

**SOLICITATION FOR:**

IFB# 26-52 Fertilization, Weed, and Insect Control of Parks, Islands & Athletic Fields



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**

**RELEASE DATE:** 2/25/2026

**QUESTIONS DUE:** 3/4/2026 by 12PM EST

**DUE DATE AND TIME:** 3/12/2026 by 2PM EST

Anticipated Contract Award	3/19/2026
Est. Contract Commencement Date	4/1/2026
Est. Contract Completion Date	3/31/2027
Est. Renewal Years	Two (2) additional one (1) year renewals at the City's sole discretion

**DELIVER TO:**

**City of Somerville**

**Procurement & Contracting Services**

**Attn:** Felisa Gárate

Senior Procurement Manager

fgarate@somervillema.gov

**93 Highland Avenue**

**Somerville, MA 02143**

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Enclosed You Will Find a Request for Bid For:**  
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**SECTION 1.0**  
**GENERAL INFORMATION ON BID PROCESS**

**1.1 General Instructions**

Copies of the solicitation may be obtained from the Procurement & Contracting Services Department on and after 2/25/2026 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.

**All Responses Must be Sealed and Delivered To:**  
 Procurement & Contracting Services Department  
 City of Somerville  
 93 Highland Avenue  
 Somerville, MA 02143

***It is the sole responsibility of the Offeror to ensure that the bid arrives on time at the designated place. Late bids will not be considered and will be rejected and returned.***

**Bid Format:**

Submit one, original (1) sealed bid package; it must be marked with the solicitation title and number.

In an effort to reduce waste, **we discourage the use of 3-ring binders.**

All bids must include all forms listed in the Bidders Checklist (and all documents included or referenced in **Sections 2.0 - 4.0**). **If all required documents are not present, the bid may be deemed non-responsive and may result in disqualification of the bid unless the City determines that such failure(s) constitute(s) a minor informality, as defined in Chapter MGL 30B.**

A complete bid must also include a cover letter signed by an official authorized to bind the Offeror contractually and contain a statement that the bid is firm for ninety (90) days. **An unsigned letter, or one signed by an individual not authorized to bind the Offeror, may be disqualified.**

The Offeror’s authorized official(s) must sign all required bid forms.

The Price Form in **Section 3.0** must be completed. No substitute form will be accepted unless otherwise stated. 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 Bid Schedule

<b>Key dates for this Invitation for Bids:</b>	
IFB Issued	2/25/2026
Deadline for Submitting Questions to IFB	3/4/2026 by 12PM EST
Bids Due	3/12/2026 <b>by 2PM EST</b>
Anticipated Contract Award	3/19/2026
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<b>Responses must be delivered by 3/12/2026 by 2PM 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 bid online via [Bidexpress.com](http://Bidexpress.com), then you do not need to also submit a sealed bid package as instructed below. Email is not an acceptable method of submission of bids.

Please submit *one sealed bid package* with the following contents and marked in the following manner:

<b>Contents of Sealed Bid Package</b>	<b>Marked As</b>
<b>Envelope 1: Sealed Bid:</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> IFB# 26-52 Fertilization, Weed, and Insect Control of Parks, Islands & Athletic Fields
<b>Please send the complete sealed package to the attention of:</b>	Felisa Gárate Senior Procurement Manager Procurement & Contracting Services Somerville City Hall 93 Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02143
<b>Live Bid Opening Link:</b> Join Zoom Meeting: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89317642602?pwd=BQA0ugyxiEjHkiy18slkGexJQhJn5e.1">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89317642602?pwd=BQA0ugyxiEjHkiy18slkGexJQhJn5e.1</a>  Meeting ID: 893 1764 2602 Passcode: 997305	
<b>Methods of Bid Submission</b> 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: <a href="https://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/33100/home">https://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/33100/home</a>  3) For any technical assistance while submitting the online bid, please contact the BidExpress Customer support team at <a href="http://www.bidexpress.com">www.bidexpress.com</a> .	

### Bid Format

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). **In an effort to reduce waste, please DO NOT USE 3-RING BINDERS.**

*Elaborate format and binding are neither necessary nor desirable.* All bids will clearly identify the Offeror's name, solicitation number, and formal solicitation title.

### Cover Letter

Submit a cover letter that includes the official name of the firm submitting the bid, mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number, fax number and contact name. The letter must be signed by an official authorized to bind the bidder contractually and contain a statement that the bid 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 is similar in scope and complexity that the Offeror has undertaken in the past. A discussion of the challenges faced, and solutions developed are highly recommended. The Offeror may include any additional literature and product brochures. The Quality Requirements Form (Section 2), or set of basic business standards, must be submitted with bid.

### References

The Offeror shall list at least three relevant references, which the City may 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.

## 1.4 Questions

**Questions are due: 3/4/2026 by 12PM EST**

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

Felisa Gárate  
Senior Procurement Manager  
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 bid holders. Bidders are encouraged to contact the Procurement & Contracting Services Department to register as a bid document holder to automatically be alerted as to addenda as they are issued. It is the responsibility of the Offeror to also monitor the bid portal on the City's website for any updates, addenda, etc. regarding that specific solicitation. The web address is: <https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement>

If any bidders contact City personnel outside of the Procurement & Contracting Services Department regarding this bid, that bidder 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.

