

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

Locally Funded Contracts

1. INSTRUCTIONS

The proposer shall carefully examine the instructions contained herein and satisfy himself/herself as to the conditions with which he/she must comply prior and with the conditions affecting the eventual award of a Professional Services Contract. Proposers shall state in their proposal that they have read these instructions and will comply.

2. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Proposers shall email an electronic copy of the proposal to the project manager and Katrina Cooper at Katrina.Cooper@stocktonca.gov no later than the stated date and time.

The Cost Proposal must be emailed, separately from the proposal, only to Katrina Cooper at Katrina.Cooper@stocktonca.gov. Late electronic submittals will not be accepted.

3. CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

A Contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to propose on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in this chapter, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. It is not a violation of this section for an unregistered Contractor to submit a proposal that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the Contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is awarded.

Only vendors/contractors that are subject to the public works statutes would be required to register. A&E firms that are not doing or subcontracting out tasks subject to public work requiring prevailing wages are not subject to registration and public works laws. Design work is not subject to prevailing wages and, therefore, not considered public work, and the firm does not have to register. For example, A&E tasks that are subject to public works laws would be surveying, soil testing, material testing, and building/construction inspection, as there are prevailing wage determination for these works.

No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a proposal for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)].

No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.

Department of Industrial Relations- Contractor Registration information and web link: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html>

In compliance with Senate Bill 854 and the California Labor Code, all proposers shall include with their proposal proof of registration from the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) that includes the contractor's Legal Name, Registration Number, License Type/Number, Registration Date and Expiration Date, for every contractor and subcontractor, regardless of tier. For subcontractor proof of registration that could not be included with the bid, the contractor will be allowed to submit subcontractor registration proof no later than four business days after bid opening.

Proposer shall complete and include with their proposal a signed Department of Industrial Relations Labor Compliance Self-Certification Form (Exhibit A).

This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. Contractors must submit their certified payroll records directly to the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement Compliance Monitoring Unit, as well as the City of Stockton.

4. TITLE VI

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 requires that "no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance." (42 USC Section 2000d).

<http://www.dol.gov/oasam/regs/statutes/titlevi.htm>

Proposer shall complete and include with their proposal a signed Title VI Self-Certification Form (Exhibit B).

The City of Stockton is committed to complying with the requirements of Title VI in all of its programs and activities. Proposers for work with the City of Stockton must meet the requirements of Title VI at all times.

5. DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT POLICY

The City of Stockton has a Discrimination and Harassment Policy (Exhibit C). The purpose of this policy is to reaffirm the City's commitment to demonstrating respect for all individuals by strictly prohibiting discrimination and harassment, including sexual harassment in the workplace, to define the types of behavior and conduct prohibited by this policy, and to set forth a procedure for reporting, investigating and resolving complaints of discrimination and harassment in the workplace.

6. LABOR STANDARDS PROVISIONS/CALIFORNIA LABOR CODE

The proposer shall understand that conditions set forth in Chapter 1, Part 7, Division 2 of the California Labor Code shall be considered part of the contract agreement. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=LAB&division=2.&title=&part=7.&chapter=1.&article=2.

PREVAILING WAGE RATES- The prime Contractor to whom the contract is awarded and any subcontractor must pay the general prevailing wage rates when applicable to this project. In accordance with the provisions of Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the Director of the Department of Industrial Wages of the State of California has determined the general prevailing rate of wages and employer payments for health and welfare, pension, vacation, travel time, and subsistence pay as provided for in Section 1773.1, apprenticeship or other training programs authorized by Section 3093, and similar purposes applicable to the work to be done. These wages are set forth in the General Prevailing Wage Rates for this project and are available from the California Department of Industrial Relations' internet website at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/pwd/Determinations/Northern/Northern.pdf>.

The final contract documents signed by the local agency and the Contractor, will physically include the federal Wage Rates, or federal Wage Rates as revised by addendums, if any such addendums have been issued. Contractor is responsible to comply with the most recent wage rates.

The Contractor performing the work shall be responsible for obtaining a copy of the State wage rate determination. Pursuant to 1773.2 of the Labor Code, the Contractor shall be responsible for posting said wage rate at a prominent location at the work site and shall maintain same in a good readable condition for the duration of the work.

Title 40, Chapter 31(VI), Section 3143 of the United States Code applies. If any laborer or mechanic employed by the Contractor or any subcontractor directly on the site of the work covered by the contract is discovered to have been paid a rate of wages less than the contract requires, then the City by written notice may terminate the Contractor's right to proceed with the work in question. The City may have the work completed, by contract or otherwise, and the Contractor and the Contractor's sureties shall be liable to the City for any excess costs the City incurs.

