

## **SOLICITATION FOR:**

RFQ # 25-45 Kennedy Schoolyard Renovation Design Services



## **CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**

**RELEASE DATE:** 01/29/2025

**QUESTIONS DUE:** 02/19/2025 by 5PM EST

**DUE DATE AND TIME:** 02/26/2025 by 1PM EST

Anticipated Contract Award	03/12/2025
Est. Contract Commencement Date	03/24/2025
Est. Contract Completion Date	03/24/2028
Est. Renewal Years (If Applicable)	N/A

### **DELIVER TO:**

**City of Somerville**

**Procurement & Contracting Services**

**Attn:** Felisa Gárate

Procurement Analyst

fgarate@somervillema.gov

**93 Highland Avenue**

**Somerville, MA 02143**

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**Enclosed You Will Find a Request for Proposal For:**  
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**SECTION 1.0**  
**GENERAL INFORMATION ON PROPOSAL PROCESS**

**1.1 General Instructions**

Copies of the solicitation may be obtained from the Procurement & Contracting Services Department on and after 01/29/2025 per the below-noted City Hall hours of operation.

<b>City Hall Hours of Operation:</b>	
Monday – Wednesday	8:30 a.m. to <b>4:30</b> p.m.
Thursday	8:30 a.m. to <b>7:30</b> p.m.
Friday	8:30 a.m. to <b>12:30</b> p.m.

<b>All Responses Must be Sealed and Delivered To:</b>
Procurement & Contracting Services Department City of Somerville 93 Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02143
<i><b>It is the sole responsibility of the Offeror to ensure that the proposal arrives on time at the designated place. Late proposals will not be considered and will be rejected and returned.</b></i>
<b>Proposal Format:</b>
Submit one (1) sealed proposal package (with two sealed envelopes, one for the price and one for the technical proposal); it must be marked with the solicitation title and number and must be original.
In an effort to reduce waste, <b>please DO NOT USE 3-RING BINDERS.</b>
Responses must be sealed and marked with the solicitation title and number.
All proposals must include all forms listed in the Proposers Checklist (and all documents included or referenced in <b>Sections 2.0 - 4.0</b> ). <b>If all required documents are not present, the proposal may be deemed non-responsive and may result in disqualification of the proposal unless the City determines that such failure(s) constitute(s) a minor informality, as defined in Chapter MGL 30B.</b>
A complete Proposal must also include a cover letter signed by an official authorized to bind the Offeror contractually and contain a statement that the proposal is firm for ninety (90) days. <b>An unsigned letter, or one signed by an individual not authorized to bind the Offeror, may be disqualified.</b>
The Offeror's authorized official(s) must sign all required proposal forms.
The Price Form in <b>Section 3.0</b> must be completed. No substitute form will be accepted. Pricing must remain firm for the entire contract period.
All information in the Offeror's response should be clear and concise. The successful response will be incorporated into a contract as an exhibit; therefore, Offerors should not make claims to which they are not prepared to commit themselves contractually.
The successful Offeror must be an Equal Opportunity Employer.
The City of Somerville values a diverse workforce and believes it contributes to a work product and customer experience that best reflects the community in our city. Applicants are highly encouraged to include any certifications and documents that recognize the diversity of the Offeror's work force,

including ownership of the offering firm/organization, executive leadership, management, and employees proposed for the work in Somerville, including diversity of sub-consultants. **Please use the supplier diversity form (see Section 4.0) with supporting documentation to share your diversity data with the City.**

## 1.2 Proposal Schedule

Key dates for this Request for Proposals:	
RFP Issued	01/29/2025
Deadline for Submitting Questions to RFP	02/19/2025 by <b>5PM EST</b>
Proposals Due	02/26/2025 by <b>1PM EST</b>
Anticipated Contract Award	03/12/2025
Est. Contract Commencement Date	03/24/2025
Est. Contract Completion Date	03/24/2028

<b>Responses must be delivered by 02/26/2025 by 1PM EST to:</b>	City of Somerville Procurement & Contracting Services Attn: Felisa Gárate 93 Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02143
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## 1.3 Submission Instructions

If you are submitting your proposal online via [Bidexpress.com](https://bidexpress.com), then you do not need to also submit a sealed proposal package as instructed below. Email is not an acceptable method of submission of bids.

Please submit *two sealed envelopes, all within one sealed proposal package*, with the following contents and marked in the following manner:

Contents of Sealed Proposal Package	Marked As
<b>Envelope 1 Non-Price Technical Proposal:</b> Shall Include (1) original and one (1) electronic copy. [Electronic copies are to be submitted on USB drives and are to be saved in Adobe Acrobat format. ("Read only" files are acceptable.)]	<b>To Be Marked:</b> Non-Price Proposal RFQ # 25-45 Kennedy Schoolyard Renovation Design Services
<b>Envelope 2 Price Proposal:</b> Shall Include one (1) original and one (1) electronic copy. [Electronic copies of Price and Non-Price Technical proposal can be submitted on the same USB drives but as separate files]	<b>To Be Marked:</b> Price Proposal RFQ # 25-45 Kennedy Schoolyard Renovation Design Services
<b>Please send the complete sealed package to the attention of :</b>	Felisa Gárate Procurement Analyst Procurement & Contracting Services Somerville City Hall 93 Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02143

### **Methods of Bid Submission**

Bidders may submit bids in any of the following ways. All bids will be timestamped and must be received no later than due date and time.

- 1) Sealed bids can be sent to City Hall through the US Postal Service or other delivery service (e.g. FedEx, UPS).
- 2) BidExpress.com is an online bidding platform where bidders can submit all required documents. The fee to use this service is approximately \$50.00 unless your company has a subscription with BidExpress. You can access the bid package and forms via the City of Somerville BidExpress page at: <https://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/33100/home> A user guide is attached for your reference.
- 3) For any technical assistance while submitting the online bid, please contact the BidExpress Customer support team at [www.bidexpress.com](http://www.bidexpress.com). Bidders may submit bids in any of the following ways. All bids will be timestamped and must be received no later than due date and time.

(Note: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B requires that price proposals must be separate from technical proposals. Therefore, **please make no reference to pricing in the non-price technical proposal.** Failure to adhere to this requirement will result in disqualification.

### **Non-Price (Technical) Proposal Format**

Responses must be submitted in accordance with the requirements set forth in this solicitation. Results of the proposal review process will be utilized to establish a preliminary ranking of the proposers. The City may interview the top ranked candidates as part of the evaluation process. All information in the technical proposal should be organized and presented as directed below. Your Non-Price Proposal response should contain all forms outlined in the Proposers Checklist (Section 4.0). Responses shall be prepared on standard 8.5 x 11 inch paper (charts may be landscaped but must be on 8.5 x 11 inch paper) and shall be in a legible font size (12). All pages of each response shall be appropriately numbered (and with consecutive page numbering across tabs).

***Elaborate format and binding are neither necessary nor desirable.*** Each proposal shall clearly identify the Offeror's name, solicitation number, formal solicitation title and copy number, (e.g., "Original", "Copy"). All submissions will allow for easy removal and replacement of pages.

### **Cover Letter**

Submit a cover letter that includes the official name of the firm submitting the proposal, mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number, fax number, and contact name. The letter must be signed by an official authorized to bind the proposer contractually and contain a statement that the proposal is firm for ninety (90) days. An unsigned letter, or one signed by an individual not authorized to bind the Offeror, may be disqualified.

### **Qualifications & Experience**

The Offeror shall include qualifications and experience of the firm (or sole proprietor). The Offeror shall identify the year the firm was established, the total number of employees currently employed, and the number of employees focused on this engagement. This section should also describe work that has an emphasis on inclusive playground design and the maintenance and management required to design vibrant play spaces with an emphasis on inclusive and universal accessibility play principles. A discussion of the challenges faced and solutions developed are highly recommended. The Offeror may include any additional literature and product brochures. The following pieces must be included in the sealed RFP:

- **Letter of Introduction** – Signed by a principal in the firm serving as the lead applicant on the application. The applicant must certify in the Letter of Introduction.
- **Summary of Qualifications** – Include the firm’s organizational capacity and strengths. List at least five (5) relevant projects with a brief description of the challenges, strategies, and measures incorporated on each job; and include a client reference for each project. These projects should be similar in program and scale to the types of projects listed in Section 2.0. Project descriptions should also include information on the variance between the firm’s construction cost estimates and actual bid pricing.
- **Design Approach** – Discuss how you envision the challenges and opportunities presented by the types of projects listed in Section 2.0 and how you might meet them to ensure a successful outcome. The City highly encourages respondents to use this opportunity to elaborate on their thinking and experience with respect to managing similar projects and to highlight those aspects of their qualifications that make them the best fit to complete the design work.
- **Design Team** – Identify the members of the full design and technical team (including an illustrative organizational chart) for the following types of work: Landscape Architect (LA); Civil, lighting, and Structural engineer; Licensed land surveyor; play safety consultant; and other relevant members to the design team. State clearly the firm’s name and any proposed individuals to be staffed on the project. Include a summary of each team member’s experience, role on the team for this project, and approximate percentage of time allocated to this project. A resume or CV of each proposed team member shall be included in the respondent’s submission.
- **Bidding and Construction Administration Approach** – Explain how the firm approaches Construction Bidding and Construction Administration.
- **Project Closeout Services** – Discuss respondent’s approach to project closeout services. The City’s expectations are that the design team will provide the following: all inspections, punch list inspections and follow-up; final inspections and certifications; gathering and coordination of warranties; O&M documentation and training (if necessary); meeting minutes from all community and construction meetings; a Somerville Planting Maintenance Manual based on the provided City’s template; and the coordination of as-built record drawings.

## References

The Offeror shall list at least three relevant references, which the City can contact. The City of Somerville reserves the right to use ourselves as a reference. References shall include the following information:

●The name, address, telephone number, and email address of each client listed above.	
●A description of the work performed under each contract.	●The amount of the contract.
●A description of the nature of the relationship between Offeror and the customer.	
●The dates of performance.	●The volume of the work performed.

## Price Proposal Format

### Price Summary Page (see Section 3.0)

### Proposal Prices to Remain Firm

All proposal prices submitted in response to this solicitation must remain firm for 90 days following the proposal opening.

### Price Submission

All prices must contain the unit rate as requested on the proposal price form in this solicitation. All prices are to include delivery, the cost of fuel, the cost of labor, and all other charges related to the products or services listed. Prices are to remain fixed for the contract period of performance.

## 1.4 Questions

**Questions are due: 02/19/2025 by 5PM EST**

**Questions concerning this solicitation must be delivered in writing to:**

Felisa Gárate  
Procurement Analyst  
Somerville City Hall  
Procurement & Contracting Services Department  
93 Highland Avenue  
Somerville, MA 02143

**Or emailed to:**  
fgarate@somervillema.gov

**Or faxed to:**

617-625-1344

Answers will be sent via an addendum to all Offerors who have registered as proposal holders. Proposers are encouraged to contact the Procurement & Contracting Services Department to register as a proposal document holder to automatically be alerted as to addenda as they are issued. It is the responsibility of the Offeror to also monitor the proposal portal on the City's website for any updates, addenda, etc. regarding that specific solicitation. The web address is:

<https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/procurement-and-contracting>

**If any proposer contacts City personnel outside of the Procurement & Contracting Services Department regarding this proposal/proposal, that proposer may be disqualified.**

## **1.5 General Terms**

### **Estimated Quantities**

The City of Somerville has provided estimated quantities, which will be ordered/purchased over the course of the contract period. These estimates are estimates only and not guaranteed.

### **Proposal Signature**

A response must be signed as follows: 1) if the Offeror is an individual, by her/him personally; 2) if the Offeror is a partnership, by the name of the partnership, followed by the signature of each general partner; and 3) if the Offeror is a corporation, by the authorized officer, whose signature must be attested to by the clerk/secretary of the corporation (& with corporate seal).

### **Time for Proposal Acceptance and City Contract Requirements**

The contract will be awarded within 90 days after the proposal opening. The time for award may be extended for up to 45 additional days by mutual agreement between the City of Somerville and the Offeror that is most advantageous and responsible. The Offeror's submission will remain in effect for a period of 90 days from the response deadline or until it is formally withdrawn, a contract is executed, or this solicitation is canceled, whichever occurs first. The Offeror will be required to sign a standard City contract per the City's general terms included herein as Appendix A.

### **Holidays are as follows:**

New Year's Day	Martin Luther King. Jr. Day	Washington's Birthday	Patriots' Day
Memorial Day	Juneteenth Independence Day	Independence Day	Labor Day
Indigenous Peoples' Day	Veterans' Day	Thanksgiving Day	Thanksgiving Friday
Christmas Eve (half day)	Christmas Day		

Please visit <http://www.somervillema.gov/> for the City's most recent calendar. \*Under State Law, all holidays falling on Sunday must be observed on Monday.

If the awarded Offeror for their convenience desires to perform work during other than normal working hours or on other than normal workdays, or if the Offeror is required to perform work at such times, the Offeror shall reimburse the City for any additional expense occasioned the City, thereby, such as, but not limited to, overtime pay for City employees, utilities service, etc. UNLESS otherwise specified in these provisions, services will be performed during normal work hours. When required services occur on holidays, work will be performed on either the previous or following workday, unless specified otherwise.

#### **Unforeseen Office Closure**

If, at the time of the scheduled proposal opening, the Procurement & Contracting Services Department is closed due to uncontrolled events such as fire, snow, ice, wind, or building evacuation, the proposal due date will be postponed until 2:00 p.m. on the next normal business day. Proposals will be accepted until that date and time. In the event of inclement weather, the Offeror is responsible for listening to the media to determine if the City has been closed due to weather.

#### **Changes & Addenda**

If any changes are made to this solicitation, an addendum will be issued. All proposers on record as having picked up the solicitation will be alerted via email as to the posting of all addenda. The City will also post addenda on its website (<https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/procurement-and-contracting>). No changes may be made to the solicitation documents by the Offerors without written authorization and/or an addendum from the Procurement & Contracting Services Department.

#### **Modification or Withdrawal of Proposals, Mistakes, and Minor Informalities**

An Offeror may correct, modify, or withdraw a proposal by written notice received by the City of Somerville prior to the time and date set for the proposal opening. Proposal modifications must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly labeled "Modification No. \_\_" to the address listed in Section 1. Each modification must be numbered in sequence and must reference the original solicitation. After the proposal opening, an Offeror may not change any provision of the proposal in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the City or fair competition. Minor informalities will be waived, or the proposer will be allowed to correct them. If a mistake and the intended proposal are clearly evident on the face of the proposal document, the mistake will be corrected to reflect the intended correct proposal, and the proposer will be notified in writing; the proposer may not withdraw the proposal. A proposer may withdraw a proposal if a mistake is clearly evident on the face of the proposal document, but the intended correct proposal is not similarly evident.

#### **Right to Cancel/Reject Proposals**

The City of Somerville may cancel this solicitation or reject in whole or in part any and all proposals, if the City determines that cancellation or rejection serves the best interests of the City.

#### **Unbalanced Proposals**

The City reserves the right to reject unbalanced, front-loaded, and conditional proposals.

#### **Brand Name "or Equal"**

Any references to any brand name or proprietary product in the specifications shall require the acceptance of an equal or better brand. The City has the right to make the final determination as to whether an alternate brand is equal to the brand specified.

#### **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)**

For EFT payment, the following shall be included with invoices to the point of contact:

- Contract/Order number; Contractor's name & address as stated in the contract;
- The signature (manual or electronic, as appropriate) title, and telephone number of the Offeror's representative authorized to provide sensitive information;
- Name of financial institution; Financial institution nine (9) digit routing transit number;
- Offeror's account number; Type of account, i.e., checking or saving.

### **Other Applicable Laws**

In addition to applicable federal and state laws, the City has several ordinances that apply to the services requested in this contract. Such ordinances include but are not limited to: [living wage ordinance](#), [ordinance to protect vulnerable road users](#),<sup>[1]</sup> and [ordinance to protect against wage theft](#). Workplace safety is of paramount importance to all workers who perform services on City contracts and all bidders must certify that they will disclose any citations they may have received for OSHA violations.

*[1] The ordinance to protect vulnerable road users only applies to contracts where the contractor's heavy vehicles are entering the City of Somerville to perform the work of the contract.*

### **Notice and Certification Pursuant to Somerville Wage Theft Ordinance**

All Offerors, bidders, respondents have an affirmative duty to report to the Procurement & Contracting Services Department and provide a copy of any criminal or civil judgment, administrative citation, or final administrative determination, order, or debarment, relating to wage theft, against the bidder or any of its subcontractors entered within the five years prior to bid submission.

If you are the successful bidder, you and any of your subcontractors have an affirmative duty to report any criminal or civil judgment, administrative citation, final administrative determination, order, or debarment against the bidder or any its subcontractors while your contract with the City is in effect, within five business days of receipt.

You may not contract with the City if you have been either voluntarily or involuntarily debarred by the federal government, any agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or any other state for the entire term of the debarment.

You may not use any subcontractor who has been debarred by the federal government or any state government during the period of that subcontractor's debarment.

You must post notices in accordance with M.G.L. c. 151 § 16 in a conspicuous location accessible to all of their employees in English and the primary language of the employee(s) at the particular workplace.

If not all employees would have reasonable access to the notice if posted in a single location, then you must inform the purchasing agent or other City Department of the number and location of postings in order to ensure that you provide reasonable notice to all of your employees.

As a condition of this bid, the bidder (a.k.a. Offeror, respondent) hereby certifies that neither the bidder nor any of the bidder's subcontractors have been subject to a criminal or civil judgment, administrative citation, final administrative determination, order, or debarment resulting from a violation of M.G.L. c. 149, M.G.L. c. 151, or 29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq. within five years prior to bid submission.