### Bid 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 Bid Acceptance and City Contract Requirements

The contract will be awarded within 90 days after the bid 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 bid opening, the Procurement & Contracting Services Department is closed due to uncontrolled events such as fire, snow, ice, wind, or building evacuation, the bid due date will be postponed until 2:00 p.m. on the next normal business day. Bids 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/procurement>). 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 Bids, Mistakes, and Minor Informalities**

An Offeror may correct, modify, or withdraw a bid by written notice received by the City of Somerville prior to the time and date set for the bid opening. Bid 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 bid opening, an Offeror may not change any provision of the bid 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 bid are clearly evident on the face of the bid document, the mistake will be corrected to reflect the intended correct bid, and the proposer will be notified in writing; the proposer may not withdraw the bid. A proposer may withdraw a bid if a mistake is clearly evident on the face of the bid document, but the intended correct bid is not similarly evident.

### **Right to Cancel/Reject Bids**

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

### **Unbalanced Bids**

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

### **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 only applies to contracts where the vendor and/or its subcontractors use large vehicles in 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.

IFB# 26-52  
**SECTION 2.0**  
**RULE FOR AWARD /**  
**SPECIFICATIONS/SCOPE OF SERVICES**

**Rule For Award**

The contract shall be awarded to the responsible and responsive Bidder submitting the lowest total price for Year 1 in **Sections A through E** of the Bid Form. The City reserves the right to renew the contract if the City determines the pricing for Years 2 and 3 is advantageous. The contract will be awarded within ninety (90) days after the bid opening. The time for award may be extended for up to 45 additional days by mutual agreement between the City and the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

**Background**

The City of Somerville seeks an experienced and qualified provider of Fertilization, Weed Control and Insect Control services, including materials and labor, for the City of Somerville parks, traffic islands, athletic fields and open spaces. The intention of this procurement is to supplement nutrient deficiencies in soils and promote growth of healthy turf in City parks, athletic fields and open spaces.

**Scope of Work**

The awarded Vendor will provide all personnel, equipment, tools and materials required for turf management at public Parks, Playgrounds, Traffic Islands and Athletic Fields (see **Exhibits A and B**), and at other locations upon request. The Vendor will be responsible for providing, correctly transporting and applying specified products to control weeds and insects and to fertilize the City’s specified assets. The Vendor will also be responsible for accurate and thorough record keeping of products applied under this Agreement.

The following applications/treatments are included in the Scope of Work:

- **Fertilizer** at Parks, Playgrounds, Traffic Islands and Athletic Fields (see **Exhibits A and B**)
- **Dolomitic lime** at Parks, Playgrounds and Traffic Islands (see **Exhibit A**)
- **Calcium micronutrient supplement** at Athletic Fields (see **Exhibit B**)
- At the discretion of the DPW Commissioner or Designee, **biological control insecticide alternative** at Athletic Fields (see **Exhibit B**)
- At the discretion of the DPW Commissioner or Designee, **pre-emergent or post-emergent weed control** at Athletic Fields (see **Exhibit B**)
- Annual **soil testing** at Athletic Fields (see **Exhibit B**)

The seasons for providing the services described in this Scope of Work shall be as follows: April 1 through November 30 of 2026 and optional renewal years (2027 and 2028), or as directed by the DPW Commissioner or Designee. Service schedule is weather dependent.

**Feeding Treatment Specifications**

All fertilizer and calcium treatment applications will be coordinated with the DPW Commissioner or Designee. Athletic field applications must be completed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

<b>Treatment</b>	<b>Locations</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Application Rate</b>	<b>Product Specifications</b>
Fertilizer	All	Up to five (5) times per year	½ lb. of N per 1,000 sq. ft.	N-P-K of 5-4-5 Organic/natural derived
Dolomitic Lime	Parks, Playgrounds, Islands	Up to two (2) times per year	15 lb. per 1,000 sq. ft.	
Calcium Micronutrient Supplement	Athletic Fields	Up to three (3) times per year	10 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft.	Guaranteed analysis of 21% Ca, 2% Mg

- The DPW Commissioner or Designee may request application of **fertilizer, dolomitic lime or calcium**

**supplement** as needed at other City properties including, but not limited to, those listed in **Exhibit C**. The frequency and location of additional treatment applications will be at the discretion of the DPW Commissioner or Designee.

- The City reserves the right to adjust rates of application and products selected on an annual basis depending on results of annual soil testing.
- Bidders are required to submit specifications (product labels, SDS sheets, etc.) of all proposed products with their bid package.

