

**San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency****Request for Proposals No. SFMTA-2010/11-11:*****Workers' Compensation Investigative Services***

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Pre-proposal Conference: **25-MAR-2011 10:30 A.M. PDT**  
Proposal Due: **11-APR-2011, 4 P.M. PDT**

**San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA)  
Request for Proposals for Workers' Compensation Investigative Services**

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## I. Introduction and Schedule

### A. General

#### **Workers' Compensation Investigative Services for the SFMTA**

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (the "SFMTA") seeks proposals from qualified providers of comprehensive investigative/surveillance and reporting services pertaining to workers' compensation claims filed with the SFMTA.

All claims for workers' compensation benefits are investigated to determine if they arose out of and occurred during the course of employment. Each investigation consists of identifying and gathering the relevant facts of a claim in order to establish compensability.

Some claims are easily verifiable and are subject to a low level investigation, conducted jointly by the employer and claims administrator. Other claims are more vague in nature, and require a higher level of investigation.

The SFMTA Workers' Compensation program (Agency) is self-insured and administered via a Third Party Administrator. Annual claims volume at the Agency is approximately 700 claims per year. Of that number, approximately 25% require a higher level of investigation on claims "arising out of employment" (AOE) or in the "course of employment" (COE), or another type of higher level investigation.

Additionally, the Agency regularly creates video documentation of important potential evidence, and the successful proposal will need to include a process to acquire, store and make this video documentation accessible as indicated.

Agency staff review each claim filed by an Agency employee to determine compensability. Additionally, each claim is reviewed by the Agency's third party claims administrator for compensability issues. Claims with compensability issues are subject to an investigative process, managed by Agency staff.

**The contract shall have an original term of five years. In addition, the SFMTA shall have up to two options to extend the term for a period of one year each, which the SFMTA may exercise in its sole, absolute discretion.**

### B. Schedule

The anticipated schedule for selecting a consultant is:

<u>Phase</u>	<u>Date</u>
RFP is issued by the City:	<u>14-MAR-2011</u>
Pre-proposal conference:	<u>25-MAR-2011 10:30 A.M. PDT</u>
Deadline for submission of written questions or requests for clarification:	<u>29-MAR-2011 4 P.M. PDT</u>
1 S. Van Ness. Ave., 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fl. "Civic Ctr." Conf. Rm. 3074, San Francisco, CA 94103	
Proposals due:	<u><b>11-APR-2011, 4 P.M. PDT</b></u>

<u>Phase</u>	<u>Tentative Date</u>
Oral interview of short listed firms *:	Week of 09-MAY-2011
Contract Negotiations:	16-MAY to 03-JUN-2011
SFMTA Board meeting Approval:	05-JUL-2011
Contract Starts:	11-JUL-2011

\* **The SFMTA reserves the right not to conduct oral interview and select a firm based on the written proposal only.**

## II. Scope of Work

The Scope of Work is to be used as a general guide and is not intended to be a complete list of all work necessary to complete the project.

The following are work tasks assumed necessary to provide comprehensive surveillance and reporting services pertaining to workers' compensation claims. Proposing teams may suggest a modified scope as part of their proposal.

The investigative process may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Written and recorded statements
- Background investigations
- Forms and releases
- Medical records retrieval
- Subrogation investigations
- Medical facility canvassing
- Database and other electronic searches
- Surveillance services
- Court appearances by the reporting investigator

The Agency is requesting proposals that maximize the use of technology to meet the requirements of the program. The successful proposal will include advanced reporting capabilities, data transfer and data management services:

- Refer and direct all investigations
- Check ongoing status of investigations online.
- View surveillance footage through video streaming
- Access reports online and/or download them

- Download documents obtained during investigations
- Run management reports

The successful proposal will offer stratified levels of service, with cost effective pricing. Online referrals, as well as online tracking and report availability are critical.

Timeliness and thoroughness are key for the successful proposal. Referrals must be acknowledged and investigation initiated within 24 hours of receipt. Progress reports must be made every 30 days, or less frequently as permitted by SFMTA, and direct contact made as indicated with the claims administrator. AOE/COE investigations must be completed by the 75<sup>th</sup> day whenever possible. Written reports must be available upon completion of any investigation. In no event will an AOE/COE investigation take longer than 80 days. All relevant evidence must be preserved.

The Proposal must include the following information:

- Special Investigation Unit (SIU)/Fraud Program description
- Stratified AOE/COE investigation procedures
- Online investigation management resource description
- Database and research capabilities
- Subrogation procedure
- Examples of AOE/COE, activity check, background investigation, sub rosa, monthly summary management and subrogation reports

Please outline the benefits and advantages to the Agency in using your services over your competition. Include a detailed analysis of your proposed cost savings. Also provide a list of your current and past clients. Include references from three current and three prior clients. Outline your proposed implementation plan for the Agency.

Your proposal must include a detailed pricing outline for all services requested.

Performance Guarantee: Please provide a minimum of two potential performance guarantee opportunities including but not limited to a mutually payable arrangement and a fee at risk arrangement.

Please provide a detailed outline of your data security system and disaster plan/data recovery plan.

### **III. Submission Requirements**

#### **A. Time and Place for Submission of Proposals**

Proposals must be received by **4 P.M. PDT on April 11, 2011**. Postmarks will not be considered in judging the timeliness of submissions. Proposals may be delivered in person to Mikhael Hart, SFMTA, One South Van Ness Avenue (at Market Street), Third Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103-5417 and left with the Third Floor Receptionist for Mikhael's retrieval or mailed to:

**SFMTA-2010/11-11 Attn Mikhael Hart**  
**SFMTA - Contracts & Procurement**  
**1 S. Van Ness Ave. Fl. 3**  
**San Francisco, CA 94103-5417**

Proposers shall submit:

- One signed original and eight (8) copies of the proposal clearly marked “SFMTA-2010/11-11 Workers’ Compensation Investigative Services” on the cover page;
- Two copies, separately bound, of the required HRC Forms in a sealed envelope clearly marked “SFMTA-2010/11-11 Workers’ Compensation Investigative Services - HRC Forms”; and
- One copy of all proposal documents in electronic format as word processing and spreadsheet document files on portable storage media such as CD(s) or flash drive

to the above location. Proposals that are submitted by fax will not be accepted. Late submissions will not be considered.

## **B. Format**

Please use 8.5 x 11” recycled paper, printed double-sided to the maximum extent practical, and bind the proposal with a single staple, or submit it in a three-ring binder. Please do not bind your proposal with a spiral binding, glued binding, or anything similar. You may use tabs or other separators within the document.

For word processing documents, the department prefers that text be unjustified (i.e., with a ragged-right margin) and use a serif font (e.g., Times Roman, and not Arial), and that pages have margins of at least 1” on all sides (excluding headers and footers).

If your response is lengthy, please include a Table of Contents.

You must also submit an electronic version of the proposal.

## **C. Content**

Firms interested in responding to this RFP must submit the following information, in the order specified below:

### **1. Introduction and Executive Summary (up to three pages)**

Submit a letter of introduction and executive summary of the proposal. The letter must be signed by a person authorized by your firm to obligate your firm to perform the commitments contained in the proposal. Submission of the letter will constitute a representation by your firm that your firm is willing and able to perform the commitments contained in the proposal.

### **2. Project Program Approach (up to ten pages)**

Describe the services and activities that your firm proposes to provide to the SFMTA. Include the following information:

- a. Overall scope of work tasks; and

b. Schedule and ability to complete the project within the City's required time frame; and

c. Assignment of work within your firm's work team.

**3. Firm Qualifications (up to one page per firm or project client? and any number of pages required for sample reports)**

Provide information on your firm's background and qualifications which addresses the following:

a. Name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number of a contact person;

b. A brief description of your firm, as well as how any joint venture or association would be structured; and

c. A description of not more than three projects similar in size and scope prepared by your firm (preferably for other public agencies) including the following information for each project: client; names, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of references; staff member(s) who worked on the project; budget; schedule; and project summary. Descriptions should be limited to one page for each project. If joint consultants or subconsultants are proposed, please provide the above information for each.

d. One of each of the following sample reports: AOE/COE Investigation; Activity Check; Sub-rosa Investigation; Background Check; and One other sample report representing a sample of a related service offered.

**4. Team Qualifications (up to four pages for the list and two pages per individual who is profiled)**

a. Provide a list identifying: (1) each key person on the project team; (2) the project manager; (3) the role each will play in the project; (4) a list of current projects currently assigned to each key person on the team; and (5) a written assurance that the key individuals listed and identified will be performing the work and will not be substituted with other personnel or reassigned to another project without the SFMTA's prior approval.

b. Provide a description of the experience and qualifications of the project team members, including brief resumes if necessary.

c. Provide references for the lead investigative services firm, lead project manager, and all subconsultants, including the name, address and telephone number of at least two but no more than four recent clients (preferably other public agencies).

**5. Executive Summary of SIU Services, including successful prosecutions, type and result (up to ten pages)**

**6. Fee Proposal (up to three pages)**

Please include in your proposal your proposed fees for investigative services as follows:

- a) Flat fee proposal(s) for 1) AOE and COE investigations; and  
2) background checks and
- b) Hourly fee proposal(s) for activity checks / sub-rosa services.

The SFMTA intends to award this contract to the firm that it considers will provide the best overall program services. The SFMTA reserves the right to accept other than the lowest priced offer and to reject any proposals that are not responsive to this request.

## **IV. Evaluation and Selection Criteria**

### **A. Minimum Qualifications**

Proposers must have experience in a minimum of two investigative service projects. At least one of these projects must have been in the area of workers' compensation investigative services as documented in Section III.C.3 above.

Any proposal that does not demonstrate that the proposer meets these minimum requirements by the deadline for submittal of proposals will be considered non-responsive and will not be eligible for award of the contract.

### **B. Selection Criteria**

The proposals will be evaluated by a selection committee comprised of parties with expertise in workers' compensation and/or investigative services. The SFMTA intends to evaluate the proposals generally in accordance with the criteria itemized below. All firms that have a statistical chance of being the successful proposer will be interviewed by the committee to make the final selection.

#### **1. Project Program Approach (20 points)**

- a. Understanding of the project program and the tasks to be performed and
- b. Reasonableness of work schedule.

#### **2. Firm Qualifications (20 points)**

- a. Expertise of the firm and subconsultants in the fields necessary to complete the tasks;
- b. Experience with similar projects;
- c. Review of sample reports, one each of the following:
  - 1. AOE/COE Investigation;
  - 2. Activity Check;
  - 3. Sub-rosa Investigation;
  - 4. Background Check; and
- d. One other sample report representing a sample of a related service offered d. Geographic proximity of service provider location(s) to the SFMTA's service area.



**3. Assigned Project Staff (20 points)**

- a. Recent experience of staff assigned to the project and a description of the tasks to be performed by each staff person;
- b. Professional qualifications and education;
- c. Workload, staff availability and accessibility; and
- d. Results of Reference Checks

(Note: the SFMTA reserves the right to present the Results of Reference Checks to the Selection Panel following the Oral Interview for scoring at that time.)

**4. Executive Summary of Special Investigation Unit (SIU) Services, Including Successful Prosecutions, Type and Result (20 points)**

**5. Fee Proposal (20 points)**

- a. Reasonableness of rates for services to be provided; and
- b. Cost effectiveness of the proposed rates by comparison.

**6. Oral Presentation and Interview (50 points)**

Following the evaluation of the written proposals, and in the event that the SFMTA chooses to proceed with oral presentations and interviews, all firms that have a statistical chance of being the successful proposer will be invited to make an oral presentation to, and be interviewed by, the committee to make the final selection.. The interview will consist of standard questions asked of each of the proposers. Additionally, the selection panel may ask questions of each firm that are specific to that firm's proposal for additional information or clarification of elements in the firm's proposal. A firm's oral presentation and interview score will be combined with that firm's written evaluation score in order to calculate the firm's total score.

**The SFMTA may, at its own discretion, bypass the Oral Interview and select a firm based on the written proposal scores.**

## **V. Pre-proposal Conference and Contract award**

### **A. Pre-Proposal Conference**

Proposers are encouraged to attend a pre-proposal conference on March 25, 2011 at 10:30 A.M. PDT to be held at One South Van Ness Avenue (at Market Street), Third Floor “Civic Center” Conference Room #3074, San Francisco, CA 94103. All questions will be addressed at this conference and any available new information will be provided at that time. If you have further questions regarding the RFP, please contact the individual designated in Section VI.B.

Proposers are urged to attend the pre-proposal conference in order to receive 15 outreach points of a minimum of 80 outreach points for required Local Business Enterprise (LBE) Subconsultant Outreach for a proposer’s proposal to comply with San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 14B and be considered “responsive.” Please refer to Section VI.O herein and Appendix A of this RFP for more information.

### **B. Contract Award**

The SFMTA will select a proposer with whom the SFMTA staff shall commence contract negotiations. The selection of any proposal shall not imply acceptance by the City of all terms of the proposal, which may be subject to further negotiations and approvals before the City may be legally bound thereby. If a satisfactory contract cannot be negotiated in a reasonable time, then the SFMTA, in its sole discretion, may terminate negotiations with the highest ranked proposer and begin contract negotiations with the next highest ranked proposer.

## **VI. Terms and Conditions for Receipt of Proposals**

### **A. Errors and Omissions in RFP**

Proposers are responsible for reviewing all portions of this RFP. Proposers are to promptly notify the Department, in writing, if the proposer discovers any ambiguity, discrepancy, omission, or other error in the RFP. Any such notification should be directed to the Department promptly after discovery, but in no event later than five working days prior to the date for receipt of proposals. Modifications and clarifications will be made by addenda as provided below.