In the alternative, the Bidder hereby discloses a criminal or civil judgment, administrative citation, administrative determination, or debarment, within five years prior to bid submission. Included with the Bid is a copy of the same, in addition to documentation demonstrating that all damages, fines, costs, and fees have been paid.

## **1.6 Evaluation Methodology**

All qualified proposals will be reviewed by an evaluation committee (“the Committee”) composed of employees of the City. The City reserves the right to involve an outside consultant in the selection process.

### **Comparative Evaluation Criteria**

The Committee shall use the comparative evaluation criteria set forth in this section of the RFP to evaluate responsible and responsive proposals that already meet the minimum quality requirements. For each proposal, the evaluation committee will assign a rating of Highly Advantageous, Advantageous, Not Advantageous, or Unacceptable to the comparative evaluation criteria.

Final selection will be based upon the evaluators’ analysis of the information and materials required under the RFP and provided by the Offerors in their submissions. The City may request additional information from the Offerors to ensure that the Offeror has the necessary resources to perform the required services. The Committee may choose to interview Offerors. If interviews will be conducted, the City will notify the Offerors, either by e-mail or telephone, of the date, time, and place for their interviews and any other pertinent information related thereto.

### **Selection Process**

Qualified proposals will be reviewed and rated by the Evaluation Committee ("the Committee") on the basis of the comparative evaluation criteria and minimum quality requirements included in Section 2.0.

The City may request additional information from the Offerors to ensure that the Offeror has the necessary resources to perform the required services. The Committee may choose to select a set of finalists to be interviewed ("the short list"). The short-listed applicants will be notified, either by e-mail or telephone, of the date, time, and place for their interviews and any other pertinent information related thereto. The Mayor may, at the Mayor’s sole discretion, interview the applicants on the short list. The Committee will rank all candidates and make a recommendation to the Mayor to enter into a contract with the most highly advantageous Offeror.

The City will award the contract to the most responsive and responsible Offeror whose entire proposal (technical and price) is deemed to be the most highly advantageous. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if it determines that the criteria set forth have not been met.

**RFQ # 25-45**  
**SECTION 2.0**  
**RULE FOR AWARD /**  
**SPECIFICATIONS/SCOPE OF SERVICES**

**Rule for Award**

The contract shall be awarded to the responsible and responsive proposer submitting the most advantageous proposal response, taking into consideration all evaluation criteria as well as price. The contract will be awarded within ninety (90) days after the proposal opening. The time for award may be extended for up to 45 additional days by mutual agreement between the City and the most highly advantageous and responsible offeror.

**1.0 Scope and Services**

The City of Somerville is seeking to procure a Landscape Architectural Consultant for a full range of landscape design and engineering services for the redesign of the John F. Kennedy School front playground at 5 Cherry Street, on the corner of Sartwell Street and Cherry Street. The Consultant will need to assemble a team capable of addressing all project needs. A full design process and stamped set of construction documents will be completed and bid for construction, with an anticipated construction start date of Spring 2026.

The design process includes four phases:

- 1) Site Analysis and Schematic Design
- 2) Design Development and Construction Documents
- 3) Bid and Negotiation
- 4) Construction Administration

**2.0 Background and Project Site**

Located at the corner of Sartwell and Cherry Streets, the John F. Kennedy School, herein referred to as “the Kennedy School,” is a public prekindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> grade academic institution in Somerville’s 5<sup>th</sup> Ward with over 400 students. The Kennedy School hosts additional academics servicing children with additional needs such as the Individualized Education Program (IEP), Social Education Enhancement at Kennedy (SEEK), and Specialized Kennedy Intensive Program (SKIP). The project site, which includes the front schoolyard and parking lot, is roughly 1.2 acres and is currently an expanse of cracked and patched asphalt with remnants of once-brightly-colored painted play markings. Containing only two full-sized basketball courts, the current lot is devoid of any defining play or active recreation features. The schoolyard is also fully exposed to the elements and does not have any trees, shade, or natural vegetation. Latest site renovations to the Kennedy Schoolyard included a redesign of the rear tot lot in 2016. The City of Somerville seeks a schoolyard site design approach that produces creative and beautiful play spaces that promote inclusive, imaginative, and healthy play.

**3.0 Project Vision**

The schoolyard will directly serve those enrolled in the Kennedy School during school-hours and will operate as a public park and open space during the summer and non-school hours. This playground will be Somerville’s first “inclusive playground.” (See C below.) In addition to meeting baseline safety and security needs of the school, the schoolyard design must be durable, incorporate easily maintained equipment/furnishings and plantings, and respond to the needs of the school community and neighborhood residents.

The goal of the Kennedy School front lot redesign, like other Somerville park and open space projects, is for the Consultant to engage in a thorough and thoughtful design for the newly created play and gathering space that will:

- a) Collaborate with various stakeholders, including children, parents and guardians, teachers, committees, neighbors, and other city departments, to create a design that effectively meets the community's needs.
- b) Incorporate universally inclusive design principles to create imaginative, interactive, and age-appropriate play features that support multiple forms of play and risk/challenge for children within a range of physical and developmental abilities. More information about inclusive playgrounds can be found in the document attached “7 Principles Guidebook”.
- c) Analyze, improve, and exceed (where applicable) ADA access and connectivity between spaces for children/persons with disabilities.
- d) Develop a logical stormwater strategy that deploys resilient best management practices and increases surface permeability.
- e) Provide opportunities for active and passive recreation and connection with nature through robust plantings.
- f) Provide educational, and sensory opportunities throughout the schoolyard.
- g) Consider shade and comfort for children and their caretakers.
- h) Create potential educational amenities such as outdoor classroom spaces, gardens, and other learning-based play.
- i) Provide a durable design that minimizes the City’s maintenance needs.
- j) Create opportunities for expanded tree plantings in alignment with the city's tree preservation objectives and the pollinator planting initiatives outlined in the Somerville Pollinator Action Plan.
- k) Explore reconfiguring the parking lot and bus drop-off to allow for the expansion of the playground while meeting school needs

#### 4.0 Funding

The design budget for this park is approximately \$130,000. This budget includes all costs and contingencies. While the project’s construction budget has not been finalized, **the consultant’s design fees for this scope are fixed**, and are not construction budget dependent. Currently, the construction budget has not been secured, but we estimate this project to be \$3,500,000.

The project budget will not allow for any reimbursables.

The project’s design will be funded by, or in part by, a Community Preservation Act (CPA) grant from the Somerville Community Preservation Committee.

#### 5.0 Schedule

The City’s preliminary project schedule calls for the work items set forth in the Scope of Services to be completed according to the following schedule:

<b><i>A. Site Analysis &amp; Schematic Design Phase:</i></b>	<b><i>March - July 2025</i></b>
<b><i>B. Design Development and Construction Documents Phase:</i></b>	<b><i>July 2026 – December 2026</i></b>
<b><i>C. Bid and Negotiation Phase:</i></b>	<b><i>Winter 2025</i></b>
<b><i>D. Construction Administration Phase:</i></b>	<b><i>Spring 2026</i></b>

#### 6.0 Public Process

The Consultant will work with the PSUF project manager to involve the community in a maximum of six (6) public meetings/engagement sessions. Public meetings/engagement will be advertised by the PSUF project manager and will comprise a larger group of stakeholders including, but not limited to: the Kennedy school community, parents, neighborhood residents, community groups, abutters, and City Councilors. Additionally, the consultant will meet internally with other city departments to coordinate the project. These meetings will be both in person, and remote, and will be the consultant team’s responsibility to manage and host the hybrid meetings. Though public meetings will remain the core component of the community engagement effort, PSUF

welcomes alternative engagement strategies that will allow the Consultant to better understand the needs of underrepresented and/or vulnerable community members whose voices are not heard in a typical public meeting process. Consultants are encouraged to include examples of successful engagement to marginalized communities for past projects as part of their proposal.

The first meetings will be held in April/May 2025 to introduce the Consultant to the school community and to the neighborhood, present a site analysis, and gather information and community feedback about the needs of the Kennedy School are. This meeting will introduce inclusive playgrounds, their benefits, and design challenges (2 meetings).

The second round of meetings will present a maximum of three Schematic Design options for review and comment to both the school community and the neighborhood (2 meetings).

Finally, the last round of meetings will be held by the start of the new academic year to present the final design and anticipated construction timeline.

In addition to the public process, the Consultant is expected to:

- Meet with PSUF, other city staff or committees as needed to discuss any design decisions, obstacles, or concerns about the project design and construction. Estimate a maximum of 15 working meetings.
- Incorporate public comment(s) as appropriate when preparing schematic and final designs for City review and approval
- Review all public-facing materials and presentations with the PSUF project manager prior to public meetings and engagement sessions.

## **7.0 Tasks and Products**

### **7.1 Site Analysis and Schematic Design**

#### **TASKS:**

- Review available City, and State records pertaining to the history, design, environmental health, utilities, and unique attributes of the site. The City will provide a site survey.
- Review all data regarding site history and possible soil contaminants information, to be provided by the City's Licensed Site Professional.
- Review existing site conditions.
- Conduct site visits as necessary to review all natural site conditions, including site grades, slopes, sun exposure, vegetation, and soil conditions. Document existing conditions, materials, furnishings, equipment, plant material, and any unique site features.
- Present preliminary findings of the Site Analysis to City staff and at the first public meeting.
- Prepare three Schematic Design options under the guidance of the City's PSUF project manager.
- Review Schematic Design plans with City staff and make any necessary changes prior to public meetings.
- Present the design approach at public meetings; record public comments and incorporate changes as appropriate.

#### **PRODUCTS:**

- A detailed site analysis, base plan, and relevant diagrams of the site.
- Three distinct Schematic Design alternatives. In addition to presenting the Schematic Designs via illustrative plans, the Consultant is to produce other supplementary graphics necessary to clearly and accurately communicate the design intent with the public (i.e. diagrams, digital models, rendered views, etc.)
- Probable Cost Estimates for the preferred Schematic Design alternative.
- PowerPoint presentations, boards, or other effective presentation materials for public meetings, illustrating each design alternative.

- Record meeting minutes for all public meetings and meetings with the City.

## **7.2 Design Development and Construction Documents**

### **TASKS:**

- The purpose of this task is to develop the final design elements and to refine the cost estimates for the City to evaluate in relation to the project budget.
- Informed by PSUF staff and community input, proceed with Design Development of one preferred scheme or a single combination of schemes.
- Coordinate with sub consultants as needed to develop Utility, Lighting, and Irrigation plans and their associated specifications, in accordance with City standards and maintenance capabilities.
- Draft layouts for all play signage. Examples to be provided by the City.
- Present Design Development package to City Staff and the public.
- Submit 100% Construction Documents incorporating appropriate public and City Staff feedback.
- Prepare detailed cost estimate to use in the construction bid and negotiation phase.
- Work with the City's Procurement & Contracting Services Department to compile the contractor bid package including all specifications, the "Front End" documentation, a detailed unit price sheet of all materials, and bid form for alternates.

### **PRODUCTS:**

- Develop a final preferred plan and associated graphics to present to the public and be prepared to present progress to the Mayor and City Staff if requested.
- PowerPoint presentations, boards, or other effective presentation materials for public meetings, illustrating the developed design.
- Develop and finalize the design of all project elements.
- Attend meetings with the City as required, with drawings and other presentation materials sufficient to communicate the evolution of the design and design details. Submit milestone progress Construction Documents at 50%, 90% and 100% completion.
- Submit a complete and thoroughly checked 100% set of Construction Documents for review by the City's representative prior to printing.
- Provide the City with a completed Construction Document set inclusive of plans, details, and written specifications in order to provide the City with documents it may use to bid and construct the project.
- Develop a construction schedule to guide the bid and construction process.
- Prepare a final, detailed, cost estimate to use in the construction bid and negotiation phase.
- Produce a maintenance manual that outlines the seasonal and yearly tasks that DPW and maintenance will need to perform to upkeep the schoolyard. The City will provide examples of maintenance manuals.

## **7.3 Bid and Negotiation**

### **TASKS:**

- Assist with bid canvassing.
- Attend pre-bid conference to answer questions from potential bidders relating to the proposed schoolyard construction.
- Assist the City's Procurement and Contracting Services Department in issuing any needed addenda, and respond to and clarify the bidders' questions as needed for the landscape design.
- Revise bid documents to incorporate amendments and clarifications issued during Bidding and Negotiation phase and submit to the City's project manager.

### **PRODUCTS:**

- Prepare detailed unit price sheet and bid form for alternates for inclusion in the bid package.
- Assist with bid canvassing.
- Attend pre-bid and pre-construction meetings.
- Address bidder inquiries and assist the City with written clarifications and addenda as needed.
- Assist with evaluation of construction bids, especially with comparing bid schedules to the cost estimates prepared.

#### **7.4 Construction Administration**

The City does not have a Clerk of the Works on staff and the Consultant's Construction Administration work is intended to include many of those duties. The consultant shall be prepared to conduct weekly field visits and ensure that quality control is maintained with respect to layout, construction procedures, and use/disposal of materials. Assume a 3-month winter shutdown with minimal meetings.

##### **TASKS:**

- Allocate a minimum 2hrs/day, 4 days/week throughout construction period for construction oversight and administration.
- Conduct weekly construction meetings with the City and Contractor.
- Record field notes and meeting minutes and distribute to appropriate parties in a timely fashion.
- Observe and monitor all construction to ensure that all materials and procedures are in accordance with drawings and specifications, and that the project meets the agreed-upon construction schedule.
- Facilitate design coordination between the City, General Contractor and design sub consultants during the construction period.
- Answer questions from General Contractor and make revisions to the construction drawings and specifications as needed.
- Review and approve all submittals, shop drawings, and change order requests with the City to assure compliance with drawings and specifications.
- Work with construction vendor to record all changes to the plans and provide the City with a CD set of electronic as-built plans which accurately reflect the parks final construction.

##### **PRODUCTS:**

This work item is intended to ensure that weekly field inspections are made, the design intent is met and carried out properly, and that overall quality control is maintained with respect to layout, construction procedures, and use of materials. As part of this work item, the Consultant will be required to:

- Conduct weekly on-site observation and monitoring of construction to ensure that all materials and procedures are in accordance with the drawings and specifications and that the project meets the agreed-upon construction schedule.
- Attend weekly site meetings with the Contractor and the City, prepare field reports/meeting notes and minutes, and distribute notes in a timely fashion.
- Clarify drawings and specifications as necessary for the proper execution of the work.
- Review and approve the Contractor's submittals including, but not limited to, shop drawings, product data, samples, and mockups.
- Review and approve the Contractor's applications for payment and make recommendations to the City regarding such payment.
- Document and make recommendations regarding work of the Contractor, which does not conform to the contract documents.
- Inspect all engineering issues as they arise during construction.
- Prepare a construction punch list.
- Conduct a final walk-through of construction and a project closeout meeting with the entire project team to ensure satisfactory completion of the project work.

- Revise and finalize the detailed, written maintenance manual outlining recommended horticulture (based on City template) and hardscape maintenance products, practices, and frequency. The City will provide relevant examples.
- As-built plans: Working with construction vendor, produce an accurate record of all changes to the plans including materials, configurations and grading, and provide the City with an electronic CD set of as-built plans which accurately reflect the schoolyard's final construction.

### Comparative Evaluation Criteria

The Comparative Evaluation Criteria set forth in this section of the RFP shall be used to evaluate responsible and responsive proposals.

All proposals will be reviewed by an evaluation committee composed of employees of the City. Final selection will be based upon the evaluators' analysis of the information and materials required under the RFP and provided by the proposing vendors in their submissions. The City reserves the right to involve an outside consultant in the selection process. Proposals that meet the minimum quality requirements will be reviewed for responses to the comparative evaluation criteria. The evaluation committee will assign a rating of Highly Advantageous, Advantageous, Not Advantageous, or Unacceptable to the comparative evaluation criteria.

The City will only award a contract to a responsive and responsible Proposer. Before awarding the contract(s), the City may request additional information from the Proposer to ensure that the Proposer has the resources necessary to perform the required services. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if it determines that the criteria set forth have not been met. The Comparative Evaluation Criteria are:

Factor 1: Technical and Management Approach	
<b>Highly Advantageous</b>	The Offeror's Qualifications demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the Scope of Work outlined in Section 2.0 and a thorough attention to detail. The Offeror's Qualifications demonstrate that they have exhibited past playground/parks projects that are both cost effective and relevant to Somerville's specific needs.
<b>Advantageous</b>	The Offeror's Qualifications demonstrate a moderate understanding of the Scope of Work outlined in Section 2.0 and modest attention to detail. The Offeror's Qualifications demonstrate that their past playground/parks projects have not been optimally cost effective and lack certain aspects of relevance to Somerville's needs.
<b>Not Advantageous</b>	The Offeror's Qualifications lacks a comprehensive understanding of the Scope of Work outlined in Section 2.0 and a thorough attention to detail. The Offeror's Qualifications demonstrate that their past projects have not been cost effective or relevant to Somerville.

Factor 2: Key Personnel	
<b>Highly Advantageous</b>	<u>All</u> of the personnel identified by the Offeror are proven to possess a <u>very high level</u> of landscape design and construction administration experience and performance. Resumes are included in the RFQ for all proposed personnel. All proposed personnel are currently performing functions similar to those proposed and clearly show an adequate level of relevant experience to successfully perform the scope outlined herein.
<b>Advantageous</b>	<u>All</u> of the personnel identified by the Offeror are proven to possess a <u>high level</u> of landscape design and construction administration experience and performance. Resumes are included in the RFQ for most of the proposed

	personnel. Some of these proposed personnel show an adequate level of relevant experience to successfully perform the scope outlined herein.
<b>Not Advantageous</b>	<u>Most</u> , but not all, of the personnel identified by the Offeror are proven to possess an <u>adequate level</u> of landscape design and construction administration experience. Resumes are not included for any of the proposed staff.

