



ADDENDUM

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ADDENDUM NO.: 01

PROJECT NAME: Construction Cost Estimating Services

CONTRACT NO.: PS3107

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NOTICE OF CHANGES, MODIFICATIONS, OR CLARIFICATIONS TO CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

The following changes, modifications, or clarifications are hereby incorporated and made an integral part of the Request for Proposals (RFP) Documents. Unless clearly expressed otherwise by this Addendum, all terms and conditions defined in the original RFP Documents shall continue in full force and effect and shall have the same meaning in this Addendum.

ITEM NO. 1: **CHANGE TO KEY DATES**
None.

ITEM NO. 2: **REVISIONS TO RFP DOCUMENT**

- Change 1** Section VII – Evaluation Criteria, B. 1. Experience and Qualifications of the Firm. – **DELETE** 'LIMITED TO 2 PAGES' and **REPLACE WITH** 'LIMITED TO 5 PAGES'.
- Change 2** Section VII – Evaluation Criteria, B. 6. Minority and Women Owned Business Participation. – **DELETE** 'Respondent must describe its commitment to achieve meaningful MBE and WBE participation. The contract specific goal for MBE/WBE participation is 25% MBE and 5% WBE, as noted in Exhibit D.' and **REPLACE WITH** 'Respondent must describe its commitment to achieve meaningful MBE and WBE participation. The contract-specific goal is a minimum of 30% MBE/WBE participation. This goal may be met through participation by an MBE firm, a WBE firm, or a combination of both, as noted in Exhibit D.'.
- Change 3** **REMOVE** Exhibit D – Special Conditions Regarding the Utilization Of Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises for Professional Services and **REPLACE WITH** Revised Exhibit D – Special Conditions Regarding the Utilization Of Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises for Professional Services included in this Addendum No. 1.
- Change 4** **REMOVE** Exhibit E – Insurance Requirements and **REPLACE WITH** Revised Exhibit E – Insurance Requirements included in this Addendum No. 1.

ITEM NO. 3: **REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

RFI-1.

Question: Our firm currently serves as a subcontractor to Ardmore Roderick, providing Project Development and Management Services on a separate engagement to the Public Building Commission. We would like to confirm whether our role as a subcontractor on that contract would create an actual or perceived conflict of interest that would preclude us from submitting a proposal for the Construction Cost Estimating Services solicitation.

Response: A firm's existing engagement as a subcontractor to a PBC Project Development Services provider does not, by itself, preclude the firm from submitting a proposal in response to this solicitation. However, any actual or potential conflict of interest will be evaluated based on the specific project and circumstances involved. If selected, the Consultant will be required to comply with all applicable conflict-of-interest and other requirements of the Agreement and the RFP. The PBC reserves the right to determine whether a conflict exists and, where applicable, whether a waiver is appropriate.

RFI-2.

Question: I work for CCS, which got acquired by Consertus this past March. We are looking to respond to the cost estimating services proposal - PS3107. I just want to make sure a Consertus employee does not preclude us from responding to the cost estimating proposal. Please advise.

Response: The firm is not precluded from submitting a proposal based solely on its employment of an individual who is a PBC Project Development Services provider. The PBC will evaluate the independence of proposed Cost Estimating Services providers in accordance with the requirements of the RFP.

RFI-3.

Question: On page 16 and 17 of the proposal, it has the evaluation criteria number one and evaluation criteria number two are a two-page limit. There is a lot of information especially for that evaluation criteria number one. The number two has resumes and the organization chart. Is it possible to have more than that two-page limit or is that pretty strict?

Response: Section VII(B)1 - Experience and Qualifications of the Firm, has been revised to NO MORE THAN five (5) Pages. Further, the actual completed cost estimate requirement, the database of material and labor pricing, any applicable business licenses and certifications, and the Sample QA/QC plan are NOT part of the page limit for this section.

Section VII(B)2 - Resumes and the Organization Chart DO NOT count toward the two (2) page limit.

RFI-4.

Question: Question regarding MBE and WBE participation. Is it possible to meet the 30% total rather than 25% MBE and 5% WBE? It's really difficult on task order-based projects to get 5% of anything and it's hard when you only have a few hours of 5% it doesn't make it efficient work. So, I wasn't sure if you are requiring the 5% WBE and we just deal with the inefficiency of it all in our fee or how do we handle that?

Response: Please note that the contract-specific MBE/WBE participation goal for this Contract has been revised. The contract-specific goal is a minimum of 30% MBE/WBE participation. This goal may be met through participation by an MBE firm, a WBE firm, or a combination of both. Please see the Revised Exhibit D included in Addendum No. 1.

RFI-5.

Question: Can you give a brief overview of the project type of work? Is it civil, wastewater, water, etc. to be estimated?

Response: The work may include but is not limited to new construction, renovations, infrastructure, etc. Upon selection of the Construction Cost Estimators and Contract Award, Project specific request for proposals will be issued which will specify the required services.

RFI-6.

Question: Would you be able to share a copy of the attendee list when you have it available?

Response: The attendee list is available on the PBC's Current Opportunities Page for this RFP on our website at: https://pbcchicago.com/opportunities/costestimating_ps3107/

RFI-7.

Question: Cost-Estimating Technology and Data Sources: Does PBC have preferred or required estimating platforms, construction-cost databases, BIM-based estimating tools, or historical PBC cost data that selected firms will be expected to use or incorporate into their estimating methodology?

Response: Respondents are required to demonstrate their technical capabilities, including their experience using commercial off-the-shelf software, and to identify the technology and equipment available to meet the PBC's needs. Respondents are also required to provide an existing database of material and labor pricing. The RFP further provides that estimates may be required to conform to AACEI standards.

RFI-8.

Question: Local Staffing Expectations: While the scope includes meetings, site visits, and project coordination as needed, does PBC expect selected firms to maintain dedicated personnel physically located in the Chicago area? Alternatively, may portions of the estimating, analytics, and cost-modeling work be performed remotely, provided that all required onsite activities, response times, and project needs are met?