### **B. Inquiries Regarding RFP**

Inquiries regarding the RFP and all written notifications of an intent to request written modification or clarification of the RFP, must be directed to:

**Mikhael Hart of the SFMTA’s Contracts & Procurement unit at  
Mikhael.Hart@sfmta.com**

Please include “**SFMTA-2010/11-11**” in the subject line of your e-mail.

**The above named individual is the only individual authorized for communications about this RFP. Please refer to Section VI.J herein and Appendix D/Affidavit of Compliance of this RFP.**

### **C. Objections to RFP Terms**

Should a proposer object on any ground to any provision or legal requirement set forth in this RFP, the proposer must, not more than ten calendar days after the RFP is issued, provide

written notice to the Department setting forth with specificity the grounds for the objection. The failure of a proposer to object in the manner set forth in this paragraph shall constitute a complete and irrevocable waiver of any such objection.

#### **D. Change Notices**

The SFMTA may modify the RFP, prior to the proposal due date, by issuing Change Notices, which will be posted on the website. The proposer shall be responsible for ensuring that its proposal reflects any and all Change Notices issued by the SFMTA prior to the proposal due date regardless of when the proposal is submitted. Therefore, the SFMTA recommends that the proposer consult the website frequently, including shortly before the proposal due date, to determine if the proposer has downloaded all Change Notices.

#### **E. Term of Proposal**

Submission of a proposal signifies that the proposed services and prices are valid for 120 calendar days from the proposal due date and that the quoted prices are genuine and not the result of collusion or any other anti-competitive activity.

#### **F. Revision of Proposal**

A proposer may revise a proposal on the proposer's own initiative at any time before the deadline for submission of proposals. The proposer must submit the revised proposal in the same manner as the original. A revised proposal must be received on or before the proposal due date.

In no case will a statement of intent to submit a revised proposal, or commencement of a revision process, extend the proposal due date for any proposer.

At any time during the proposal evaluation process, the SFMTA may require a proposer to provide oral or written clarification of its proposal. The SFMTA reserves the right to make an award without further clarifications of proposals received.

#### **G. Errors and Omissions in Proposal**

Failure by the SFMTA to object to an error, omission, or deviation in the proposal will in no way modify the RFP or excuse the vendor from full compliance with the specifications of the RFP or any contract awarded pursuant to the RFP.

#### **H. Financial Responsibility**

The SFMTA accepts no financial responsibility for any costs incurred by a firm in responding to this RFP. Submissions of the RFP will become the property of the SFMTA and may be used by the SFMTA in any way deemed appropriate.

#### **I. Proposer's Obligations under the Campaign Reform Ordinance**

Proposers must comply with Section 1.126 of the S.F. Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, which states:

No person who contracts with the City and County of San Francisco for the rendition of personal services, for the furnishing of any material, supplies or equipment to the City, or for selling any land or building to the City, whenever such transaction would require approval by a City elective officer, or the board on which that City elective officer serves, shall make any contribution to such an officer, or candidates for such an office, or committee controlled by such officer or candidate at any time between commencement of negotiations and the later of either

(1) the termination of negotiations for such contract, or (2) three months have elapsed from the date the contract is approved by the City elective officer or the board on which that City elective officer serves.

If a proposer is negotiating for a contract that must be approved by an elected local officer or the board on which that officer serves, during the negotiation period the proposer is prohibited from making contributions to:

- the officer's re-election campaign
- a candidate for that officer's office
- a committee controlled by the officer or candidate.

The negotiation period begins with the first point of contact, either by telephone, in person, or in writing, when a contractor approaches any city officer or employee about a particular contract, or a city officer or employee initiates communication with a potential contractor about a contract. The negotiation period ends when a contract is awarded or not awarded to the contractor. Examples of initial contacts include: (1) a vendor contacts a city officer or employee to promote himself or herself as a candidate for a contract; and (2) a city officer or employee contacts a contractor to propose that the contractor apply for a contract. Inquiries for information about a particular contract, requests for documents relating to a Request for Proposal, and requests to be placed on a mailing list do not constitute negotiations.

Violation of Section 1.126 may result in the following criminal, civil, or administrative penalties:

1. Criminal. Any person who knowingly or willfully violates section 1.126 is subject to a fine of up to \$5,000 and a jail term of not more than six months, or both.
2. Civil. Any person who intentionally or negligently violates section 1.126 may be held liable in a civil action brought by the civil prosecutor for an amount up to \$5,000.
3. Administrative. Any person who intentionally or negligently violates section 1.126 may be held liable in an administrative proceeding before the Ethics Commission held pursuant to the Charter for an amount up to \$5,000 for each violation.

For further information, proposers should contact the San Francisco Ethics Commission at (415) 581-2300.

## **J. Communications Prior to Contract Award**

It is the policy of the SFMTA that only SFMTA staff identified in the RFP as contacts for this competitive solicitation are authorized to respond to comments or inquiries from Proposers or potential Proposers seeking to influence the contractor selection process or the award of the contract. This prohibition extends from the date the RFP is issued until the date when the contractor selection is finally approved by the SFMTA Board of Directors and, if required, by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

All firms and subcontractor(s) responding to this RFP are hereby notified that they may not contact any SFMTA staff member, other than a person with whom contact is expressly authorized by this RFP for the purpose of influencing the contractor selection process or the award of the contract from the date the RFP is issued to the date when the contract award is

approved by the Board of Directors of the SFMTA and, if required, by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. This prohibition does not apply to communications with SFMTA staff members regarding normal City business not regarding or related to this RFP.

All firms and subcontractor(s) responding to this RFP are hereby notified that any written communications sent to one or more members of the SFMTA Board of Directors concerning a pending contract solicitation shall be distributed by the SFMTA to all members of the SFMTA Board of Directors and the designated staff contact person(s) identified in the RFP.

Except as expressly authorized in the RFP, where any person representing a Proposer or potential Proposer contacts any SFMTA staff for the purpose of influencing the content of the competitive solicitation or the award of the contract between the date when the RFP is issued and the date when the final selection is approved by the SFMTA Board of Directors, and, if required, by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, the Proposer or potential Proposer shall be disqualified from the selection process. However, a person who represents a Proposer or potential Proposer may contact City elected officials and may contact the Executive Director/CEO of the SFMTA if s/he is unable to reach the designated staff contact person(s) identified in the RFP or wishes to raise concerns about the competitive solicitation.

Additionally, the firms and subcontractor(s) responding to this RFP will not provide any gifts, meals, transportation, materials or supplies or any items of value or donations to or on behalf of any SFMTA staff member from the date the RFP is issued to the date when the contract award is approved by the Board of Directors of the SFMTA and if required, by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

All lobbyists or any agents representing the interests of proposing prime contractors and subcontractor(s) shall also be subject to the same prohibitions.

An executed Attestation of Compliance (See Below) certifying compliance with this section of the RFP will be required to be submitted signed by all firms and named subcontractor(s) as part of the response to this RFP. Any proposal that does not include the executed Attestation of Compliance as required by this section will be deemed non-responsive and will not be evaluated. Any Proposer who violates the representations made in such Attestation of Compliance, directly or through an agent, lobbyist or subcontractor will be disqualified from the selection process.

#### **K. Sunshine Ordinance**

In accordance with S.F. Administrative Code Section 67.24(e), contractors' bids, responses to RFPs and all other records of communications between the City and persons or firms seeking contracts shall be open to inspection immediately after a contract has been awarded. Nothing in this provision requires the disclosure of a private person's or organization's net worth or other proprietary financial data submitted for qualification for a contract or other benefits until and unless that person or organization is awarded the contract or benefit. Information provided which is covered by this paragraph will be made available to the public upon request.

#### **L. Public Access to Meetings and Records**

If a proposer is a non-profit entity that receives a cumulative total per year of at least \$250,000 in City funds or City-administered funds and is a non-profit organization as defined in Chapter 12L of the S.F. Administrative Code, the proposer must comply with Chapter 12L. The

proposer must include in its proposal (1) a statement describing its efforts to comply with the Chapter 12L provisions regarding public access to proposer's meetings and records, and (2) a summary of all complaints concerning the proposer's compliance with Chapter 12L that were filed with the City in the last two years and deemed by the City to be substantiated. The summary shall also describe the disposition of each complaint. If no such complaints were filed, the proposer shall include a statement to that effect. Failure to comply with the reporting requirements of Chapter 12L or material misrepresentation in proposer's Chapter 12L submissions shall be grounds for rejection of the proposal and/or termination of any subsequent Agreement reached on the basis of the proposal.

#### **M. Reservations of Rights by the City**

The issuance of this RFP does not constitute an agreement by the City that any contract will actually be entered into by the City. The City expressly reserves the right at any time to:

1. Waive or correct any defect or informality in any response, proposal, or proposal procedure;
2. Reject any or all proposals;
3. Reissue a Request for Proposals;
4. Prior to submission deadline for proposals, modify all or any portion of the selection procedures, including deadlines for accepting responses, the specifications or requirements for any materials, equipment or services to be provided under this RFP, or the requirements for contents or format of the proposals;
5. Procure any materials, equipment or services specified in this RFP by any other means; or
6. Determine that no project will be pursued.

#### **N. No Waiver**

No waiver by the City of any provision of this RFP shall be implied from any failure by the City to recognize or take action on account of any failure by a proposer to observe any provision of this RFP.

#### **O. Local Business Enterprise Goals and Outreach**

The requirements of the Local Business Enterprise and Non-Discrimination in Contracting Ordinance set forth in Chapter 14B of the San Francisco Administrative Code as it now exists or as it may be amended in the future (collectively the "LBE Ordinance") shall apply to this RFP.

##### **1. LBE Subcontractor Participation Goals**

The LBE subcontracting goal for this project is **twenty percent (20%)** of the total value of the goods and/or services to be procured. The LBE sub goal shall also apply to any labor value of the Additional Services authorized after issuance of the Notice to Proceed. Pursuant to Sec. 14B.9 of the Administrative Code, proposers are hereby advised that the availability of Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs), Woman Business Enterprises (WBEs) and Other Business Enterprises (OBEs) to perform sub-consulting work on this project is as follows: 6% MBE, 6% WBE, and 8% OBE. Proposers are further advised that they may not discriminate in the selection of sub-consultants on the basis of

race, gender, or other basis prohibited by law, and that they shall undertake all required good faith outreach steps in such a manner as to ensure that neither MBEs nor WBEs nor OBEs are unfairly or arbitrarily excluded from the required outreach.

Each firm responding to this solicitation shall demonstrate in its response that it either: 1) qualifies for the good faith efforts exception set forth in Section 14B.8(B) by demonstrating that it exceeds the established LBE subcontracting participation goal by 35% or more, or 2) meets the established LBE subcontracting participating goal AND used good-faith outreach to select LBE subcontractors as set forth in S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 14B Sections 14B.8 and 14B.9 and HRC Attachment 2, Requirements for Architecture, Engineering and Professional Services Contracts (see Appendix A). For each LBE identified as a subcontractor, the Proposal must specify the value of the participation as a percentage of the total value of the goods and/or services to be procured, the type of work to be performed, and such information as may reasonably be required to determine the responsiveness of the proposal. LBEs identified as subcontractors must be certified with the San Francisco Human Rights Commission as Small or Micro-LBE at the time the proposal is submitted, and must be contacted by the Proposer (prime contractor), prior to listing them as subcontractors in the proposal. A Proposer who owns, controls or has any common ownership or control of more than one business will not receive LBE subcontracting credit for listing such firms. **Any proposal that does not meet the requirements of this paragraph will be deemed non-responsive and will be rejected.**

**Proposals that fail to comply with the material requirements of S.F. Administrative Code Section 14B.8 and 14B.9, HRC Attachment 2 and this RFP will be deemed non-responsive and will be rejected.** During the term of the contract, any failure to comply with the level of LBE subcontractor participation specified in the contract shall be deemed a material breach of contract. Subconsulting goals can only be met with HRC-certified LBEs located in San Francisco.

## **2. LBE Participation**

The City strongly encourages proposals from qualified LBEs. Pursuant to Chapter 14B, the following rating discount (or rating bonus, refer to Appendix A, Part II) will be in effect for the award of this project for any Proposers who are certified by the City's Human Rights Commission (HRC) as a LBE, or joint ventures where the joint venture partners are in the same discipline and have the specific levels of participation, as identified below. Certification applications may be obtained by calling HRC at (415) 252-2500. The rating discount applies at each phase of the selection process. The application of the rating discount is as follows:

- a. a 10% discount to a Small or Micro-LBE; or a joint venture between or among Small or Micro-LBEs; or
- b. a 5% discount to a joint venture with Small or Micro-LBE participation that equals or exceeds 35%, but is under 40%; or
- c. a 7.5% discount to a joint venture with Small or Micro-LBE participation that equals or exceeds 40%; or
- d. a 10% discount to a certified non-profit entity.