<b>Factor 3: Past Performance</b>	
<b>Highly Advantageous</b>	The RFQ demonstrates the Offeror's efficient and effective design and management of eight or more projects of similar size and scope in settings similar to Somerville and to the types of projects listed in Section 2.0. Additionally, demonstrates effective design of inclusive or universal playgrounds of similar size to Somerville's spaces.
<b>Advantageous</b>	The RFQ demonstrates the Offeror's efficient and effective design and management of six to eight park projects of similar size and scope in settings similar to Somerville and to the types of projects listed in Section 2.0.
<b>Not Advantageous</b>	The RFQ demonstrates the Offeror's efficient and effective design and management of less than four park projects of similar size and scope in settings similar to Somerville and to the types of projects listed in Section 2.0.

## Quality Requirements

Quality requirements, or basic business requirements, are the minimum set of standards that an entity must meet and certify to be considered responsible and responsive. **Please complete the Quality Requirements form, below, and submit it with your completed proposal.** The City of Somerville may disqualify any response that does not meet the minimum quality requirements. A "No" response to items 1 through 5, or a failure to respond to any of the following minimum standards, may result in disqualification of your proposal.

QUALITY REQUIREMENTS		YES	NO
1.	Is the Proposer capable of providing the Landscape Architectural Services as described in the project summary?		
2.	Has the Proposer five (5) or more years of experience in providing similar services to other communities?		
3.	Has the Proposer worked on at least 3 other similar public park/playground projects for other communities?		
4.	Has the Proposed provided at least three references, including names, addresses and phone numbers, to which the proposer has provided the Landscape Architectural Services to other communities?		
5.	Does the Proposer have a licensed landscape architect registered in the state of Massachusetts on staff?		
6.	Optional: Are you a Mass. Supplier Diversity Office MBE/WBE certified minority or woman owned business? Additional diversity designations may be submitted by attaching supporting documentation.		

To provide verification of affirmative responses to items 1 through 5 under the quality requirements listed in the Quality Requirements Form, proposers must submit written information that details the general background, experience, and qualifications of the organization. Subcontractors, if applicable, must be also included.

**Period of Performance**

The period of performance for this contract begins on or about 03/24/2025 and ends on or about 03/24/2028. If applicable, optional renewal years may be exercised by the sole discretion of the City (see cover page for anticipated contract term).

**Place of Performance**

All services, delivery, and other required support shall be conducted in Somerville and other locations designated by the Department point of contact. Meetings between the Vendor and City personnel shall be held at the City of Somerville, Massachusetts, unless otherwise specified.

**Vendor Conduct**

The Vendor's employees shall comply with all City regulations, policies, and procedures. The Vendor shall ensure that their employees present professional work attire at all times. The authorized contracting body of the City may, at his/her sole discretion, direct the Vendor to remove any Vendor employee from City facilities for misconduct or safety reasons. Such rule does not relieve the Vendor of their responsibility to provide sufficient and timely service. The City will provide the Vendor with immediate written notice for the removal of the employee. Vendors must be knowledgeable of the conflict of interest law found on the Commonwealth's website <http://www.mass.gov/ethics/laws-and-regulations-/conflict-of-interest-information/conflict-of-interest-law.html>. Vendors may be required to take the Conflict of Interest exam.

**Vendor Personnel**

The Vendor shall clearly state the name of the proposed project manager. All proposed staff must demonstrate the ability to carry out the specified requirements.

**Confidentiality**

The Vendor agrees that it will ensure that its employees and others performing services under this contract will not use or disclose any non-public information unless authorized by the City. That includes confidential reports, information, discussions, procedures, and any other data that are collected, generated or resulting from the performance of this scope of work. All documents, photocopies, computer data, and any other information of any kind collected or received by the Vendor in connection with the contract work shall be provided to the City upon request at the termination of the contract (i.e., the date on which final payment is made on the contract or at such other time as may be requested by the City or as otherwise agreed by City and the Vendor). The Vendor may not discuss the contract work in progress with any outside party, including responding to media and press inquiries, without the prior written permission of the City. In addition, the Vendor may not issue news releases or similar items regarding contract award, any subsequent contract modifications, or any other contract-related matter without the prior written approval of the City. Requests to make such disclosures should be addressed in writing to the Vendor's point of contact.

**Deliverables**

Vendor shall provide for all day-to-day supervision, inspection, and monitoring of all work performed to ensure compliance with the contract requirements. The contractor is responsible for remedying all defects and or omissions to the supplies or services provided to ensure that said deliverables meet the requirements as detailed in the contract specifications.

**RFQ # 25-45**  
**SECTION 3.0**  
**PRICING**

By signing this Price Form, the Proposer certifies the following bulleted statements and offers to supply and deliver the materials and services specified below in full accordance with the Contract Documents supplied by the City of Somerville entitled: Kennedy Schoolyard Renovation Design Services

- The proposals will be received at the office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 no later than **02/26/2025 by 1PM EST**
- If the **awarded** vendor is a Corporation a "Certificate of Good Standing" (produced by the Mass. Sec. of State) must be furnished with the resulting contract (see Section 4.0.)
- **Awarded Vendor** must comply with Living Wage requirements (see Section 4.0; only for services)
- **Awarded Vendor** must comply with insurance requirements as stated in Section 4.0.
- The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and/or to waive any informalities if in her/his sole judgment it is deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Somerville.
- The following prices shall include delivery, the cost of fuel, the cost of labor, and all other charges.
- This form to be enclosed in sealed proposal package.

**Please provide Unit Price for the following and include any additional fees not listed:**

<b><u>Project Fee – Fixed Cost</u></b>	
Site Analysis and Schematic Design	\$ _____
Design Development and Construction Documents	\$ _____
Bid and Negotiation	\$ _____
Construction Administration	\$ _____
<b><u>Additional Fees</u></b>	
Additional Community Meetings - Cost per meeting:	\$ _____
<b>Total Project Fixed Fee (in figures)</b>	\$ _____
<b>Total Project Fixed Fee (in words)</b>	

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<b><u>Hourly Fee Schedule</u></b>	
Principal / Project Manager	\$
Associate	\$
Designer	\$
Other:	\$
Other:	\$
Other:	\$
<b>Name of Company/Individual:</b>	
<b>Address, City, State, Zip:</b>	
<b>Tel #</b>	<b>Email:</b>
<b>Signature of Authorized Individual</b>	
<p>Please acknowledge receipt of any and all Addenda (if applicable) by signing below and including this form in your proposal package. Failure to do so may subject the proposer to disqualification.</p> <p><b>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA:</b></p> <p><b>Addendum #1</b> ____ <b>#2</b> ____ <b>#3</b> ____ <b>#4</b> ____ <b>#5</b> ____ <b>#6</b> ____ <b>#7</b> ____ <b>#8</b> ____ <b>#9</b> ____ <b>#10</b> ____</p>	

## SECTION 4.0

### Kennedy Schoolyard Renovation Design Services PROPOSERS' CHECKLIST

**Please ensure all documents listed on this checklist are included with your proposal. Failure to do so may subject the proposer to disqualification.**

#### **Non-Price Proposal**

##### **Required with Sealed Proposals**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Cover Letter
- \_\_\_\_\_ Acknowledgement of Addenda (if applicable and non-price related)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Qualifications & Experience
- \_\_\_\_\_ Quality Requirements (See Section 2.0)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Somerville Living Wage Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wage Theft Ordinance Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Certificate of Non-Collusion and Tax Compliance
- \_\_\_\_\_ Certificate of Signature Authority
- \_\_\_\_\_ Reference Form (or equivalent may be attached)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Supplier Diversity Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vulnerable Road Users Ordinance
- \_\_\_\_\_ W9

##### **Required with Contract, *Post Award***

- \_\_\_\_\_ Certificate of Good Standing (will be required of awarded Vendor; please furnish with proposal if available)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Specifications (will be required of awarded Vendor; furnish sample certificate with bid, if possible)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Statement of Management (if applicable)

#### **Price Proposal**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Acknowledgement of Addenda (if applicable and price related)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Price Form



**SOMERVILLE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE CERTIFICATION FORM**  
**CITY OF SOMERVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 2-397 et seq.\*.**

**Instructions:** This form shall be included in all Invitations for Bids and Requests for Proposals which involve the furnishing of labor, time or effort (with no end product other than reports) by vendors contracting or subcontracting with the City of Somerville, where the contract price meets or exceeds the following dollar threshold: \$10,000. If the undersigned is selected, this form will be attached to the contract or subcontract and the certifications made herein shall be incorporated as part of such contract or subcontract. **Complete this form and sign and date where indicated below on page 2.**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this form is to ensure that such vendors pay a “Living Wage” (defined below) to all covered employees (i.e., all employees except individuals in a city, state or federally funded youth program). In the case of bids, the City will award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder paying a Living Wage. In the case of RFP’s, the City will select the most advantageous proposal from a responsive and responsible offeror paying a Living Wage. In neither case, however, shall the City be under any obligation to select a bid or proposal that exceeds the funds available for the contract.

**Definition of “Living Wage”:** For this contract or subcontract, as of 7/1/2024 “Living Wage” shall be deemed to be an hourly wage of no less than \$17.72 per hour. From time to time, the Living Wage may be upwardly adjusted and amendments, if any, to the contract or subcontract may require the payment of a higher hourly rate if a higher rate is then in effect.

**CERTIFICATIONS**

1. The undersigned shall pay no less than the Living Wage to all covered employees who directly expend their time on the contract or subcontract with the City of Somerville.
2. The undersigned shall post a notice, (copy enclosed), to be furnished by the contracting City Department, informing covered employees of the protections and obligations provided for in the Somerville Living Wage Ordinance, and that for assistance and information, including copies of the Ordinance, employees should contact the contracting City Department. Such notice shall be posted in each location where services are performed by covered employees, in a conspicuous place where notices to employees are customarily posted.
3. The undersigned shall maintain payrolls for all covered employees and basic records relating hereto and shall preserve them for a period of three years. The records shall contain the name and address of each employee, the number of hours worked, the gross wages, a copy of the social

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\* Copies of the Ordinance are available upon request to the Procurement & Contracting Services Department.

Form: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contract Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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security returns, and evidence of payment thereof and such other data as may be required by the contracting City Department from time to time.

4. The undersigned shall submit payroll records to the City upon request and, if the City receives information of possible noncompliance with the provisions the Somerville Living Wage Ordinance, the undersigned shall permit City representatives to observe work being performed at the work site, to interview employees, and to examine the books and records relating to the payrolls being investigated to determine payment of wages.

5. The undersigned shall not fund wage increases required by the Somerville Living Wage Ordinance by reducing the health insurance benefits of any of its employees.

6. The undersigned agrees that the penalties and relief set forth in the Somerville Living Wage Ordinance shall be in addition to the rights and remedies set forth in the contract and/or subcontract.

**CERTIFIED BY:**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Duly Authorized Representative of Vendor)

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Vendor:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**INSTRUCTIONS: PLEASE POST**

**NOTICE TO ALL EMPLOYEES  
REGARDING PAYMENT OF LIVING WAGE**

Under the Somerville, Massachusetts' Living Wage Ordinance (Ordinance No. 1999-1), any person or entity who has entered into a contract with the City of Somerville is required to pay its employees who are involved in providing services to the City of Somerville no less than a "Living Wage".

The Living Wage as of **7/1/2024** is **\$17.72** per hour.

For assistance and information regarding the protections and obligations provided for in the Living Wage Ordinance and/or a copy of the Living Wage Ordinance, all employees should contact the City of Somerville's Procurement & Contracting Services Department directly.



**WAGE THEFT ORDINANCE CERTIFICATION FORM**  
**CITY OF SOMERVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES / 2019 / ORDINANCE NO. 2019-24 et seq.\*.**

**Instructions:** Contractors shall complete this form and sign and date where indicated below. This form will be attached to the contract or subcontract and the certifications made herein shall be incorporated as part of such contract or subcontract.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this form is to ensure that such vendors comply with applicable federal and state wage laws, treat their employees fairly and ensure that wage theft does not occur on their projects.

**Definition of “Wage Theft”:** an action by an Employer, their officers, agents or employees causing an Employer not to make a timely and/or complete payment of Wages, not to pay the Minimum Wage or Prevailing Wage, or not to pay Overtime earned and owing to an Employee.

**CERTIFICATIONS**

Whenever the City of Somerville is procuring construction services subject to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 149, c. 149A or c. 30, §39M, the terms of the Somerville Wage Theft Ordinance shall be incorporated into the procurement documents and made part of the specifications and contract. Any person, company or corporation shall acknowledge, in writing, receipt of said requirements with their bid or proposal and/or contract.

The undersigned bidder, proposer, contractor, subcontractor and/or trade contractor hereby acknowledges receipt of the below referenced requirements and verifies under oath that they will comply with the conditions set forth in the Somerville Wage Theft Ordinance 2019-24, which shall be incorporated into any contract entered into between the City and contractor.

The contractor shall not have been found within the past five years by a court or governmental agency in violation of any law relating to providing workers compensation insurance coverage, misclassification of employees as independent contractors, payment of employer payroll taxes, employee income tax withholding, earned sick time, wage and hour laws, prompt payment laws, or prevailing wage laws.

The contractor shall maintain appropriate industrial accident insurance sufficient to provide coverage for all the employees on the project in accordance with M.G.L. c. 152 and provide documentary proof of such coverage included with the contractor's submitted bid to the inspectional services department to be maintained as a public record.

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\*Read entire ordinance online at:

[https://library.municode.com/ma/somerville/ordinances/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=1001376](https://library.municode.com/ma/somerville/ordinances/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=1001376) or request from the Procurement & Contracting Services Department.

Bid ref.:

Contract Number:

The contractor shall properly classify employees as employees rather than independent contractors and treat them accordingly for purposes of prevailing wages and overtime, workers compensation insurance coverage, social security taxes and state and federal income tax withholding. (M.G.L. c. 149, § 148B on employee classification).

The contractor shall comply with M.G.L. c. 151, § 1A and M.G.L. c. 149, § 148 with respect to the payment of wages.

The city contractor must make arrangements to ensure that each employee of every contractor and subcontractor of any tier entering or leaving the project individually completes the appropriate entries in a daily sign-in/out log. The sign in/out log shall include: the location of the project; current date; printed employee name; signed employee name; name of employee's employer and the time of each entry or exiting. The log shall contain a prominent notice that employees are entitled under state law to receive the prevailing wage rate for their work on the project. Such sign-in/out logs shall be provided to the city on a weekly basis with the certified payrolls and shall be a public record.

Each contractor of any tier, prior to performing any work on the project, shall sign under oath and provide to the city contractor a certification that they are not debarred or otherwise prevented from bidding for or performing work on a public project in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or in the city.

The contractor must comply with state and, where applicable, federal prevailing wage laws. Contractor shall submit weekly certified payrolls to the City for all employees working on the contract including subcontracted workers at all tiers. Contractor shall use the current standard Massachusetts weekly certified payroll report form. Each contractor shall provide a copy of the OSHA 10 card for every employee attached to the first certified payroll they submit on which the employee appears.

Each payment requisition shall include the following certification:

I certify under oath that each payment requisition is in full compliance with all obligations forth in the Wage Theft Ordinance.

SIGNED UNDER THE PAINS AND PENALTIES OF PERJURY,

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Duly Authorized Representative of Contractor)

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Contractor:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Online at: <https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement>

Form:\_\_\_\_\_  
Contract Number:\_\_\_\_\_

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## **Non-Collusion Form and Tax Compliance Certification**

**Instructions:** Complete each part of this two-part form and sign and date where indicated below.

### **A. NON-COLLUSION FORM**

I, the undersigned, hereby certify under penalties of perjury that this bid or proposal has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person.

As used in this certification, the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club, or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Individual Submitted Bid or Proposal)  
Duly Authorized

**Name of Business or Entity:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

### **B. TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION**

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 62C, §49A, I certify under the penalties of perjury that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, I am in compliance with all laws of the Commonwealth relating to taxes, reporting of employees and contractors, and withholding and remitting child support, as well as paid all contributions and payments in lieu of contributions pursuant to MGL 151A, §19A(b).

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Duly Authorized Representative of Vendor)

**Name of Business or Entity:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Security Number or Federal Tax ID#:** \_\_\_\_\_

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



## **Certificate of Authority (Corporations Only)**

**Instructions:** Complete this form and sign and date where indicated below.

1. I hereby certify that I, the undersigned, am the duly elected Clerk/Secretary of

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Insert Full Name of Corporation)**

2. I hereby certify that the following individual \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Insert the Name of Officer who Signed the Contract and Bonds)**

is the duly elected \_\_\_\_\_ of said Corporation.  
**(Insert the Title of the Officer in Line 2)**

3. I hereby certify that on \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Insert Date: Must be on or before Date Officer Signed Contract/Bonds)**

at a duly authorized meeting of the Board of Directors of said corporation, at which a quorum was present, it was voted that

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Insert Name of Officer from Line 2) (Insert Title of Officer from Line 2)**

of this corporation be and hereby is authorized to make, enter into, execute, and deliver contracts and bonds in the name and on behalf of said corporation, and affix its Corporate Seal thereto, and such execution of any contract of obligation in this corporation's name and on its behalf, with or without the Corporate Seal, shall be valid and binding upon this corporation; and that the above vote has not been amended or rescinded and remains in full force and effect as of the date set forth below.