**Preventative Treatment Specifications**

All insecticide and weed control treatment applications at Athletic Fields (see **Exhibit B**) will be coordinated with the DPW Commissioner or Designee. Applications must be completed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Treatment	Locations	Frequency	Application Rate	Product Specifications
Biological Control Insecticide Alternative (grubGONE! or equivalent)	Athletic Fields	At DPW’s discretion	Per product label	Bacillus Thuringiensis (B.t.) ≥ 9% w/w
Pre-Emergent Weed Control	Athletic Fields	At DPW’s discretion	Per product label	See below
Post-emergent Weed Control	Athletic Fields	At DPW’s discretion	Per product label	See below

- The DPW Commissioner or Designee may direct the Vendor to apply a **biological control insecticide alternative** with active ingredient Bacillus Thuringiensis (B.t.), such as grubGONE! or equivalent. Application will be in early- to mid-fall. Application schedule will be at the discretion of the DPW Commissioner or Designee. No work is guaranteed under this item.
- The DPW Commissioner or Designee may direct the Vendor to apply **pre- or post-emergent weed control treatment**. Applications may be scheduled in April or May, when soil temperatures consistently reach 55°F. The Vendor will communicate with the DPW Commissioner or Designee on best practices and monitor soil temps for application window. Treatments are at the discretion of the DPW Commissioner or Designee and work is not guaranteed under this item.
  - Pre-emergent treatment(s): Products and application to prevent target weeds/grasses as specified by industry recommendations and label instructions. Tie into 20-0-0 nitrogen-based application.
  - Post-emergent treatment(s): Selective, spot or blanket treatments as needed to control established broadleaf weeds and/or C4 grass encroachment on athletic fields. Tie into a scheduled feeding treatment application.
  - Treatment area: Athletic Fields (see **Exhibit B**), or as specified by DPW Commissioner or Designee.
  - Application methods: Broadcast, spot-spray, or other label-approved methods appropriate to target species and field use.
  - Target species:
    - Broadleaf weeds: Vendor to identify expected/common species and target spectrum on product spec sheets.
    - C4 grasses: include control strategies for C4 grass species of concern (e.g., crabgrass, goosegrass, bermudagrass, annual summer grasses), noting selective mowers, scheduling, and any tank mixes necessary per label.
- The City reserves the right to adjust rates of application and products selected on an annual basis depending on results of annual soil testing.
- Bidders are required to submit specifications (product labels, SDS sheets, etc.) of all proposed products with their bid package.

**Soil Testing Specifications**

- The Vendor will perform annual soil testing at Athletic Fields (Exhibit B) and make recommendations for the following year's soil supplementation. Tests must be conducted at an independent laboratory or state university.
- Testing schedules will be coordinated between the Vendor and the DPW Commissioner or Designee.
- Test results from each site will be submitted in writing to the DPW Commissioner or Designee.

### **Vendor Requirements**

- The Vendor must have the vehicle(s) required to coordinate delivery/product transport to sites on the scheduled day of application. The City will not be responsible for storing or transporting any product supplied by the Vendor.
- All Vendor personnel designated to work under this Agreement must hold the appropriate applicator's license for any and all proposed products.
- All applications will be made with equipment outfitted with turf specific tires. For applications at sites greater than 1.5 acres, the product must be applied via a tractor mounted spreader (Vicon or equivalent). Tractor must be equipped with turf specific tires (Galaxy turf tire or equivalent).
- All applications must be performed by qualified technicians and be compliant with city, state and federal regulations.
- The Vendor must have flexibility in application dates based on weather and permitted use of City sites.

### **Product Requirements**

- Fertilizer must be primarily derived from organic and/or natural sources. Biosolids will not be considered an acceptable source.
- All products applied under this Agreement must be approved in writing by the DPW Commissioner or Designee before application.
- The Vendor will not use Acelepryn or other similar insecticides at any City site.

### **Product Submission and Documentation Requirements**

- Prior to any application, the Vendor shall submit:
  - Product specification sheets (manufacturer SDS and product label) for each product proposed (pre-emergent and post-emergent).
  - Application rates, timing, method, restricted entry interval (REI) and pre-harvest/return to play interval (PHI), if applicable.
  - Proposed product mix, including active ingredients and EPA registration numbers.
- All products must be applied strictly per label instructions and applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

### **Authorization and Work Order Process**

- Treatments will be authorized by a written Work Order or email from the DPW Commissioner or Designee specifying fields, treatment type, timing, and any field closures or restrictions.
- No application shall be performed without prior written authorization from the DPW Commissioner or Designee.

### **Notifications, Field Closures, and Safety**

- The Vendor shall provide advance notification to the DPW Commissioner or Designee and any affected parties (e.g., schools, athletic coordinators) as directed regarding application dates, REI, and any field closures required.
- The Vendor is responsible for signage, barriers, and communicating return-to-play intervals per product labels.

### **Record Keeping and Reporting**

- The Vendor will track product applications, inventory remaining, and nutrient rate of application through tracking software and report application records to the DPW Commissioner or Designee via

access to the tracking software or via email.

- Bidders are required to provide a sample of tracking software or a proposal for how applications and nutrient rate will be tracked and monitored.
- After each treatment, the Vendor shall deliver a written report via email to the DPW Commissioner or Designee. Reports will include, but are not limited to, products used (trade name, active ingredient, EPA #), batch/lot (if available), rates and total amounts applied, application map/fields treated, application date/time, applicator name and license number, weather conditions, and any incidents.
- The Vendor must maintain records for required regulatory periods and provide copies upon request.
- The Vendor must be able to produce documents of record for products applied upon request by state and City officials.