If applying for a rating discount as a joint venture: the LBE must be an active partner in the joint venture and perform work, manage the job and take financial risks in proportion

to the required level of participation stated in the proposal, and must be responsible for a clearly defined portion of the work to be performed and share in the ownership, control, management responsibilities, risks, and profits of the joint venture. The portion of the LBE joint venture's work shall be set forth in detail, separately from the work to be performed by the non-LBE joint venture partner. **The LBE joint venture's portion of the contract must be assigned a commercially useful function. The joint venture partners must be of the same or similar discipline in order to be eligible for a rating bonus. The joint venture partners will be jointly responsible for the overall project management, control, and compliance with Chapter 14B requirements.**

### **3. HRC Forms to be submitted with Proposal**

a. Each proposal submitted must include 2 copies of the following Human Rights Commission (HRC) Pre-Award Forms contained in the HRC Attachment 2: (1) Form 2A: Contract Participation Form, (2) Form 2B: "Good Faith" Outreach Requirements, (3) Form 3: Non-discrimination Affidavit (4) Form 4: Joint Venture Participation Schedule (if applicable) , and (5) Form 5: HRC Employment Form. Please refer to HRC Attachment 2 (Appendix A to the RFP) for instructions on how to fill out the forms.

b. Please submit only two copies of the above forms with your proposal. The forms should be placed in a separate, sealed envelope labeled: HRC Forms for SFMTA 2010/11-11; RFP for Workers' Compensation Investigative Services Attn. Mikhael Hart, Contracts & Procurement

If you have any questions concerning the HRC Forms, you may contact María Cordero at the SFMTA Contract Compliance Office, One South Van Ness Avenue., 6th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103; phone: 415-701-5239.

## **VII. Contract Requirements**

### **A. Standard Contract Provisions**

The successful proposer will be required to enter into a contract substantially in the form of the Agreement for Professional Services, attached hereto as Appendix C. Failure to timely execute the contract, or to furnish any and all insurance certificates and policy endorsement, surety bonds or other materials required in the contract, shall be deemed an abandonment of a contract offer. The SFMTA, in its sole discretion, may select another firm and may proceed against the original selectee for damages.

Proposers are urged to pay special attention to the requirements of Administrative Code Chapters 12B and 12C, Nondiscrimination in Contracts and Benefits, (§ 34 in the Agreement); the Minimum Compensation Ordinance (§ 43 in the Agreement); the Health Care Accountability Ordinance (§ 44 in the Agreement); the First Source Hiring Program (§ 45 in the Agreement); and applicable conflict of interest laws (§ 23 in the Agreement), as set forth in paragraphs B, C, D, E and F below.

### **B. Nondiscrimination in Contracts and Benefits**

The successful proposer will be required to agree to comply fully with and be bound by the provisions of Chapters 12B and 12C of the San Francisco Administrative Code. Generally, Chapter 12B prohibits the City and County of San Francisco from entering into contracts or leases with any entity that discriminates in the provision of benefits between employees with domestic partners and employees with spouses, and/or between the domestic partners and



spouses of employees. The Chapter 12C requires nondiscrimination in contracts in public accommodation. Additional information on Chapters 12B and 12C is available on the HRC's website at [www.sfhrc.org](http://www.sfhrc.org).

### **C. Minimum Compensation Ordinance (MCO)**

The successful proposer will be required to agree to comply fully with and be bound by the provisions of the Minimum Compensation Ordinance (MCO), as set forth in S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 12P. Generally, this Ordinance requires contractors to provide employees covered by the Ordinance who do work funded under the contract with hourly gross compensation and paid and unpaid time off that meet certain minimum requirements. For the contractual requirements of the MCO, see § 43.

For the amount of hourly gross compensation currently required under the MCO, see [www.sfgov.org/olse/mco](http://www.sfgov.org/olse/mco). Note that this hourly rate may increase on January 1 of each year and that contractors will be required to pay any such increases to covered employees during the term of the contract.

Additional information regarding the MCO is available on the web at [www.sfgov.org/olse/mco](http://www.sfgov.org/olse/mco).

### **D. Health Care Accountability Ordinance (HCAO)**

The successful proposer will be required to agree to comply fully with and be bound by the provisions of the Health Care Accountability Ordinance (HCAO), as set forth in S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 12Q. Contractors should consult the San Francisco Administrative Code to determine their compliance obligations under this chapter. Additional information regarding the HCAO is available on the web at [www.sfgov.org/olse/hcao](http://www.sfgov.org/olse/hcao).

### **E. First Source Hiring Program (FSHP)**

If the contract is for more than \$50,000, then the First Source Hiring Program (Admin. Code Chapter 83) may apply. Generally, this ordinance requires contractors to notify the First Source Hiring Program of available entry-level jobs and provide the Workforce Development System with the first opportunity to refer qualified individuals for employment.

Contractors should consult the San Francisco Administrative Code to determine their compliance obligations under this chapter. Additional information regarding the FSHP is available on the web at [www.sfgov.org/moed/fshp.htm](http://www.sfgov.org/moed/fshp.htm) and from the First Source Hiring Administrator, (415) 401-4960.

### **F. Conflicts of Interest**

The successful proposer will be required to agree to comply fully with and be bound by the applicable provisions of state and local laws related to conflicts of interest, including Section 15.103 of the City's Charter, Article III, Chapter 2 of City's Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, and Section 87100 et seq. and Section 1090 et seq. of the Government Code of the State of California. The successful proposer will be required to acknowledge that it is familiar with these laws; certify that it does not know of any facts that constitute a violation of said provisions; and agree to immediately notify the City if it becomes aware of any such fact during the term of the Agreement.

Individuals who will perform work for the SFMTA on behalf of the successful proposer might be deemed consultants under state and local conflict of interest laws. If so, such individuals will be required to submit a Statement of Economic Interests, California Fair Political Practices Commission Form 700, to the City within ten calendar days of the City notifying the successful proposer that the City has selected the proposer.

## **VIII. Protest Procedures**

### **A. Protest of Non-Responsiveness Determination**

Within five working days of the City's issuance of a notice of non-responsiveness, any firm that has submitted a proposal and believes that the City has incorrectly determined that its proposal is non-responsive may submit a written notice of protest. Such notice of protest must be received by the City on or before the fifth working day following the City's issuance of the notice of non-responsiveness. The notice of protest must include a written statement specifying in detail each and every one of the grounds asserted for the protest. The protest must be signed by an individual authorized to represent the proposer, and must cite the law, rule, local ordinance, procedure or RFP provision on which the protest is based. In addition, the protestor must specify facts and evidence sufficient for the City to determine the validity of the protest.

The SFMTA reserves the right to proceed in the proposal selection process with the responsive proposers during the five-day protest period. The SFMTA will cease the proposal selection process only when it receives a notification of decision that is in favor of the protester.

### **B. Protest of Contract Award**

Within five working days of the City's issuance of a notice of intent to award the contract, any firm that has submitted a responsive proposal and believes that the City has incorrectly selected another proposer for award may submit a written notice of protest. Such notice of protest must be received by the City on or before the fifth working day after the City's issuance of the notice of intent to award.

The notice of protest must include a written statement specifying in detail each and every one of the grounds asserted for the protest. The protest must be signed by an individual authorized to represent the proposer, and must cite the law, rule, local ordinance, procedure or RFP provision on which the protest is based. In addition, the protestor must specify facts and evidence sufficient for the City to determine the validity of the protest.

The SFMTA reserves the right to proceed into contract negotiations with the highest scored proposer during the five-day protest period. The SFMTA will cease contract negotiation only when it receives a notification of decision that is in favor of the protester.

### **C. Delivery of Protests**

All protests must be received by the due date. If a protest is mailed, the protestor bears the risk of non-delivery within the deadlines specified herein. Protests should be transmitted by a means that will objectively establish the date the City received the protest. Protests or notice of protests made orally (e.g., by telephone) will not be considered. Protests must be delivered to:

(via e-mail) [Mikhael.Hart@sfmta.com](mailto:Mikhael.Hart@sfmta.com)

or

Attn. Mikhael Hart  
SFMTA Contracts & Procurement  
1 S. Van Ness Ave. Fl. 3  
San Francisco, CA 94103-5417

**Appendix A**  
**City and County of San Francisco**  
**Human Rights Commission**  
**HRC Attachment 2**  
*Requirements for Architecture, Engineering and Professional Services*  
**Contracts, for contracts \$50,000 and over**

**Please download the instructions and forms from the following  
hyperlink:**

**<http://www.sf-hrc.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=622>**

## Appendix B Standard Forms

The requirements described in this Appendix are separate from those described in Appendix A.

Before the City can award any contract to a contractor, that contractor must file three standard City forms (items 1-3 on the chart). Because many contractors have already completed these forms, and because some informational forms are rarely revised, the City has not included them in the RFP package. Instead, this Appendix describes the forms, where to find them on the Internet (see bottom of page 2), and where to file them. If a contractor cannot get the documents off the Internet, the contractor should call (415) 554-6248 or e-mail Purchasing (purchasing@sfgov.org) and Purchasing will fax, mail or e-mail them to the contractor.

If a contractor has already filled out items 1-3 (see note under item 3) on the chart, **the contractor should not do so again unless the contractor's answers have changed.** To find out whether these forms have been submitted, the contractor should call Vendor File Support in the Controller's Office at (415) 554-6702.

If a contractor would like to apply to be certified as a local business enterprise, it must submit item 4. To find out about item 4 and certification, the contractor should call Human Rights Commission at (415) 252-2500.

Item	Form name and Internet location	Form	Description	Return the form to; For more info
1.	Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification  www.sfgov.org/oca/purchasing/forms.htm  www.irs.gov/pub/irs-fill/fw9.pdf	W-9	The City needs the contractor's taxpayer ID number on this form. If a contractor has already done business with the City, this form is not necessary because the City already has the number.	Controller's Office Vendor File Support City Hall, Room 484 San Francisco, CA 94102 (415) 554-6702

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2.	Business Tax Declaration <a href="http://www.sfgov.org/oca/purchasing/forms.htm">www.sfgov.org/oca/purchasing/forms.htm</a>	P-25	All contractors must sign this form to determine if they must register with the Tax Collector, even if not located in San Francisco. All businesses that qualify as “conducting business in San Francisco” must register with the Tax Collector.	Controller’s Office Vendor File Support City Hall, Room 484 San Francisco, CA 94102 (415) 554-6702
3.	S.F. Administrative Code Chapters 12B & 12C Declaration: Nondiscrimination in Contracts and Benefits <a href="http://www.sfgov.org/oca/purchasing/forms.htm">www.sfgov.org/oca/purchasing/forms.htm</a> – In Vendor Profile Application	HRC-12B-101	Contractors tell the City if their personnel policies meet the City’s requirements for nondiscrimination against protected classes of people, and in the provision of benefits between employees with spouses and employees with domestic partners. Form submission is not complete if it does not include the additional documentation asked for on the form. Other forms may be required, depending on the answers on this form. <b>Contract-by-Contract Compliance status vendors must fill out an additional form for each contract.</b>	Human Rights Commission 25 Van Ness, #800 San Francisco, CA 94102-6059 (415) 252-2500

Item	Form name and Internet location	Form	Description	Return the form to; For more info
4.	HRC LBE Certification Application  <a href="http://www.sfgov.org/oca/purchasing/forms.htm">www.sfgov.org/oca/purchasing/forms.htm</a> – In Vendor Profile Application		Local businesses complete this form to be certified by HRC as LBEs. Certified LBEs receive a bid discount pursuant to Chapter 14B when bidding on City contracts. To receive the bid discount, you must be certified by HRC by the proposal due date.	Human Rights Commission 25 Van Ness, #800 San Francisco, CA 94102-6059 (415) 252-2500

## Where the forms are on the Internet

### Office of Contract Administration

Homepage: [www.sfgov.org/oca/](http://www.sfgov.org/oca/)

Purchasing forms: Click on “Required Vendor Forms” under the “Information for Vendors and Contractors” banner.

### Human Rights Commission

HRC’s homepage: [www.sf-hrc.org](http://www.sf-hrc.org)

Equal Benefits forms: Click on “Forms” under the “Equal Benefits” banner near the bottom.  
LBE certification form: Click on “Forms” under the “LBE” banner near the bottom

**City and County of San Francisco  
Municipal Transportation Agency  
One South Van Ness Ave. 7<sup>th</sup> floor  
San Francisco, California 94103**

**Agreement between the City and County of San Francisco and  
[Contractor\_Name]  
for Workers' Compensation Investigative Services**

**Contract No. SFMTA-2010/11-11**

This Agreement is made this [insert day] day of [insert month], 20 [insert year], in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, by and between: [Contractor\_Name], [Contractor\_Address], [Contractor\_CityStateZip] ("Contractor"), and the City and County of San Francisco, a municipal corporation ("City"), acting by and through its Municipal Transportation Agency ("SFMTA").

**Recitals**

- A. The SFMTA wishes to [insert short description of services required].
- B. A Request for Proposal ("RFP") was issued on [insert date], and City selected Contractor as the highest ranked proposer.
- C. Contractor represents and warrants that it is qualified to perform the services required by City as described in this contract.
- D. Approval for this Agreement was obtained when the Civil Service Commission approved contract number [insert PSC number] on [insert date of Civil Service Commission action].

Now, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

**1. Certification of Funds; Budget and Fiscal Provisions; Termination in the Event of Non-Appropriation.** This Agreement is subject to the budget and fiscal provisions of the City's Charter. Charges will accrue only after prior written authorization certified by the Controller, and the amount of City's obligation hereunder shall not at any time exceed the amount certified for the purpose and period stated in such advance authorization. This Agreement will terminate without penalty, liability or expense of any kind to City at the end of any fiscal year if funds are not appropriated for the next succeeding fiscal year. If funds are appropriated for a portion of the fiscal year, this Agreement will terminate, without penalty, liability or expense of any kind at the

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end of the term for which funds are appropriated. City has no obligation to make appropriations for this Agreement in lieu of appropriations for new or other agreements. City budget decisions are subject to the discretion of the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors. Contractor's assumption of risk of possible non-appropriation is part of the consideration for this Agreement.

THIS SECTION CONTROLS AGAINST ANY AND ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT.