4. **ATTEST:**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Clerk or Secretary)**

**AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL HERE**

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Date Must Be on or after Date Officer Signed Contract/Bonds)**



**Certificate of Authority  
(Limited Liability Companies Only)**

**Instructions:** Complete this form and sign and date where indicated below.

1. I, the undersigned, being a member or manager of

\_\_\_\_\_,  
(Complete Name of Limited Liability Company)

a limited liability company (LLC) hereby certify as to the contents of this form for the purpose of contracting with the City of Somerville.

2. The LLC is organized under the laws of the state of: \_\_\_\_\_.

3. The LLC is managed by (**check one**) a     Manager or by its     Members.

4. I hereby certify that each of the following individual(s) is:

- a member/manager of the LLC;
- duly authorized to execute and deliver this contract, agreement, and/or other legally binding documents relating to any contract and/or agreement on behalf of the LLC;
- duly authorized to do and perform all acts and things necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of this contract or agreement on behalf of the LLC; and
- that no resolution, vote, or other document or action is necessary to establish such authority.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>

5. **Signature:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Title:**\_\_\_\_\_

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

## **REFERENCE FORM**

Bidder: \_\_\_\_\_

**IFB Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

Bidder must provide references for: Three other similar sized Municipalities provided the same services

Reference:\_\_\_\_\_ Contact:\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_ Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email:\_\_\_\_\_

Description and date(s) of supplies or services provided:\_\_\_\_\_

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Reference:\_\_\_\_\_ Contact:\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_ Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email:\_\_\_\_\_

Description and date(s) of supplies or services provided:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Reference:\_\_\_\_\_ Contact:\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_ Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email:\_\_\_\_\_

Description and date(s) of supplies or services provided:\_\_\_\_\_

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## **SOMERVILLE SUPPLIER DIVERSITY CERTIFICATION FORM**

### **Background**

The City of Somerville is an equal opportunity employer and encourages businesses to apply to work with the City that are representative of the City's diverse community. In an effort to increase the opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses within Somerville and surrounding communities, the City recognizes Massachusetts' Operational Services Division's Supplier Diversity Office certification program.

### **Application Process**

Applicable parties may learn more about the Commonwealth's supplier diversity certification process and apply here <https://www.mass.gov/supplier-diversity-office>. During the certification process, which takes approximately 30 days, the SDO investigates applicant companies to make sure they meet applicable legal requirements. Under SDO regulations, the applicant firm must prove it is at least 51% owned and dominantly controlled by adult minority, women, Portuguese, or veteran principals who are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents. Firms also must be ongoing and independent.

### **Certifications**

Check all those that apply:

- ☐ **Minority Business Enterprises (MBE)**
- ☐ **Women Business Enterprises (WBE)**
- ☐ **Veteran Business Enterprises (VBE)**
- ☐ **Portuguese Business Enterprises (PBE)**
- ☐ **Other** \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned certifies that the applicant has received certification from the Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office for the SDO category/categories listed above and has provided the City of Somerville with a copy of the SDO certification letter.

### **CERTIFIED BY:**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Duly Authorized Representative of Vendor)

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Vendor:** \_\_\_\_\_

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



## SOMERVILLE ORDINANCE TO SAFEGUARD

## VULNERABLE ROAD USERS

CITY OF SOMERVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES ARTICLE VIII, SEC. 12-117 et seq.

Prospective contractors must familiarize themselves with the City of Somerville's Ordinance to Protect Vulnerable Road Users. The full text of this local law can be found [here](#).

1. **Request for Inspection:** Inspections are conducted on Thursdays from 4pm-7pm at the Somerville Department of Public Works, located at 1 Franey Road. Each inspection takes approximately 20 minutes.
  - a. Any vendor covered by this Ordinance shall complete an inspection request form and email it to [fleetinspections@somervillema.gov](mailto:fleetinspections@somervillema.gov).
  - b. Please submit request form no later than 3pm on the Tuesday before the requested inspection date.
2. **Fee:** The fee for the initial inspection is \$100. The fee for a renewal inspection (every two years) is \$50.
  - a. Payment of the fee is due upon scheduling of the inspection. The fee can be paid via check or credit card. Checks should be made out to the City of Somerville and include the vendor's phone number.
3. **Approval:** Vehicles inspected and approved by the Fleet Division will have an inspection approval sticker affixed to the windshield of the vehicle. A copy of the inspection report and certificate of inspection shall be issued to the vendor.
  - a. Inspection stickers are not transferable.
  - b. Any major overhaul of safeguard equipment shall be required to be re-inspected.
4. **Rejection:** If a vehicle is rejected for failing to comply with any of the technical specifications outlined in the ordinance, it shall be corrected and henceforth re-inspected within 30 days at no additional fee.
  - a. If a second inspection results in a rejection, a fee of \$50 will be required for any subsequent inspections.
  - b. Any vendor who fails to comply within 60 days of their first inspection may be subject to having their contract cancelled.
5. **Questions:** Please direct questions about vehicle inspections to Department of Public Works, at: [fleetinspections@somervillema.gov](mailto:fleetinspections@somervillema.gov) or call 617-625-6600 ext. 5100

### Acknowledgement

In accordance with Sec. 12-119 "Requirements" in the Ordinance, bidders must sign the following:

Unless certified that the Ordinance is not applicable to this contract or otherwise waived by the City, I acknowledge that my company has installed (or will install prior to commencing work for the contract) side guards, cross-over mirrors or equivalent blind spot countermeasures, convex mirrors or equivalent blind spot countermeasures, side-visible turn signals, and appropriate warning signage, in accordance with SCO Chapter 12, Article VII on all large vehicles it uses or will use within the City of Somerville in connection with any contract.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signatory's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

I certify that the Ordinance does not apply to this contract for the following reason:

☐ Vehicles do not meet or exceed Class 3 GVWR

☐ Vehicles do not exceed 15 MPH

☐ No vehicles on project

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

# ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS

## LATERAL PROTECTIVE DEVICES (SIDE GUARDS)

- Vehicles must have device installed between the front & rear wheels to help prevent injuries to vulnerable road users, particularly from falling underneath the vehicle.



## SIDE-VISIBLE TURN SIGNALS

- Vehicles must have at least one turn signal lamp on each side of the vehicle that is visible from any point to the left and right side along the full length of the vehicle.



## CONVEX MIRRORS

- Vehicles must have mirrors which enable the driver to see anything that is three feet above the road and one foot in feet of or along side of the vehicle.



## CROSS-OVER MIRRORS

- Vehicles must have mirrors that enable the driver to see anything at least three feet tall passing one foot in front of the vehicle and the area in front of the bumper where direct vision is not possible.

## SAFETY DECALS

- Vehicles must have a minimum of three reflective decals on the rear and sides.
- The decals must be “safety yellow” in color and include language or images that warn of blind spots.

# COMMON QUESTIONS

**WHAT TYPES OF VEHICLES DOES THIS ORDINANCE APPLY TO?** This ordinance applies to Class 3 or above vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating exceeding 10,000 lbs., except for an ambulance, fire apparatus, low-speed vehicle with max speed under 15 mph, or agricultural tractors.

**CAN TOOL BOXES BE USED AS SIDE GUARDS?** Yes, as long as the tool box meets all of the required measurements in the ordinance.

**IF I RENT TRUCKS FOR A JOB, DO THOSE VEHICLES NEED TO BE INSPECTED AND PERMITTED?** Yes.

**DO SUBCONTRACTORS' TRUCKS WORKING ON A CITY CONTRACT NEED TO BE INSPECTED & PERMITTED?** Yes.

**WILL THE CITY DO AN OFF-SITE INSPECTION FOR LARGER FLEETS?** Yes, depending on the availability of inspectors and the distance to the site.

# REGISTER FOR AN INSPECTION

Email inspection forms to: [FleetInspections@SomervilleMA.gov](mailto:FleetInspections@SomervilleMA.gov)

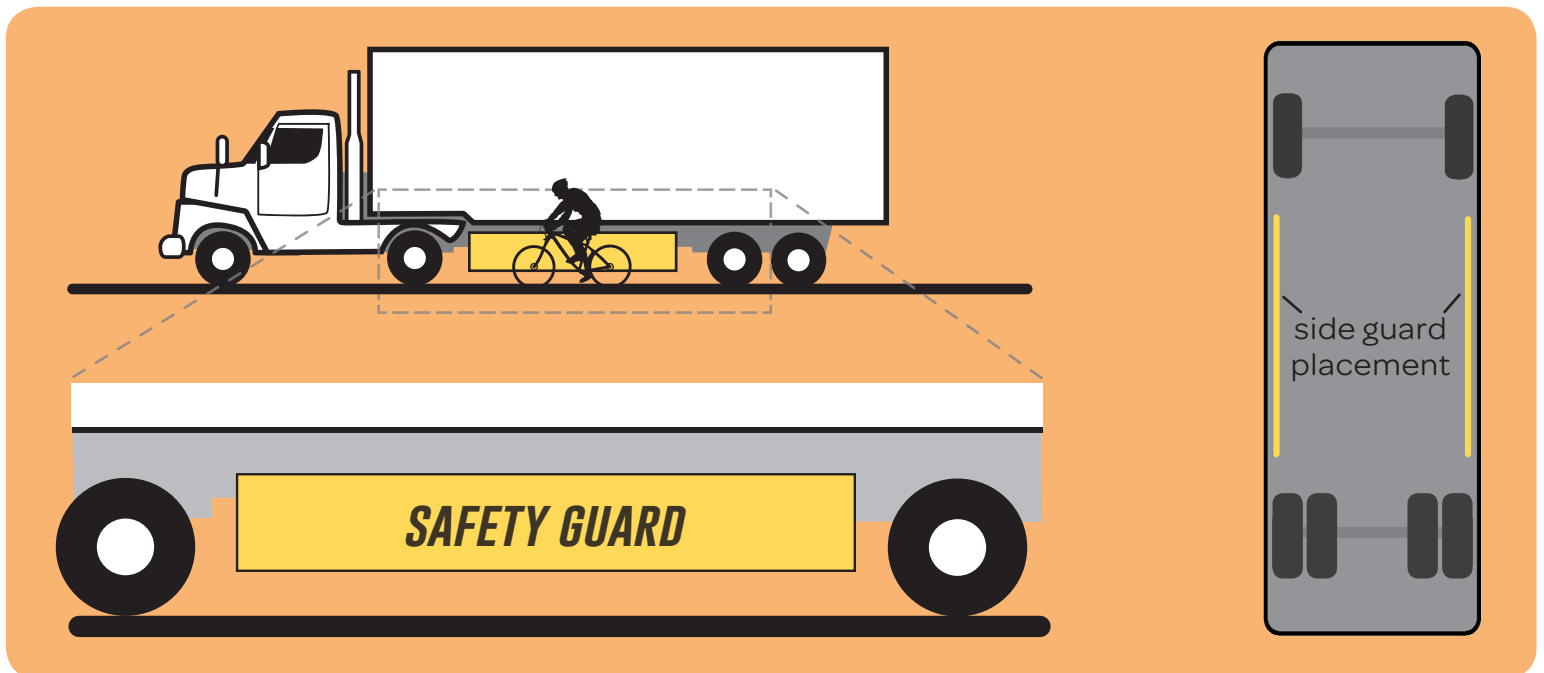


CITY OF SOMERVILLE

# TRUCK SIDE GUARD ORDINANCE

Collisions with large vehicles are disproportionately likely to result in cyclist and pedestrian fatalities. The City of Somerville's Ordinance to Safeguard Vulnerable Road Users aims to prevent cyclists and pedestrians from the risk of being struck by a large vehicle because of limited driver visibility and lack of side-visible turn signals, as well as falling under the sides of large vehicles and being caught under the wheels.

The ordinance applies to large motor vehicles that are Class 3 or above with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) exceeding 10,000 pounds, except for an ambulance, fire apparatus, low-speed vehicle with a maximum speed under 15 mph, or an agricultural tractor.



**Request for Taxpayer  
Identification Number and Certification**

Go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9) for instructions and the latest information.

**Give form to the  
requester. Do not  
send to the IRS.**

**Before you begin.** For guidance related to the purpose of Form W-9, see *Purpose of Form*, below.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	<b>1</b> Name of entity/individual. An entry is required. (For a sole proprietor or disregarded entity, enter the owner's name on line 1, and enter the business/disregarded entity's name on line 2.)	
	<b>2</b> Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above.	
	<b>3a</b> Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification of the entity/individual whose name is entered on line 1. Check only <b>one</b> of the following seven boxes.  <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> LLC. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = Partnership) . . . . . <b>Note:</b> Check the "LLC" box above and, in the entry space, enter the appropriate code (C, S, or P) for the tax classification of the LLC, unless it is a disregarded entity. A disregarded entity should instead check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) _____	<b>4</b> Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):  Exempt payee code (if any) _____  Exemption from Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting code (if any) _____  (Applies to accounts maintained outside the United States.)
	<b>3b</b> If on line 3a you checked "Partnership" or "Trust/estate," or checked "LLC" and entered "P" as its tax classification, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate in which you have an ownership interest, check this box if you have any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries. See instructions . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>5</b> Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.). See instructions.	Requester's name and address (optional)
	<b>6</b> City, state, and ZIP code	
<b>7</b> List account number(s) here (optional)		

**Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)**

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

**Note:** If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. See also *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

<b>Social security number</b>											
				-				-			
<b>or</b>											
<b>Employer identification number</b>											
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**Part II Certification**

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and, generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of U.S. person	Date
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**General Instructions**

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Future developments.** For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9).

**What's New**

Line 3a has been modified to clarify how a disregarded entity completes this line. An LLC that is a disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Otherwise, it should check the "LLC" box and enter its appropriate tax classification.

New line 3b has been added to this form. A flow-through entity is required to complete this line to indicate that it has direct or indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries when it provides the Form W-9 to another flow-through entity in which it has an ownership interest. This change is intended to provide a flow-through entity with information regarding the status of its indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, so that it can satisfy any applicable reporting requirements. For example, a partnership that has any indirect foreign partners may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3. See the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

**Purpose of Form**

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS is giving you this form because they

must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN), which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid).
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds).
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds).
- Form 1099-NEC (nonemployee compensation).
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers).
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions).
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third-party network transactions).
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), and 1098-T (tuition).
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt).
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property).

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

**Caution:** If you don't return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See *What is backup withholding*, later.

**By signing the filled-out form, you:**

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued);
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding; or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee; and
4. Certify to your non-foreign status for purposes of withholding under chapter 3 or 4 of the Code (if applicable); and
5. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting is correct. See *What Is FATCA Reporting*, later, for further information.

**Note:** If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

**Definition of a U.S. person.** For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien;
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;
- An estate (other than a foreign estate); or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

**Establishing U.S. status for purposes of chapter 3 and chapter 4 withholding.** Payments made to foreign persons, including certain distributions, allocations of income, or transfers of sales proceeds, may be subject to withholding under chapter 3 or chapter 4 of the Code (sections 1441–1474). Under those rules, if a Form W-9 or other certification of non-foreign status has not been received, a withholding agent, transferee, or partnership (payor) generally applies presumption rules that may require the payor to withhold applicable tax from the recipient, owner, transferor, or partner (payee). See Pub. 515, *Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities*.

The following persons must provide Form W-9 to the payor for purposes of establishing its non-foreign status.

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the disregarded entity.
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the grantor trust.
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

See Pub. 515 for more information on providing a Form W-9 or a certification of non-foreign status to avoid withholding.

**Foreign person.** If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person (under Regulations section 1.1441-1(b)(2)(iv) or other applicable section for chapter 3 or 4 purposes), do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Pub. 515). If you are a qualified foreign pension fund under Regulations section 1.897(l)-1(d), or a partnership that is wholly owned by qualified foreign pension funds, that is treated as a non-foreign person for purposes of section 1445 withholding, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use Form W-8EXP (or other certification of non-foreign status).

**Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien.** Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a saving clause. Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items.

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

**Example.** Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if their stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first Protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on their scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

## Backup Withholding

**What is backup withholding?** Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 24% of such payments. This is called “backup withholding.” Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include, but are not limited to, interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third-party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

**Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:**

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester;
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the instructions for Part II for details);
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN;
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only); or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding, as described in item 4 under “*By signing the filled-out form*” above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee code*, later, and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

See also *Establishing U.S. status for purposes of chapter 3 and chapter 4 withholding*, earlier.

## What Is FATCA Reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all U.S. account holders that are specified U.S. persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code*, later, and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

## Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you are no longer tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account, for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

## Penalties

**Failure to furnish TIN.** If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

**Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding.** If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

**Criminal penalty for falsifying information.** Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

**Misuse of TINs.** If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

## Specific Instructions

### Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; **do not** leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account (other than an account maintained by a foreign financial institution (FFI)), list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9. If you are providing Form W-9 to an FFI to document a joint account, each holder of the account that is a U.S. person must provide a Form W-9.

• **Individual.** Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

**Note for ITIN applicant:** Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040 you filed with your application.

• **Sole proprietor.** Enter your individual name as shown on your Form 1040 on line 1. Enter your business, trade, or “doing business as” (DBA) name on line 2.

• **Partnership, C corporation, S corporation, or LLC, other than a disregarded entity.** Enter the entity’s name as shown on the entity’s tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

• **Other entities.** Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. Enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

• **Disregarded entity.** In general, a business entity that has a single owner, including an LLC, and is not a corporation, is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (a disregarded entity). See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2). A disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Enter the owner’s name on line 1. The name of the owner entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For

example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner’s name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity’s name on line 2. If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

### Line 2

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, enter it on line 2.

### Line 3a

Check the appropriate box on line 3a for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box on line 3a.