Response: The RFP does not require Respondents to maintain all personnel physically located in the Chicago area. However, Respondents must demonstrate that their capabilities and resources are available in the Chicago metropolitan area, at both the corporate and individual levels. Respondents must also identify the proposed personnel's anticipated level of effort, duration of involvement, and on-site availability. The Scope of Services requires attendance at meetings and field visits as necessary.

RFI-9.

Question: Please confirm whether participation by a certified Veteran Business Enterprise, Veteran-Owned Small Business, or Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business will receive any evaluation consideration or participation credit under this solicitation in addition to the stated MBE and WBE requirements. If no formal credit is available, may respondents identify such participation as an additional unscored socioeconomic commitment?

Response: The applicable participation goal and evaluation consideration identified in the RFP relate to MBE/WBE participation. Respondents may provide additional information regarding their team or other socioeconomic participation to the extent they deem relevant, but such participation will not receive separate evaluation credit unless otherwise provided by Addendum.

RFI-10.

Question: For the key-personnel requirements under PS3107, will PBC recognize MRICS in Quantity Surveying and Construction as an applicable professional credential for construction cost-estimating personnel, when supported by relevant project experience?

Response: Respondents are required to provide resumes for proposed Key Personnel identifying applicable certifications, and Respondents must possess all licenses required to perform the type of work solicited. The PBC will evaluate the qualifications and experience of proposed Key Personnel in accordance with the criteria established in Section VII.B.2.

RFI-11.

Question: For roles that do not require a license by law, would PBC accept MRICS (Quantity Surveying and Construction), AACE CCP/CEP, ASPE CPE, or another credential demonstrating comparable independently assessed competence, together with the experience appropriate to the assignment?

Response: Respondents may identify applicable certifications and professional credentials as part of the qualifications of their proposed Key Personnel. The RFP specifically requires resumes to identify applicable certifications and requires Respondents to demonstrate their technical competence and knowledge of applicable industry standards, including AACEI standards.

RFI-12.

Question: Section VII.B.1.b references Chicago-area resources. May a locally based lead firm use a U.S.-registered subconsultant whose estimating team works remotely from outside the U.S. for drawing-based takeoffs and estimating, with the lead firm providing the required local coverage? Are there specific restrictions or disclosures for that arrangement?

Response: The Respondent must demonstrate that the proposed team has the capabilities and resources required by the RFP, including the availability of resources in the Chicago metropolitan area and the ability to perform required field visits, meetings, and other services.

RFI-13.

Question: I am reviewing the RFP for PBC Construction Cost Estimating Services and could not find an answer to the following question. As the selected estimator for the PBC, and I was to prepare a cost estimate, would my firm be ineligible to bid on that contract for construction? Please advise.

Response: Yes. If the Consultant is engaged to perform Cost Estimating Services on a particular PBC project, the Consultant is prohibited from working with or for any other party, exclusive of the User Agency, relating to that project, in any capacity. This includes bidding on or performing construction services for that project. Please see Section III.D.2 of the RFP.

RFI-14.

Question: Schedule A classifications and the Blended Hourly Rate. Schedule A lists thirteen labor classifications. Where a Respondent does not maintain a given classification as a separate billable position, may that line be marked Not Applicable without adverse effect on the Pricing evaluation?

Response: Respondent must provide hourly rates for all applicable classifications and a Blended Hourly Rate as required. If a Respondent does not maintain a particular labor Classification as a separate billable position, the Respondent may indicate N/A.

RFI-15.

Question: References. Section VII.B.3 provides that references may not be current employees of the Public Building Commission. For projects performed for the Commission, may the Architect or Engineer of Record, or the User Agency representative, be submitted as the reference contact?

Response: No. References must be for projects performed for clients other than the Public Building Commission of Chicago. Accordingly, an Architect or Engineer of Record, User Agency representative, or other representative associated with a PBC project may not be submitted as a reference for purposes of Section VII.B.3, regardless of whether the individual is a current PBC employee.

RFI-16.

Question: Confidentiality of the sample estimate. Tab 2 requires a sample completed construction cost estimate at 90% Construction Documents or later. Such an estimate is a client deliverable containing subcontractor and supplier pricing. May the sample be submitted with the owner's identity and detailed unit pricing redacted, and will a confidentiality designation made under Section 1.12 and Section 7 of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act be honored?

Response: Yes. A redacted and confidential submission is acceptable.

RFI-17.

Question: Employers Liability limit. Exhibit E states Employers Liability coverage with limits of \$1,000,000,000 each accident, illness or disease. Please confirm whether this is intended to read \$1,000,000.

Response: DELETE Exhibit E and REPLACE with REVISED Exhibit E included in this Addendum No. 1.

This Addendum includes the following Document:

1. Revised – Exhibit D Special Conditions Regarding the Utilization Of Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises for Professional Services
2. Revised – Exhibit E Insurance Requirements

END OF ADDENDUM NO. 01

REVISED - EXHIBIT D

Special Conditions Regarding the Utilization Of Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises for Professional Services

(ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN)

REVISED - EXHIBIT D

Special Conditions Regarding the Utilization Of Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises for Professional Services

1. Policy Statement

- a. It is the policy of the Commission to ensure competitive business opportunities for MBE and WBE firms in the performance of Contracts, to prohibit discrimination in the award of or participation in Contracts, and to abolish arbitrary barriers to full participation in Contracts by all persons, regardless of race, sex or ethnicity. Therefore, during the performance of this Contract, the Consultant must agree that it will not discriminate against any person or business on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap, unfavorable discharge from military service, parental status, sexual orientation, national origin or sex, in the solicitation or the purchase of goods and services or the subcontracting of work in the performance in this Contract.
- b. The Commission requires the Consultant also agree to take affirmative action to ensure that MBE and WBE firms have the maximum opportunity to compete for and perform subcontracts with respect to this Contract.
- c. The Commission requires the Consultant to notify MBE and WBE firms, utilized on this contract, about opportunities on contracts without affirmative action goals.