- 2. Term of the Agreement.** Subject to Section 1, the term of this Agreement shall be from **[insert beginning date]** to **[insert termination date]**.
- 3. Effective Date of Agreement.** This Agreement shall become effective when the Controller has certified to the availability of funds and Contractor has been notified in writing.
- 4. Services Contractor Agrees to Perform.** The Contractor agrees to perform the services provided for in Appendix A, "Description of Services," attached hereto and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 5. Compensation.** Compensation shall be made in monthly payments on or before the \_\_\_\_\_ day of each month for work, as set forth in Section 4 of this Agreement, that the SFMTA's Executive Director/CEO, in his or her sole discretion, concludes has been performed as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the immediately preceding month. In no event shall the amount of this Agreement exceed \$ \_\_\_\_\_. The breakdown of costs associated with this Agreement appears in Appendix B, "Calculation of Charges," attached hereto and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein. No charges shall be incurred under this Agreement nor shall any payments become due to Contractor until reports, services, or both, required under this Agreement are received from Contractor and approved by SFMTA as being in accordance with this Agreement. City may withhold payment to Contractor in any instance in which Contractor has failed or refused to satisfy any material obligation provided for under this Agreement.

In no event shall City be liable for interest or late charges for any late payments.

The Controller is not authorized to pay invoices submitted by Contractor prior to Contractor's submission of HRC Progress Payment Form. If Progress Payment Form is not submitted with Contractor's invoice, the Controller will notify the SFMTA, the Director of HRC and Contractor of the omission. If Contractor's failure to provide HRC Progress Payment Form is not explained to the Controller's satisfaction, the Controller will withhold 20% of the payment due pursuant to that invoice until HRC Progress Payment Form is provided. Following City's payment of an invoice, Contractor has ten days to file an affidavit using HRC Payment Affidavit verifying that all subcontractors have been paid and specifying the amount.

- 6. Guaranteed Maximum Costs.** The City's obligation hereunder shall not at any time exceed the amount certified by the Controller for the purpose and period stated in such

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certification. Except as may be provided by laws governing emergency procedures, officers and employees of the City are not authorized to request, and the City is not required to reimburse the Contractor for, Commodities or Services beyond the agreed upon contract scope unless the changed scope is authorized by amendment and approved as required by law. Officers and employees of the City are not authorized to offer or promise, nor is the City required to honor, any offered or promised additional funding in excess of the maximum amount of funding for which the contract is certified without certification of the additional amount by the Controller. The Controller is not authorized to make payments on any contract for which funds have not been certified as available in the budget or by supplemental appropriation.

**7. Payment; Invoice Format.** Invoices furnished by Contractor under this Agreement must be in a form acceptable to the Controller, and must include a unique invoice number. All amounts paid by City to Contractor shall be subject to audit by City. Payment shall be made by City to Contractor at the address specified in the section entitled “Notices to the Parties.”

**8. Submitting False Claims; Monetary Penalties.** Pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code §21.35, any contractor, subcontractor or consultant who submits a false claim shall be liable to the City for the statutory penalties set forth in that section. The text of Section 21.35, along with the entire San Francisco Administrative Code, is available on the web at <http://www.municode.com/Library/clientCodePage.aspx?clientID=4201>. A contractor, subcontractor or consultant will be deemed to have submitted a false claim to the City if the contractor, subcontractor or consultant: (a) knowingly presents or causes to be presented to an officer or employee of the City a false claim or request for payment or approval; (b) knowingly makes, uses, or causes to be made or used a false record or statement to get a false claim paid or approved by the City; (c) conspires to defraud the City by getting a false claim allowed or paid by the City; (d) knowingly makes, uses, or causes to be made or used a false record or statement to conceal, avoid, or decrease an obligation to pay or transmit money or property to the City; or (e) is a beneficiary of an inadvertent submission of a false claim to the City, subsequently discovers the falsity of the claim, and fails to disclose the false claim to the City within a reasonable time after discovery of the false claim.

**9. Left blank by agreement of the parties. (Disallowance)**

**10. Taxes.** Payment of any taxes, including possessory interest taxes and California sales and use taxes, levied upon or as a result of this Agreement, or the services delivered pursuant hereto, shall be the obligation of Contractor. Contractor recognizes and understands that this Agreement may create a “possessory interest” for property tax purposes. Generally, such a possessory interest is not created unless the Agreement entitles the Contractor to possession, occupancy, or use of City property for private gain. If such a possessory interest is created, then the following shall apply:

(1) Contractor, on behalf of itself and any permitted successors and assigns, recognizes and understands that Contractor, and any permitted successors and assigns, may be subject to real property tax assessments on the possessory interest;

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(2) Contractor, on behalf of itself and any permitted successors and assigns, recognizes and understands that the creation, extension, renewal, or assignment of this Agreement may result in a “change in ownership” for purposes of real property taxes, and therefore may result in a revaluation of any possessory interest created by this Agreement. Contractor accordingly agrees on behalf of itself and its permitted successors and assigns to report on behalf of the City to the County Assessor the information required by Revenue and Taxation Code section 480.5, as amended from time to time, and any successor provision.

(3) Contractor, on behalf of itself and any permitted successors and assigns, recognizes and understands that other events also may cause a change of ownership of the possessory interest and result in the revaluation of the possessory interest. (see, e.g., Rev. & Tax. Code section 64, as amended from time to time). Contractor accordingly agrees on behalf of itself and its permitted successors and assigns to report any change in ownership to the County Assessor, the State Board of Equalization or other public agency as required by law.

(4) Contractor further agrees to provide such other information as may be requested by the City to enable the City to comply with any reporting requirements for possessory interests that are imposed by applicable law.

**11. Payment Does Not Imply Acceptance of Work.** The granting of any payment by City, or the receipt thereof by Contractor, shall in no way lessen the liability of Contractor to replace unsatisfactory work, equipment, or materials, although the unsatisfactory character of such work, equipment or materials may not have been apparent or detected at the time such payment was made. Materials, equipment, components, or workmanship that do not conform to the requirements of this Agreement may be rejected by City and in such case must be replaced by Contractor without delay.

**12. Qualified Personnel.** Work under this Agreement shall be performed only by competent personnel under the supervision of and in the employment of Contractor. Contractor will comply with City’s reasonable requests regarding assignment of personnel, but all personnel, including those assigned at City’s request, must be supervised by Contractor. Contractor shall commit adequate resources to complete the project within the project schedule specified in this Agreement.

**13. Responsibility for Equipment.** City shall not be responsible for any damage to persons or property as a result of the use, misuse or failure of any equipment used by Contractor, or by any of its employees, even though such equipment be furnished, rented or loaned to Contractor by City.

**14. Independent Contractor; Payment of Taxes and Other Expenses**

**a. Independent Contractor.** Contractor or any agent or employee of Contractor shall be deemed at all times to be an independent contractor and is wholly responsible for the manner

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in which it performs the services and work requested by City under this Agreement. Contractor or any agent or employee of Contractor shall not have employee status with City, nor be entitled to participate in any plans, arrangements, or distributions by City pertaining to or in connection with any retirement, health or other benefits that City may offer its employees. Contractor or any agent or employee of Contractor is liable for the acts and omissions of itself, its employees and its agents. Contractor shall be responsible for all obligations and payments, whether imposed by federal, state or local law, including, but not limited to, FICA, income tax withholdings, unemployment compensation, insurance, and other similar responsibilities related to Contractor's performing services and work, or any agent or employee of Contractor providing same. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating an employment or agency relationship between City and Contractor or any agent or employee of Contractor. Any terms in this Agreement referring to direction from City shall be construed as providing for direction as to policy and the result of Contractor's work only, and not as to the means by which such a result is obtained. City does not retain the right to control the means or the method by which Contractor performs work under this Agreement.

**b. Payment of Taxes and Other Expenses.** Should City, in its discretion, or a relevant taxing authority such as the Internal Revenue Service or the State Employment Development Division, or both, determine that Contractor is an employee for purposes of collection of any employment taxes, the amounts payable under this Agreement shall be reduced by amounts equal to both the employee and employer portions of the tax due (and offsetting any credits for amounts already paid by Contractor which can be applied against this liability). City shall then forward those amounts to the relevant taxing authority. Should a relevant taxing authority determine a liability for past services performed by Contractor for City, upon notification of such fact by City, Contractor shall promptly remit such amount due or arrange with City to have the amount due withheld from future payments to Contractor under this Agreement (again, offsetting any amounts already paid by Contractor which can be applied as a credit against such liability). A determination of employment status pursuant to the preceding two paragraphs shall be solely for the purposes of the particular tax in question, and for all other purposes of this Agreement, Contractor shall not be considered an employee of City. Notwithstanding the foregoing, should any court, arbitrator, or administrative authority determine that Contractor is an employee for any other purpose, then Contractor agrees to a reduction in City's financial liability so that City's total expenses under this Agreement are not greater than they would have been had the court, arbitrator, or administrative authority determined that Contractor was not an employee.

## **15. Insurance.**

a. Without in any way limiting Contractor's liability pursuant to the "Indemnification" section of this Agreement, Contractor must maintain in force, during the full term of the Agreement, insurance in the following amounts and coverages:

(1) Workers' Compensation, in statutory amounts, with Employers' Liability Limits not less than \$1,000,000 each accident, injury, or illness; and

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(2) Commercial General Liability Insurance with limits not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence Combined Single Limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage, including Contractual Liability, Personal Injury, Products and Completed Operations; and

(3) Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance with limits not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence Combined Single Limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage, including Owned, Non-Owned and Hired auto coverage, as applicable.

(4) Professional liability insurance, applicable to Contractor's profession, with limits not less than \$1,000,000 each claim with respect to negligent acts, errors or omissions in connection with professional services to be provided under this Agreement.

b. Commercial General Liability and Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance policies must be endorsed to provide:

(1) Name as Additional Insured the City and County of San Francisco, its Officers, Agents, and Employees.

(2) That such policies are primary insurance to any other insurance available to the Additional Insureds, with respect to any claims arising out of this Agreement, and that insurance applies separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought.

c. Regarding Workers' Compensation, Contractor hereby agrees to waive subrogation which any insurer of Contractor may acquire from Contractor by virtue of the payment of any loss. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to effect this waiver of subrogation. The Workers' Compensation policy shall be endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of the City for all work performed by the Contractor, its employees, agents and subcontractors.

d. All policies shall provide thirty days' advance written notice to the City of reduction or nonrenewal of coverages or cancellation of coverages for any reason. Notices shall be sent to the City address in the "Notices to the Parties" section.

e. Should any of the required insurance be provided under a claims-made form, Contractor shall maintain such coverage continuously throughout the term of this Agreement and, without lapse, for a period of three years beyond the expiration of this Agreement, to the effect that, should occurrences during the contract term give rise to claims made after expiration of the Agreement, such claims shall be covered by such claims-made policies.

f. Should any of the required insurance be provided under a form of coverage that includes a general annual aggregate limit or provides that claims investigation or legal defense costs be included in such general annual aggregate limit, such general annual aggregate limit shall be double the occurrence or claims limits specified above.

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g. Should any required insurance lapse during the term of this Agreement, requests for payments originating after such lapse shall not be processed until the City receives satisfactory evidence of reinstated coverage as required by this Agreement, effective as of the lapse date. If insurance is not reinstated, the City may, at its sole option, terminate this Agreement effective on the date of such lapse of insurance.

h. Before commencing any operations under this Agreement, Contractor shall furnish to City certificates of insurance and additional insured policy endorsements with insurers with ratings comparable to A-, VIII or higher, that are authorized to do business in the State of California, and that are satisfactory to City, in form evidencing all coverages set forth above. Failure to maintain insurance shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

i. Approval of the insurance by City shall not relieve or decrease the liability of Contractor hereunder.

j. If a subcontractor will be used to complete any portion of this agreement, the Contractor shall ensure that the subcontractor shall provide all necessary insurance and shall name the City and County of San Francisco, its officers, agents and employees and the Contractor listed as additional insureds.

**16. Indemnification.** Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless City and its officers, agents and employees from, and, if requested, shall defend them against any and all loss, cost, damage, injury, liability, and claims thereof for injury to or death of a person, including employees of Contractor or loss of or damage to property, arising directly or indirectly from Contractor's performance of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, Contractor's use of facilities or equipment provided by City or others, regardless of the negligence of, and regardless of whether liability without fault is imposed or sought to be imposed on City, except to the extent that such indemnity is void or otherwise unenforceable under applicable law in effect on or validly retroactive to the date of this Agreement, and except where such loss, damage, injury, liability or claim is the result of the active negligence or willful misconduct of City and is not contributed to by any act of, or by any omission to perform some duty imposed by law or agreement on Contractor, its subcontractors or either's agent or employee. The foregoing indemnity shall include, without limitation, reasonable fees of attorneys, consultants and experts and related costs and City's costs of investigating any claims against the City. In addition to Contractor's obligation to indemnify City, Contractor specifically acknowledges and agrees that it has an immediate and independent obligation to defend City from any claim which actually or potentially falls within this indemnification provision, even if the allegations are or may be groundless, false or fraudulent, which obligation arises at the time such claim is tendered to Contractor by City and continues at all times thereafter. Contractor shall indemnify and hold City harmless from all loss and liability, including attorneys' fees, court costs and all other litigation expenses for any infringement of the patent rights, copyright, trade secret or any other proprietary right or trademark, and all other intellectual property claims of any person or persons in consequence of the use by City, or any of its officers or agents, of articles or services to be supplied in the performance of this Agreement.

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**17. Incidental and Consequential Damages.** Contractor shall be responsible for incidental and consequential damages resulting in whole or in part from Contractor's acts or omissions. Nothing in this Agreement shall constitute a waiver or limitation of any rights that City may have under applicable law.

