an MBE/WBE that is a Manufacturer or Regular Dealer, 100 percent of the payment for the supplies, materials, or equipment shall be counted toward the goals.

(2) If the supplies, materials, or equipment are obtained from an MBE/WBE that is neither a Manufacturer nor a Regular Dealer, the cost of the materials and supplies themselves shall not be counted toward the goals. However, fees or commissions charged for assistance in the procurement of the materials and supplies, or fees or transportation charges for the delivery of materials or supplies required on a job site, may be counted toward the goals if the payment of such fees is a customary industry practice and such fees are reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees customarily allowed for similar services.

(C) When an MBE/WBE subconsultant listed on the Compliance Plan subcontracts part of the work of its contract to another Firm, the value of that second-level subcontracted work may not be counted toward the goals based on the initial subconsultant's MBE/WBE certification. Please see Section VI for an explanation of how to count the value of second-level subconsultants' work.

(D) A Firm owned by a minority woman may be certified as both an MBE and a WBE (dual certified). On a single contract, the value of the work performed by a dual certified subconsultant may not be counted toward both the MBE and the WBE goals. The Proposer must decide whether to designate the dual certified subconsultant as an MBE or a WBE in the Compliance Plan for the purpose of meeting the goals set for that contract. That designation may not be changed for the duration of the contract.

(E) When an MBE/WBE performs as a participant in a certified Joint Venture, only the portion of the contract value that is the result of the distinct, clearly defined portion of the work that the MBE/WBE performs with its own forces and for which it is at risk shall be counted towards the project goals. For more specific information regarding requirements and evaluations of certified MBE/WBE Joint Ventures, please see the City's MBE/WBE Procurement Program Rules or contact SMBR's Certification Division.

(F) Only expenditures to an MBE/WBE contractor that is performing a Commercially Useful Function shall be counted toward the project goals. If SMBR makes an initial determination that an MBE/WBE is not performing a Commercially Useful Function given the type of work involved and normal industry practices, the MBE/WBE may present evidence to rebut this presumption.

(G) To be counted toward project goals, MBE/WBEs must be certified by SMBR prior to the due date to submit the Compliance Plan as specified in the City's solicitation documents. A Firm that is certified as an MBE/WBE at the time that the Compliance Plan is filed may cease to be a certified Firm before the contract is completed. Only the value of the work performed by such a Firm while it is certified may be counted toward the project goals.

Section V Disclosure of Non-Certified Subconsultants

Please list all known non-certified subconsultants, using the legal name under which they are registered to do business with the City of Austin, to be used in the performance of this contract. If Proposer will not use any non-certified Firms, please write "N/A" in the first box on this page. If Proposer is not completing this *Compliance Plan* in response to a Rotation List solicitation, please list the percentage of the overall contract that corresponds with the value of the work the subconsultants will be performing themselves. Do not include the value of work that the MBE/WBE subconsultants will be subcontracting to second-level subconsultants. **If Proposer is completing this *Compliance Plan* in response to a Rotation List solicitation, do not list the percentages.**

If additional scopes of work are identified in this section as available for subcontracting beyond those identified in the availability lists provided, Proposer must contact SMBR to request an availability list of certified Firms for those additional scopes of work.

The scopes of work indicated in Section V will be considered subcontracting opportunities for MBEs and WBEs, unless it is demonstrated that certified MBEs or WBEs are unavailable or do not possess the requirements in the technical portion of the solicitation to perform the work involved. If Proposer did not meet the project goals, Proposer must explain in the space provided why MBEs/WBEs were not used as subconsultants. If Proposer did meet the project goals, please write "Goals Met" in the space provided.

Section VI Disclosure of Second-Level Subconsultants

Please complete this section if Proposer knows that one or more of Proposer's subconsultants will subcontract part of the work of their contracts to second-level subconsultants. In the last line of each entry box, please write the name of the first-level subconsultant that will be subcontracting work to the second-level subconsultant. Identify second-level contractors by the legal name under which they will be registered to do business with the City. The first-level subconsultant should be listed in Section IV or Section V. If Proposer is not aware of any second-level subconsultants, please write "N/A" in the first box on this page.