IF the entity/individual on line 1 is a(n) . . .	THEN check the box for . . .
• Corporation	Corporation.
• Individual or • Sole proprietorship	Individual/sole proprietor.
• LLC classified as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes or • LLC that has filed Form 8832 or 2553 electing to be taxed as a corporation	Limited liability company and enter the appropriate tax classification: P = Partnership, C = C corporation, or S = S corporation.
• Partnership	Partnership.
• Trust/estate	Trust/estate.

### Line 3b

Check this box if you are a partnership (including an LLC classified as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes), trust, or estate that has any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate, in which you have an ownership interest. You must check the box on line 3b if you receive a Form W-8 (or documentary evidence) from any partner, owner, or beneficiary establishing foreign status or if you receive a Form W-9 from any partner, owner, or beneficiary that has checked the box on line 3b.

**Note:** A partnership that provides a Form W-9 and checks box 3b may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065). For more information, see the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

If you are required to complete line 3b but fail to do so, you may not receive the information necessary to file a correct information return with the IRS or furnish a correct payee statement to your partners or beneficiaries. See, for example, sections 6698, 6722, and 6724 for penalties that may apply.

### Line 4 Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space on line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

#### Exempt payee code.

- Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third-party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys’ fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space on line 4.

1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2).

- 2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.
- 3—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or territory, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities.
- 4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities.
- 5—A corporation.
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or territory.
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.
- 8—A real estate investment trust.
- 9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940.
- 10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a).
- 11—A financial institution as defined under section 581.
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian.
- 13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947.

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
• Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7.
• Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
• Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4.
• Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 <sup>1</sup>	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5. <sup>2</sup>
• Payments made in settlement of payment card or third-party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4.

<sup>1</sup> See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Information, and its instructions.

<sup>2</sup> However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney reportable under section 6045(f), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

**Exemption from FATCA reporting code.** The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) entered on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37).

B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.

C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or territory, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities.

D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i).

E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i).

F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state.

G—A real estate investment trust.

H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a).

J—A bank as defined in section 581.

K—A broker.

L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1).

M—A tax-exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan.

**Note:** You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

## Line 5

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns. If this address differs from the one the requester already has on file, enter "NEW" at the top. If a new address is provided, there is still a chance the old address will be used until the payor changes your address in their records.

## Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

## Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

**Enter your TIN in the appropriate box.** If you are a resident alien and you do not have, and are not eligible to get, an SSN, your TIN is your IRS ITIN. Enter it in the entry space for the Social security number. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

**Note:** See *What Name and Number To Give the Requester*, later, for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

**How to get a TIN.** If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at [www.SSA.gov](http://www.SSA.gov). You may also get this form by calling 800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at [www.irs.gov/EIN](http://www.irs.gov/EIN). Go to [www.irs.gov/Forms](http://www.irs.gov/Forms) to view, download, or print Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4. Or, you can go to [www.irs.gov/OrderForms](http://www.irs.gov/OrderForms) to place an order and have Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4 mailed to you within 15 business days.

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and enter "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, you will generally have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

**Note:** Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon. See also *Establishing U.S. status for purposes of chapter 3 and chapter 4 withholding*, earlier, for when you may instead be subject to withholding under chapter 3 or 4 of the Code.

**Caution:** A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

## Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if item 1, 4, or 5 below indicates otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code*, earlier.

**Signature requirements.** Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

**1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

**2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983.** You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

**3. Real estate transactions.** You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

**4. Other payments.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third-party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

**5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), ABLE accounts (under section 529A), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

## What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account) other than an account maintained by an FFI	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account <sup>1</sup>
3. Two or more U.S. persons (joint account maintained by an FFI)	Each holder of the account
4. Custodial account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor <sup>2</sup>
5. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee <sup>1</sup>
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner <sup>1</sup>
6. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner <sup>3</sup>
7. Grantor trust filing under Optional Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))**	The grantor*

For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
8. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
9. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity <sup>4</sup>
10. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
11. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
12. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
13. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
14. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
15. Grantor trust filing Form 1041 or under the Optional Filing Method 2, requiring Form 1099 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))**	The trust

<sup>1</sup> List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

<sup>2</sup> Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

<sup>3</sup> You must show your individual name on line 1, and enter your business or DBA name, if any, on line 2. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

<sup>4</sup> List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.)

\* **Note:** The grantor must also provide a Form W-9 to the trustee of the trust.

\*\* For more information on optional filing methods for grantor trusts, see the Instructions for Form 1041.

**Note:** If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

## Secure Your Tax Records From Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information, such as your name, SSN, or other identifying information, without your permission to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax return preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity, or a questionable credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Pub. 5027, Identity Theft Information for Taxpayers.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a systemic problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 800-829-4059.

**Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes.**

Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov). You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at [spam@uce.gov](mailto:spam@uce.gov) or report them at [www.ftc.gov/complaint](http://www.ftc.gov/complaint). You can contact the FTC at [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft) or 877-IDTHEFT (877-438-4338). If you have been the victim of identity theft, see [www.IdentityTheft.gov](http://www.IdentityTheft.gov) and Pub. 5027.

Go to [www.irs.gov/IdentityTheft](http://www.irs.gov/IdentityTheft) to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

## Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and territories for use in administering their laws. The information may also be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payors must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividends, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payor. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.



## SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH'S

### CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

#### **CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING as provided by the Secretary of the Commonwealth**

The **Awarded Vendor** must comply with our request for a **CURRENT "Certificate of Good Standing" provided by the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Office**

NOTE: A Certificate of Good Standing provided by the Department of Revenue will NOT be accepted. The Certificate *must* be provided by the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Office.

If you require information on how to obtain the "Certificate of Good Standing" or Certificate of Registration (Foreign Corporations) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, please call the

Secretary of The Commonwealth's Office at (617) 727-2850 (Press #1) located at One (1) Ashburton Place, 17 Floor, Boston, MA 02133 or you may access their web site at:  
<http://corp.sec.state.ma.us/CorpWeb/Certificates/CertificateOrderForm.aspx>

If your company is incorporated outside of Massachusetts and therefore is a "foreign corporation", but is registered to do business in Massachusetts, please comply with our request for the Certificate of Registration from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. If your company is a foreign corporation, but is not registered to do business in Massachusetts, please provide the Certificate of Good Standing from your state of incorporation.

Please note that without the above certificate (s), the City of Somerville cannot execute your contract.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Requests for Certificates of Good Standing by mail may take a substantial amount of time. A certificate may be obtained immediately in person at the Secretary's Office at the address above. Also, at this time, the Secretary of State's Office may not have your current annual report recorded. If this is the case, and you are therefore unable to obtain the Certificate of Good Standing, please forward a copy of your annual report filing fee check with your signed contracts. Please forward your original Certificate of Good Standing to the Purchasing Department upon receipt.

## **INSURANCE SPECIFICATIONS**

### **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR DESIGN CONTRACTS:**

Prior to commencing performance of any work or supplying materials or equipment covered by these specifications, the Contractor/ Design Professional and its structural, mechanical, and electrical engineering consultants shall furnish to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer a Certificate of Insurance evidencing the following:

- A.** Commercial general liability insurance with a primary limit of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit and naming the **City** as an additional insured; and
- B.** Valuable Papers insurance in the amount of \$100,000 covering damage to plans, drawings, computations, filed notes, or other similar data relating to the Work covered by this Agreement;
- C.** Professional Liability insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 or ten per cent (10%) of the Project's estimated cost of construction, or such larger amounts as the **City** may require, for the applicable period of limitations, including contractual liability coverage with all coverage retroactive to the earlier date of this Agreement or the commencement of the **Contractor/Design Professional's** services in relation to the Project.
- D.** Workers' Compensation insurance- co-called "statutory coverage" in compliance with Massachusetts law;
- E.** Employer's liability policy covering bodily injury by accident (\$100,000 each occurrence) and bodily injury by disease (\$100,000 each employee, \$500,000 policy limit);
- F.** Comprehensive automobile liability insurance including hired, non-owned, and leased vehicles, if any, in the amount of \$1,000,000 covering personal injury, bodily injury, and property damage;

1. A contract will not be executed unless a certificate (s) of insurance evidencing above-described coverage is attached.

2. Failure to have the above-described coverage in effect during the entire period of the contract shall be deemed to be a breach of the contract.

3. All applicable insurance policies shall read:

**"CITY OF SOMERVILLE" as a certificate holder and as an additional insured** for general liability only along with a description of operation in the space provided on the certificate.

**Certificate Should Be Made Out To:**  
**City Of Somerville**  
**c/o Procurement and Contracting Services**  
**93 Highland Avenue**  
**Somerville, MA 02143**

**Note: If your insurance expires during the life of this contract, you shall be responsible to submit a new certificate(s) covering the period of the contract. No payment will be made on a contract with an expired insurance certificate.**



# CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

**IMPORTANT:** If the certificate holder is an **ADDITIONAL INSURED**, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If **SUBROGATION IS WAIVED**, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER	CONTACT NAME:	
	PHONE (A/C, No. Ext):	FAX (A/C, No):
INSURED	E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE	
	NAIC #	
	INSURER A :	
	INSURER B :	
	INSURER C :	
INSURER D :		
INSURER E :		
INSURER F :		

**COVERAGES****CERTIFICATE NUMBER:****REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSR	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
	<b>GENERAL LIABILITY</b>						EACH OCCURRENCE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY						DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR						MED EXP (Any one person) \$
							PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$
							GENERAL AGGREGATE \$
	GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER:						PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PRO-JECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC						\$
	<b>AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY</b>						COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO						BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS						BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS						PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$
							\$
	<b>UMBRELLA LIAB</b>						EACH OCCURRENCE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> EXCESS LIAB						AGGREGATE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> DED <input type="checkbox"/> RETENTION \$						\$
	<b>WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY</b>						WC STATUTORY LIMITS <input type="checkbox"/> OTH-ER <input type="checkbox"/>
	ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) <input type="checkbox"/> Y / N <input type="checkbox"/> N / A						E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$
	If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below						E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$
							E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (Attach ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, if more space is required)

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT, SOLICITATION NUMBER AND THAT THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE IS A CERTIFICATE HOLDER AND ADDITIONAL INSURED

**CERTIFICATE HOLDER****CANCELLATION**

CERTIFICATES SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO:

CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
c/o PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
93 HIGHLAND AVE  
SOMERVILLE, MA 02143

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

**STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT**  
**For Contracts over \$100,000**

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30, Section 39R, the undersigned successful bidder states that its system of internal accounting controls and that of its subsidiaries reasonably assure (1) that transactions are executed in accordance with management's general and specific authorization; (2) that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, and to maintain accountability for assets; (3) that access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization, and (4) that the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action was taken with respect to any difference.

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Successful Bidder)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address and telephone of Successful Bidder)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and title of person signing statement)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

**CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT STATEMENT**

In accordance with M.G.L. 30, Section 39R I, \_\_\_\_\_  
a certified public accountant, state that I have examined the above Statement of Management on internal accounting controls, and that in my opinion (1) the representations of management are consistent with the result of management's evaluation of the system of internal accounting controls; and (2) that such representations of management are, in addition, reasonable with respect to transactions and assets in amounts which would be material when measured in relation to the above referenced successful bidder's financial statements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Business name, address and telephone number)

**APPENDIX A**  
**City's General Terms and Conditions**

**The City and the Design Professional Further Agree to the Following:**

**ARTICLE 1  
DEFINITIONS**

**1.1. In General.**

**1.1.1. Well-known meanings.** When words or phrases which have a well-known technical or construction industry or trade meaning are used herein, such words or phrases shall be interpreted in accordance with that meaning, unless otherwise stated.

**1.1.2. Capitalization.** The words and terms defined in this Article are capitalized in this Agreement. Other capitalized words may refer to a specific document found in the Contract Documents or may be defined in the General Terms and Conditions of the Contract.

**1.1.3. Persons.** Whenever the word person or persons is used, it includes, unless otherwise stated, entity or entities, respectively, including, but not limited to, corporations, partnerships, and joint venturers.

**1.1.4. Singular and Plural.** The following terms have the meanings indicated which are applicable to both the singular and the plural thereof.

**1.2. Definitions.**

**1.2.1. Agreement** - The Agreement is this written document between the **City** and the **Design Professional** which is titled: Agreement for Designer Services between the City of Somerville and the **Design Professional**, which is the executed portion of the Contract, and which forms a part of the Contract. The Agreement also includes all documents required to be attached thereto, including, but not limited to, certificates of insurance and all modifications of the Agreement.

**1.2.2. Change Order** - A Change Order is a document which is signed by the Contractor and the **City** which is directed to the Contractor and which authorizes the Contractor to make an addition to, a deletion from, or a revision in the Work, or an adjustment in the sum or in the time of the Contract issued on or after the date of the Contract.

**1.2.3. Construction Cost** - The Construction Cost is the total cost or estimated cost to the **City** of all elements of the Project designed or specified by the **Design Professional**. The Construction Cost shall include the cost of labor at current prevailing wage rates established by the Commonwealth and furnished by the **City** (or, if applicable, current Davis Bacon wage rates established by the federal government and furnished by the **City**), materials and equipment designed, specified, selected, or specially provided for by the **Design Professional**, plus a reasonable allowance for overhead and profit. In addition, a reasonable allowance for contingencies shall be included for market conditions at the time of bidding and for changes in the Work during construction. Construction Cost does not include the compensation of the **Design Professional** and the **Design Professional's** consultants, the costs of the land, rights-of-way, financing, or other costs which are the responsibility of the **City** as provided herein.

**1.2.4. Construction Documents** - The Construction Documents consist of Plans and Specifications setting forth in detail the requirements for the construction of the Project.

**1.2.5. Contract Documents** - The Contract Documents consist of the Agreement between the City and the Contractor; the notice of award of the Contract; the Notice to Proceed; the entire Project Manual; Change Orders; Work Change Directives; the Contractor's Bid and all accompanying documents; and the **Design Professional's** written interpretations and clarifications issued on or after the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

**1.2.6. Contract** - The Contract consists of all the Contract Documents.

**1.2.7. Contractor** - The Contractor is the person who is awarded the construction contract for the Project pursuant to M.G.L. c. 149, §§44A-H, inclusive, or M.G.L. c. 30, §39M, and is identified in the Agreement as such. The term "Contractor" is intended to include the Contractor as well as its authorized representative(s).

**1.2.8. General Terms And Conditions Of The Contract** - General Terms and Conditions of the Contract refers to the General Terms and Conditions of the Contract between the City and the Contractor.

**1.2.9. Product Data** - Product Data are illustrations, standard schedules, performance charts, instructions, brochures, diagrams, and other information furnished by the Contractor to illustrate materials or equipment for

some portion of the Work.

**1.2.10. Project** - The Project is the total construction of which the Work to be provided under the Contract Documents may be the whole or a part of the Project as indicated elsewhere in the Contract Documents and may include construction by the **City** or by separate contractors. The Project is the Work described in the invitation to bid and Specifications, and illustrated by the Plans.

**1.2.11. Proposed Change Order** - A Proposed Change Order is a Change Order that has not been approved by the **City**.

**1.2.12. Reimbursable Expenses** - Reimbursable Expenses are in addition to compensation for Basic and Additional Services and include expenses incurred by the **Design Professional** in the interest of the Project, as identified by the following: long distance calls and faxes; fees paid for securing approval of authorities having jurisdiction over the Project; reasonable expense of reproduction necessary for the rendition of services hereunder, which expense shall not include the expense of producing the sets of documents referred to in the Schematic Design Phase, the Design Development Phase, and the Construction Document Phase herein, as these expenses are covered in the **Design Professional's** compensation for Basic Services; expense of postage and such other expenses incurred in connection with the Project when specifically authorized in advance in writing by the **City**. Payment for photocopying letter or legal size documents shall not exceed 10¢ per page. Payment for all other documents shall be at cost. Sales tax is not a reimbursable expense. The **City's** tax-exempt number is E04-600-1414.

**1.2.13. Samples** - Samples are physical examples of materials, equipment, or workmanship that are representative of some portion of the Work and which establish the standards by which such portion of the Work will be judged.

**1.2.14. Shop Drawings** - Shop Drawings are all drawings, diagrams, illustrations, schedules, and other information, which are specifically prepared or assembled by or for the Contractor and submitted by the Contractor to illustrate some portion of the Work.

**1.2.15. Statement of Probable Construction Costs** - The Statement of Probable Construction Costs is a preliminary, detailed estimate of Construction Cost based on current area, volume, or other unit costs. Such estimate shall indicate the cost of each category of work involved in constructing the Project (including, but not limited to, filed sub-trades) and shall establish the period of time for each category from the commencement to the completion of the construction of the Project. The detailed estimate shall include quantities of all materials and unit prices of labor and material, as well as a cost estimate containing individual line items for each item of work.

**1.2.16. Substantial Completion** - Substantial Completion means that the Work has been completed and opened to public use, except for minor incomplete or unsatisfactory items that do not materially impair the usefulness of the Work. The **Design Professional** shall decide what constitutes "minor," "incomplete," "unsatisfactory," and "materially" and the **Design Professional's** decision shall be final.

**1.2.17. Work Change Directive** - A Work Change Directive is a written directive to the Contractor issued on or after the date of the contract between the **City** and the Contractor and signed by the **City** and recommended by the **Design Professional** ordering an addition to, a deletion from, or a revision in the Work.

**1.2.18. Work** - The Work means the construction and services required by the Construction Documents, whether completed or partially completed, and includes all other labor, materials, equipment, and services provided or to be provided by the Contractor to fulfill its obligations. The Work may constitute the whole or a part of the Project.