#### **Environmental Compliance and Best Practices**

- The Vendor shall follow Integrated Pest Management (IPM) principles, minimize off-target movement, and use spot treatments where feasible.
- The Vendor shall take all required measures to protect water bodies, storm drains, and non-target plantings.

#### **Billing and Payment**

- The Vendor will not furnish any treatments or services without prior authorization by the DPW Commissioner or Designee and for which no approved Purchase Order has been issued. The Vendor assumes all risks and financial liability for any treatments or services furnished without proper authorization and Purchase Order.
- The Vendor will be paid per invoice. This invoice will identify, at a minimum, the services rendered, date and time of pickup or delivery, DPW personnel who authorized the purchase, a City of Somerville issued Purchase Order number and the applicable order(s). Additionally, it will detail the unit cost and extended cost for each product.
- All invoices must be submitted via email to the Superintendent of Grounds and to [DPWBG@somervillema.gov](mailto:DPWBG@somervillema.gov).
- The City reserves the right to audit the Vendor's records at any time to verify the original costs of all materials. Failure to cooperate with this request at any time will result in an immediate termination of the contract, and non-payment for any materials for which the Vendor's original purchase invoice is not made available for audit.

### Exhibit A – Parks, Playgrounds & Traffic Islands

The parks, playgrounds and traffic islands listed below will receive up to five (5) **fertilizations** per year and up to two (2) applications of **dolomitic limestone** per year (spring/fall), as directed by the DPW Commissioner or Designee. The City reserves the right to add or remove locations to the scope of this Agreement via contract amendment.

Location	Address	Approx. Sq. Feet
Albion Street Playground	Albion St.	4,000
Bow Street Island	Bow St. & Summer St.	2,000
Broadway Islands (23)	Broadway from Powder House Rotary to Lombardi St.	30,000
Central Hill	81-93 Highland Ave. – Grass areas in front of Somerville High School (SHS) and City Hall, the switchback path on the east side of SHS and on School St. between the Community Path and Highland Ave.	56,500
Concord Avenue Island	Concord Ave. & Newton St.	8,000
Dickerman Park	33-47 Craigie St.	5,500
Ed Leathers Park	98 Walnut St.	30,000
Grimmons Park	Governor Winthrop Rd.	7,000
Henry Hansen Park	70 Partridge Ave.	1,500
Healey School Field	5 Meacham St.	2,500
Kennedy School Field	5 Cherry St.	5,000
Kenney Park	388 Highland Ave.	5,000
Lou Ann David Park	1060 Broadway	10,000
Milk Row Cemetery	430 Somerville Ave.	24,500
Perry Park	355 Washington St.	60,000
Powder House Park	850 Broadway	200,000
Prospect Hill Park	58 Munroe St.	19,000
Seven Hills Park	East of Buena Vista Rd., north of Meacham Rd.	40,000
Somerville Junction Park	2 Woodbine St.	85,000
Somerville Veterans Cemetery	1323 Broadway	20,000
Stone Place Park	8 Stone Pl.	2,000
Symphony Park	46 Pearl St.	2,000

### Exhibit B – Athletic Fields

The athletic fields listed below will receive up to five (5) **fertilizations** and up to three (3) applications of a **calcium supplement** per year, as directed by the DPW Commissioner or Designee. Athletic fields may also receive **biological control treatment** for grubs and/or **weed control treatment** targeting broadleaf weeds and C4 grass species, as directed by the DPW Commissioner or Designee. The City reserves the right to add or remove locations to the scope of this Agreement via contract amendment.

Locations	Address	Approx. Sq. Feet
Dilboy Auxiliary Fields	110 Alewife Brook Parkway (under construction – scheduled to open in Spring 2026)	165,000
Hodgkins-Curtin Park	Holland St. & Simpson Ave.	55,000

Lincoln Park	290 Washington St.	150,000
Nunziato Field	7 Putnam St.	60,000
Trum Field	546 Broadway	115,000

### Exhibit C – List of All City Properties

The DPW Commissioner or Designee may request applications of **fertilizer, dolomitic lime, calcium supplement or weed control treatment** at locations including, but not limited to, those listed below. The City reserves the right add or remove locations to the scope of this Agreement via contract amendment.