2. Aspirational Goals

- a. Upon the effective date of these Special Conditions, the bi-annual aspirational goals are to award 25% of the annual dollar value of Construction Contracts to MBEs and 5% of the annual dollar value of Construction Contracts to WBEs.
- b. The contract-specific goal is a minimum of 30% MBE/WBE participation. This goal may be met through participation by an MBE firm, a WBE firm, or a combination of both.
- c. Further, the Consultant must agree to use its best efforts to include MBE and WBE firms in any Contract modification work that increases the Contract value. Where the proposed contract modification involves work which can be performed by MBEs and WBEs already performing work on the contract such MBEs and WBEs will participate in such work specified in the contract modification.
- d. Failure to carry out the commitments and policies set forth in this Program constitute a material breach of contract and may result in termination of the Consultant or such other remedy, as the Commission deems appropriate.

3. Definitions

- a. For purposes of this Special Condition, the following definitions applies:
 - i. "Certified Minority Business Enterprise" means a person or entity granted certification by the City of Chicago or County of Cook.
 - ii. "Certified Women's Business Enterprise" means a person or entity granted certification by the City of Chicago or County of Cook.
 - iii. "Professional Service Contract" means a contract for professional services of any type.
 - iv. "Contract Specific Goals" means the subcontracting goals for MBE and WBE participation established for a particular contract based upon the availability of MBEs and WBEs to perform and anticipated scope of work of the contract and the Commission's progress towards meeting the aspirational goals.
 - v. "Consultant" means any person or business entity that seeks to enter into a Professional Services Contract with the Commission and includes all partners, affiliates and Joint Ventures of such person or entity.
 - vi. "Design-Builder" means the entity responsible for the planning, design, and construction of a project.
 - vii. "Established Business" means a person or entity granted certification by the City of Chicago or Cook County.

- viii. "Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the Commission or his duly designated representative as appointed in writing.
- ix. "Good faith efforts" means actions undertaken by a Consultant to achieve a Contract Specific Goal that by their scope, intensity and appropriateness to the objective can reasonably be expected to fulfill the Program's requirements.
- x. "Joint Venture" means an association of two or more persons or entities or any combination of two or more business enterprises and persons numbering two or more, proposing to perform a single for-profit business enterprise, in which each Joint Venture partner contributes property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge, and in which the MBE or WBE is responsible for a distinct, clearly-defined portion of the work of the contract and whose share in the capital contribution, control, management, risks and profits of the Joint Venture is equal to its ownership interest. Joint Ventures must have an agreement in writing specifying the terms and conditions of the relationships between the parties and their relationship and responsibilities to the contract.
- xi. "Program" means the minority and women business enterprise procurement program established in this special condition.

4. Determining MBE/WBE Utilization

The methodology for determining MBE and WBE utilization will be determined for purposes of analysis with respect to this contract as follows:

- a. The total dollar value of the contract awarded to the certified MBE or WBE firm will be credited to such participation. Only minority business participation may be counted toward MBE participation and only women business participation may be counted toward WBE participation.
- b. The total dollar value of a contract with a firm owned and controlled by minority women is counted toward either the MBE or WBE goal, but not both. The Consultant employing the firm may choose the goal to which the contract value is applied. Various work done by one and the same subconsultant will be considered, for the purpose of this principle, as work effectively done under one subcontract only, which subconsultant may be counted toward only one of the goals, not toward both.
 - c. A Consultant may count toward its MBE or WBE goal the portion of the total dollar value of a contract with an eligible Joint Venture equal to the percentage of the ownership and control of the MBE or WBE partner in the Joint Venture. A Joint Venture seeking to be credited for MBE participation may be formed among certified MBE and WBE firms, or between certified MBE and WBE firms and a non-MBE/WBE firm. A Joint Venture satisfies the eligibility standards of this Program if the certified MBE or WBE participant of the Joint Venture:
 - i. Shares in the ownership, control, management responsibilities, risks and profits of the Joint Venture; and
 - ii. Is responsible for a clearly defined portion of work to be performed in proportion to the MBE or WBE ownership percentage.
- d. A Consultant may count toward its MBE and WBE goals only expenditures to firms that perform a commercially useful function in the work of a contract. A firm is considered to perform a commercially-useful function when it is responsible for execution of a distinct element of the work of a contract and carries out its responsibilities by actually performing, managing, and supervising the work involved. To determine whether a firm is performing a commercially useful function, the Commission will evaluate the amount of work subcontracted, industry practices and other relevant factors.
- e. Consistent with normal industry practices, a MBE or WBE firm may enter into subcontracts. If a MBE or WBE Consultant subcontracts a significantly greater portion of the work of a contract than would be expected on the basis of normal industry practices, the MBE or WBE will be rebuttably presumed not to be performing a commercially-useful function.
- f. A Consultant may count toward its goals expenditures to MBE or WBE manufacturers (i.e., suppliers that produce goods from raw materials or substantially alters them before resale).
- g. A Consultant may count toward its goals expenditures to MBE or WBE suppliers provided that the supplier performs a commercially useful function in the supply process. Expenditures to suppliers will only be counted if the supplies are sold to the Consultant or subconsultant that installs those supplies in the Work.

5. Submission of Bid Proposals

- a. The following schedules and documents constitute the Bidder's MBE/WBE compliance proposal and must be submitted at the time of the bid or proposal or within such extended period as provided in Article 23.
 - i. Evidence of Certification: Affidavit of MBE/WBE. A copy of each proposed MBE and WBE firm's Letter of Certification from the City of Chicago, Department of Procurement Services or the County of Cook must be submitted.