**18. Liability of City.** CITY'S PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE PAYMENT OF THE COMPENSATION PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 5 OF THIS AGREEMENT. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS AGREEMENT, IN NO EVENT SHALL CITY BE LIABLE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER ANY CLAIM IS BASED ON CONTRACT OR TORT, FOR ANY SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, INDIRECT OR INCIDENTAL DAMAGES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LOST PROFITS, ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT OR THE SERVICES PERFORMED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT.

**19. Left blank by agreement of the parties. (Liquidated Damages)**

**20. Default; Remedies.** Each of the following shall constitute an event of default ("Event of Default") under this Agreement:

(1) Contractor fails or refuses to perform or observe any term, covenant or condition contained in any of the following Sections of this Agreement:

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| 8. Submitting false claims                          | 37. Drug-free workplace policy,       |
| 10. Taxes   | 53. Compliance with laws              |
| 15. Insurance                                       | 55. Supervision of minors             |
| 24. Proprietary or confidential information of City | 57. Protection of private information |
| 30. Assignment                                      | 58. Graffiti removal                  |

(2) Contractor fails or refuses to perform or observe any other term, covenant or condition contained in this Agreement, and such default continues for a period of ten days after written notice thereof from City to Contractor.

(3) Contractor (a) is generally not paying its debts as they become due, (b) files, or consents by answer or otherwise to the filing against it of, a petition for relief or reorganization or arrangement or any other petition in bankruptcy or for liquidation or to take advantage of any bankruptcy, insolvency or other debtors' relief law of any jurisdiction, (c) makes an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, (d) consents to the appointment of a custodian, receiver, trustee or other officer with similar powers of Contractor or of any substantial part of Contractor's property or (e) takes action for the purpose of any of the foregoing.

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(4) A court or government authority enters an order (a) appointing a custodian, receiver, trustee or other officer with similar powers with respect to Contractor or with respect to any substantial part of Contractor's property, (b) constituting an order for relief or approving a petition for relief or reorganization or arrangement or any other petition in bankruptcy or for liquidation or to take advantage of any bankruptcy, insolvency or other debtors' relief law of any jurisdiction or (c) ordering the dissolution, winding-up or liquidation of Contractor.

On and after any Event of Default, City shall have the right to exercise its legal and equitable remedies, including, without limitation, the right to terminate this Agreement or to seek specific performance of all or any part of this Agreement. In addition, City shall have the right (but no obligation) to cure (or cause to be cured) on behalf of Contractor any Event of Default; Contractor shall pay to City on demand all costs and expenses incurred by City in effecting such cure, with interest thereon from the date of incurrence at the maximum rate then permitted by law. City shall have the right to offset from any amounts due to Contractor under this Agreement or any other agreement between City and Contractor all damages, losses, costs or expenses incurred by City as a result of such Event of Default and any liquidated damages due from Contractor pursuant to the terms of this Agreement or any other agreement. All remedies provided for in this Agreement may be exercised individually or in combination with any other remedy available hereunder or under applicable laws, rules and regulations. The exercise of any remedy shall not preclude or in any way be deemed to waive any other remedy.

## **21. Termination for Convenience**

a. City shall have the option, in its sole discretion, to terminate this Agreement, at any time during the term hereof, for convenience and without cause. City shall exercise this option by giving Contractor written notice of termination. The notice shall specify the date on which termination shall become effective.

b. Upon receipt of the notice, Contractor shall commence and perform, with diligence, all actions necessary on the part of Contractor to effect the termination of this Agreement on the date specified by City and to minimize the liability of Contractor and City to third parties as a result of termination. All such actions shall be subject to the prior approval of City. Such actions shall include, without limitation:

(1) Halting the performance of all services and other work under this Agreement on the date(s) and in the manner specified by City.

(2) Not placing any further orders or subcontracts for materials, services, equipment or other items.

(3) Terminating all existing orders and subcontracts.

(4) At City's direction, assigning to City any or all of Contractor's right, title, and interest under the orders and subcontracts terminated. Upon such assignment, City shall have the

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right, in its sole discretion, to settle or pay any or all claims arising out of the termination of such orders and subcontracts.

(5) Subject to City's approval, settling all outstanding liabilities and all claims arising out of the termination of orders and subcontracts.

(6) Completing performance of any services or work that City designates to be completed prior to the date of termination specified by City.

(7) Taking such action as may be necessary, or as the City may direct, for the protection and preservation of any property related to this Agreement which is in the possession of Contractor and in which City has or may acquire an interest.

c. Within 30 days after the specified termination date, Contractor shall submit to City an invoice, which shall set forth each of the following as a separate line item:

(1) The reasonable cost to Contractor, without profit, for all services and other work City directed Contractor to perform prior to the specified termination date, for which services or work City has not already tendered payment. Reasonable costs may include a reasonable allowance for actual overhead, not to exceed a total of 10% of Contractor's direct costs for services or other work. Any overhead allowance shall be separately itemized. Contractor may also recover the reasonable cost of preparing the invoice.

(2) A reasonable allowance for profit on the cost of the services and other work described in the immediately preceding subsection (1), provided that Contractor can establish, to the satisfaction of City, that Contractor would have made a profit had all services and other work under this Agreement been completed, and provided further, that the profit allowed shall in no event exceed 5% of such cost.

(3) The reasonable cost to Contractor of handling material or equipment returned to the vendor, delivered to the City or otherwise disposed of as directed by the City.

(4) A deduction for the cost of materials to be retained by Contractor, amounts realized from the sale of materials and not otherwise recovered by or credited to City, and any other appropriate credits to City against the cost of the services or other work.

d. In no event shall City be liable for costs incurred by Contractor or any of its subcontractors after the termination date specified by City, except for those costs specifically enumerated and described in the immediately preceding subsection (c). Such non-recoverable costs include, but are not limited to, anticipated profits on this Agreement, post-termination employee salaries, post-termination administrative expenses, post-termination overhead or unabsorbed overhead, attorneys' fees or other costs relating to the prosecution of a claim or lawsuit, prejudgment interest, or any other expense which is not reasonable or authorized under such subsection (c).

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e. In arriving at the amount due to Contractor under this Section, City may deduct: (1) all payments previously made by City for work or other services covered by Contractor's final invoice; (2) any claim which City may have against Contractor in connection with this Agreement; (3) any invoiced costs or expenses excluded pursuant to the immediately preceding subsection (d); and (4) in instances in which, in the opinion of the City, the cost of any service or other work performed under this Agreement is excessively high due to costs incurred to remedy or replace defective or rejected services or other work, the difference between the invoiced amount and City's estimate of the reasonable cost of performing the invoiced services or other work in compliance with the requirements of this Agreement.

f. City's payment obligation under this Section shall survive termination of this Agreement.

**22. Rights and Duties upon Termination or Expiration.** This Section and the following Sections of this Agreement shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement:

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| 8. Submitting false claims                                      | 24. Proprietary or confidential information of City     |
| 9. Disallowance   | 26. Ownership of Results                                |
| 10. Taxes   | 27. Works for Hire                                      |
| 11. Payment does not imply acceptance of work                   | 28. Audit and Inspection of Records                     |
| 13. Responsibility for equipment                                | 48. Modification of Agreement.                          |
| 14. Independent Contractor; Payment of Taxes and Other Expenses | 49. Administrative Remedy for Agreement Interpretation. |
| 15. Insurance   | 50. Agreement Made in California; Venue                 |
| 16. Indemnification   | 51. Construction  |
| 17. Incidental and Consequential Damages                        | 52. Entire Agreement                                    |
| 18. Liability of City   | 56. Severability  |
|   | 57. Protection of private information                   |

Subject to the immediately preceding sentence, upon termination of this Agreement prior to expiration of the term specified in Section 2, this Agreement shall terminate and be of no further force or effect. Contractor shall transfer title to City, and deliver in the manner, at the times, and to the extent, if any, directed by City, any work in progress, completed work, supplies, equipment, and other materials produced as a part of, or acquired in connection with the performance of this Agreement, and any completed or partially completed work which, if this Agreement had been completed, would have been required to be furnished to City. This subsection shall survive termination of this Agreement.

**23. Conflict of Interest.** Through its execution of this Agreement, Contractor acknowledges that it is familiar with the provision of Section 15.103 of the City's Charter, Article III, Chapter 2 of City's Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, and Section 87100 et seq. and Section 1090 et seq. of the Government Code of the State of California, and certifies that it does not

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know of any facts which constitutes a violation of said provisions and agrees that it will immediately notify the City if it becomes aware of any such fact during the term of this Agreement.

**24. Proprietary or Confidential Information of City.** Contractor understands and agrees that, in the performance of the work or services under this Agreement or in contemplation thereof, Contractor may have access to private or confidential information which may be owned or controlled by City and that such information may contain proprietary or confidential details, the disclosure of which to third parties may be damaging to City. Contractor agrees that all information disclosed by City to Contractor shall be held in confidence and used only in performance of the Agreement. Contractor shall exercise the same standard of care to protect such information as a reasonably prudent contractor would use to protect its own proprietary data.

**25. Notices to the Parties.** Unless otherwise indicated elsewhere in this Agreement, all written communications sent by the parties may be by U.S. mail, or by e-mail, and shall be addressed as follows:

To City:           **[SFMTA Project Contact Title]**  
                          **[SFMTA Subdivision]**  
                          **[SFMTA Division]**  
                          San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency  
                          **[SFMTA Street Address]**  
                          San Francisco, CA **[Zip Code]**  
                          Fax: **[insert fax #]**

To Contractor: **[Contractor\_Contact]**  
                          **[Contractor\_ContactTitle]**  
                          **[Contractor\_Address]**  
                          **[Contractor\_CityStateZip]**  
                          Fax: **[Contractor\_Fax]**  
                          E-mail: **[Contractor\_E-mail]**

Any notice of default must be sent by registered mail.

**26. Ownership of Results.** Any interest of Contractor or its Subcontractors, in drawings, plans, specifications, blueprints, studies, reports, memoranda, computation sheets, computer files and media or other documents prepared by Contractor or its subcontractors in connection with services to be performed under this Agreement, shall become the property of and will be transmitted to City. However, Contractor may retain and use copies for reference and as documentation of its experience and capabilities.

**27. Works for Hire.** If, in connection with services performed under this Agreement, Contractor or its subcontractors create artwork, copy, posters, billboards, photographs,

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videotapes, audiotapes, systems designs, software, reports, diagrams, surveys, blueprints, source codes or any other original works of authorship, such works of authorship shall be works for hire as defined under Title 17 of the United States Code, and all copyrights in such works are the property of the City. If it is ever determined that any works created by Contractor or its subcontractors under this Agreement are not works for hire under U.S. law, Contractor hereby assigns all copyrights to such works to the City, and agrees to provide any material and execute any documents necessary to effectuate such assignment. With the approval of the City, Contractor may retain and use copies of such works for reference and as documentation of its experience and capabilities.

**28. Audit and Inspection of Records.** Contractor agrees to maintain and make available to the City, during regular business hours, accurate books and accounting records relating to its work under this Agreement. Contractor will permit City to audit, examine and make excerpts and transcripts from such books and records, and to make audits of all invoices, materials, payrolls, records or personnel and other data related to all other matters covered by this Agreement, whether funded in whole or in part under this Agreement. Contractor shall maintain such data and records in an accessible location and condition for a period of not less than five years after final payment under this Agreement or until after final audit has been resolved, whichever is later. The State of California or any federal agency having an interest in the subject matter of this Agreement shall have the same rights conferred upon City by this Section.

**29. Subcontracting.** Contractor is prohibited from subcontracting this Agreement or any part of it unless such subcontracting is first approved by City in writing. Neither party shall, on the basis of this Agreement, contract on behalf of or in the name of the other party. An agreement made in violation of this provision shall confer no rights on any party and shall be null and void.

**30. Assignment.** The services to be performed by Contractor are personal in character and neither this Agreement nor any duties or obligations hereunder may be assigned or delegated by the Contractor unless first approved by City by written instrument executed and approved in the same manner as this Agreement.

**31. Non-Waiver of Rights.** The omission by either party at any time to enforce any default or right reserved to it, or to require performance of any of the terms, covenants, or provisions hereof by the other party at the time designated, shall not be a waiver of any such default or right to which the party is entitled, nor shall it in any way affect the right of the party to enforce such provisions thereafter.

**32. Earned Income Credit (EIC) Forms .** Administrative Code section 120 requires that employers provide their employees with IRS Form W-5 (The Earned Income Credit Advance Payment Certificate) and the IRS EIC Schedule, as set forth below. Employers can locate these forms at the IRS Office, on the Internet, or anywhere that Federal Tax Forms can be found. Contractor shall provide EIC Forms to each Eligible Employee at each of the following times: (i) within thirty days following the date on which this Agreement becomes effective (unless Contractor has already provided such EIC Forms at least once during the calendar year in which

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such effective date falls); (ii) promptly after any Eligible Employee is hired by Contractor; and (iii) annually between January 1 and January 31 of each calendar year during the term of this Agreement. Failure to comply with any requirement contained in subparagraph (a) of this Section shall constitute a material breach by Contractor of the terms of this Agreement. If, within thirty days after Contractor receives written notice of such a breach, Contractor fails to cure such breach or, if such breach cannot reasonably be cured within such period of thirty days, Contractor fails to commence efforts to cure within such period or thereafter fails to diligently pursue such cure to completion, the City may pursue any rights or remedies available under this Agreement or under applicable law. Any Subcontract entered into by Contractor shall require the subcontractor to comply, as to the subcontractor's Eligible Employees, with each of the terms of this section. Capitalized terms used in this Section and not defined in this Agreement shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in Section 12O of the San Francisco Administrative Code.