If Proposer is not completing this *Compliance Plan* in response to a Rotation List solicitation, please list the percentage of the overall contract that corresponds with the value of the work the second-level subconsultants will be performing themselves. **If Proposer is completing this *Compliance Plan* in response to a Rotation List solicitation, do not list the percentages.**

As discussed in Section IV above, when an MBE/WBE subconsultant subcontracts part of the work of its contract to another Firm, the value of that second-level subcontracted work may not be counted toward the goals based on the initial subconsultant's MBE/WBE certification. The value of the second-level subcontracted work may be counted toward the project goals only based on the second-level subconsultant's own MBE/WBE certification, if any. Work that an MBE/WBE subcontracts to a non-certified Firm does not count toward the goals. Work that an MBE/WBE subconsultant contracts to another certified Firm shall not be counted twice towards the goal.

Section VII MBE/WBE *Compliance Plan* Check Sheet

Please complete the MBE/WBE *Compliance Plan* Check Sheet with the information requested.

GOOD FAITH EFFORTS INSTRUCTIONS

(See Appendices B and D)

The Proposer has a responsibility to make a portion of the work available to MBE/WBE subconsultants so as to facilitate meeting the goals or subgoals. If the Proposer cannot achieve the goals or subgoals, documentation of the Proposer's Good Faith Efforts to achieve the goals or subgoals must be submitted at the same time as the *Compliance Plan*. The SMBR Director will review the documentation provided and determine if the Proposer made sufficient Good Faith Efforts. That there may be some additional costs involved in soliciting and using MBEs and WBEs is not a sufficient reason for a Proposer's failure to meet the goals and subgoals, as long as such costs are reasonable. However, a Proposer is not required to accept a higher quote from a subconsultant order to meet a goal or subgoal.

Contacting Potential MBE/WBE Subconsultants

The City has determined the scopes of work for this project and provided an Availability List of all the MBE and WBE firms certified to perform those scopes. The Availability List is found at Appendix D and has two sections: *Vendors Within the Significant Local Business Presence (SLBP) Area* and *Vendors Outside the Significant Local Business Presence (SLBP) Area*. As part of Good Faith Efforts, Proposers ***must*** contact ***all*** firms listed in the *Vendors Within the SLBP Area* section. Please note that every firm on the Availability List – outside the SLBP – is City-certified as an MBE or WBE for purposes of meeting the project goals, and Proposers are encouraged to contact all the firms. If a Proposer identifies an additional scope of work for this project not identified in the solicitation, the Proposer must request from SMBR an Availability List for that scope of work and contact all firms, if any, on such list. The SMBR Director determines whether the Proposer has made sufficient Good Faith Efforts if goals or subgoals are not met.

The City neither warrants the capacity or availability of any Firm, nor does the City guarantee the performance of any Firm indicated on the availability list.

The availability list is sorted in numerical sequence by National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) Commodity Code. It includes all certified MBE/WBE vendors for the scopes of work identified by the City as being potentially applicable to this project. However, the availability list is not a comprehensive identification of all areas of potential subconsulting opportunities. If a Proposer identifies one or more work areas that are appropriate subconsulting opportunities that not included on the availability list, the Proposer shall contact SMBR to request the availability list for MBE and WBE Firms in those areas. Requests for supplemental availability lists will be evaluated as a part of the Proposer's Good Faith Efforts to meet the goals.

If the Proposer believes any of the work areas on the availability list are not applicable to the project's scope of work or if the Proposer believes that the lists are inaccurate, the Proposer shall notify the authorized contact person of the concern immediately and prior to submission of the response to the solicitation. All Proposers will be notified in writing of any inaccuracy by addendum to the solicitation. Concerns about a particular MBEs/WBE's certification status may be addressed to SMBR at SMBRComplianceDocuments@austintexas.gov. If the Proposer wants to use a certified subconsultantthat does not appear on this list, Proposer may either request the certified subconsultantto furnish proof of certification and the specific work areas for which it has been certified or request such information from SMBR.