- ii. Schedule B: Affidavit of MBE/Non-MBE or WBE/Non-WBE Joint Ventures. Where the Bidder's MBE/WBE compliance proposal includes participation of any MBE or WBE as a Joint Venture participant, the Bidder must submit a "Schedule B: Affidavit of MBE/Non-MBE or WBE/Non-WBE Joint Venture" with an attached copy of the Joint Venture agreement proposed among the parties. The Schedule B and the Joint Venture agreement must clearly evidence that the MBE or WBE participant will be responsible for a clearly defined portion of the work to be performed and that the MBE or WBE firm's responsibilities are in proportion with its ownership percentage.
- iii. Schedule C: Letter of Intent to Perform as a Subconsultant, Subconsultant, or Material Supplier, Schedule C, executed by the MBE/WBE firm (or Joint Venture Subconsultant) must be submitted by the Bidder for each MBE/WBE included on the Schedule D. Schedule C must accurately detail the work to be performed by the MBE or WBE firm and the agreed rates and prices to be paid.
- iv. Schedule D: Affidavit of Prime Consultant Regarding MBE or WBE Utilization. A completed Schedule D committing to the utilization of each listed MBE or WBE firm. Unless the Bidder has submitted a completed request for a waiver of participation by MBE/WBE firms (See Request for Waiver procedures in Section 23.01.10), the Bidder must include the specific dollar amount of participation of each MBE/WBE firm listed on its Schedule D. The total dollar commitment to proposed MBE firms must at least equal the MBE goal, and the total dollar commitment to proposed WBE firms must at least equal the WBE goal. Bidders are responsible for calculating the dollar equivalent of MBE or WBE utilization as percentages of their total base bid.
- b. The submittals must have all blank spaces on the Schedule pages applicable to the contract correctly filled in. Agreements between a Bidder and a MBE/WBE in which the MBE/WBE promises not to provide subcontracting quotations to other Bidders are prohibited.

6. Evaluation of Compliance Proposals

- a. During the period between bid opening and contract award, the Bidder's MBE/WBE compliance proposal will be evaluated by the Commission. The Bidder agrees to provide, upon request, earnest and prompt cooperation to the Executive Director or his designee in submitting to interviews that may be necessary, in allowing entry to places of business, in providing further documentation, or in soliciting the cooperation of a proposed MBE or WBE firm in providing such assistance. A bid may be treated as non-responsive by reason of the determination that the Bidder's proposal did not contain a sufficient level of Certified MBE or WBE participation, that the Bidder was unresponsive or uncooperative when asked for further information relative to the proposal, or that false statements were made in the Schedules.
- b. If the Commission's review of a Bidder's proposal concludes that the MBE or WBE proposal was deficient, the Commission will promptly notify the Bidder of the apparent deficiency and instruct the Bidder to submit (within 3 business days of such notice given by the Commission) a modification of the MBE or WBE Proposal, in proper format, which remedies the deficiencies cited. Failure to correct all deficiencies cited by the Commission will be cause for rejection of the Bidder's proposal as non-responsive.
- c. Bidders will not be permitted to modify their MBE/WBE compliance proposal except insofar as directed to do so by the Commission. Therefore, all terms and conditions stipulated for prospective MBE and WBE subconsultants or suppliers should be satisfactorily negotiated prior to the submission to the Commission of the Bidder's MBE/WBE compliance proposal with the bid. If circumstances should arise, however, where a proposed MBE/WBE is no longer available, the process described in Section 23.01 should be followed.
- d. If the Compliance Proposal includes participation by material suppliers, the PBC will request copies of the offers from such suppliers. The offers must be furnished to the PBC within three (3) business days of the bidder's receipt of the request for such offers from the PBC. The PBC may make such request by electronic mail. The offers must specify: (i) the particular materials, equipment and/or supplies that will be furnished; (ii) the supplier's price for each of the items; (iii) the total price of the items to be furnished by the supplier, (iv) the supplier's source for the items (e.g., manufacturer, wholesaler) and (v) the subconsultant that the supplies will be purchased by.

7. Request for Waiver

- a. If a Bidder is unable to identify qualified MBE and WBE firms to perform sufficient work to fulfill the MBE or WBE percentage goals for this Contract, the bid or proposal must include a written request for waiver. A request for waiver must be sent to the Executive Director and must set forth the Bidder's inability to obtain sufficient MBE and WBE firms notwithstanding good faith attempts to achieve such participation.
- b. Good Faith efforts to achieve participation include but are not limited to:
 - i. Attendance at the Pre-bid conference;

- ii. The Bidder's general affirmative action policies regarding the utilization of MBE and WBE firms, plus a description of the methods used to carry out those policies;
- iii. Advertisement in trade association newsletters and minority and woman-oriented and general circulation media for specific sub-bids;
- iv. Timely notification of specific sub-bids to minority and woman Consultant assistance agencies and associations;
- v. Description of direct negotiations with MBE and WBE firms for specific sub-bids, including:
 - a. The name, address and telephone number of MBE and WBE firms contacted;
 - b. A description of the information provided to MBE and WBE firms regarding the portions of the work to be performed; and
 - c. The reasons why additional MBE and WBE firms were not obtained in spite of negotiations.
- vi. A statement of the efforts made to select portions of the work proposed to be performed by MBE and WBE firms (such as sub-supplier, transport, engineering, distribution, or any other roles contributing to production and delivery as specified in the contract) in order to increase the likelihood of achieving sub participation.
- vii. As to each MBE and WBE contacted which the Bidder considers to be not qualified, a detailed statement of the reasons for the Bidder's conclusion.
- viii. Efforts made by the Bidder to expand its search for MBE and/or WBE firms beyond usual geographic boundaries.
- ix. General efforts made to assist MBE and WBE firms to overcome participation barriers.
- c. The Executive Director, after review and evaluation of the request provided by the Bidder, may grant a waiver request upon the determination that:
 - i. Sufficient qualified MBE and/or WBE firms capable of providing the goods or services required by the contract are unavailable despite the good faith efforts of the Bidder;
 - ii. The price(s) quoted by potential MBE and/or WBE firms for goods or services is above competitive levels to an extent unwarranted by any increased cost of doing business attributable to the present effects of disadvantage or discrimination.