Attention is directed to the federal minimum wage rate requirements of this contract. If there is a difference between the minimum wage rates predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and the general prevailing wage rates determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations for similar classifications of labor, the Contractor and subcontractors shall pay not less than the higher wage rate. The City will not accept lower State wage rates not specifically included in the federal minimum wage determinations. This includes "helper" (or other classifications based on hours of experience) or any other classification not appearing in the federal wage determinations. Where federal wage determinations do not contain the State wage rate determination otherwise available for use by the Contractor and subcontractors, the

Contractor and subcontractors shall pay not less than the Federal minimum wage rate which most closely approximates the duties of the employees in question.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) provides a toll-free “hotline” service to report bid rigging activities. Bid rigging activities can be reported Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., eastern time, Telephone No. 1-800-424-9071. Anyone with knowledge of possible bid rigging, proposer collusion, or other fraudulent activities should use the “hotline” to report these activities. The “hotline” is part of the DOT’s continuing effort to identify and investigate highway construction contract fraud and abuse and is operated under the direction of the DOT Inspector General. All information will be treated confidentially and caller anonymity will be respected.

(A) **PAYROLL RECORDS**- The prime Contractor to whom the contract is awarded shall insure that the prime and each subcontractor will, in accordance with Section 1776 of the Labor Code, maintain certified payroll records. A copy of said records shall be provided with each invoice to the Public Works Department, Attention: Contract Compliance Officer. It shall be the prime Contractor’s responsibility to obtain copies of the current prevailing wage rate determination for all subcontractors.

(B) **APPRENTICESHIP STANDARDS** - The prime Contractor shall comply with the provisions established in Section 1777.5 of the Labor Code concerning the (1) certified approval by local joint apprenticeship committees for the employment and training of apprentices, and (2) contribution of funds to administer and conduct apprenticeship programs.

7. NON-COLLUSION DECLARATION

The proposer shall execute a Non-Collusion Declaration in the appropriate space provided in the bid form. Any bid made without such declaration or in violation thereof, and also any contract let thereunder shall be absolutely void unless a correct declaration is received after the bid deadline with approval of the City Council.

Proposer shall complete and include with their quote a signed Non-Collusion Declaration Form (Exhibit D).

8. LABOR NON-DISCRIMINATION

Attention is directed to the following notice that is required by Chapter 5, Division 4 of Title 2, California Code of Regulations “NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR NONDISCRIMINATION PROGRAM” (GOV. CODE, SECTION 12990). Your attention is directed to the “Nondiscrimination Clause” set forth elsewhere, “Labor Non-discrimination,” which is applicable to Nonexempt State contracts and subcontracts, and to the “Standard California Nondiscrimination Construction Contract Specifications”: set forth therein. The Specifications are applicable to all Non-exempt State construction contracts of \$5,000 or more.

9. BUSINESS LICENSE

The successful proposer must obtain and maintain a valid City of Stockton business license throughout the fiscal periods embraced by the duration of the contract.

10. INSURANCE

Contractor shall not commence any work before obtaining, and shall maintain in force at all times during the duration and performance of this agreement the policies of insurance specified in Exhibit E, which is attached to this agreement and incorporated by this reference.

Maintenance of proper insurance coverage is a material element of this contract and that failure to maintain or renew coverage or to provide evidence of renewal may be treated as a material breach of contract.

The Proponent shall satisfy these insurance requirements concurrently with the signing of the contract prior to commencement of work. Please contact City of Stockton Risk Services at (209) 937-5037. Any exceptions to this language may result in a non-responsive proposal.

It shall be a requirement under this agreement that any available insurance proceeds broader than or in excess of the specified minimum Insurance coverage requirements and/or limits shall be available to the Additional Insured.

Furthermore, the requirements for coverage and limits shall be (1) the minimum coverage and limits specified in this Agreement; or (2) the broader coverage and maximum limits of coverage of any Insurance policy or proceeds available to the named Insured; whichever is greater.

The Additional Insured coverage under the Contractor's policy shall be "primary and non-contributory" and will not seek contribution from the City of Stockton's insurance or self-insurance and shall be at least as broad as CG 20 01 04 13.

The limits of insurance required in this agreement may be satisfied by a combination of primary and umbrella or excess insurance. Any umbrella or excess Insurance shall contain or be endorsed to contain a provision that such coverage shall also apply on a primary and non-contributory basis for the benefit of the City of Stockton (if agreed to in a written contract or agreement) before the City of Stockton's own Insurance or self-insurance shall be called upon to protect it as a named insured.