**ARTICLE 2**

**THE DESIGN PROFESSIONAL'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

**2.1. STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE.** The Design Professional shall perform the services under this Agreement with the skill, care, and diligence in accordance with the high level of professional standards prevailing in the greater Boston area for the type of construction required herein. All of the **Design Professional's** services under this Agreement shall be performed as expeditiously as is consistent with such standards. The **Design Professional** shall be responsible in accordance with those standards for the adequacy, safety, and overall integrity of the Project's design, including, but not limited to, the Design architectural or landscape architectural (or both if applicable), structural, mechanical, and electrical design of the Project.

**2.2. SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCE.** The approved schedule for the performance of the **Design Professional's** services is attached hereto as APPENDIX A. Time is of the essence and time periods established by the attached APPENDIX A shall not be exceeded by the **Design Professional** except for delays due to causes outside the **Design Professional's** control (which term shall not include staffing problems, insufficient financial resources, consultant's default, or negligent errors or omissions on the part of either the **Design Professional** or any of its consultants).

**2.3. TIMELINESS OF INTERPRETATIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, AND DECISIONS.** With regard to all phases of this Agreement, the **Design Professional** shall render interpretations, clarifications, and decisions in a timely manner pertaining to documents submitted by the **City** or the Contractor in order to avoid unreasonable delay in the orderly and sequential progress of the **Design Professional's** services.

**2.4. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY.** For the purposes of this Agreement, the **Design Professional** shall be a representative of the **City** and shall advise and consult with the **City** until the termination of the Contractor's warranty and correction period.

### ARTICLE 3

#### SCOPE OF THE DESIGN PROFESSIONAL'S BASIC SERVICES

##### **3.1. IN GENERAL.**

**3.1.1.** The **Design Professional's** Basic Services shall consist of:

**3.1.1.1.** those services identified below within the different phases;

**3.1.1.2.** any other professional services which are reasonably necessary as determined by the **City** for the design and administration of construction of the Project, including, without limitation, the following:

**3.1.1.2.1.** for public building projects, all surveys (unless provided by the **City**), geotechnical services, testing services, and related information and reports reasonably required by the Project, geotechnical and civil engineers; landscape architect; independent cost estimator; fire protection, life safety, lighting, interior design, asbestos removal, and movable equipment consultants; and normal structural, mechanical, electrical, and any other engineering services necessary to produce a complete and accurate set of Construction Documents (the cost for any and all professional services is not subject to profit adjustments);

**3.1.1.2.2** for park/playground projects, all surveys (unless provided by the **City**), lighting consultants, independent cost estimators (if specified in the RFP)

and normal structural, mechanical, electrical, and any other engineering services necessary to produce a complete and accurate set of Construction Documents (the cost for any and all professional services is not subject to profit adjustments);

**3.1.1.2.3** for roadway, bridge, and other public works projects other than park/playground projects, all surveys (unless provided by the **City**), geotechnical services, testing services, and related information and reports reasonably required by the Project, geotechnical and civil engineers; independent cost estimators; fire protection, life safety, and lighting consultants; and normal structural, mechanical, electrical, and any other engineering services necessary to produce a complete and accurate set of Construction Documents (the cost for any and all professional services is not subject to profit adjustments).

**3.1.1.3.** attending and providing testimony at any formal or informal hearings related to the Project, including, but not limited to, bid protest hearings and Board of Aldermen meetings, if deemed necessary by the **City**. If the **Design Professional** is called as a witness in a court of competent jurisdiction in a matter in which the **Design Professional** is a named party, the **Design Professional** will not be additionally compensated. If the **Design Professional** is called by the **City** as a witness in a matter in a court of competent jurisdiction in which the **Design Professional** is not a named party, the **Design Professional** will be compensated according to APPENDIX B attached hereto;

**3.1.1.4.** preparing for and appearing on the **City's** behalf at all administrative or regulatory hearings, presentations, or conferences with respect to any zoning, building code, urban renewal, or other matters in connection with the Project, including, without limitation, any hearings, presentations, or conferences

with any **City**, State, or Federal agencies or officials and any neighborhood groups. The **Design Professional's** obligations under this paragraph shall include preparing plans and other materials reasonably required in connection with any such hearings, presentations, and conferences;

**3.1.1.5.** assisting the **City** in connection with the **City's** responsibility for filing documents required for the approval of governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Project. The **Design Professional** shall prepare the Plans and Specifications required in order to obtain approval of, and in accordance with, all requirements of all governmental agencies having jurisdiction over the Project. Any Plans and Specifications furnished by the **Design Professional** which are discovered to be defective during any Phase will be promptly corrected by the **Design Professional** at no cost to the **City**, and the **Design Professional** will promptly reimburse the **City** for all damages, if any, resulting from the use of such defective Plans and Specifications. The **City's** approval, acceptance, use of or payment for all or any part of the **Design Professional's** services shall in no way alter the **Design Professional's** obligations or the **City's** rights hereunder; and

**3.1.1.6.** all design and redesign services required within or between the Design Development Phase and the Construction Documents Phase to keep the Construction Cost of the Project within the fixed limit of Construction Cost.

**3.1.2.** As part of the Basic Services, the **Design Professional** shall prepare record drawings in accordance with the following:

**3.1.2.1.** Record Keeping.

As the Construction Phase progresses, the **Design Professional** shall work with the Contractor to maintain four separate sets of in-progress record drawings (blue-line or black-line) at the Site, one set each for mechanical, electrical, irrigation, and structural disciplines, as needed. All deviations from the Construction Documents and the exact locations of the Work as installed and constructed shall be neatly and accurately indicated. Work completed to date shall be colored and highlighted.

**3.1.2.2.** Permanent Record Drawing Preparation.

The **Design Professional** shall transfer the information contained on the in-progress record drawings to update the original contract drawings. All work shall be performed by experienced and knowledgeable draftspersons using the same standards and quality of drafting as used on the original drawings.

**3.1.2.3.** Review of Record Drawings at Substantial Completion.

Upon Substantial Completion of the Work or portions thereof, the **Design Professional** of record shall review and approve the above permanent record drawings.

**3.1.2.4.** Submission to the **City**.

The following shall be submitted to the **City** no later than the date of Substantial Completion:

**3.1.2.4.1** A complete set of original Construction Documents on Bond Paper and also on disk in AutoCad format.

**3.1.2.4.2** Permanent record drawings as described above on Bond Paper with the seal of the **Design Professional** of record.

**3.1.2.4.3** Four sets of in-progress record drawings.

##### **3.2. SCHEMATIC DESIGN PHASE.**

**3.2.1. Commencement.** The Schematic Design Phase begins upon the full execution of this Agreement.

**3.2.2. Written Program.** The **Design Professional** in consultation with the **City** and any other persons designated by the **City** shall develop a written program for the Project to ascertain the **City's** needs and to establish the requirements of the Project.

**3.2.3. Preliminary Evaluation.** The **Design Professional** shall provide a preliminary evaluation of the **City's** program, schedule, and construction budget requirements, each in terms of the other.

**3.2.4. Alternative Approaches.** The **Design Professional** shall review with the **City** alternative approaches to the design and construction of the Project.

**3.2.5. Schematic Design Documents.** The **Design Professional** shall prepare, for approval by the **City**, Schematic Design Documents consisting of drawings and other documents illustrating the scale and relationship of Project components. Based upon the program approved by the **City**, as well as schedule and construction

budget requirements, the Schematic Design Documents shall comply with all applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, orders, rules, and regulations.

**3.2.6. Independent Cost Estimators.** As part of the Basic Services and when requested by the City, the Design Professional shall retain the services of an independent cost estimator whose responsibilities shall include without limitation all cost estimates described in this Agreement, estimates of the cost of Proposed Change Orders and assistance in establishing a Change Order budget, and review and confirmation of the Contractor's cost estimates.

**3.2.7. Statement of Probable Construction Costs.** The Design Professional shall submit to the City a Statement of Probable Construction Costs.

**3.2.8. Life-Cycle Cost Estimates.** If this Agreement includes Design Professional services necessary for the preliminary design of a new building or for the modification or replacement of an energy system in an existing building, life-cycle cost estimates for the Project shall be obtained at an initial stage and as a Basic Service. (Reference: M.G.L. c. 149, §44M).

**3.2.8 SUSTAINABLE DESIGN CRITERIA.** INSERT REQUIREMENTS AS TO SUSTAINABLE DESIGN. If applicable, See RFP.

### **3.3. DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PHASE.**

**3.3.1. Commencement.** The Design Development Phase begins upon the City's written approval of the Design Professional's Schematic Design Documents.

**3.3.2. Preparation of Design Development Documents.** Based on the approved Schematic Design Documents and any adjustments authorized by the City in the program, schedule, or construction budget, the Design Professional shall prepare, for approval by the City, Design Development Documents consisting of drawings and other documents to fix and describe the size and character of the Project as to appropriate architectural, landscape architectural, structural, mechanical, and electrical systems; materials; and such other elements as may be appropriate. The Design Development Documents shall be complete and unambiguous and shall comply with all applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, orders, rules, and regulations.

**3.3.3. Adjustment to Statement of Probable Construction Cost.** The Design Professional shall advise the City in writing of any adjustments to the Statement of Probable Construction Cost prior to the commencement of the Construction Document Phase. The approved adjustment of the Statement of Probable Construction Cost or the Statement of Probable Construction Cost, if there is no adjustment, shall constitute a fixed limit of Construction Cost as that term is used herein. Such fixed limit, once established, shall be adjusted only by written agreement of the City and the Design Professional, or as otherwise provided herein.

### **3.4. CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT PHASE.**

**3.4.1. Commencement.** The Design Professional's responsibility to provide Basic Services for the Construction Document Phase under this Agreement commences with the City's acceptance and approval of the Design Development Documents and ends on the date the Bidding and Award Phase commences.

**3.4.2. Preparation of Plans and Specifications.** Based on the approved Design Development Documents and any further adjustments in the scope or quality of the Project or in the construction budget authorized by the City, the Design Professional shall prepare, for approval by the City, Plans and Specifications setting forth in detail the requirements for the construction of the Project.

**3.4.3. Preparation of Additional Bidding Information.** The Design Professional shall assist the City in preparing the bidding documents when requested by the City.

**3.4.4. City-Generated Forms and Documents.** The City shall provide the Design Professional with copies of all City-generated forms and documents intended to be included in the Project Manual. The Design Professional will include these forms and documents in its Project Manual. It is the responsibility of the Design Professional to ensure that all such documents are included in the final Project Manual. Any costs incurred as a result of the failure of the Design Professional to include any such documents will be borne by the Design Professional and not charged to the City, where such failure is the fault of the Design Professional. The Design Professional may propose changes to these City-generated forms and documents; however, implementation of such changes are subject to the unilateral approval of the City. No changes may be made to such documents without the prior

written consent of the City. The Design Professional shall prepare and submit to the City for approval the entire Project Manual. The Design Professional is responsible for ensuring that the Construction Documents comply with all statutory requirements.

**3.4.5. Addenda.** All addenda shall be issued by the Contracting Department; however, at the Contracting Department's sole discretion, the Design Professional may be called upon to prepare a draft of any such addenda. Any corrections to the Construction Documents, which require an addendum, will be made by the Design Professional at no charge to the City.

**3.4.6. Printing of Project Manual.** The Design Professional must provide the City with a final draft of the Project Manual and obtain approval from the City prior to printing. The Design Professional will be responsible for the printing of the Project Manuals unless the City instructs the Design Professional otherwise. The cost of producing such Project Manuals will be passed onto the City at cost. Any changes required to be made to the Construction Documents as a result of errors by the Design Professional or persons within its control will be promptly corrected at no cost to the City. The Design Professional shall make its best efforts to print Project Manuals on paper containing a minimum of twenty percent (20%) post consumer content.

**3.4.7. Packaging the Project Manual.** The Design Professional will require the printer of the Project Manual to wrap each set of Plans in a brown wrapper, or, if the Plans are small in number, fold each set of Plans and insert one set into each Project Manual.

**3.4.8. Delivery of Project Manual.** The Design Professional will use its best efforts to ensure that the Contracting Department receives the number of Project Manuals requested by the Contracting Department no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day prior to the first day of advertisement of the Invitation to Bid.

**3.4.9. Adjustment to Statement of Probable Construction Cost.** The Design Professional shall advise the City in writing of any adjustments to Statement of Probable Construction Cost indicated by changes in requirements or general market conditions.

### **3.5. BIDDING AND AWARD PHASE.**

**3.5.1. Commencement.** The Bidding and Award Phase commences on the date the Invitation to Bid is first advertised pursuant to M.G.L. c. 149, §44J, or M.G.L. c. 30, §39M, and ends on the date the Construction Phase begins.

**3.5.2. Additional Bidders.** The Design Professional shall assist the City in obtaining bids if, in the opinion of the Contracting Department, an insufficient number of persons requested the Project Manual. The Design Professional will notify "eligible" and "responsible" persons (as those terms are defined in the M.G.L. c. 149, §44A and referred to in M.G.L. c. 30, §39M) of the Invitation to Bid.

**3.5.3. When Lowest Bid Exceeds Total Construction Cost.** If the lowest bona fide bid by a Contractor exceeds the total construction cost of the Project as set forth in the approved Statement of Probable Construction Costs by more than ten percent (10%), then upon the request of the City, the Design Professional will revise the Plans and Specifications in consultation with the City to reduce or modify the quality or quantity, or both, of the Work so that the total construction cost of the Project will not exceed the total construction cost set forth in the Statement of Probable Construction Costs by more than ten percent (10%). All revisions pursuant to this paragraph shall be at the Design Professional's sole cost and expense (which cost and expense include, but are not limited to the Design Professional's time, the cost of reprinting the Project Manual, and the cost of re-advertisement of the Project).

**3.5.4. Pre-Bid Conferences.** The Design Professional shall attend all pre-bid conferences.

**3.5.5. Investigation of Bidders.** The Design Professional shall investigate, at minimum, the lowest Bidder. The investigation shall include, but is not limited to, reviewing the files maintained by the Division of Capital Asset Management, or any other governmental agency charged with maintaining such documents related to such Bidder, telephoning or writing owners of the Bidder's prior projects, telephoning or writing Design Professionals from such prior projects, visiting the sites of such other projects and checking all other appropriate references. The Design Professional shall provide the City with a detailed letter of approval or disapproval of such Bidder. The letter must include relevant language from the appropriate state laws regarding the eligibility and responsibility of Bidders (i.e., M.G.L. c.149, §44A(1), M.G.L. c. 30, §39M(c), or, if appropriate, M.G.L. c. 29, §29F). If the Design Professional disapproves of the lowest Bidder, then the Design Professional must investigate the next lowest Bidder in the same manner described above, and continue to investigate each

successive low Bidder until a Bidder is approved. For every Bidder investigated, the **Design Professional** must provide the **City** with a detailed letter as described above.

**3.5.6. Preparation of Contract.** To the extent required, the **Design Professional** shall assist the Contracting Department in the preparation of the construction contract.

**3.6. CONSTRUCTION PHASE-- ADMINISTRATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT.**

**3.6.1. Commencement.** The Construction Phase commences with the full execution of the contract for construction and terminates on the date of expiration of all of the guarantees and warranties provided by the Contractor to the **City**.

**3.6.2. Change in Design Professional's Duties, Etc.** Construction Phase duties, responsibilities, and limitations of authority of the **Design Professional** shall not be extended without written agreement of the **City** and the **Design Professional**. Any restrictions or modifications to the **Design Professional's** duties and responsibilities can be imposed by the **City** without the consent of the **Design Professional**.

**3.6.3. Pre-construction Conferences.** The **Design Professional** shall attend all pre-construction conferences.

**3.6.4. Site Visits.** The **Design Professional** shall visit the Site at intervals appropriate to the stage of construction, but no less than once a week, or as otherwise agreed by the **City** and the **Design Professional**, to become familiar with the progress and quality of the Work and to determine with care if the Work is proceeding in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents. The **Design Professional** shall cause its engineering and other consultants to make similar Site visits, at such times as may be required for observation of portions of the Work designed and/or specified by them. The **Design Professional** shall not be required to make continuous on-site inspections to check the quality or quantity of the Work. The **Design Professional** shall promptly submit to the **City** a detailed written report subsequent to each on-site visit, which shall include any observation of material deviations by the Contractor or subcontractors from the requirements of the Contract Documents.

**3.6.5. Job Meetings.** There shall be no less than one job meeting per week. The **Design Professional** shall attend all job meetings. The number of meetings per week will depend on the complexity of the Project at a particular stage, the problems encountered on the Project, or the **City's** request that additional meetings be held. The **Design Professional** shall also be required to be present when governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Project visit the Site to inspect the Work. The **Design Professional** will exercise good care and diligence in discovering and promptly reporting to the **City**, as well as to the Contractor, any defects or deficiencies in the Work.

**3.6.6. Construction Means, Methods, Etc.** The **Design Professional** shall not have control over or charge of and shall not be responsible for construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures, or for safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work. However, the **Design Professional** shall promptly report to the **City** any perceived irregularities.

**3.6.7. Contractor's Schedule.** Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the **Design Professional** shall not be responsible for the Contractor's schedules or failure to carry out the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, except to the extent that such failure is caused by the **Design Professional**. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the **Design Professional** shall not have control over or charge of acts or omissions of the Contractor, its Subcontractors, or their agents or employees, or of any other persons performing portions of the Work. However, nothing in this paragraph shall relieve the **Design Professional** of its obligations to the **City** elsewhere in this Agreement. The **Design Professional** shall review all schedules presented by the Contractor and advise the **City** as to the appropriateness of same.

**3.6.8. Communications.** The **City** and the Contractor may communicate through the **Design Professional**. Communications by and with the **Design Professional's** consultants shall be through the **Design Professional**, unless the **City** deems it necessary or expedient to speak directly to the consultants.