8. Failure To Achieve Goals

- a. If the Consultant cannot achieve the contract specific goals, as the Project proceeds, it must have documented its good faith efforts to do so. In determining whether the Consultant has made such good faith efforts, the performance of other Consultants in meeting the goals may be considered. The Executive Director or his designee shall consider, at a minimum, the Consultant's efforts to do the following:
 - i. Soliciting through reasonable and available means the interest of MBEs or WBEs that Provide interested MBEs or WBEs with adequate information about the plans, specifications and requirements of the contract, including addenda, in a timely manner to assist them in responding to the solicitation.
 - ii. Provide interested MBEs or WBEs with adequate information about the plans, specifications and requirements of the contract, including addenda, in a timely manner to assist them in responding to the solicitation.
 - iii. Negotiating in good faith with interested MBEs or WBEs that have submitted bids. Documentation of negotiation must include the names, addresses and telephone numbers of MBEs or WBEs that were solicited; the date of each such solicitation; a description of the information provided regarding the plans and specifications for the work selected for subcontracting; and evidence as to why agreements could not be reached with MBEs or WBEs to perform the work. That there may be some additional costs involved in solicitation and using MBEs and WBEs is not a sufficient reason for a Consultant's failure to meet the goals, as long as such costs are reasonable.
 - iv. Not rejecting MBEs or WBEs as being unqualified without sound reasons based on the thorough investigation of a their capabilities. The MBEs' or WBEs' standing within its industry, membership in specific groups, organizations, or associations and political or social affiliations are not legitimate cases for rejecting or not soliciting bids to meet the goals.
 - v. Making a portion of the work available to MBE or WBE subconsultants and suppliers and to select those portions of the work or material consistent with the available MBE or WBE subconsultants and suppliers, so as to facilitate meeting the goals.
 - vi. Making good faith efforts despite the ability or desire of a Consultant to perform the work of a contract with its own organization. A Consultant that desires to self-perform the work of a contract must demonstrate good faith efforts unless the

goals have been met.

- vii. Selecting portions of the work to be performed by MBEs or WBEs in order to increase the likelihood that the goals will be met. This includes, where appropriate, breaking out contract work items into economically feasible units to facilitate MBE or WBE participation even when the Contract might otherwise prefer to perform these items with its own forces.
 - viii. Making efforts to assist interested MBEs or WBEs in obtaining bonding lines of credit or insurance as required by the Commission or Consultant.
 - ix. Making efforts to assist interested MBEs or WBEs in obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials or related assistance or services, including participation in a mentor-protégée program; and
 - x. Effectively using the services of the Commission; minority or women community organizations; minority or women Consultants' groups; local, state and federal minority or women business assistance offices; and other organizations to provide assistance in the recruitment and placement of MBEs or WBEs.
- b. In the event the Public Building Commission determines that the Consultant did not make a good faith effort to achieve the goals, the Consultant may file a dispute to the Executive Director as provided in Article XI of the Standard Terms and Conditions.

9. Established Business Participation in the MBE and WBE Procurement Program

- a. A local business entity which meets all the requirements to be certified as an MBE or WBE under this article except that it has become an established business may participate in the minority- and women-owned business enterprise program as follows:
- (1) For a one-year period after the business entity has become an established business, only 75 percent of such business's participation in the Contract shall account for the MBE or WBE, as applicable, participation requirement set forth in Section 23.01.4;
 - (2) For a one-year period starting on the one-year anniversary of the date the business entity became an established business, only 50 percent of such business's participation in the Contract shall account for the MBE or WBE, as applicable, participation requirement set forth in Section 23.01.4.
 - (3) For a one-year period starting on the two-year anniversary of the date the business entity became an established business, only 25 percent of such business's participation in the Contract shall account for the MBE or WBE, as applicable, participation requirement set forth in Section 23.01.4.

An Establish Business entity shall not be eligible to participate in the minority- and women-owned business enterprise procurement program starting on the three-year anniversary of the date the business entity became an established business.

10. Reporting and Record-Keeping Requirements

- a. The Consultant, within 5 working days of contract award, must execute a formal subcontract or purchase order in compliance with the terms of the Consultant's bid proposal and MBE/WBE assurances, and submit to the Commission a copy of the MBE and WBE subcontracts or purchase orders, each showing acceptance of the subcontract or purchase order by the MBE and WBE firms. During the performance of the contract, the Consultant will submit waivers of lien from MBE and WBE subconsultants and suppliers indicating the current payment amount and the cumulative dollar amount of payments made to date. The Consultant will file regular MBE and WBE utilization reports on the form entitled "Status Report of MBE and WBE (Sub) Contract Payments" at the time of submitting each monthly Payment Estimate, which reflects the current status of cumulative and projected payments to MBE and WBE firms.
- b. The Consultant must maintain records of all relevant data with respect to the utilization of MBE and WBE firms, including without limitation payroll records, tax returns and records, and books of account in such detail as the Commission requires, and retain such records for a period of at least 3 years after final acceptance of the work. Full access to such records will be granted to the Commission and/or its designees, on 5 business days' notice in order for the Commission to determine the Consultant's compliance with its MBE and WBE commitments and the status of any MBE or WBE firm performing any portion of the contract.

11. Disqualification of MBE or WBE

The Contract may be terminated by the Executive Director upon the disqualification of the Consultant as an MBE or WBE if the Consultant's status as an MBE or WBE was a factor in the award and such status was misrepresented by the Consultant.

- a. The Contract may be terminated by the Executive Director upon the disqualification of any MBE or WBE if the Subconsultant's or supplier's status as an MBE or WBE was a factor in the award of the contract and the status of the subconsultant or supplier was misrepresented by the Consultant. If the Consultant is determined not to have been involved in any misrepresentation of the status of the disqualified subconsultant or supplier, the Consultant shall make good faith efforts to engage a qualified MBE or

WBE replacement.

12. Prohibition On Changes To MBE/WBE Commitments

The Consultant must not make changes to its contractual MBE and WBE commitments or substitute such MBE or WBE subconsultants without the prior written approval of the Executive Director. Unauthorized changes or substitutions, including performing the work designated for a subconsultant with the Consultant's own forces, is a violation of this section and a breach of the contract with the Commission, and may cause termination of the contract for breach, and/or subject the Consultant to contract remedies or other sanctions. The facts supporting the request must not have been known nor reasonably should have been known by the parties prior to entering into the subcontract.