Buildings		
1	1895 Building (unoccupied)	89 Highland Ave.
2	45 College Ave. (unoccupied)	45 College Ave.
3	508-512 Columbia Ave. (unoccupied)	508 Columbia Ave.
4	9 Allen St. (unoccupied)	9 Allen St.
5	11 Allen St. (unoccupied)	11 Allen St.
6	Archives Building	42 Cross St.
7	Argenziano School	290 Washington St.
8	Armory	191 Highland Ave.
9	Blessing of the Bay Boathouse	32 Shore Dr.
10	Brown School	201 Willow Ave.
11	Capuano Early Childhood Center	150 Glen St.
12	Central Library	79 Highland Ave.
13	City Hall	93 Highland Ave.
14	City Hall Annex	50 Evergreen St.
15	Cross Street Center	165 Broadway
16	Cummings School	42 Prescott St./93 School St.
17	Department of Public Works	1-17 Franey Rd.
18	Dilboy Pool	324 Alewife Brook Parkway
19	Dilboy Stadium	110 Alewife Brook Parkway
20	East Branch Library	115 Broadway
21	East Somerville Community School	50 Cross St./115 Pearl St.
22	Edgerly Education Center	8 Bonair St./33 Cross St.
23	Founders Memorial Rink	570 Somerville Ave./14 Bleachery Ct.
24	Healey School	5 Meacham St.
25	Kennedy School, including Ginny Smithers Pool	5 Cherry St./75 Elm St.
26	Public Safety Building	220 Washington St.
27	Recreation Building	19 Walnut St.
28	SCAT Building (under renovation)	90 Union Square
29	Skilton Ave. outbuilding (unoccupied)	Skilton Ave.
30	SFD Reilly-Brickley Fire Station	266 Broadway
31	SFD Engine 1 – Lowell St. Station	651 Somerville Ave.
32	SFD Engine 2 – Assembly Sq. Station	45 Middlesex Ave.
33	SFD Engine 3 (back of Public Safety Building)	255 Somerville Ave.
34	SFD Engine 6 – Teele Sq. Station	2 Newbury St.
35	SFD Engine 7 – Highland Ave. Station	79 Highland Ave.
36	Somerville High School	81 Highland Ave.
37	Traffic & Parking Department	133 Holland St.

38	Nathan Tufts Field House	838 Broadway
39	West Branch Library	40 College Ave.
40	West Somerville Neighborhood School	177 Powder House Blvd.
41	Winter Hill Community School (unoccupied)	115 Sycamore St.
<b>Athletic Fields</b>		
1	Trum Field	546 Broadway
2	Dilboy Auxiliary Fields (under construction)	110 Alewife Brook Parkway
3	Lincoln Park Athletic Fields	290 Washington St.
4	Hodgkins-Curtin Park	Holland St.
5	Nunziato Field & Dog Park	7 Putnam St.
<b>Parks &amp; Playgrounds</b>		
1	Albion Street Playground	Albion St.
2	Allen Street Playground	30 Allen St.
3	Bailey Park	Belmont St.
4	Central Hill Playground	79 Highland Ave.
5	Chuckie Harris Park	17 Cross St. E
6	Conway Park	560 Somerville Ave.
7	Corbett Park	Munroe St.
8	Deanna Cremin Playground	59 Otis St.
9	Dickerman Playground	33-47 Craigie St.
10	Durell Pocket Park	Beacon St.
11	Ed Leathers Park	98 Walnut St.
12	Florence Playground	13 Florence St.
13	Grimmons Park	Governor Winthrop Rd.
14	Giles Park	16 Walnut St.
15	Gilman Square	Medford St. & Pearl St.
16	Henry Hansen Park	70 Partridge Ave.
17	Hoyt-Sullivan Playground	115 Central St.
18	Ken Kelly Park	217 Somerville Ave.
19	Kenney Park	388 Highland Ave.
20	Lexington Park	45 Lexington Ave.
21	Linear Way	Community Path west of Buena Vista Rd.
22	Lou Ann David Park	1060 Broadway
23	Marshall Street Playground	48 Marshall St.
24	Milk Row Cemetery	430 Somerville Ave.
25	Morse-Kelley Park	Summer St. & Craigie St.
26	New Washington Street Dog Park	0 New Washington St.
27	North Street Playground	14 North St.
28	Osgood Park	1 Osgood St.
29	Palmacci Park	19 Skehan St.
30	Perkins Playground	Perkins St.
31	Perry Park	355 Washington St.
32	Powder House Park	850 Broadway
33	Prospect Hill Park	68 Munroe St.
34	Quincy Street Open Space	14 Quincy St.
35	Sacramento St. Pedestrian Underpass	Sacramento St. at Miller St.

36	Seven Hills Park	East of Buena Vista Rd.
37	Somerville Community Path	
38	Somerville Junction Park	2 Woodbine St.
39	Somerville Veterans Cemetery	1323 Broadway
40	Statue Park	College Ave. & Davis Square
41	Stone Place	8 Stone Pl.
42	Symphony Park	46 Pearl St.
43	Trum Tot-Lot	Franey Rd.
44	Woodstock Street Playground	18 Woodstock St.

## 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 bid.** The City of Somerville may disqualify any response that does not meet the minimum quality requirements. A "No" response to items 1, 2, 3 or 4, or a failure to respond to any of the following minimum standards, may result in disqualification of your bid.

QUALITY REQUIREMENTS		YES	NO
1.	Have you been in the business of supplying Fertilization, Weed and Insect Control Services (materials and labor), for at least five (5) years?		
2.	Can you provide the products and services described in the specifications?		
3.	Have you attached a sample of your tracking software or a proposal for how applications and nutrient rate will be tracked, monitored and reported to DPW?		
4.	Have you included specification sheets for all proposed products with your bid package?		
5.	Optional: Are you a Mass. Supplier Diversity Office MBE/WBE certified minority or woman owned business? Additional minority designations may be submitted by attaching supporting documentation.		