Appendix B shows the format for collecting required information from the subconsultants on the *Vendors Within SLBP Area* availability list. The information must be obtained at least seven (7) business days prior to the submission of the *Compliance Plan*; alternate formats may be acceptable as long as they gather the same required information. Attached to the SubconsultantVendor List at Appendix D is a list containing the names and addresses of all these MBE/WBE Firms in alphabetical order. This list is in label format and is designed to facilitate the printing of mailing labels.

The following codes are used on the availability lists:

G	Gender code	LOC	A firm's two-digit location code (e.g., SL or TX)
F	Female	AU	Austin
M	Male	SL	Significant Local Business Presence (SLBP)
		TX	Outside SLBP
MBE	A firm certified as a Minority-owned Business Enterprise	WBE	A firm certified as a Woman-owned Business Enterprise
MWB	A firm certified as both a Minority-owned & Woman-owned Business Enterprise	WMB	A firm certified as both a Woman-owned & Minority-owned Business Enterprise
MWDB	A firm certified as a Minority-owned, Woman-owned, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise	WMDB	A firm certified as a Woman-owned, Minority-owned, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

Good Faith Efforts Review

If goals are not met, SMBR will examine the *Compliance Plan* and the Good Faith Efforts documentation submitted with the *Compliance Plan* to ensure that the Proposer made Good Faith Efforts to meet the project goals or subgoals. In determining whether the Proposer has made Good Faith Efforts, SMBR will consider, at a minimum, the Proposer's efforts to do the following:

(A) Solicit certified MBE/WBE subconsultants with a Significant Local Business Presence (SLBP) and request a response from those interested subconsultants who believe they have the capability to perform the work of the contract through at least two reasonable, available, and verifiable means. The Proposer must solicit this interest more than seven (7) business days prior to submission of the Compliance Plan to allow sufficient time for the MBEs or WBEs to respond. (The date bids/proposals are due to the City should not be included in the seven day solicitation criteria.) The Proposer must state a specific and verifiable reason for not contacting each certified Firm with a significant local business presence.

(B) Provide interested MBEs/WBEs with adequate information about the plans, specifications, and requirements of the contract, including addenda, in a timely manner, to assist them in responding and submitting a proposal.

(C) Negotiate in good faith with interested MBEs/WBEs that have submitted bids/proposals to the Proposer. An MBE/WBE that has submitted a bid to a Proposer but has not been contacted within five (5) business days of submission of the bid may contact SMBR to request a meeting with the Proposer. Evidence of good faith negotiation includes the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of MBEs/WBEs that were considered; a description of the information provided regarding the plans and specifications for the work selected for subconsulting; and evidence as to why additional agreements could not be reached for MBEs/WBEs to perform the work. Bid shopping is prohibited.

(D) Select portions of the work to be performed by MBEs/WBEs in order to increase the likelihood that the MBE/WBE goals or subgoals will be met. This includes, where appropriate, breaking out contract work items into economically feasible units to facilitate MBE/WBE participation, even when the Proposer might otherwise prefer to perform these work items with its own forces.

(E) Publish solicitation notice in a local publication (i.e. newspaper, trade association publication, or via electronic/social media).

(F) Use the services of available community organizations; minority persons/women consultants' or groups in the applicable field for the type of work described in this solicitation; local, state, and federal minority persons/women business assistance offices; and other organizations as allowed on a case-by-case basis to provide assistance in the recruitment and placement of MBEs/WBEs.

(G) Seek guidance from SMBR on any questions regarding compliance with this section.