13. MBE/WBE Substitution Requirements and Procedures

- a. Arbitrary changes by the Consultant of the commitments earlier certified in the Schedule D are prohibited. Further, after once entering into each approved MBE and WBE sub-contract agreement, the Consultant shall thereafter neither terminate the subcontract, nor reduce the scope of the work to be performed by the MBE or WBE, nor decrease the price to the MBE or WBE, without in each instance receiving the prior written approval of the Executive Director. In some cases, however, it may become necessary to substitute a new MBE or WBE in order to actually fulfill the MBE or WBE requirements. In such cases, the Executive Director must be given reasons justifying the release by the Consultant of prior specific MBE or WBE commitments established in the contract, and will need to review the eligibility of the MBE or WBE presented as a substitute. The substitution procedure will be as follows:

- i. The Consultant must notify the Executive Director immediately in writing of an apparent necessity to reduce or terminate a MBE or WBE subcontract and to propose a substitute firm for some phase of work, if needed in order to sustain the fulfillment of the MBE/WBE contract requirements.
- ii. The Consultant's notification should include the specific reasons for the proposed substitution. Stated reasons which would be acceptable include any of the following reasons: a) Unavailability after receipt of reasonable notice to proceed; b) failure of performance; c) financial incapacity; d) refusal by the subconsultant to honor the bid or proposal price or scope; e) mistake of fact or law about the elements of the scope of work of a solicitation where a reasonable price cannot be agreed; f) failure of the subconsultant to meet insurance, licensing or bonding requirements; g) the subconsultant's withdrawal of its bid or proposal; or h) decertification of the subconsultant as MBE or WBE.

The Consultant's position must be fully explained and supported with adequate documentation. Stated reasons which will not be acceptable include: replacement firm has been recruited to perform the same work under terms more advantageous to the Consultant; issues about performance by the committed MBE or WBE were disputed (unless every reasonable effort has already been taken to have the issues resolved or mediated satisfactorily); an MBE or WBE has requested reasonable price escalation which may be justified due to unforeseen circumstances.

- iii. The Consultant's notification should include the names, address and principal official of any proposed substitute MBE or WBE and the dollar value and scope of work of the proposed subcontract. Attached should be all the same MBE/WBE affidavits, documents and Letters of Intent which are required of the proposed MBE or WBE firms.
 - iv. The Executive Director will evaluate the submitted documentation, and respond within fifteen (15) working days to the request for approval of a substitution. The response may be in the form of requesting more information, or requesting an interview to clarify or mediate the problem. In the case of an expressed emergency need to receive the necessary decision for the sake of job progress, the Executive Director will instead respond as soon as practicable.
 - v. Actual substitution of a replacement MBE or WBE to fulfill contract requirements must not be made before the Executive Director's approval is given of the acceptability of the substitute MBE or WBE. This subcontract must be executed within five (5) working days, and a copy of the MBE WBE subcontract with signatures of both parties to the agreement should be submitted immediately to the Executive Director.
- b. The Executive Director will not approve extra payment for escalated costs incurred by the Consultant when a substitution of subconsultants becomes necessary for the Consultant in order to comply with MBE/WBE contract requirements.
 - c. No relief of the MBE/WBE requirements will be granted by the Executive Director except in exceptional circumstances. Requests for complete or partial waiver of the MBE/WBE requirements of this contract must be made in writing, stating all details of the request, the circumstances, and any additional relevant information. The request must be accompanied by a record of all efforts taken by the Consultant to locate specific firms, solicit MBE and WBE bids, seek assistance from technical assistance agencies, and other good faith efforts undertaken to achieve compliance with the MBE/WBE goals.

14. Non-Compliance

- a. The Executive Director has the authority to apply suitable sanctions to the Consultant if the Consultant is found to be in non-compliance with the MBE and WBE requirements. Failure to comply with the MBE or WBE terms of this contract or failure to use MBE or WBE firms as stated in the Consultant's assurances constitutes a material breach of the contract, and may lead to the suspension or termination of the contract in part or in whole. In some cases, monthly progress payments may be withheld until corrective action is taken.
- b. When the contract is completed, if the Executive Director has determined that the Consultant did not comply in the fulfillment of the required MBE and/or WBE goals, and a grant of relief of the requirements was not obtained, the Commission will be damaged in the failure to provide the benefit of participation to minority or women business to the degree set forth in this Special Condition. In that case, the Commission may disqualify the Consultant from entering into future contracts with the Commission.

15. Severability

- a. If any section, subsection, paragraph, clause, provision or application of these Special Conditions is held invalid by any court, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision will not affect any of the remaining provisions hereof.

SCHEDULE B - Joint Venture Affidavit (1 of 3)

This form is not required if all joint venturers are MBE/Non-MBE or WBE/Non-WBE firms. In such case, however, a written joint venture agreement among the MBE/Non-MBE or WBE/Non-WBE firms should be submitted. Each MBE/WBE joint venturer must also attach a copy of their current certification letter.

A. Name of joint venture _____

B. Address of joint venture _____

C. Phone number of joint venture _____

D. Identify the firms that comprise the joint venture

1. Describe the role(s) of the MBE/WBE firm(s) in the joint venture. (Note that a "clearly defined portion of work" must here be shown as under the responsibility of the MBE/WBE firm.)

2. Describe very briefly the experience and business qualifications of each non-MBE/WBE joint venturer.

E. Nature of joint venture's business

F. Provide a copy of the joint venture agreement.

G. Ownership: What percentage of the joint venture is claimed to be owned by MBE/WBE? _____%

H. Specify as to:

1. Profit and loss sharing _____%

2. Capital contributions, including equipment _____%

3. Other applicable ownership interests, including ownership options or other agreements which restrict ownership or control.