In order to provide verification of affirmative responses to items 1, 2, 3, and 4 under the quality requirements listed in the Quality Requirements Form, Offeror 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 4/1/2026 and ends on or about 3/31/2027. 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 <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/gl-c-268a-the-conflict-of-interest-law-as-amended-by-c-248-acts-of-2024>. 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 omissions to the supplies or services provided to ensure that said deliverables meet the requirements as detailed in the contract specifications.

**IFB# 26-52**  
**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: Fertilization, Weed, and Insect Control of Parks, Islands & Athletic Fields

- The bids will be received at the office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 no later than **3/12/2026 by 2PM 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 all applicable laws, including but not limited to the [Somerville Wage Theft Ordinance](#).
- **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 bids 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 bid package.

**Please provide Unit Pricing on the following pages.**

<b>Name of Company/Individual:</b>	
<b>Address, City, State, Zip:</b>	
<b>Tel #</b>	<b>Email:</b>
<b>Signature of Authorized Individual</b>	
Please acknowledge receipt of any and all Addenda (if applicable) by signing below and including this form in your bid package. Failure to do so may subject the proposer to disqualification.	
<b>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA:</b>	
<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> ____	



Nunziato Field	5	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Perry Park	5	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Powder House Park	5	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prospect Hill Park	5	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Seven Hills	5	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Somerville Junction Park	5	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Stone Place Park	5	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Symphony Park	5	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Trum Field	5	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Veterans Cemetery	5	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Annual Totals:</b> Sum of Total Cost for all locations each year		\$		\$		\$	
<b>Subtotal Section A:</b> Sum of Annual Totals for all 3 years		\$					

<b>Section B: Dolomitic Limestone Application</b>							
All sites below will receive up to two (2) dolomitic limestone applications per year, as directed by the DPW Commissioner or Designee.							
Location	Number of Applications	Year 1 (2026)		Year 2 (2027)		Year 3 (2028)	
		Unit Price	Total Cost Unit Price × # of Applications	Unit Price	Total Cost Unit Price × # of Applications	Unit Price	Total Cost Unit Price × # of Applications
Albion Street Playground	2	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Bow Street Island	2	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Broadway Islands (23)	2	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Central Hill	2	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

Concord Avenue Island	2	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Dickerman Park	2	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ed Leathers Park	2	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Grimmons Park	2	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Henry Hansen Park	2	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Healey School Field	2	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Kennedy School Field	2	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Kenney Park	2	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Lou Ann David Park	2	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Milk Row Cemetery	2	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Perry Park	2	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Powder House Park	2	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prospect Hill Park	2	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Seven Hills Park	2	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Somerville Junction Park	2	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Stone Place Park	2	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Symphony Park	2	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Veterans Cemetery	2	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Annual Totals:</b> Sum of Total Cost for all locations each year		\$		\$		\$	
<b>Subtotal Section B:</b> Sum of Annual Totals for all 3 years		\$					

**Section C: Calcium Supplement Application**

All sites below will receive up to three (3) calcium supplement applications per year, as directed by the DPW Commissioner or Designee.

Location	Number of Applications	Year 1 (2026)		Year 2 (2027)		Year 3 (2028)	
		Unit Price	Total Cost Unit Price × # of Applications	Unit Price	Total Cost Unit Price × # of Applications	Unit Price	Total Cost Unit Price × # of Applications
Dilboy Auxiliary Fields	3	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Hodgkins-Curtin Park	3	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Lincoln Park	3	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Nunziato Field	3	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Trum Field	3	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Annual Totals:</b> Sum of Total Cost for all locations each year		\$		\$		\$	
<b>Subtotal Section C:</b> Sum of Annual Totals for all 3 years		\$					

**Section D: Annual Soil Testing**

Annual soil testing at Athletic Fields (**Exhibit B**) as described in Scope of Work.

Description	Estimated Quantity	Year 1 (2026)		Year 2 (2027)		Year 3 (2028)	
		Unit Price	Total Cost Unit Price × Est. Quantity	Unit Price	Total Cost Unit Price × Est. Quantity	Unit Price	Total Cost Unit Price × Est. Quantity
<b>Annual Soil Testing at Athletic Fields</b>	8	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Subtotal Section E:</b> Sum of Annual Totals for all 3 years		\$					

**Section E: Additional Applications as Directed**

The DPW Commissioner or Designee may direct the Vendor to apply additional treatments at any City location (see **Exhibit C**). No work is guaranteed under this item.

Description	Estimated Sq. Footage	Year 1 (2026)		Year 2 (2027)		Year 3 (2028)	
		Price per Sq. Ft.	Total Cost Price per Sq. Ft. × Est. Sq. Ft.	Price per Sq. Ft.	Total Cost Price per Sq. Ft. × Est. Sq. Ft.	Price per Sq. Ft.	Total Cost Price per Sq. Ft. × Est. Sq. Ft.