### **33. Local Business Enterprise Utilization; Liquidated Damages**

**a. The LBE Ordinance.** Contractor, shall comply with all the requirements of the Local Business Enterprise and Non-Discrimination in Contracting Ordinance set forth in Chapter 14B of the San Francisco Administrative Code as it now exists or as it may be amended in the future (collectively the "LBE Ordinance"), provided such amendments do not materially increase Contractor's obligations or liabilities, or materially diminish Contractor's rights, under this Agreement. Such provisions of the LBE Ordinance are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement as though fully set forth in this section. Contractor's willful failure to comply with any applicable provisions of the LBE Ordinance is a material breach of Contractor's obligations under this Agreement and shall entitle City, subject to any applicable notice and cure provisions set forth in this Agreement, to exercise any of the remedies provided for under this Agreement, under the LBE Ordinance or otherwise available at law or in equity, which remedies shall be cumulative unless this Agreement expressly provides that any remedy is exclusive. In addition, Contractor shall comply fully with all other applicable local, state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination and requiring equal opportunity in contracting, including subcontracting.

#### **b. Compliance and Enforcement**

**(1) Enforcement.** If Contractor willfully fails to comply with any of the provisions of the LBE Ordinance, the rules and regulations implementing the LBE Ordinance, or the provisions of this Agreement pertaining to LBE participation, Contractor shall be liable for liquidated damages in an amount equal to Contractor's net profit on this Agreement, or 10% of the total amount of this Agreement, or \$1,000, whichever is greatest. The Director of the City's Human Rights Commission or any other public official authorized to enforce the LBE Ordinance (separately and collectively, the "Director of HRC") may also impose other sanctions against Contractor authorized in the LBE Ordinance, including declaring the Contractor to be irresponsible and ineligible to contract with the City for a period of up to five years or revocation of the Contractor's LBE certification. The Director of HRC will determine the sanctions to be

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imposed, including the amount of liquidated damages, after investigation pursuant to Administrative Code §14B.17.

By entering into this Agreement, Contractor acknowledges and agrees that any liquidated damages assessed by the Director of the HRC shall be payable to City upon demand. Contractor further acknowledges and agrees that any liquidated damages assessed may be withheld from any monies due to Contractor on any contract with City.

Contractor agrees to maintain records necessary for monitoring its compliance with the LBE Ordinance for a period of three years following termination or expiration of this Agreement, and shall make such records available for audit and inspection by the Director of HRC or the Controller upon request.

**(2) Subcontracting Goals.** The LBE subcontracting participation goal for this contract is **20%**. Contractor shall fulfill the subcontracting commitment made in its bid or proposal. Each invoice submitted to City for payment shall include the information required in the HRC Progress Payment Form and the HRC Payment Affidavit. Failure to provide the HRC Progress Payment Form and the HRC Payment Affidavit with each invoice submitted by Contractor shall entitle City to withhold 20% of the amount of that invoice until the HRC Payment Form and the HRC Subcontractor Payment Affidavit are provided by Contractor. Contractor shall not participate in any back contracting to the Contractor or lower-tier subcontractors, as defined in the LBE Ordinance, for any purpose inconsistent with the provisions of the LBE Ordinance, its implementing rules and regulations, or this Section.

**(3) Subcontract Language Requirements.** Contractor shall incorporate the LBE Ordinance into each subcontract made in the fulfillment of Contractor's obligations under this Agreement and require each subcontractor to agree and comply with provisions of the ordinance applicable to subcontractors. Contractor shall include in all subcontracts with LBEs made in fulfillment of Contractor's obligations under this Agreement, a provision requiring Contractor to compensate any LBE subcontractor for damages for breach of contract or liquidated damages equal to 5% of the subcontract amount, whichever is greater, if Contractor does not fulfill its commitment to use the LBE subcontractor as specified in the bid or proposal, unless Contractor received advance approval from the Director of HRC and contract awarding authority to substitute subcontractors or to otherwise modify the commitments in the bid or proposal. Such provisions shall also state that it is enforceable in a court of competent jurisdiction. Subcontracts shall require the subcontractor to maintain records necessary for monitoring its compliance with the LBE Ordinance for a period of three years following termination of this contract and to make such records available for audit and inspection by the Director of HRC or the Controller upon request.

**(4) Payment of Subcontractors.** Contractor shall pay its subcontractors within three working days after receiving payment from the City unless Contractor notifies the Director of HRC in writing within ten working days prior to receiving payment from the City that there is a bona fide dispute between Contractor and its subcontractor and the Director waives the three-

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day payment requirement, in which case Contractor may withhold the disputed amount but shall pay the undisputed amount. Contractor further agrees, within ten working days following receipt of payment from the City, to file the HRC Payment Affidavit with the Controller, under penalty of perjury, that the Contractor has paid all subcontractors. The affidavit shall provide the names and addresses of all subcontractors and the amount paid to each. Failure to provide such affidavit may subject Contractor to enforcement procedure under Administrative Code §14B.17.

#### **34. Nondiscrimination; Penalties**

**a. Contractor Shall Not Discriminate.** In the performance of this Agreement, Contractor agrees not to discriminate against any employee, City and County employee working with such contractor or subcontractor, applicant for employment with such contractor or subcontractor, or against any person seeking accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges, services, or membership in all business, social, or other establishments or organizations, on the basis of the fact or perception of a person's race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, height, weight, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, domestic partner status, marital status, disability or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome or HIV status (AIDS/HIV status), or association with members of such protected classes, or in retaliation for opposition to discrimination against such classes.

**b. Subcontracts.** Contractor shall incorporate by reference in all subcontracts the provisions of §§12B.2(a), 12B.2(c)-(k), and 12C.3 of the San Francisco Administrative Code (copies of which are available from Purchasing) and shall require all subcontractors to comply with such provisions. Contractor's failure to comply with the obligations in this subsection shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

**c. Nondiscrimination in Benefits.** Contractor does not as of the date of this Agreement and will not during the term of this Agreement, in any of its operations in San Francisco, on real property owned by San Francisco, or where work is being performed for the City elsewhere in the United States, discriminate in the provision of bereavement leave, family medical leave, health benefits, membership or membership discounts, moving expenses, pension and retirement benefits or travel benefits, as well as any benefits other than the benefits specified above, between employees with domestic partners and employees with spouses, and/or between the domestic partners and spouses of such employees, where the domestic partnership has been registered with a governmental entity pursuant to state or local law authorizing such registration, subject to the conditions set forth in §12B.2(b) of the San Francisco Administrative Code.

**d. Condition to Contract.** As a condition to this Agreement, Contractor shall execute the "Chapter 12B Declaration: Nondiscrimination in Contracts and Benefits" form (form HRC-12B-101) with supporting documentation and secure the approval of the form by the San Francisco Human Rights Commission.

**e. Incorporation of Administrative Code Provisions by Reference.** The provisions of Chapters 12B and 12C of the San Francisco Administrative Code are incorporated in this Section

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by reference and made a part of this Agreement as though fully set forth herein. Contractor shall comply fully with and be bound by all of the provisions that apply to this Agreement under such Chapters, including but not limited to the remedies provided in such Chapters. Without limiting the foregoing, Contractor understands that pursuant to §§12B.2(h) and 12C.3(g) of the San Francisco Administrative Code, a penalty of \$50 for each person for each calendar day during which such person was discriminated against in violation of the provisions of this Agreement may be assessed against Contractor and/or deducted from any payments due Contractor.

**35. MacBride Principles—Northern Ireland.** Pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code §12F.5, the City and County of San Francisco urges companies doing business in Northern Ireland to move towards resolving employment inequities, and encourages such companies to abide by the MacBride Principles. The City and County of San Francisco urges San Francisco companies to do business with corporations that abide by the MacBride Principles. By signing below, the person executing this agreement on behalf of Contractor acknowledges and agrees that he or she has read and understood this section.

**36. Tropical Hardwood and Virgin Redwood Ban.** Pursuant to §804(b) of the San Francisco Environment Code, the City and County of San Francisco urges contractors not to import, purchase, obtain, or use for any purpose, any tropical hardwood, tropical hardwood wood product, virgin redwood or virgin redwood wood product.

**37. Drug-Free Workplace Policy.** Contractor acknowledges that pursuant to the Federal Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1989, the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited on City premises. Contractor agrees that any violation of this prohibition by Contractor, its employees, agents or assigns will be deemed a material breach of this Agreement.

**38. Resource Conservation.** Chapter 5 of the San Francisco Environment Code (“Resource Conservation”) is incorporated herein by reference. Failure by Contractor to comply with any of the applicable requirements of Chapter 5 will be deemed a material breach of contract.

**39. Compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act.** Contractor acknowledges that, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), programs, services and other activities provided by a public entity to the public, whether directly or through a contractor, must be accessible to the disabled public. Contractor shall provide the services specified in this Agreement in a manner that complies with the ADA and any and all other applicable federal, state and local disability rights legislation. Contractor agrees not to discriminate against disabled persons in the provision of services, benefits or activities provided under this Agreement and further agrees that any violation of this prohibition on the part of Contractor, its employees, agents or assigns will constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

**40. Sunshine Ordinance.** In accordance with San Francisco Administrative Code §67.24(e), contracts, contractors’ bids, responses to solicitations and all other records of communications between City and persons or firms seeking contracts, shall be open to inspection immediately

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after a contract has been awarded. Nothing in this provision requires the disclosure of a private person or organization's net worth or other proprietary financial data submitted for qualification for a contract or other benefit until and unless that person or organization is awarded the contract or benefit. Information provided which is covered by this paragraph will be made available to the public upon request.

**41. Public Access to Meetings and Records.** If the Contractor receives a cumulative total per year of at least \$250,000 in City funds or City-administered funds and is a non-profit organization as defined in Chapter 12L of the San Francisco Administrative Code, Contractor shall comply with and be bound by all the applicable provisions of that Chapter. By executing this Agreement, the Contractor agrees to open its meetings and records to the public in the manner set forth in §§12L.4 and 12L.5 of the Administrative Code. Contractor further agrees to make-good faith efforts to promote community membership on its Board of Directors in the manner set forth in §12L.6 of the Administrative Code. The Contractor acknowledges that its material failure to comply with any of the provisions of this paragraph shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement. The Contractor further acknowledges that such material breach of the Agreement shall be grounds for the City to terminate and/or not renew the Agreement, partially or in its entirety.

**42. Limitations on Contributions.** Through execution of this Agreement, Contractor acknowledges that it is familiar with section 1.126 of the City's Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, which prohibits any person who contracts with the City for the rendition of personal services, for the furnishing of any material, supplies or equipment, for the sale or lease of any land or building, or for a grant, loan or loan guarantee, from making any campaign contribution to (1) an individual holding a City elective office if the contract must be approved by the individual, a board on which that individual serves, or the board of a state agency on which an appointee of that individual serves, (2) a candidate for the office held by such individual, or (3) a committee controlled by such individual, at any time from the commencement of negotiations for the contract until the later of either the termination of negotiations for such contract or six months after the date the contract is approved. Contractor acknowledges that the foregoing restriction applies only if the contract or a combination or series of contracts approved by the same individual or board in a fiscal year have a total anticipated or actual value of \$50,000 or more. Contractor further acknowledges that the prohibition on contributions applies to each prospective party to the contract; each member of Contractor's board of directors; Contractor's chairperson, chief executive officer, chief financial officer and chief operating officer; any person with an ownership interest of more than 20 percent in Contractor; any subcontractor listed in the bid or contract; and any committee that is sponsored or controlled by Contractor. Additionally, Contractor acknowledges that Contractor must inform each of the persons described in the preceding sentence of the prohibitions contained in Section 1.126.

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### **43. Requiring Minimum Compensation for Covered Employees**

a. Contractor agrees to comply fully with and be bound by all of the provisions of the Minimum Compensation Ordinance (MCO), as set forth in San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 12P (Chapter 12P), including the remedies provided, and implementing guidelines and rules. The provisions of Sections 12P.5 and 12P.5.1 of Chapter 12P are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Agreement as though fully set forth. The text of the MCO is available on the web at [www.sfgov.org/olse/mco](http://www.sfgov.org/olse/mco). A partial listing of some of Contractor's obligations under the MCO is set forth in this Section. Contractor is required to comply with all the provisions of the MCO, irrespective of the listing of obligations in this Section.

b. The MCO requires Contractor to pay Contractor's employees a minimum hourly gross compensation wage rate and to provide minimum compensated and uncompensated time off. The minimum wage rate may change from year to year and Contractor is obligated to keep informed of the then-current requirements. Any subcontract entered into by Contractor shall require the subcontractor to comply with the requirements of the MCO and shall contain contractual obligations substantially the same as those set forth in this Section. It is Contractor's obligation to ensure that any subcontractors of any tier under this Agreement comply with the requirements of the MCO. If any subcontractor under this Agreement fails to comply, City may pursue any of the remedies set forth in this Section against Contractor.

c. Contractor shall not take adverse action or otherwise discriminate against an employee or other person for the exercise or attempted exercise of rights under the MCO. Such actions, if taken within 90 days of the exercise or attempted exercise of such rights, will be rebuttably presumed to be retaliation prohibited by the MCO.

d. Contractor shall maintain employee and payroll records as required by the MCO. If Contractor fails to do so, it shall be presumed that the Contractor paid no more than the minimum wage required under State law.

e. The City is authorized to inspect Contractor's job sites and conduct interviews with employees and conduct audits of Contractor.

f. Contractor's commitment to provide the Minimum Compensation is a material element of the City's consideration for this Agreement. The City in its sole discretion shall determine whether such a breach has occurred. The City and the public will suffer actual damage that will be impractical or extremely difficult to determine if the Contractor fails to comply with these requirements. Contractor agrees that the sums set forth in Section 12P.6.1 of the MCO as liquidated damages are not a penalty, but are reasonable estimates of the loss that the City and the public will incur for Contractor's noncompliance. The procedures governing the assessment of liquidated damages shall be those set forth in Section 12P.6.2 of Chapter 12P.

g. Contractor understands and agrees that if it fails to comply with the requirements of the MCO, the City shall have the right to pursue any rights or remedies available under

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Chapter 12P (including liquidated damages), under the terms of the contract, and under applicable law. If, within 30 days after receiving written notice of a breach of this Agreement for violating the MCO, Contractor fails to cure such breach or, if such breach cannot reasonably be cured within such period of 30 days, Contractor fails to commence efforts to cure within such period, or thereafter fails diligently to pursue such cure to completion, the City shall have the right to pursue any rights or remedies available under applicable law, including those set forth in Section 12P.6(c) of Chapter 12P. Each of these remedies shall be exercisable individually or in combination with any other rights or remedies available to the City.

h. Contractor represents and warrants that it is not an entity that was set up, or is being used, for the purpose of evading the intent of the MCO.

i. If Contractor is exempt from the MCO when this Agreement is executed because the cumulative amount of agreements with this department for the fiscal year is less than \$25,000, but Contractor later enters into an agreement or agreements that cause contractor to exceed that amount in a fiscal year, Contractor shall thereafter be required to comply with the MCO under this Agreement. This obligation arises on the effective date of the agreement that causes the cumulative amount of agreements between the Contractor and this department to exceed \$25,000 in the fiscal year.