SCHEDULE B - Joint Venture Affidavit (2 of 3)

4. Describe any loan agreements between joint venturers, and identify the terms thereof.

- I. Control of and participation in this Contract: Identify by name, race, sex, and "firm" those individuals (and their titles) who are responsible for day-to-day management and policy decision making, including, but not limited to, those with prime responsibility for:

1. Financial decisions _____

2. Management decisions such as:

- a. Estimating _____

- b. Marketing and Sales _____

- c. Hiring and firing of management personnel _____

- d. Other _____

3. Purchasing of major items or supplies _____

4. Supervision of field operations _____

5. Supervision of office personnel _____

6. Describe the financial controls of the joint venture, e.g., will a separate cost center be established; which venturer will be responsible for keeping the books; how will the expense therefor be reimbursed; the authority of each joint venturer to commit or obligate the other. Describe the estimated contract cash flow for each joint venturer.

7. State approximate number of operational personnel, their craft and positions, and whether they will be employees of the majority firm or the joint venture.

- J. Please state any material facts of additional information pertinent to the control and structure of this joint venture.

SCHEDULE B - Joint Venture Affidavit (3 of 3)

The undersigned swear that the foregoing statements are correct and include all material information necessary to identify and explain the terms and operations of our joint venture and the intended participation by each joint venturer in the undertaking. Further, the undersigned covenant and agree to provide to the Public Building Commission of Chicago current, complete and accurate information regarding actual joint venture work and the payment therefor and any proposed changes in any of the joint venture agreements and to permit the audit and examination of the books, records, and files of the joint venture, or those of each joint venturer relevant to the joint venture, by authorized representatives of the commission. Any material misrepresentation will be grounds for terminating any contract which may be awarded and for initiating action under federal or state laws concerning false statements.

Note: If, after filing this Schedule B and before the completion of the joint venture's work on this Contract, there is any significant change in the information submitted, the joint venture must inform the Public Building Commission of Chicago, either directly or through the Prime if the joint venture is a subcontractor.

Name of Joint Venturer

Name of Joint Venturer

Signature

Signature

Name

Name

Title

Title

Date

Date

State of _____ County of _____

State of _____ County of _____

On this _____ day of _____, 20____
before me appeared (Name)

On this ____ day of _____, 20____
before me appeared (Name)

_____,
to me personally known, who, being duly sworn,
did execute the foregoing affidavit, and did state
that he or she was properly authorized by
(Name of Joint Venture)

_____,
to me personally known, who, being duly sworn,
did execute the foregoing affidavit, and did state
that he or she was properly authorized by
(Name of Joint Venture)

to execute the affidavit and did so as his or her
free act and deed.

to execute the affidavit and did so as his or her
free act and deed.

Notary Public

Notary Public

Commission expires:
(SEAL)

Commission expires:
(SEAL)

SCHEDULE C - Letter of Intent from MBE/WBE (1 of 2)

To Perform As

Subcontractor, Subconsultant, and/or Material Supplier

Name of Project: _____

Project Number: _____

FROM: _____ MBE _____ WBE _____

(Name of MBE or WBE)

TO: _____ and Public Building Commission of Chicago

(Name of Bidder)

The undersigned intends to perform work in connection with the above-referenced project as (check one):

_____ a Sole Proprietor

_____ a Corporation

_____ a Partnership

_____ a Joint Venture

The MBE/WBE status of the undersigned is confirmed by the attached Letter of Certification, dated _____.

In addition, in the case where the undersigned is a Joint Venture with a non-MBE/WBE firm, a Schedule B, Joint Venture Affidavit, is provided.

The undersigned is prepared to provide the following described services or supply the following described goods in connection with the above-named project.

The above-described services or goods are offered for the following price, with terms of payment as stipulated in the Contract Documents.

SCHEDULE C - Letter of Intent from MBE/WBE (2 of 2)

To Perform As

Subcontractor, Subconsultant, and/or Material Supplier

PARTIAL PAY ITEMS

For any of the above items that are partial pay items, specifically describe the work and subcontract dollar amount:

If more space is needed to fully describe the MBE/WBE firm's proposed scope of work and/or payment schedule, attach additional sheet(s).

SUB-SUBCONTRACTING LEVELS

_____ % of the dollar value of the MBE/WBE subcontract will be sublet to non-MBE/WBE contractors.

_____ % of the dollar value of the MBE/WBE subcontract will be sublet to MBE/WBE contractors.

If MBE/WBE subcontractor will not be sub-subcontracting any of the work described in this Schedule, a zero (0) must be filled in each blank above. If more than 10% percent of the value of the MBE/WBE subcontractor's scope of work will be sublet, a brief explanation and description of the work to be sublet must be provided.

The Undersigned (Contractor) will enter into a formal agreement for the above work with the Bidder, conditioned upon its execution of a contract with the Public Building Commission of Chicago, and will do so within five (5) working days of receipt of a notice of Contract award from the Commission.

Additionally, the Undersigned certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it, its principals and any subcontractors used in the performance of this contract, meet the Agency requirements and have not violated any City or Sister Agency policy, codes, state, federal or local laws, rules or regulations and have not been subject to any debarment, suspension or other disciplinary action by any government agency. Additionally, if at any time the Contractor becomes aware of such information, it must immediately disclose it to the Commission.

BY:

Name of MBE/WBE Firm (Print)

Signature

Date

Name (Print)

Phone

IF APPLICABLE:

BY:

Joint Venture Partner (Print)

Signature

Date

Name (Print)

MBE ____ WBE ____ Non-MBE/WBE ____

Phone

SCHEDULE D - Affidavit of Professional Service Provider Regarding MBE/WBE Participation (1 of 2)

Name of Project: _____

STATE OF ILLINOIS }
 } SS

COUNTY OF COOK }

In connection with the above-captioned contract, I HEREBY DECLARE AND AFFIRM that I am the

Title and duly authorized representative of_____
Name of Professional Service Provider whose address is_____
in the City of _____, State of _____

and that I have personally reviewed the material and facts submitted with the attached Schedules of MBE/WBE participation in the above-referenced Contract, including Schedule C and Schedule B (if applicable), and the following is a statement of the extent to which MBE/WBE firms will participate in this Contract if awarded to this firm as the Contractor for the Project.