The following factors may also be considered by SMBR in determining compliance through good faith efforts; however, they are not intended to be a mandatory checklist, nor are they intended to be exclusive or exhaustive:

(A) Whether the Proposer made efforts to assist interested MBEs/WBEs in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, or insurance as required by the City or consultant.

(B) Whether the Proposer made efforts to assist interested MBEs/WBEs in obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or related assistance or services.

In assessing minimum good faith efforts, SMBR may consider whether the Proposer sought assistance from SMBR on any questions related to compliance with this section. In addition, SMBR may also consider the performance of other Proposers successfully meeting the goals.

The ability or desire of a Proposer to perform the work of a contract with its own organization does not relieve the Proposer of the responsibility to make Good Faith Efforts.

Proposers may reject MBE/WBEs as unqualified only following thorough investigation of their capabilities. The MBE/WBE's membership or lack of membership in specific groups, organizations, or associations, and political or social affiliations (for example union or non-union employee status), are not legitimate causes for the rejection or non-solicitation of bids/proposals in the Proposer's efforts to meet the project goals or subgoals.

At a minimum, the following should be submitted to support Good Faith Effort documentation (documentation is not limited to this list):

- Fax logs, emails, and/or copies of documents sent to firms within the SLBP area.
- Copies of written correspondence to certified firms (include names, addresses, and other identifying information).
- Phone logs with responses (*Phone contacts, alone, will not be sufficient.*).
- Lists and copies of letters sent by mail, hand delivered, or e-mailed.
- Breakdown of negotiations made with certified firms.
- Copies of advertisements with local newspapers, trade associations, Chambers of Commerce and/or any other public media.
- Other communications regarding contacts with trade associations and Chambers of Commerce.

The following additional Good Faith Efforts factors may also be considered

- Copies of emails or phone logs regarding assistance in bonding, lines of credit, or insurance (as required by City or Consultant).
- Copies of emails or phone logs regarding assistance in obtaining equipment, supplies, materials, or services.
- Copies of all proposals received in response to Proposer contacting other Firms.

POST-AWARD INSTRUCTIONS
(See Appendix C)

Confirmation Letters

All Proposers are required to include copies of the confirmation letters received from subconsultants, confirming the Subconsultants' willingness to provide services should the contract be awarded.

Changes to the *Compliance Plan* including additions, deletions, contract changes, or substitutions of subconsultants are permitted only after contract execution and only with prior written approval of SMBR. Request for changes to the *Compliance Plan* must be submitted on the *Request for Change of Compliance Plan Form* for all levels of subconsulting and must be approved by the SMBR Director prior to adding, deleting, changing or substituting any subconsultant.

Post-Award Monitoring

The City will monitor post-award compliance information regarding the use of certified MBE/WBE Firm(s) listed on the *Compliance Plan*. The Consultant will be required to submit post award reports detailing the utilization of all subconsultants. The reports and other information regarding post-award compliance will be discussed with the successful Proposer. The following information on Payment Verification, Change Order/Contract Amendments, and Progressive Sanctions provides an overview of some of the post-award monitoring process.

- **Payment Verification**

Proposers are advised that the contract resulting from this solicitation includes a subconsultant payments clause. This clause requires all subconsultants to be paid within ten (10) calendar days from the date that the Proposer has been paid by the City for invoices submitted by subconsultants.

The Consultant shall submit a *Subconsultant/Supplier Awards and Expenditures Report* to the project manager and/or contract administrator at the time specified by the managing department. The report shall be in the format required by the City and shall include all awards and payments to subconsultants for goods and services provided under the contract during the previous month. This report may be used by the City to verify utilization of and payment to MBEs and WBEs.

The Consultant and/or any subconsultant whose subcontracts are being counted toward the MBE/WBE requirements shall allow the City access to records relating to the contract, including but not limited to, subcontracts, payroll records, tax information, and accounting records, for the purpose of determining whether the MBEs/WBEs are performing the scheduled subcontract work.