#### **44. Requiring Health Benefits for Covered Employees**

Contractor agrees to comply fully with and be bound by all of the provisions of the Health Care Accountability Ordinance (HCAO), as set forth in San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 12Q, including the remedies provided, and implementing regulations, as the same may be amended from time to time. The provisions of section 12Q.5.1 of Chapter 12Q are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement as though fully set forth herein. The text of the HCAO is available on the web at [www.sfgov.org/olse](http://www.sfgov.org/olse). Capitalized terms used in this Section and not defined in this Agreement shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in Chapter 12Q.

a. For each Covered Employee, Contractor shall provide the appropriate health benefit set forth in Section 12Q.3 of the HCAO. If Contractor chooses to offer the health plan option, such health plan shall meet the minimum standards set forth by the San Francisco Health Commission.

b. Notwithstanding the above, if the Contractor is a small business as defined in Section 12Q.3(e) of the HCAO, it shall have no obligation to comply with part (a) above.

c. Contractor's failure to comply with the HCAO shall constitute a material breach of this agreement. City shall notify Contractor if such a breach has occurred. If, within 30 days after receiving City's written notice of a breach of this Agreement for violating the HCAO, Contractor fails to cure such breach or, if such breach cannot reasonably be cured within such period of 30 days, Contractor fails to commence efforts to cure within such period, or thereafter fails diligently to pursue such cure to completion, City shall have the right to pursue the

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remedies set forth in 12Q.5.1 and 12Q.5(f)(1-6). Each of these remedies shall be exercisable individually or in combination with any other rights or remedies available to City.

d. Any Subcontract entered into by Contractor shall require the Subcontractor to comply with the requirements of the HCAO and shall contain contractual obligations substantially the same as those set forth in this Section. Contractor shall notify City's Office of Contract Administration when it enters into such a Subcontract and shall certify to the Office of Contract Administration that it has notified the Subcontractor of the obligations under the HCAO and has imposed the requirements of the HCAO on Subcontractor through the Subcontract. Each Contractor shall be responsible for its Subcontractors' compliance with this Chapter. If a Subcontractor fails to comply, the City may pursue the remedies set forth in this Section against Contractor based on the Subcontractor's failure to comply, provided that City has first provided Contractor with notice and an opportunity to obtain a cure of the violation.

e. Contractor shall not discharge, reduce in compensation, or otherwise discriminate against any employee for notifying City with regard to Contractor's noncompliance or anticipated noncompliance with the requirements of the HCAO, for opposing any practice proscribed by the HCAO, for participating in proceedings related to the HCAO, or for seeking to assert or enforce any rights under the HCAO by any lawful means.

f. Contractor represents and warrants that it is not an entity that was set up, or is being used, for the purpose of evading the intent of the HCAO.

g. Contractor shall maintain employee and payroll records in compliance with the California Labor Code and Industrial Welfare Commission orders, including the number of hours each employee has worked on the City Contract.

h. Contractor shall keep itself informed of the current requirements of the HCAO.

i. Contractor shall provide reports to the City in accordance with any reporting standards promulgated by the City under the HCAO, including reports on Subcontractors and Subtenants, as applicable.

j. Contractor shall provide City with access to records pertaining to compliance with HCAO after receiving a written request from City to do so and being provided at least ten business days to respond.

k. Contractor shall allow City to inspect Contractor's job sites and have access to Contractor's employees in order to monitor and determine compliance with HCAO.

l. City may conduct random audits of Contractor to ascertain its compliance with HCAO. Contractor agrees to cooperate with City when it conducts such audits.

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m. If Contractor is exempt from the HCAO when this Agreement is executed because its amount is less than \$25,000 (\$50,000 for nonprofits), but Contractor later enters into an agreement or agreements that cause Contractor's aggregate amount of all agreements with City to reach \$75,000, all the agreements shall be thereafter subject to the HCAO. This obligation arises on the effective date of the agreement that causes the cumulative amount of agreements between Contractor and the City to be equal to or greater than \$75,000 in the fiscal year.

#### **45. First Source Hiring Program**

**a. Incorporation of Administrative Code Provisions by Reference.** The provisions of Chapter 83 of the San Francisco Administrative Code are incorporated in this Section by reference and made a part of this Agreement as though fully set forth herein. Contractor shall comply fully with, and be bound by, all of the provisions that apply to this Agreement under such Chapter, including but not limited to the remedies provided therein. Capitalized terms used in this Section and not defined in this Agreement shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in Chapter 83.

**b. First Source Hiring Agreement.** As an essential term of, and consideration for, any contract or property contract with the City, not exempted by the FSHA, the Contractor shall enter into a first source hiring agreement ("agreement") with the City, on or before the effective date of the contract or property contract. Contractors shall also enter into an agreement with the City for any other work that it performs in the City. Such agreement shall:

(1) Set appropriate hiring and retention goals for entry level positions. The employer shall agree to achieve these hiring and retention goals, or, if unable to achieve these goals, to establish good faith efforts as to its attempts to do so, as set forth in the agreement. The agreement shall take into consideration the employer's participation in existing job training, referral and/or brokerage programs. Within the discretion of the FSHA, subject to appropriate modifications, participation in such programs maybe certified as meeting the requirements of this Chapter. Failure either to achieve the specified goal, or to establish good faith efforts will constitute noncompliance and will subject the employer to the provisions of Section 83.10 of this Chapter.

(2) Set first source interviewing, recruitment and hiring requirements, which will provide the San Francisco Workforce Development System with the first opportunity to provide qualified economically disadvantaged individuals for consideration for employment for entry level positions. Employers shall consider all applications of qualified economically disadvantaged individuals referred by the System for employment; provided however, if the employer utilizes nondiscriminatory screening criteria, the employer shall have the sole discretion to interview and/or hire individuals referred or certified by the San Francisco Workforce Development System as being qualified economically disadvantaged individuals. The duration of the first source interviewing requirement shall be determined by the FSHA and shall be set forth in each agreement, but shall not exceed 10 days. During that period, the employer may publicize the entry level positions in accordance with the agreement. A need for urgent or

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temporary hires must be evaluated, and appropriate provisions for such a situation must be made in the agreement.

(3) Set appropriate requirements for providing notification of available entry level positions to the San Francisco Workforce Development System so that the System may train and refer an adequate pool of qualified economically disadvantaged individuals to participating employers. Notification should include such information as employment needs by occupational title, skills, and/or experience required, the hours required, wage scale and duration of employment, identification of entry level and training positions, identification of English language proficiency requirements, or absence thereof, and the projected schedule and procedures for hiring for each occupation. Employers should provide both long-term job need projections and notice before initiating the interviewing and hiring process. These notification requirements will take into consideration any need to protect the employer's proprietary information.

(4) Set appropriate record keeping and monitoring requirements. The First Source Hiring Administration shall develop easy-to-use forms and record keeping requirements for documenting compliance with the agreement. To the greatest extent possible, these requirements shall utilize the employer's existing record keeping systems, be nonduplicative, and facilitate a coordinated flow of information and referrals.

(5) Establish guidelines for employer good faith efforts to comply with the first source hiring requirements of this Chapter. The FSHA will work with City departments to develop employer good faith effort requirements appropriate to the types of contracts and property contracts handled by each department. Employers shall appoint a liaison for dealing with the development and implementation of the employer's agreement. In the event that the FSHA finds that the employer under a City contract or property contract has taken actions primarily for the purpose of circumventing the requirements of this Chapter, that employer shall be subject to the sanctions set forth in Section 83.10 of this Chapter.

(6) Set the term of the requirements.

(7) Set appropriate enforcement and sanctioning standards consistent with this Chapter.

(8) Set forth the City's obligations to develop training programs, job applicant referrals, technical assistance, and information systems that assist the employer in complying with this Chapter.

(9) Require the developer to include notice of the requirements of this Chapter in leases, subleases, and other occupancy contracts.

**c. Hiring Decisions.** Contractor shall make the final determination of whether an Economically Disadvantaged Individual referred by the System is "qualified" for the position.

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**d. Exceptions.** Upon application by Employer, the First Source Hiring Administration may grant an exception to any or all of the requirements of Chapter 83 in any situation where it concludes that compliance with this Chapter would cause economic hardship.

**e. Liquidated Damages.** Contractor agrees:

(1) To be liable to the City for liquidated damages as provided in this section;

(2) To be subject to the procedures governing enforcement of breaches of contracts based on violations of contract provisions required by this Chapter as set forth in this section;

(3) That the contractor's commitment to comply with this Chapter is a material element of the City's consideration for this contract; that the failure of the contractor to comply with the contract provisions required by this Chapter will cause harm to the City and the public which is significant and substantial but extremely difficult to quantify; that the harm to the City includes not only the financial cost of funding public assistance programs but also the insidious but impossible to quantify harm that this community and its families suffer as a result of unemployment; and that the assessment of liquidated damages of up to \$5,000 for every notice of a new hire for an entry level position improperly withheld by the contractor from the first source hiring process, as determined by the FSHA during its first investigation of a contractor, does not exceed a fair estimate of the financial and other damages that the City suffers as a result of the contractor's failure to comply with its first source referral contractual obligations.

(4) That the continued failure by a contractor to comply with its first source referral contractual obligations will cause further significant and substantial harm to the City and the public, and that a second assessment of liquidated damages of up to \$10,000 for each entry level position improperly withheld from the FSHA, from the time of the conclusion of the first investigation forward, does not exceed the financial and other damages that the City suffers as a result of the contractor's continued failure to comply with its first source referral contractual obligations;

(5) That in addition to the cost of investigating alleged violations under this Section, the computation of liquidated damages for purposes of this section is based on the following data:

A. The average length of stay on public assistance in San Francisco's County Adult Assistance Program is approximately 41 months at an average monthly grant of \$348 per month, totaling approximately \$14,379; and

B. In 2004, the retention rate of adults placed in employment programs funded under the Workforce Investment Act for at least the first six months of employment was 84.4%. Since qualified individuals under the First Source program face far fewer barriers to employment than their counterparts in programs funded by the Workforce Investment Act, it is

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reasonable to conclude that the average length of employment for an individual whom the First Source Program refers to an employer and who is hired in an entry level position is at least one year;

therefore, liquidated damages that total \$5,000 for first violations and \$10,000 for subsequent violations as determined by FSHA constitute a fair, reasonable, and conservative attempt to quantify the harm caused to the City by the failure of a contractor to comply with its first source referral contractual obligations.

(6) That the failure of contractors to comply with this Chapter, except property contractors, may be subject to the debarment and monetary penalties set forth in Sections 6.80 et seq. of the San Francisco Administrative Code, as well as any other remedies available under the contract or at law; and

Violation of the requirements of Chapter 83 is subject to an assessment of liquidated damages in the amount of \$5,000 for every new hire for an Entry Level Position improperly withheld from the first source hiring process. The assessment of liquidated damages and the evaluation of any defenses or mitigating factors shall be made by the FSHA.

**f. Subcontracts.** Any subcontract entered into by Contractor shall require the subcontractor to comply with the requirements of Chapter 83 and shall contain contractual obligations substantially the same as those set forth in this Section.

**46. Prohibition on Political Activity with City Funds.** In accordance with San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 12.G, Contractor may not participate in, support, or attempt to influence any political campaign for a candidate or for a ballot measure (collectively, “Political Activity”) in the performance of the services provided under this Agreement. Contractor agrees to comply with San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 12.G and any implementing rules and regulations promulgated by the City’s Controller. The terms and provisions of Chapter 12.G are incorporated herein by this reference. In the event Contractor violates the provisions of this section, the City may, in addition to any other rights or remedies available hereunder, (i) terminate this Agreement, and (ii) prohibit Contractor from bidding on or receiving any new City contract for a period of two (2) years. The Controller will not consider Contractor’s use of profit as a violation of this section.