Fertilization	10,000	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Dolomitic Limestone	10,000	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Calcium Supplement	10,000	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Annual Totals:</b> Sum of Total Cost for all products each year		\$		\$		\$	
<b>Subtotal Section F:</b> Sum of Annual Totals for all 3 years		\$					

**Section F: Weed Control & Biological Control Treatment Application**

The DPW Commissioner or Designee may direct the Vendor to apply treatments at Athletic Fields (see **Exhibit B**).  
Application of weed control and/or biological control treatment is at the discretion of DPW. No work is guaranteed under this item.

Description	Estimated Sq. Footage	Year 1 (2026)		Year 2 (2027)		Year 3 (2028)	
		Unit Price	Total Cost Unit \$ × Est. Qty	Unit Price	Total Cost Unit \$ × Est. Qty	Unit Price	Total Cost Unit \$ × Est. Qty
Pre-Emergent Weed Control Application	545,000	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Post-Emergent Weed Control Application	545,000	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Biological Control Application	545,000	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Annual Totals:</b> Sum of Total Cost for all locations each year		\$		\$		\$	
<b>Add Alternate Total:</b> Sum of Annual Totals for all 3 years		\$					

**Section G: Bid Totals**

	Year 1 (2026)	Year 2 (2027)	Year 3 (2028)
<b>Annual Bid Totals:</b> Sum of Annual Totals for each year	\$	\$	\$
<b>Bid Grand Total:</b> Subtotal Section A + Subtotal Section B + Subtotal Section C + Subtotal Section D + Subtotal Section E + Subtotal Section F	\$		

**IFB# 26-52**  
**SECTION 4.0**

Fertilization, Weed, and Insect Control of Parks, Islands & Athletic Fields  
**BIDDERS' CHECKLIST**

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

**Required with Sealed Bids**

- Cover Letter
- Price Form (Section 3.0)
- Acknowledgement of Addenda (if applicable)
- Quality Requirements (Section 2.0)
- Specification sheets (product labels, SDS sheets, etc.) of all proposed products
- Sample tracking software or proposal for how applications & nutrient rate will be tracked & monitored
- Somerville Living Wage Form (if applicable)
- 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 bid if available)
- Insurance Specifications (will be required of awarded Vendor; furnish sample certificate with bid, if possible)



**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 7/1/2025 “Living Wage” shall be deemed to be an hourly wage of no less than \$18.28 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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 **7/1/2025** is **\$18.28** 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.



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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



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

**VULNERABLE ROAD USERS**

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

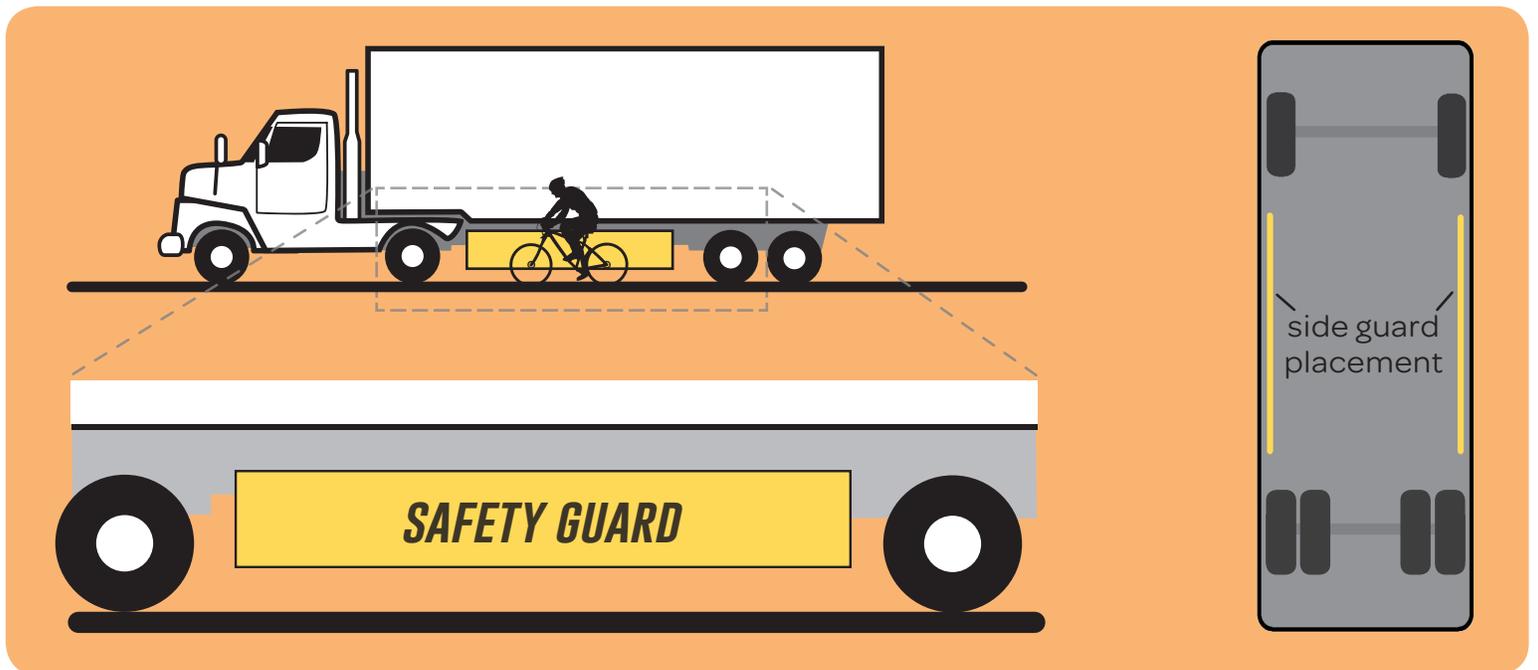
Email inspection forms to: [FleetInspections@SomervilleMA.gov](mailto:FleetInspections@SomervilleMA.gov)