**3.6.9. Applications and Certifications for Payment.** Based on the **Design Professional's** observations of the Work and evaluations of the Contractor's applications for payment, the **Design Professional** shall review and certify the appropriate amounts due the Contractor within five (5) business days after receipt of the Contractor's application for payment, and such certifications shall be in the form requested by the **City**. The **Design Professional's** certification for payment shall constitute a representation to the **City** based on the **Design Professional's** observations at the site and on the data comprising the Contractor's application for payment that

the Work has progressed to the point indicated and the quality of Work is in accordance with the Contract Documents. The foregoing representations are subject to minor deviations from the Contract Documents correctable prior to completion and to specific qualifications expressed by the **Design Professional**. The **Design Professional** is required to review and validate the certified payrolls. The **Design Professional** is required to reconcile the applications for payment with the certified payrolls. The issuance of a certificate for payment shall further constitute a representation that the Contractor is entitled to payment in the amount certified. Timely payment of Contractor is required by M.G.L. c. 30, §39K; therefore, the **Design Professional** shall establish office procedures assuring either immediate mail or messenger delivery of the approved applications for payment to the **City**. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (SPCD) shall be responsible for monitoring and certifying construction payrolls for compliance with prevailing wage requirements (a) if the Contract is a federally funded contract subject to federal Davis Bacon and Related Acts; and/or (b) if SPCD is the Contracting Department.

**3.6.10. Rejection of Work.** The **Design Professional** shall have the responsibility, obligation, and authority to reject Work which (1) does not conform to the Contract Documents; or (2) the **Design Professional** believes to be defective; or (3) the **Design Professional** believes will not produce a completed Project that conforms to the Contract Documents or that will prejudice the integrity of the design concept of the completed Project as a functioning whole as indicated by the Contract Documents. The **Design Professional** shall promptly notify the **City** of such rejection. Whenever the **Design Professional** considers it necessary or advisable for implementation of the intent of the Contract Documents, the **Design Professional** will have the responsibility, obligation, and authority to require additional inspection or testing of the Work in accordance with the provisions of the Contract Documents, whether or not such Work is fabricated, installed, or completed; provided, however, the **Design Professional** must obtain the **City's** prior written approval of any such special inspection or testing. However, neither this authority of the **Design Professional** nor a decision made in good faith either to exercise or not to exercise such authority shall give rise to a duty or responsibility of the **Design Professional** to the Contractor, Subcontractors, Suppliers, other persons performing portions of the Work.

**3.6.11. Submittals.** The **Design Professional** shall review and approve or take other appropriate action upon the Contractor's submittals such as Proposed Change Orders, Shop Drawings, Product Data, and Samples, for the purpose of: (a) determining compliance with applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, orders, rules, and regulations; and (b) determining whether the Work, when completed, will be in compliance with the requirements of the Contract Documents. The **Design Professional's** action shall be taken with such reasonable promptness as to cause no delay in the Work taking into account the time periods set forth in the latest schedule prepared by the Contractor and approved by the **Design Professional** and, in any event, such action shall be taken within fourteen (14) days after submittal to the **Design Professional**. The **Design Professional** shall indemnify the **City** for any monies paid by the **City** to the Contractor as a result of the **Design Professional's** delay in taking appropriate action, as described above, where such delay is not caused in any part by the **City**. Review of such submittals is not conducted for the purpose of determining the accuracy and completeness of other details such as dimensions and quantities or for substantiating instructions for installation or performance of equipment or systems designated by the Contractor, all of which remain the responsibility of the Contractor to the extent required by the Contract Documents. The **Design Professional's** review shall not constitute approval of safety precautions or, unless otherwise specifically stated by the **Design Professional**, of construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures. The **Design Professional's** approval of a specific item shall not indicate approval of an assembly of which the item is a component. When professional certification of performance characteristics of materials, systems, or equipment is required by the Contract Documents, the **Design Professional** shall be entitled to rely upon such certification to establish that the materials, systems, or equipment will meet the performance criteria required by the Contract Documents.

**3.6.12. Change Orders and Work Change Directives.** The **Design Professional** shall prepare Change Orders and Work Change Directives, with supporting documentation and data if deemed necessary by the **Design Professional** for the approval and execution in accordance with the Contract Documents, and may authorize minor changes in the Work not involving an adjustment in the Contract Sum or an extension of the Contract Time (which is the time in which the Work reaches final completion) and which are not inconsistent with the intent of the Contract Documents.

**3.6.13. Interpretations, Clarifications, and Decisions of the Design Professional.**

**3.6.13.1.** The **Design Professional** will interpret, clarify, and decide matters concerning performance under and requirements of the Contract Documents on written request of either the **City** or the Contractor. The **Design Professional's** response to such requests will be made with reasonable promptness and within the time set forth herein. Any such written interpretations, clarifications, or decisions shall be binding on the **City** and the Contractor. Interpretations, clarifications, and decisions of the **Design Professional** shall be consistent with the intent of and reasonably inferable from the Contract Documents and shall be in writing or in the form of drawings. The **Design Professional** may, as the **Design Professional** judges desirable, issue additional drawings or instructions indicating in greater detail the construction or design of the various parts of the Work; such drawings or instructions may be effected by a Field Order or other notice to the Contractor, provided such drawings or instructions are reasonably consistent with the previously existing Contract Documents. The **Design Professional** shall not be liable for results of interpretations, clarifications, and decisions so rendered in good faith and in the absence of negligence by the **Design Professional**.

**3.6.13.2. Time Limit for Rendering Decisions.** The **Design Professional** shall render written interpretations, clarifications, and decisions within a reasonable time, but in no event more than seven (7) days after receipt of same.

**3.6.14. Aesthetic Effect.** The **Design Professional's** decisions on matters relating to aesthetic effect must be consistent with the **City's**. The **Design Professional** shall advise the **City** in matters relating to aesthetic effect; however, the **City's** decision in these matters shall be final.

**3.6.15. Claims.**

**3.6.15.1. Initial Referral.** All Claims, the bases of which arise prior to final payment or the earlier termination of the Contract, shall be referred initially to the **Design Professional** for action as provided herein.

**3.6.15.2. Time Period and Action.** The **Design Professional** shall review Claims and shall do one of the following within seven (7) days of receipt of the Claim:

**3.6.15.2.1.** defer any action with respect to all or any part of a Claim for the purpose of requesting and receiving additional information from either party;

**3.6.15.2.2.** decline to render a decision for any reason which it deems appropriate (including, but not limited to, the fact that the Claim involves allegations of fault on the part of the **Design Professional**); or

**3.6.15.2.3.** render a decision on all or a part of the Claim.

If the **Design Professional** requests additional information, the **Design Professional** shall take action with respect to the Claim no later than seven (7) days after receipt of the additional information. The **Design Professional** shall notify the parties in writing of its disposition of such Claim. If the **Design Professional** decides that the Work relating to such Claim should proceed regardless of its disposition of such Claim, the **Design Professional** shall issue to the Contractor a written order to proceed.

**3.6.15.3. Decisions.**

**3.6.15.3.1. Decisions by the City or the Design Professional.** (*Reference: M.G.L. c. 30, §39P*). In every case in which this Contract requires the **City**, any official, or its **Design Professional** to make a decision on interpretation of the Specifications, approval of equipment, material or any other approval, or progress of the Work, the decision shall be made promptly and, in any event, no later than seven (7) days after the written submission for decision; but if such decision requires extended investigation and study, the **City**, the official, or the **Design Professional** shall, within seven (7) days after the receipt of the submission, give the party making the submission written notice of the reasons why the decision cannot be made within the seven-day period and the date by which the decision will be made.

**3.6.15.4. Resolved Claims.** If a Claim is resolved, the **Design Professional** shall obtain or prepare the appropriate documentation and provide the **City** and the Contractor with a copy of same.

**3.6.16. Determination of Substantial and Final Completion.** On behalf of the **City**, the **Design Professional** shall conduct inspections, determine the dates of Substantial Completion and final completion, and shall issue a certificate of Substantial Completion, with the prior written consent of the **City**. Such inspections shall include a reasonable number of Site visits by the **Design Professional** and the **Design Professional's** engineering

consultants. The **Design Professional** shall provide to the **City** a written report of all findings with recommendations for appropriate action. The **Design Professional** will receive and review (and approve or disapprove, as the case may be) written guarantees, operating manuals, spare parts lists, value charts, and related documents required by the Contract Documents to be assembled by the Contractor. When the **Design Professional** is satisfied that all such documents are complete as required by the Contract Documents, the **Design Professional** shall issue a final certificate of payment.

**3.6.17. Inspection Prior to End of Guarantee Period.** Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the Contractor's guarantee period, the **Design Professional** shall assist the **City** in inspecting the Project at the **City's** request and provide to the **City** a written report of all findings with recommendations for appropriate action. Such inspections shall include a reasonable number of Site visits by the **Design Professional** and the **Design Professional's** engineering consultants.

**3.6.18. Certificate of Occupancy.** The **Design Professional** shall be responsible for satisfying any and all requirements with respect to services of an Design Professional necessary to obtain a permanent certificate of occupancy under the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Building Code.

**3.6.19. Limitation on the Design Professional's Responsibilities.**

**3.6.19.1.** Neither the **Design Professional's** authority to act under the provisions of the Contract Documents nor any decision made by the **Design Professional** in good faith to exercise or not to exercise such authority shall give rise to any duty or responsibility of the **Design Professional** to the Contractor, any Subcontractor, any Supplier, any surety for any of them, or any other person.

The **Design Professional** will not have control over or charge of and will not be responsible for construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures, or for safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work, since these are solely the Contractor's responsibility as provided in Article 5 of the General Terms and Conditions. The **Design Professional** will not be responsible for the Contractor's failure to carry out the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents. The **Design Professional** will not have control over or charge of and will not be responsible for acts or omissions of the Contractor, Subcontractors, Suppliers, or of any other persons performing portions of the Work.

**ARTICLE 4**

**DESIGN PROFESSIONAL'S ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

**4.1. IN GENERAL.** The services described hereunder shall be paid for by the **City** in addition to the compensation for Basic Services. Prior to performing any service which the **Design Professional** claims to be an Additional Service, the **Design Professional** shall notify the **City** in writing that the service is an Additional Service, and shall provide with such notice an estimate of the additional compensation which will be payable to the **Design Professional** for performing such service. Such service shall not be performed, nor shall such estimate be exceeded, without the **City's** prior written approval. Failure to so notify the **City** and obtain the **City's** written approval shall constitute a waiver of the **Design Professional's** claim for additional compensation on account of such services. These services shall be provided only if authorized or confirmed in writing by the **City**. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the **City** shall not be responsible to pay and the **Design Professional** shall not be entitled to receive compensation for any additional service if such service was required due to the fault of the **Design Professional** or the **Design Professional's** failure to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Neither the **Design Professional** nor its consultants shall be compensated for any services involved in preparing changes that are required for additional Work that should have been anticipated by the **Design Professional** in the preparation of the Construction Documents, as reasonably determined by the **City**.

**4.2. LIST OF ADDITIONAL SERVICES.** The following list of Additional Services is intended to be illustrative and not considered all inclusive.

**4.2.1. Making major revisions in Plans, Specifications, or other documents when such major revisions are:**

**4.2.1.1.** inconsistent with approvals or instructions previously given by the **City**, including revisions made necessary by adjustments in the **City's** program or project budget;

**4.2.1.2.** required by the enactment or revision of codes, laws, or regulations subsequent to the preparation of such documents; or

**4.2.1.3.** due to changes required as a result of the **City's** failure to render decisions in a timely manner and where such failure is in no way caused by the **Design Professional**.

**4.2.2.** Providing services required because of major changes in the Project instigated by the **City**.

**4.2.3.** Undertaking material design work requested by the **City** in connection with Change Orders, Construction Change Directives, and the Contractor's value engineering proposals, provided that evaluation and judgments of the proposed changes and value engineering substitutions shall be provided as a Basic Service.

**4.2.4.** Providing consultation concerning replacement of Work damaged by fire or other cause during construction, and furnishing services required in connection with the replacement of such Work; provided, however, that such services are not required as a result of the negligence of the **Design Professional**.

Design Professional shall provide the City with a Maintenance Manual for the project. The manual shall be used by the Somerville Department of Public Works staff as a scheduling and procedural guideline for maintaining all aspects of the Park, including but not limited to plantings, turf, irrigation systems, water features, surfaces, fencing, and all park amenities.

A basic electronic template for the manual shall be provided to the Design Professional by the City. The manual will be reviewed and approved by the City's project representative before final acceptance.

The final version will be provided to the City as a three ring binder and a CD. The manual shall be clearly organized and labeled, and shall include a recommended schedule for all maintenance work.

**4.2.6** Providing any other services not otherwise included in this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **OTHER CONDITIONS OR SERVICES**

**5.1. OTHER SERVICES.** Any other services which are part of Basic Services are set forth in APPENDIX A.

**5.2. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.** Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, the **Design Professional** and the **Design Professional's** consultants shall have no responsibility for the discovery, presence, handling, removal, or disposal of, or exposure of persons to hazardous materials in any form at the Project Site, including, but not limited to, asbestos, asbestos products, polychlorinated biphenyl, or other toxic substances, provided, however, the **Design Professional** shall report to the **City** the presence and location of any hazardous material observed by the **Design Professional** (or any material suspected to exist) or that an design professional of similar skill and expertise should have observed.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **THE CITY'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

**6.1. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROJECT.** The **City** shall consult with the **Design Professional** regarding requirements for the Project, including the **City's** contemplated objectives, schedule, constraints, and criteria, including space requirements and relationships, flexibility, expandability, special equipment, systems, and site requirements.

**6.2. BUDGET.** The **City** shall consult with the **Design Professional** in order to establish and update an overall budget for the Project, including the Construction Cost, the **City's** other costs and reasonable contingencies related to all of these costs.

**6.3. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.** The **City** shall designate a representative authorized to act on the **City's** behalf with respect to the Project. The **City** or such authorized representative shall render decisions in a timely manner pertaining to documents submitted by the **Design Professional** in order to avoid unreasonable delay in the orderly and sequential progress of the **Design Professional's** services.

**6.4. CONSULTANTS.** The **City** shall furnish the services of consultants not listed in the advertisement for the Request for Proposals when the **City** deems such services to be necessary.

**6.5. FURNISHING INFORMATION OR SERVICES.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary written herein, the **City** shall only furnish information or services described in herein to the extent that any such information or service is reasonably required by the **Design Professional** to perform its services under this Agreement. The **Design Professional** shall review and confirm the sufficiency of any test and information furnished to the **Design Professional** by or on behalf

of the **City** pursuant to this section.

**6.6. NOTICE OF FAULT OR DEFECT.** The **City** shall give prompt written notice to the **Design Professional**, if the **City** becomes aware of any fault or defect in the Project or nonconformance with the Contract Documents.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **USE OF THE DESIGN PROFESSIONAL'S PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS**

**7.1. IN GENERAL.** The Plans, Specifications, and other documents prepared by the **Design Professional** for this Project are instruments of the **Design Professional's** service for use solely with respect to this Project and, unless otherwise provided, the **Design Professional** shall be deemed the author of these documents and shall retain all common law, statutory, and other reserved rights, including the copyright (Note: if this contract is federally funded, see Appendix A (if applicable) Federal Requirements regarding royalties and copyrights). The **City** shall be permitted to retain copies, including reproducible copies, of the **Design Professional's** Plans, Specifications, and other documents for information and reference in connection with the **City's** use and occupancy of the Project. The **Design Professional's** Plans, Specifications, or other documents shall not be used by the **City** or others on other projects, except by agreement in writing. However, it is expressly understood and agreed that the **City** shall have the right to utilize the Plans, Specifications, and other documents in the event the **City** expands the Project, corrects any deficiencies, or makes any renovations or repairs to the Project. In the event of termination or purported termination of this Agreement by either party, the **City** may use the Plans, Specifications, and other documents in connection with the Project, notwithstanding any dispute between the **City** and the **Design Professional** as to the reason for validity of the termination, provided only that the **Design Professional** has been paid for its work through the date of the termination, unless the matter of such payment is subject to litigation or other dispute resolution procedure provided for herein.

**7.2. OFFICIAL REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS.** Submission or distribution of the Plans, Specifications, and other documents to meet official regulatory requirements or for similar purposes in connection with the Project is not to be construed as publication in derogation of the **Design Professional's** reserved rights herein.

## **ARTICLE 8**

### **BASIS OF COMPENSATION**

**8.1. IN GENERAL.** For Basic Services, compensation shall be as provided in APPENDIX B.

**8.2. STIPULATED SUM.** Where the compensation is based on a stipulated sum, progress payments for Basic Services in each phase shall be as stated in APPENDIX B.

**8.3. MATERIAL CHANGE IN SCOPE OR SERVICES.** In the event of a material change in the scope or services of the Project or the **Design Professional's** services, the **Design Professional** shall continue to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement during the course of any renegotiation of the **Design Professional's** compensation hereunder. Equitable adjustments shall be made to the total dollar amount of this Agreement in the event of changes in scope or services herein. (Reference: M.G.L. c. 7, §38G for designer contracts subject to the Designer Selection Statute, but this section applies also to contracts not subject to M.G.L. c. 7, §38G).

**8.4. ADDITIONAL SERVICES OF THE DESIGN PROFESSIONAL.** For Additional Services of the **Design Professional**, compensation shall be as stated in APPENDIX B (if applicable).

**8.5. ADDITIONAL SERVICES OF THE CONSULTANTS.** For additional services of consultants, compensation shall be the actual cost billed to the **Design Professional** for such services stated in APPENDIX B (if applicable).