Name of MBE/WBE Contractor	Type of Work to be Done in Accordance with Schedule C	Dollar Credit Toward MBE/WBE Goals	
		MBE	WBE
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
Total Net MBE/WBE Credit		\$	\$
Percent of Total Base Bid		%	%

The Prime may count toward its MBE/WBE goal a portion of the total dollar value of a contract with a joint venture equal to the percentage of the ownership and control of the MBE/WBE partner.

SCHEDULE D - Affidavit of Professional Service Provider Regarding MBE/WBE Participation (2 of 2)

The Undersigned will enter into a formal agreement for the above work with the above-referenced MBE/WBE firms, conditioned upon performance as Contractor of a Contract with the Commission, and will do so within five (5) business days of receipt of a notice of Contract award from the Commission.

Additionally, the Undersigned certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it, its principals and any subcontractors used in the performance of this contract, meet the Agency requirements and have not violated any City or Sister Agency policy, codes, state, federal or local laws, rules or regulations and have not been subject to any debarment, suspension or other disciplinary action by any government agency. Additionally, if at any time the Contractor becomes aware of such information, it must immediately disclose it to the Commission.

BY:

Name of Contractor (Print)

Date

Phone

Signature

Name (Print)

IF APPLICABLE:

BY:

Joint Venture Partner (Print)

Date

Signature

Name (Print)

MBE ____ WBE ____ Non-MBE/WBE ____

EXHIBIT E

Insurance Requirements

(ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN)

EXHIBIT E

Insurance Requirements

The Consultant must provide and maintain at Consultant's own expense, until expiration or termination of the Agreement and during the time period following expiration if Consultant is required to return and perform any additional work, the minimum insurance coverage and requirements specified below, insuring all operations related to the Agreement.

A. INSURANCE TO BE PROVIDED

1. Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability

Workers' Compensation Insurance, as prescribed by applicable law covering all employees who are to provide a service under the Agreement and Employers Liability coverage with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident, illness or disease

2. Commercial General Liability

Commercial General Liability Insurance or equivalent with limits of not less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage liability. Coverage must include the following: All premises and operations, products/completed operations, separation of insureds, defense, and contractual liability. The Public Building Commission, the and the City of Chicago and any other User Agency or Owner and their respective Board members, employees, elected and appointed officials, and representatives must be named as Additional Insureds on a primary, non-contributory basis for any liability arising directly or indirectly from the work.

3. Automobile Liability

When any motor vehicles (owned, non-owned and hired) are used in connection with work to be performed, the Consultant must provide Automobile Liability Insurance, with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage. The Public Building Commission, the and the City of Chicago and any other User Agency or Owner and their respective Board members, employees, elected and appointed officials, and representatives must be named as Additional Insureds on a primary, non-contributory basis for any liability arising directly or indirectly from the work.

4. Professional Liability

When a professional performs work in connection with the Agreement, Professional Liability Insurance must be maintained with limits of not less than \$2,000,000 covering acts, errors, or omissions. The policy will include coverage for wrongful acts, including but not limited to errors, acts or omissions, in the rendering or failure to render professional services resulting in a pollution incident. When policies are renewed or replaced, the policy retroactive date must coincide with, or precede the, start of work on the Agreement. Coverage must be maintained for two years after substantial completion. A claims-made policy, which is not renewed or replaced, must have an extended reporting period of two (2) years.

B. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The Consultant must furnish the Public Building Commission Procurement Department, Richard J. Daley Center, Room 200, Chicago, IL 60602, original Certificates of Insurance, or such similar evidence, to be in force on the date of this Agreement, and Renewal Certificates of Insurance, or such similar evidence, if any insurance coverage has an expiration or renewal date occurring during the term of this Agreement. The Consultant must submit evidence of insurance to the Commission before award of Agreement. The receipt of any certificate does not constitute agreement by the Commission that the insurance requirements in the Agreement have been fully met or that the insurance policies indicated on the certificate are in compliance with all Agreement requirements. The failure of the Commission to obtain certificates or other insurance evidence from Consultant is not a waiver by the Commission of any requirements for the Consultant to obtain and maintain the specified coverage. The Consultant will advise all insurers of the Agreement provisions regarding insurance. Non-conforming insurance does not relieve Consultant of the obligation to provide insurance as specified in this Agreement. Non-fulfillment of the insurance conditions may constitute a breach of the Agreement, and the Commission retains the right to stop work until proper evidence of insurance is provided, or the Agreement may be terminated.

The Commission reserves the right to obtain copies of insurance policies and records from the Consultant and/or its subcontractors at any time upon written request.

The insurance must provide for 30 days prior written notice to be given to the Commission if any policies are canceled, substantially changed, or non-renewed.

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions on referenced insurance must be borne by Consultant.

The Consultant hereby waives and agrees to require their insurers to waive their rights of subrogation against the Commission, the City of Chicago and any other User Agency or Owner or their respective Board members, employees, elected and appointed officials, and representatives.

The insurance coverage and limits furnished by Consultant in no way limit the Consultant's liabilities and responsibilities specified within the Agreement or by law.

Any insurance or self-insurance programs maintained by the Commission, the City of Chicago, and/or any other User Agency or Owner do not contribute with insurance provided by the Consultant under the Agreement.

The required insurance to be carried is not limited by any limitations expressed in the indemnification language in this Agreement or any limitation placed on the indemnity in the Agreement given as a matter of law.

If Consultant is a joint venture or limited liability company, the insurance policies must name the joint venture or limited liability company as a named insured

The Consultant must require all its subcontractors to provide the insurance required in this Agreement, or Consultant may provide the coverage for its subcontractors. All subcontractors are subject to the same insurance requirements of Consultant unless otherwise specified in this Agreement.

If Consultant or its subcontractors desire additional coverage, the party desiring the additional coverage is responsible for the acquisition and cost.

The Commission's Risk Management Department maintains the right to modify, delete, alter or change these requirements.