All self-insured retentions (SIR) must be disclosed to Risk Management for approval and shall not reduce the limits of liability. Payment Bond in the amount of the self-insured retention (SIR) may be required.

Policies containing any self-insured retention (SIR) provision shall provide or be endorsed to provide that the SIR may be satisfied by either the named Insured or the City of Stockton.

The City of Stockton reserves the right to obtain a full certified copy of any Insurance policy and endorsements. Failure to exercise this right shall not constitute a waiver of right to exercise later.

Contractor shall maintain insurance as required by this contract to the fullest amount allowed by law and shall maintain insurance for a minimum of five years following the completion of this project. In the event Contractor fails to obtain or maintain completed operations coverage as required by this agreement, the city at its sole discretion may purchase the coverage required and the cost will be paid by Contractor.

Contractor agrees to include with all subcontractors in their subcontract the same requirements and provisions of this agreement including the indemnity and insurance requirements to the extent they apply to the scope of the Subcontractor's work. Subcontractors hired by Contractor agree to be bound to Contractor and the City of Stockton in the same manner and to the same extent as Contractor is bound to the City of Stockton under the Contract Documents. Subcontractor further agrees to include these same provisions with any Sub-subcontractor. A copy of the City of Stockton Contract Document Indemnity and Insurance provisions will be furnished to the Subcontractor upon request. The General Contractor shall require all sub-contractors to provide a valid certificate of insurance and the required endorsements included in the agreement prior to commencement of any work and Contractor will provide proof of compliance to the City.

11. INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS

Proposers should be aware that the Professional Services contract entered into with the City of Stockton and the Contractor will include the following language and will not be modified:

With the exception that this section shall in no event be construed to require indemnification by Consultant to a greater extent than permitted under the public policy of the State of California, Consultant shall indemnify, and hold harmless City, its Mayor, Council, officials, and employees from and against any and all claims and causes of action which result in liabilities, judgments, awards, losses, damages, expenses, and costs (including reasonable attorneys' fees, expert and consultant fees, and other expenses of litigation) including, but not limited to, death or injury to persons, or damage to property, which arise out of any violation of federal, state, or municipal law or ordinance, to the extent damages are caused by the Consultant's negligent services provided under this Agreement, or are in any way caused by the negligent performance of work by the Consultant or Consultant's officers, agents, employees, or subconsultants. Consultant shall not be obligated to indemnify or defend City for claims finally determined by a court of law or arbitrator to arise from the negligence or willful misconduct of the City. It is the intent of the Parties that this indemnity obligation is at least as broad as is permitted under California law. To the extent California Civil Code sections 2782, et seq., limit the defense or indemnity obligations of Consultant to City, the intent hereunder is to provide the maximum defense and indemnity obligations

allowed by Consultant under the law. The indemnity set forth in this section shall not be limited by insurance requirements or by any other provision of this Agreement.

With the exception that this section shall in no event be construed to require indemnification by Consultant to a greater extent than permitted under the public policy of the State of California, and in addition to the other indemnity obligations in this Agreement, Consultant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless City, its Mayor, Council, officials, representatives, and employees from and against claims, losses, expenses, and costs including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, arising out of any claim brought against the City by an employee of Consultant, regardless of whether such claim may be covered by any applicable workers compensation insurance. Consultant's indemnification obligation is not limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation, or benefits payable by or for the Consultant under workers' compensation acts, disability acts, or other employee benefit acts.

11. SAMPLE CONTRACT

A sample contract is attached (Exhibit F) and could be subject to change.

ADD BELOW SECTION IF POSTED TO BIDFLASH

12. PLANHOLDERS LIST

Proposer should submit company name and contact information to Public Works' support staff maintaining Plan Holders List at (209)937-XXXX or email at **ENTER NAME OF SUPPORT STAFF@stocktonca.gov**.

**DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS LABOR COMPLIANCE
SELF-CERTIFICATION FORM GOES HERE AS EXHIBIT A**

TITLE VI SELF-CERTIFICATION FORM GOES HERE AS EXHIBIT B

ADD EXHIBIT C HERE
CITY OF STOCKTON CITY ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE NO. HR-15,
DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT POLICY

ADD EXHIBIT D HERE
NON-COLLUSION DECLARATION

INSURANCE EXHIBIT D GOES HERE

ADD SAMPLE CONTRACT HERE (EXHIBIT E)