**8.6. REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES.** For Reimbursable Expenses, compensation shall be the actual cost billed to the **Design Professional**, not including any tax. The **City** will provide its tax-exempt number upon request..

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **PAYMENT TO THE DESIGN PROFESSIONAL**

**9.1. PAYMENT TO DESIGN PROFESSIONAL.** The City shall make payments directly to the Design Professional within forty-five (45) days after the City receives and approves the Design Professional's detailed certified monthly statement. The detailed monthly statement must include, at minimum, itemized hours and work performed by the Design Professional (including, but not limited to, all employees of the Design Professional and its agents), and an itemized list of Reimbursable Expenses. Records of the Design Professional's expenses and hours pertaining to this Project shall be kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, which principles shall be consistently applied. Said records shall be available to the City or its authorized representative upon reasonable notice for inspection and copying during regular business hours for six (6) years after the date of the final certificate of payment.

**9.2. NO ADVANCE PAYMENTS.** No payments will be made in advance of services rendered.

**9.3. DEDUCTIONS.** Deductions may be made from the Design Professional's compensation, if the Design Professional has not properly performed the services required in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 10 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

**10.1. LIABILITY INSURANCE.** The Design Professional at its own expense must obtain and maintain a professional liability insurance policy covering negligent errors, omissions, and acts of the Design Professional or of any person for whose performance the Design Professional is legally liable arising out of the performance of such contracts for design services. The City may require a consultant employed by the Design Professional subject to this subparagraph to obtain and maintain a similar liability insurance policy. If the Design Professional is required by the City to obtain all or a portion of such insurance coverage, it shall at its own expense furnish a certificate or certificates of insurance coverage to the City prior to the award of the contract. Certificates of insurance are attached hereto as APPENDIX C. Any amendments these insurance requirements are set forth in APPENDIX C.

**10.2. INSURANCE RATING.** Any insurance carrier utilized to fulfill the insurance requirements of this Contract shall have a minimum A.M. Best rating of A-X.

**10.3. MINIMUM COVERAGES.** The Design Professional and its structural, mechanical, and electrical engineering consultants shall each maintain the following minimum insurance coverages:

**10.3.1.** Workers' Compensation insurance- co-called "statutory coverage" in compliance with Massachusetts law;

**10.3.2.** Employer's liability policy covering bodily injury by accident (\$100,000 each occurrence) and bodily injury by disease (\$100,000 each employee, \$500,000 policy limit);

**10.3.3.** Comprehensive automobile liability insurance including hired, non-owned, and leased vehicles, if any, in the amount of \$1,000,000 covering personal injury, bodily injury, and property damage;

**10.3.4.** Valuable Papers insurance in the amount of \$100,000 covering damage to plans, drawings, computations, filed notes, or other similar data relating to the Work covered by this Agreement;

**10.3.5.** Commercial general liability insurance with a primary limit of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit and naming the City as an additional insured; and

**10.3.6.** Professional Liability insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 or ten per cent (10%) of the Project's estimated cost of construction, or such larger amounts as the City may require, for the applicable period of limitations, including contractual liability coverage with all coverage retroactive to the earlier date of this Agreement or the commencement of the Design Professional's services in relation to the Project.

**10.4. INSURANCE TERMS.** All insurance shall be provided by companies qualified and licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and acceptable to the City, and shall be maintained for a period of six (6) years following the last performance of services under this Agreement. Certificates evidencing such insurance shall be furnished to the City upon the execution of this Agreement by the Design Professional and upon each renewal period thereafter. The policies shall provide that the policies shall not be cancelled, renewed, or amended without thirty (30) days' prior notice to the City. All requests by the Design Professional for approval of engineers or other consultants shall be accompanied by certificates setting forth the types and amounts of insurance carried by them. The Design Professional shall require each such engineer or other consultant approved by the City to maintain the insurance shown in

such certificate in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.

#### ARTICLE 11 STATUTORY RECORD-KEEPING AND RECORD-FILING REQUIREMENTS (M.G.L. C. 30, §39R)

\_\_\_\_(If this contract is federally funded, see also Federal Requirements attached hereto as Appendix A (if applicable).)

**11.1.** The Design Professional shall make and keep for at least six years after final payment, books, records, and accounts, which in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the Design Professional.

**11.2.** Until the expiration of six (6) years after final payment, the office of inspector general, and the deputy commissioner of capital planning and operations shall have the right to examine any books, documents, papers or records of the Design Professional or of its subcontractors that directly pertain to and involve transactions relating to, the Design Professional or its subcontractors.

*If this contract is subject to the Massachusetts Designer Selection Statute, M.G.L., c. 7, §38A-1/2 et seq., and if the Contract Amount exceeds \$100,000, the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30, §39R contained in sections 11.3 –11.7 below shall be applicable.*

**11.3.** The Design Professional shall describe any change in the method of maintaining records or recording transactions which materially affect any statements filed with the City, including in its description the date of the change and reasons therefore, and shall accompany said description with a letter from the Design Professional's independent certified public accountant approving or otherwise commenting on the changes.

**11.4.** The Design Professional has filed a statement of management ("management," as used in these paragraphs is defined in M.G.L. c. 30, §39R(a)(7) as "the chief executive officers, partners, principals or other person or persons primarily responsible for the financial and operational policies and practices of the contractor" which is the Design Professional herein) on internal accounting controls as set forth in M.G.L. c. 30, §39R(c) prior to the execution of this Agreement.

**11.5.** The Design Professional must file with the City a statement of management as to whether the system of internal accounting controls of the Design Professional and its subsidiaries reasonably assures that:

**11.5.1.** transactions are executed in accordance with management's general and specific authorization;

**11.5.2.** transactions are recorded as necessary: to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, and to maintain accountability for assets;

**11.5.3.** access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; and

**11.5.4.** the record accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action was taken with respect to any difference.

**11.6.** The Design Professional has filed with DCAM prior to the execution of this Agreement and will continue to file annually, an audited financial statement for the most recent completed fiscal year as set forth in M.G.L. c. 30, §39R(d). The final statement filed shall include the date of final payment. All statements shall be accompanied by an accountant's report. Such statements shall be made available to the City upon request.

**11.7.** The Design Professional shall file with the City a statement prepared and signed by an independent certified public accountant, stating that s/he has examined the statement of management on internal accounting controls, and expressing an opinion as to:

**11.7.1.** whether the representations of management in response to this paragraph and the previous paragraph are

consistent with the result of management's evaluation of the system of internal accounting controls; and

**11.7.2.** whether such representations of management are, in addition, reasonable with respect to transactions and assets in amounts which would be material when measured in relation to the **Design Professional's** financial statements.

**NOTE: RECORDS AND STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE MADE, KEPT OR FILED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. c. 30, §39R ARE NOT PUBLIC RECORDS AS DEFINED IN M.G.L. c.4, §7 AND SHALL NOT BE OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED HEREIN.**

(Reference: M.G.L. c. 30, §39R)

## **ARTICLE 12 TERMINATION, SUSPENSION, OR ABANDONMENT**

**12.1.** Except for reasons of nonpayment, this Agreement may be terminated by either party upon not less than seven (7) days' written notice should the other party fail to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement through no fault of the party initiating the termination and may be terminated without cause by the **City** upon at least seven (7) days' written notice to the **Design Professional**. In the event this Agreement is terminated by the **City** pursuant to this paragraph, the **Design Professional** shall be entitled to receive compensation for Basic and Additional Services properly performed and for all substantiated Reimbursable Expenses incurred to the date of the notice of termination, but in no event shall compensation exceed the amount specified hereafter if the Project does not proceed and in no event shall any payment be due earlier than such payment would otherwise be due hereunder. Moreover, the **City** shall be entitled to retain from the monies alleged to be due to the **Design Professional** an amount that reasonably reflects the cost and expense incurred or to be incurred by the **City** associated with the termination, if the termination is with cause.

**12.2.** The **City** reserves the right to stop or suspend the work upon seven (7) days' written notice to the **Design Professional**, with no resulting fee adjustment to the **Design Professional**, unless such suspension extends for more than twelve (12) months, in which case the **Design Professional's** compensation shall be equitably adjusted when the project is resumed to provide for expenses incurred in the interruption and resumption of the **Design Professional's** services. The **Design Professional** shall have no cause for termination of this Agreement based on suspension of the Project unless such suspension extends for more than twelve (12) months.

**12.3.** Persistent failure by the **City** to make payments to the **Design Professional** in accordance with this Agreement or persistent failure of the **City** to pay the **Design Professional** within forty-five (45) days of receipt of a statement for services properly performed shall be considered nonperformance and cause for termination. "Persistent" herein shall mean at least three occasions.

**12.4.** If the **City** fails to make payment when due for services and expenses properly performed, the **Design Professional** may, upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the **City**, suspend performance of services under this Agreement. Unless the **Design Professional** receives within thirty (30) days of the date of the notice payment in full for such services that have been properly performed, the suspension

**12.5.** shall take effect without further notice. In the event of a suspension of services, the **Design Professional** shall have no liability to the **City** for delay or damage caused by the **City** because of such suspension of services.

## **ARTICLE 13 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**13.1. GOVERNING LAW.** This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and, if federally funded, applicable provisions of the Federal Requirements attached hereto as Appendix A (if applicable).

**13.2. VENUE.** Venue for any court action or proceeding shall be Middlesex County in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts only. The **Contractor**, all Subcontractors, and Suppliers waive any and all jurisdictional and venue defenses.

**13.3. PARTNERS, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS, ETC.** The **City** and the **Design Professional**, respectively, bind themselves, their partners, successors, assigns, and legal representatives to the other party to this Agreement and to the partners, successors, assigns, and legal representative of such other party with respect to all covenants of this Agreement.

**13.4. PROHIBITION AGAINST ASSIGNMENT.** The **Design Professional** shall not assign, in whole or in part, its rights and obligations under the Contract Documents without prior written consent of the **City**. An assignment without the prior written consent of the **City** shall not relieve the **Design Professional** of its obligations thereunder.

**13.5. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement represents the entire and integrated agreement between the **City** and the **Design Professional** and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral. This Agreement can be amended only by a written instrument signed by both the **City** and the **Design Professional**.

**13.6. THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES.** Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create a contractual relationship with or a cause of action in favor of a third party against either the **City** or the **Design Professional**.

**13.7. NOTICES AND DEMANDS.** Notices and demands required by or permitted to be given hereunder shall be hand-delivered or given by registered or certified mail and shall be addressed to the parties at the addresses set forth as follows:

To the City:

Executive Director  
Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development  
City Hall  
93 Highland Avenue  
Somerville, MA 02143  
Tel #: 617-625-6600 x2510  
Fax #: 617-625-0722

With a Copy to:

City Solicitor  
Law Department, City Hall  
93 Highland Avenue  
Somerville, MA 02143

Purchasing Director  
City Hall  
93 Highland Avenue  
Somerville, MA 02143

To the Vendor: Vendor Name, Attn: Vendor Contact, Vendor Address, Vendor Fax, all as set forth on the first page of this Agreement.

Such notices and demands may be sent by facsimile transmission if such transmission is followed by hand delivery or registered or certified mail on the same day or the following business day. Notice and demands shall be deemed to have been given when delivered, or when mailed, or when transmitted by facsimile, if followed by hand delivery or registered or certified mail as provided herein.

**13.8. WAIVER OF RIGHTS.** The **City's** review, approval, acceptance, or payment for services under this Agreement

shall not operate as a waiver of any rights under this Agreement and the **Design Professional** shall be and shall remain liable to the **City** for all damages incurred by the **City** as the result of the **Design Professional's** failure to perform in conformance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The rights and remedies of the **City** provided for under this Agreement are in addition to any other rights or remedies provided or allowed by law.

**13.9. PERSONAL LIABILITY.** No member, officer, director, trustee, representative, consultant, volunteer participant, or employee of the **City** shall be personally liable to the **Design Professional** under any term or provision of this Agreement for the **City's** payment obligation or otherwise, or because of any breach hereof.

**13.10. INDEMNIFICATION.** For all matters other than those arising out of Design Professional's professional services (such other matters commonly known as "General Liability Claims"), the **Design Professional** shall indemnify and defend the **City** from and against all claims, costs, and to the extent that such claims, costs, and liability are the result of the negligent acts, errors, or omissions of the **Design Professional**, or breaches by the **Design Professional** of its obligations hereunder or (with respect to the **Design Professional's** duty to defend) are claimed to be the result thereof.

For all matters arising out of Design Professional's professional services, Design Professional agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to indemnify and hold harmless the City and all of their agents and employees against claims damages, liabilities and costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, to the extent caused by the negligent performance of Design Professional's, or third parties under the direction or control of Design Professional, in the performance of professional services under this Agreement.

**13.11. DESIGN PROFESSIONAL'S PRINCIPALS AND SENIOR PERSONNEL.** The **City** is relying on the continued participation in the Project of the principals and senior personnel whose names and time commitments and, where applicable, Massachusetts's professional registration numbers are listed in the attached APPENDIX C. The **Design Professional** shall not remove any such individual from the Project or reduce his or her time commitment to the Project without the **City's** written consent unless such individual dies, becomes disabled, or terminates his or her employment. The replacement of any individual listed in APPENDIX C shall be subject to the **City's** written approval.

**13.12 USE OF PROJECT-RELATED DOCUMENTS.** The **Design Professional** may, upon prior written consent of the **City**, include representations of the design of the Project, including photographs of the exterior and interior, among the **Design Professional's** promotional and professional materials. The **Design Professional's** materials shall not include the **City's** confidential or proprietary information if the **City** has previously advised the **Design Professional** in writing of the specific information considered by the **City** to be confidential or proprietary. The **City** shall provide professional credit for the **Design Professional** on the construction sign and in the promotional materials for the Project. The **City** considers all information concerning the Project to be confidential and proprietary unless otherwise expressly indicated in writing to the **Design Professional**.

#### ARTICLE 14 CERTIFICATIONS

**14.1.** The undersigned **Design Professional** certifies under the penalties of perjury that:

**14.1.1.** the **Design Professional** has not given, offered or agreed to give any gift, contribution or offer of employment as an inducement for, or in connection with, the award of a contract for design services;

**14.1.2.** no consultant to, or subcontractor for the **Design Professional** has given, offered or agreed to give any gift, contribution, or offer of employment to the **Design Professional**, or to any other person, corporation, or entity as an inducement for or in connection with the award to the consultant or subcontractor of a contract by the **Design Professional**;

**14.1.3.** no person, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide, full-time employee of the **Design Professional** has been retained or hired to solicit for or in any way assist the **Design Professional** in obtaining the contract for design services upon an agreement or understanding that such person, corporation, or other entity be paid a fee or other consideration contingent upon the award of the contract to the designer;

**14.1.4.** if and as required by M.G.L. c. 30, §39R, the **Design Professional** has internal accounting controls the **Design Professional** shall:

**14.1.4.1.** file regular statements of management concerning internal auditing controls; and

**14.1.4.2.** file an annual audited financial statement; and submit a statement from an independent certified public accountant that s/he has examined management's internal auditing controls and expresses an opinion as to their consistency with management's statements and whether such statements are reasonable with respect to transactions and assets that are substantial in relation to the **Design Professional's** financial statements, as provided by M.G.L. c. 7, §38H(e) and

**14.1.4.3.** the **Design Professional** has filed a statement of management on internal accounting controls as set forth in M.G.L. c. 30, §39R(c) prior to the execution of this Agreement;

**14.1.4.4.** the **Design Professional** has filed with DCAM prior to the execution of this Agreement an audited financial statement for the most recent completed fiscal year as set forth in M.G.L. c. 30, §39R(d); and

**14.1.5.** the **Design Professional** has complied with all the laws of the Commonwealth pertaining to taxes, reporting of employees and contractors, and withholding and remitting child support (M.G.L. c. 62C, §49A). The Vendor certifies that it has provided the City with an accurate tax identification number (TIN). In the event that the City is notified by the IRS for an incorrect TIN provided by the Vendor, the Vendor is responsible for penalties.

**14.1.6.** the **Design Professional** will, for a seven-year period after the final payment, maintain accurate books, records, and accounts which in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the **Design Professional**;

#### ARTICLE 15 TRUTH IN NEGOTIATIONS

**15.1 Truth-in-Negotiations Certificate:** Truth-in-Negotiations Certificate: If the Owner's Project Manager's fee is negotiated, by signing this Contract, the Owner's Project Manager hereby certifies to the following:

**15.1.1** Wage rates and other costs used to support the Owner's Project Manager's compensation are accurate, complete, and current at the time of contracting; and

**15.1.2** The Contract price and any additions to the Contract may be adjusted within one year of completion of the Contract to exclude any significant amounts if the Owner determines that the fee was increased by such amounts due to inaccurate, incomplete or non-current wage rates or other costs.

**15.2** The person signing this Contract certifies, as a principal or director of the Owner's Project Manager, that the Owner's Project Manager has not given, offered or agreed to give any person, corporation, or other entity any gift, contribution or offer of employment as an inducement for, or in connection with, the award of this Contract; no consultant to or Subconsultant for the Owner's Project Manager has given, offered or agreed to give any gift, contribution or offer of employment to the Owner's Project Manager, or to any other person, corporation, or entity as an inducement for, or in connection with, the award to the Owner's Project Manager or Subconsultant of a contract by the Owner's Project Manager; and no person, corporation or other entity, other than a bona fide full-time employee of the Owner's Project Manager, has been retained or hired by the Owner's Project Manager to solicit for or in any way assist the Owner's Project Manager in obtaining this Contract upon an agreement or understanding that such person, corporation or other entity be paid a fee or other consideration contingent upon the award of this Contract .

**APPENDIX B**  
**7 Principals Guidebook**

**Access the 7 Principals Guidebook here:**

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