**47. Preservative-treated Wood Containing Arsenic.** Contractor may not purchase preservative-treated wood products containing arsenic in the performance of this Agreement unless an exemption from the requirements of Chapter 13 of the San Francisco Environment Code is obtained from the Department of the Environment under Section 1304 of the Code. The term “preservative-treated wood containing arsenic” shall mean wood treated with a preservative that contains arsenic, elemental arsenic, or an arsenic copper combination, including, but not limited to, chromated copper arsenate preservative, ammoniacal copper zinc arsenate preservative, or ammoniacal copper arsenate preservative. Contractor may purchase preservative-treated wood products on the list of environmentally preferable alternatives

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prepared and adopted by the Department of the Environment. This provision does not preclude Contractor from purchasing preservative-treated wood containing arsenic for saltwater immersion. The term “saltwater immersion” shall mean a pressure-treated wood that is used for construction purposes or facilities that are partially or totally immersed in saltwater.

**48. Modification of Agreement.** This Agreement may not be modified, nor may compliance with any of its terms be waived, except by written instrument executed and approved in the same manner as this Agreement. Contractor shall cooperate with the SFMTA to submit to the SFMTA Contract Compliance Office any amendment, modification, supplement or change order that would result in a cumulative increase of the original amount of this Agreement by more than 20% (HRC Contract Modification Form).

**49. Administrative Remedy for Agreement Interpretation.** Should any question arise as to the meaning and intent of this Agreement, the question shall, prior to any other action or resort to any other legal remedy, be referred to Purchasing who shall decide the true meaning and intent of the Agreement.

**50. Agreement Made in California; Venue.** The formation, interpretation and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Venue for all litigation relative to the formation, interpretation and performance of this Agreement shall be in San Francisco.

**51. Construction.** All paragraph captions are for reference only and shall not be considered in construing this Agreement.

**52. Entire Agreement.** This contract sets forth the entire Agreement between the parties, and supersedes all other oral or written provisions. This contract may be modified only as provided in Section 48, “Modification of Agreement.”

**53. Compliance with Laws.** Contractor shall keep itself fully informed of the City’s Charter, codes, ordinances and regulations of the City and of all state, and federal laws in any manner affecting the performance of this Agreement, and must at all times comply with such local codes, ordinances, and regulations and all applicable laws as they may be amended from time to time.

**54. Services Provided by Attorneys.** Any services to be provided by a law firm or attorney must be reviewed and approved in writing in advance by the City Attorney. No invoices for services provided by law firms or attorneys, including, without limitation, as subcontractors of Contractor, will be paid unless the provider received advance written approval from the City Attorney.

**55. Left blank by agreement of the parties. (Supervision of Minors)**

**56. Severability.** Should the application of any provision of this Agreement to any particular facts or circumstances be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or

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unenforceable, then (a) the validity of other provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected or impaired thereby, and (b) such provision shall be enforced to the maximum extent possible so as to effect the intent of the parties and shall be reformed without further action by the parties to the extent necessary to make such provision valid and enforceable.

**57. Protection of Private Information.** Contractor has read and agrees to the terms set forth in San Francisco Administrative Code Sections 12M.2, “Nondisclosure of Private Information,” and 12M.3, “Enforcement” of Administrative Code Chapter 12M, “Protection of Private Information,” which are incorporated herein as if fully set forth. Contractor agrees that any failure of Contractor to comply with the requirements of Section 12M.2 of this Chapter shall be a material breach of the Contract. In such an event, in addition to any other remedies available to it under equity or law, the City may terminate the Contract, bring a false claim action against the Contractor pursuant to Chapter 6 or Chapter 21 of the Administrative Code, or debar the Contractor.

**58. Graffiti Removal.** Graffiti is detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the community in that it promotes a perception in the community that the laws protecting public and private property can be disregarded with impunity. This perception fosters a sense of disrespect of the law that results in an increase in crime; degrades the community and leads to urban blight; is detrimental to property values, business opportunities and the enjoyment of life; is inconsistent with the City’s property maintenance goals and aesthetic standards; and results in additional graffiti and in other properties becoming the target of graffiti unless it is quickly removed from public and private property. Graffiti results in visual pollution and is a public nuisance. Graffiti must be abated as quickly as possible to avoid detrimental impacts on the City and County and its residents, and to prevent the further spread of graffiti. Contractor shall remove all graffiti from any real property owned or leased by Contractor in the City and County of San Francisco within forty eight (48) hours of the earlier of Contractor’s (a) discovery or notification of the graffiti or (b) receipt of notification of the graffiti from the Department of Public Works. This section is not intended to require a Contractor to breach any lease or other agreement that it may have concerning its use of the real property. The term “graffiti” means any inscription, word, figure, marking or design that is affixed, marked, etched, scratched, drawn or painted on any building, structure, fixture or other improvement, whether permanent or temporary, including by way of example only and without limitation, signs, banners, billboards and fencing surrounding construction sites, whether public or private, without the consent of the owner of the property or the owner’s authorized agent, and which is visible from the public right-of-way. “Graffiti” shall not include: (1) any sign or banner that is authorized by, and in compliance with, the applicable requirements of the San Francisco Public Works Code, the San Francisco Planning Code or the San Francisco Building Code; or (2) any mural or other painting or marking on the property that is protected as a work of fine art under the California Art Preservation Act (California Civil Code Sections 987 et seq.) or as a work of visual art under the Federal Visual Artists Rights Act of 1990 (17 U.S.C. §§ 101 et seq.).

Any failure of Contractor to comply with this section of this Agreement shall constitute an Event of Default of this Agreement.

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**59. Food Service Waste Reduction Requirements.** Contractor agrees to comply fully with and be bound by all of the provisions of the Food Service Waste Reduction Ordinance, as set forth in San Francisco Environment Code Chapter 16, including the remedies provided, and implementing guidelines and rules. The provisions of Chapter 16 are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Agreement as though fully set forth. This provision is a material term of this Agreement. By entering into this Agreement, Contractor agrees that if it breaches this provision, City will suffer actual damages that will be impractical or extremely difficult to determine; further, Contractor agrees that the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) liquidated damages for the first breach, two hundred dollars (\$200) liquidated damages for the second breach in the same year, and five hundred dollars (\$500) liquidated damages for subsequent breaches in the same year is reasonable estimate of the damage that City will incur based on the violation, established in light of the circumstances existing at the time this Agreement was made. Such amount shall not be considered a penalty, but rather agreed monetary damages sustained by City because of Contractor's failure to comply with this provision.

**60. Left blank by agreement of the parties. (Slavery Era Disclosure)**

a. Contractor acknowledges that this contract shall not be binding upon the City until the Director of Administrative Services receives the affidavit required by the San Francisco Administrative Code's Chapter 12Y, "San Francisco Slavery Era Disclosure Ordinance."

b. In the event the Director of Administrative Services finds that Contractor has failed to file an affidavit as required by Section 12Y.4(a) and this Contract, or has willfully filed a false affidavit, the Contractor shall be liable for liquidated damages in an amount equal to the Contractor's net profit on the Contract, 10 percent of the total amount of the Contract, or \$1,000, whichever is greatest as determined by the Director of Administrative Services. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the liquidated damages assessed shall be payable to the City upon demand and may be set off against any monies due to the Contractor from any Contract with the City.

c. Contractor shall maintain records necessary for monitoring their compliance with this provision.

**61. Cooperative Drafting.** This Agreement has been drafted through a cooperative effort of both parties, and both parties have had an opportunity to have the Agreement reviewed and revised by legal counsel. No party shall be considered the drafter of this Agreement, and no presumption or rule that an ambiguity shall be construed against the party drafting the clause shall apply to the interpretation or enforcement of this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the day first mentioned above.

<p><b>CITY</b></p> <p><b>San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency</b></p> <hr/> <p>Nathaniel P. Ford Sr. Executive Director/CEO</p> <p>Approved as to Form:</p> <p>Dennis J. Herrera City Attorney</p> <p>By:</p> <hr/> <p>Deputy City Attorney</p> <p><b>AUTHORIZED BY:</b></p> <p><b>MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b></p> <p>Resolution No: _____</p> <p>Adopted: _____</p> <p>Attest: _____ Roberta Boomer, Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors</p>	<p><b>CONTRACTOR</b></p> <p><b>[Contractor_Name]</b></p> <p>By signing this Agreement, I certify that I comply with the requirements of the Minimum Compensation Ordinance, which entitle Covered Employees to certain minimum hourly wages and compensated and uncompensated time off.</p> <p>I have read and understood paragraph 35, the City's statement urging companies doing business in Northern Ireland to move towards resolving employment inequities, encouraging compliance with the MacBride Principles, and urging San Francisco companies to do business with corporations that abide by the MacBride Principles.</p> <hr/> <p><b>[Contractor_Signatory]</b> <b>[Contractor_SignatoryTitle]</b> <b>[Contractor_Address]</b> <b>[Contractor_CityStateZip]</b></p> <p>City vendor number: <b>[Contractor_Vendor#]</b></p>
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**Appendices**

- A: Services to be provided by Contractor
- B: Calculation of Charges

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**Appendix A**  
**Services to be provided by Contractor**

Contractor: **[Contractor\_Name]**

**1. Description of Services**

Contractor agrees to perform the following services:

“Contractor’s proposal, dated **[insert date]** is incorporated by reference as though fully set forth. In the event of any conflict, the documents making up the Agreement between the parties shall govern in the following order of precedence: 1) this Agreement and its appendices, 2) the Request for Proposals dated **[insert date]**, 3) Contractor’s Proposal, dated **[insert date]**.”

**2. Reports**

Contractor shall submit written reports as requested by the SFMTA. Format for the content of such reports shall be determined by the SFMTA. The timely submission of all reports is a necessary and material term and condition of this Agreement. The reports, including any copies, shall be submitted on recycled paper and printed on double-sided pages to the maximum extent possible.

**3. SFMTA Liaison**

In performing the services provided for in this Agreement, Contractor’s liaison with the SFMTA will be **[insert name of contact person at SFMTA]**.

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**Appendix B**  
**Calculation of Charges**

Contractor: **[Contractor\_Name]**

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## Appendix D

### ATTESTATION OF COMPLIANCE

*To be completed by all Proposing Firms and All Individual Subcontractors*

(Please check each box, sign this form and submit it with your response.)

Name of individual completing this form: \_\_\_\_\_

The form is submitted on behalf of firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of RFP: **SFMTA-2010/11-11 – Workers’ Compensation Investigative Services**

1. I attest that I and all members of the firm listed above will and have complied to date with Section VI. J of the above RFP.  Yes

2. I understand that if my firm or any members of the firm listed above are found to be in violation of the Section VI. J of the above RFP, this will disqualify my firm and any Proposal in which my firm is named from further consideration.  Yes

I have entered required responses to the above questions to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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



## **Appendix E**

*To be completed by all Proposing Firms and All Individual Subcontractors*

### **Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters**

By signing and submitting its Proposal, the Proposer or proposed subcontractor certifies as follows:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Proposer or Proposed Subcontractor Business Name)

certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals:

- a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for disbarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from contracting with any federal, state or local governmental department or agency;
  - b. Have not within a three-year period preceding the date of this Proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state or local) contract; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
  - c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1) b. of this certification; and
  - d. Have not within a three-year period preceding the date of this Proposal had one or more public contracts (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.
- (2) Where the firm executing this RFP Appendix D is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such firm shall attach a detailed explanation of facts that prevent such certification.
- (3) The certification in this clause is a material representation on fact relied upon by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA).

As the authorized certifying official, I hereby certify that the above-specified certifications are true.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Business Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative Name (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative Title (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Appendix F

*To be completed by all Proposing Firms and All Individual Subcontractors*

### Certification Regarding Lobbying

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(Proposer or Proposed Subcontractor Business Name)

Certifies that it will not and has not paid any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence a member of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation ("SFMTA") Agency Board of Directors, or an officer or employee of the SFMTA in connection with the contract to be awarded pursuant to this Request for Proposals, except as expressly authorized in this Request for Proposals. The Proposer or proposed subcontractor submitting this certification shall also disclose the name of any lobbyist registered under Article II of the San Francisco Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code who has made lobbying contacts on its behalf with respect to the contract to be awarded pursuant to this Request for Proposals.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed for the purposes of the SFMTA's evaluation of Proposals and award of a contract pursuant to the Request for Proposals. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for submitting a Proposal responsive to the Request for Proposals.

Following submission of Proposals with this signed certification, any firm who 1) pays any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence a member of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, or an officer or employee of the SFMTA in connection with the contract to be awarded pursuant to this Request for Proposals, except as expressly authorized in the RFP, 2) fails to disclose the name of any lobbyist registered under Article II of the San Francisco Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code who has made lobbying contacts on its behalf with respect to the contract to be awarded pursuant to this Request for Proposals, or 3) pays or agrees to pay to any SFMTA employee or official or to any member of the selection panel or other person involved in the making of the contract on behalf of the SFMTA any fee or commission, or any other thing of value contingent on the award of a contract, will disqualify any Proposal in which that firm is named as a prime contractor, joint venture partner or subcontractor from the selection process.

By signing and submitting its proposal, the Proposer or proposed subcontractor also certifies to the SFMTA that the Proposer or proposed subcontractor has not paid, nor agreed to pay, and will not pay or agree to pay, any fee or commission, or any other thing of value contingent on the award of a contract to any SFMTA employee or official or to any member of the selection panel or other person involved in the making of the contract on behalf of the SFMTA. As the authorized certifying official, I hereby certify that the above-specified certifications are true.

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Business Name

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Authorized Representative Name (print)

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Authorized Representative Title (print)

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Authorized Representative Signature

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Date