In determining achievement of MBE/WBE goals, the participation of an MBE/WBE subconsultantshall not be counted until the amount being counted toward the goal has been paid.

- **Change Order/Contract Amendments**

The goals on this contract shall also apply to change orders that require work beyond the scope(s) of trades originally required to accomplish the project. The Proposer is required to make Good Faith Efforts to obtain MBE/WBE participation for additional scopes of work.

Change orders that do not alter the type of trades originally required to accomplish the project may be undertaken using the subconsultants already under contract to the Consultant. Project managers will have automatic SMBR

approval to authorize any change order that **increases** the contract amount for an **existing** certified subconsultantand is **within** the existing scope being performed by that subconsultant.

- **Progressive Sanctions**

The successful Proposer's *Compliance Plan* will be incorporated into the resulting contract with the City and shall be considered part of the consultant's performance requirements. Progressive sanctions may be imposed for failure to comply with Chapter 2-9B of the City Code, including:

- Providing false or misleading information in Good Faith Efforts documentation, post award compliance, or other Program operations;
- Substituting Subconsultants without first receiving approval for such substitutions, which may include the addition of an unapproved Subconsultantand failure to use a Subconsultantlisted in the approved *Compliance Plan*; and
- Failure to comply with the approved *Compliance Plan* without an approved Request for Change, an approved Change Order, or other approved change to the Contract.

Please refer to Section 2-9B-25 of the City Code and SMBR Rule 11.5 for additional information.

Appendix A

MBE/WBE COMPLIANCE PLAN

All sections (I-VII) must be completed and submitted prior to the due date in the solicitation documents

Section I — Project Identification and Goals

Project Name	ABIA Parking Garage and Administration Offices
Solicitation Number	RFQS 6100 CLMP182

Project Goals or Subgoals	
MBE	%
African American	1.90 %
Hispanic	9.00 %
Asian/Native American	4.90 %
WBE	15.80 %

Section II — Proposer Company Information

Name of Company	
Vendor Code	
Address	
City, State Zip	
Phone	
Fax & E-Mail	
Name of Contact Person	
Is your company registered on Vendor Connection?	Yes ☐ No ☐ *If yes, provide Vendor ID #:*_____ If No, please note: All vendors and subconsultants/consultants must register with COA's Vendor Connect prior to award. See Link for registration information at https://www.ci.austin.tx.us/financeonline/finance/index.cfm
Is your company COA M/WBE certified?	Yes ☐ No ☐ *If yes, please indicate:* MBE ☐ WBE ☐ MBE/WBE Joint Venture ☐

I certify that the information included in this *Compliance Plan* is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further understand and agree that this *Compliance Plan* shall become a part of my contract with the City of Austin.

_____
Name and Title of Authorized Representative

_____ _____
Signature Date

For SMBR Use Only:
I have reviewed this compliance plan and found that the Proposer ***HAS*** ☐ *or* ***HAS NOT*** ☐ *complied as per the City Code Chapter 2-9B.*

Reviewing Counselor _____ Date _____

I have reviewed this compliance plan and ***Concur*** ☐ *or* ***Do Not Concur*** ☐ *with recommendation.*

Director/Assistant Director _____ Date _____

Section III — *Compliance Plan* Summary

Note:
- **Fill in all the blanks.**
- **For project participation numbers use an EXACT number. DO NOT USE: approximate, plus or minus (+ -), up to, to be determined (TBD), < >, or any other qualifying language.**
- **Compliance plans not complying with these requirements shall be rejected as non-responsive.**

Total Base Bid (*if applicable*): $ _____

Goals: Proposed Participation		
MBE	$	%
WBE	$	%
Non-Certified	$	%

SubGoals: Proposed Participation		
African American	$	%
Hispanic	$	%
Native/Asian American	$	%
WBE	$	%
Non-Certified	$	%

Proposer's own participation in base bid (less any amount subcontracted):

Amount: $ _____ Percentage: _____%

Are the stated goals or subgoals of the solicitation met? *(If no, attach documentation of Good Faith Efforts)*

Yes ☐ No ☐

For SMBR Use Only:

Verified Goals OR Subgoals:

MBE _____ % WBE _____ % Prime _____ % Non-Certified _____%

African-American _____ % Hispanic _____% Native/Asian American _____%; WBE _____%

Section IV — Disclosure of MBE and WBE Participation
Duplicate As Needed

Note:

- **Fill in all the blanks.**
- **Compliance plans not complying with these requirements shall be rejected as non-responsive.**
- **Fill in names of MBE/WBE Certified Firms as registered with Vendor Connection.**
- **Select either MBE or WBE for dually certified firms to indicate which certification will count towards the MBE or WBE goal.**
- **Contact SMBR to request an availability list of certified Firms for additional scopes of work that were not included on the original availability list.**

Name of MBE/WBE Certified Firm	
City of Austin Certified	MBE ☐ WBE ☐ Gender/ Ethnicity:
Vendor Code	
Address/ City / State / Zip	
Contact Person & Phone #	
Fax & Email Address	
Commodity codes/describe services	
Percent of Subcontract	%

Name of MBE/WBE Certified Firm	
City of Austin Certified	MBE ☐ WBE ☐ Gender/ Ethnicity:
Vendor Code	
Address/ City / State / Zip	
Contact Person & Phone #	
Fax & Email Address	
Commodity codes/describe services	
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Address/ City / State / Zip	
Contact Person & Phone #	
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Vendor Code	
Address/ City / State / Zip	
Contact Person & Phone #	
Fax & Email Address	
Commodity codes/describe services	
Percent of Subcontract	%

Section V — Disclosure of Non-Certified Subconsultants
Duplicate As Needed

Note:

- **Fill in all the blanks.**
- **Compliance plans not complying with these requirements shall be rejected as non-responsive.**
- **Fill in names of Non-Certified Subconsultants as registered with the City of Austin.**

Are Goals Met? **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **If no, state reason(s) below and attach documentation:**

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Subconsultant	
Vendor Code	
Address/ City / State / Zip	
Contact Person & Phone #	
Fax & Email Address	
Percent of Subcontract	%
Commodity codes/describe services	
Reason MBE/WBE not used	

Subconsultant	
Vendor Code	
Address/ City / State / Zip	
Contact Person & Phone #	
Fax & Email Address	
Percent of Subcontract	%
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Percent of Subcontract	%
Commodity codes/describe services	
Reason MBE/WBE not used	

Section VI — Disclosure of Second-Level Non-Certified Subconsultants
Duplicate As Needed

Note:

- **Fill in all the blanks.**
- **Compliance plans not complying with these requirements shall be rejected as non-responsive.**
- **Fill in names of Non-Certified Subconsultants as registered with the City of Austin.**

Second-Level Subconsultant	
City of Austin Certified?	No ☐ MBE ☐ WBE ☐ Gender/Ethnicity:
Vendor Code	
Address/ City / State / Zip	
Contact Person & Phone #	
Fax & Email Address	
Percent of Subcontract	%
Commodity codes/describe services	
First-Level Subconsultant	

Second-Level Subconsultant	
City of Austin Certified?	No ☐ MBE ☐ WBE ☐ Gender/Ethnicity:
Vendor Code	
Address/ City / State / Zip	
Contact Person & Phone #	
Fax & Email Address	
Percent of Subcontract	%
Commodity codes/describe services	
First-Level Subconsultant	

Second-Level Subconsultant	
City of Austin Certified?	No ☐ MBE ☐ WBE ☐ Gender/Ethnicity:
Vendor Code	
Address/ City / State / Zip	
Contact Person & Phone #	
Fax & Email Address	
Percent of Subcontract	%
Commodity codes/describe services	
First-Level Subconsultant	

Second-Level Subconsultant	
City of Austin Certified?	No ☐ MBE ☐ WBE ☐ Gender/Ethnicity:
Vendor Code	
Address/ City / State / Zip	
Contact Person & Phone #	
Fax & Email Address	
Percent of Subcontract	%
Commodity codes/describe services	
First-Level Subconsultant	

Section VII — MBE/WBE Compliance Plan Check List

The MBE/WBE *Compliance Plan* must be completed and submitted by the time specified in the solicitation documents. If the goals or subgoals were not achieved, Good Faith Efforts documentation must be submitted with the MBE/WBE *Compliance Plan*. All questions in Section VII ***must*** be completed and submitted with the *Compliance Plan* if goals or subgoals are not met.

1. Were written notices sent to all MBE/WBEs from the Significant Local Business Presence (SLBP) availability list at least seven (7) business days prior to the submission of this *Compliance Plan*? Yes ☐ No ☐
2. Were two separate methods used to contact all MBE/WBEs from the SLBP availability list at least seven (7) business days prior to the submission of this *Compliance Plan?* Please list the two methods used to contact MBE/WBEs. *(i.e. fax, email, mail, and/or phone)* Yes ☐ No ☐

   List Methods: _____
3. Were steps taken to follow up with interested MBE/WBEs? Yes ☐ No ☐
4. Were advertisements placed with a local publication? (i.e. newspaper, minority or women organizations, or electronic/social media)? **If no, please attach**. Yes ☐ No ☐
5. Were written notices sent to Minority or Women organizations? **If no, please attach.** Yes ☐ No ☐
6. Were additional elements of work identified to achieve the goals or subgoals? Yes ☐ No ☐

   If yes, please explain: _____
7. Was SMBR contacted for assistance? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, complete following:

Contact Person: _____

Date of Contact: _____

Summary of Request: _____

8. Were Minority or Women organizations contacted for assistance? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, complete following:

Organization(s): _____

Date of Contact: _____

Summary of Request: _____

9. Is the following documentation attached to support good faith effort requirements to achieve goals or subgoals? ***(Documentation is not limited to this list.)***

   Copy of written solicitation sent to MBE/WBEs in SLBP area Yes ☐ No ☐

   Two separate methods of notices sent to MBE/WBEs in SLBP area (fax transmittals, emails, and/or phone log). Yes ☐ No ☐

   Copy of advertisements Yes ☐ No ☐

   Copy of notices sent to Minority and Women organizations Yes ☐ No ☐

   Documentation that demonstrates efforts made to reach agreements with the MBE/WBEs who responded to Proposer's written notice? (i.e. copy of bids/proposals, spreadsheet breakdown of MBE/WBEs considered follow-up emails/phone logs and/or correspondence between Proposer and interested MBE/WBEs) Yes ☐ No ☐

Appendix B

LETTER TO POTENTIAL SUBCONSULTANTS

_____ is soliciting Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise participation for the following City of Austin project. Solicitation documents are available at our office or at One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road, 10th Floor, Suite 1045.

Name of Project: _____

Project/Solicitation Number: _____

Location of Pre-Proposal Conference (if any) _____

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_____

Response Due Date and Time: _____

This Project Includes the Following Scopes of Service:

Contact our office for detailed information on the scopes of services to be subcontracted and the relevant terms and conditions of the contract.

Contact: _____ at _____ or _____

(Name) (Telephone) (Fax)

_____

(Email)

All Responses MUST be received by: _____

CONFIRMATION LETTER

(Printed on Subconsultant Letterhead)

Date

Contact Name
Business Name
Street Address
City, State Zip

Re: Solicitation # _____

Dear (Contact Name):

This letter is to confirm that (insert Subcontractor name here) is pleased to provide (insert Prime Contractor name here) (insert service here) for the above-referenced project.

We understand that we will be completing ___% of the work on this project and look forward to working with you and the City of Austin should your team be awarded the project.

Sincerely,

(insert signature)

Contact Name
Title
Business Name