# 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.





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 AWARDED VENDOR ONLY:**

Prior to commencing performance of any work or supplying materials or equipment covered by these specifications, the contractor shall furnish to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer a Certificate of Insurance evidencing the following:

A. GENERAL LIABILITY - Comprehensive Form

Bodily Injury Liability.....\$ One Million

Property Damage Liability.....\$ One Million

B. COVERAGE FOR PAYMENT OF WORKER'S COMPENSATION BENEFIT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 152 OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS IN THE AMOUNT AS LISTED BELOW:

WORKER'S COMPENSATION.....\$ Statutory

EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY.....\$ Statutory

C. AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE AS LISTED BELOW:

BODILY INJURY LIABILITY.....\$ STATUTORY

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

ADD "X" HERETO CERTIFY THAT THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE IS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED

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**

CERTIFICATES SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO:

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

**CANCELLATION**

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

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

# CITY OF SOMERVILLE STANDARD CONTRACT GENERAL CONDITIONS

## 1. Definitions

"City" shall mean the City of Somerville, Massachusetts.

"Contract" and "Contract Documents" shall include the following documents, as applicable: City's Standard Contract Form; these Standard Contract General Conditions; Supplemental Conditions (if applicable); City's Invitation for Bids, Request for Proposals, Request for Quotation, or other solicitation; the Vendor's response to the City's solicitation document including certifications but excluding any language stricken by City as unacceptable. Appendices are made an integral part of this Contract. The Contract documents are to be read collectively and complementary to one another; any requirement under one shall be as binding as if required by all. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the City's Standard Contract General Conditions and the Supplemental Conditions, the Supplemental Conditions shall prevail. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of the City's Standard Contract Form or these Standard Contract General Conditions and any other Contract Documents or appendices, the provisions of the City's Standard Contract Form and/or these Standard Contract General Conditions shall prevail. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the Contract Documents and any applicable state law, the applicable state law shall prevail.

"Certify" or "Certifies" shall mean that the Vendor certifies under pains and penalties of perjury to the statement referenced.

"Vendor" shall mean the individual, corporation, partnership, or other entity which is a party to this Contract.

## 2. Performance; Time

The Vendor shall perform in accordance with all provisions of this Contract in a manner satisfactory to the City. The Vendor's performance shall be timely and meet or exceed industry standards for the performance required. It is understood and agreed that all specified times or periods of performance are of the essence of this Contract.

## 3. Acceptance of Goods or Services

Performance under this Contract shall include services rendered, obligations due, costs incurred, goods and deliverables provided and accepted by the City. The City shall have a reasonable opportunity to inspect all goods and deliverables, services performed by, and work product of the Vendor, and accept or reject same.

## 4. Compensation

The City shall pay in full and complete compensation for goods received and accepted and services performed and accepted under this Contract in an amount not to exceed the amount stated on the face of this Contract paid in accordance with the rate indicated or in accordance with a prescribed payment schedule.

The Vendor shall periodically submit invoices to the City, for which compensation is due under this Contract and requesting payment for goods received or services rendered by the Vendor during the period covered by the invoice. The invoice must agree to the rates/payment schedule as indicated in this contract. The invoice shall include the following information: vendor name, vendor remit address, invoice date, invoice number, itemized listing of goods, services, labor, and expenses and indicating the total amount due. The City shall review the invoice and determine the value of goods or services accepted by the City in accordance with the Contract Documents. Payments due to the Vendor will be made within sixty (60) days from receipt and approval of an invoice. Final invoices from the Vendor are due no later than ninety (90) days from the Completion Date. Any invoice received past the ninety (90) day date will not be paid. If this Contract is extended, invoices related to the extension period are due no later than ninety (90) days from the Extended Completion Date.

The Vendor shall furnish such information relating to the goods or services or to documentation of labor or expenses as may be requested by the City. Acceptance by the Vendor of any payment or partial payment, without any written objection by the Vendor, shall in each instance operate as a release and discharge of the City from all claims, liabilities, or other obligations relating to the performance of this Contract.

In case of an error in extension prices quoted herein, the unit price will govern (Applicable To Goods Only).

## 5. Release of City on Final Payment

Acceptance by the Vendor of payment from the City for final delivery of goods or rendering of services under this Contract shall be deemed to release forever the City from all claims and liabilities, except those which the Vendor notifies the City in writing within three (3) months after such payment.

## 6. Risk of Loss

The Vendor shall bear the risk of loss, for any cause, for any Vendor materials used for this Contract and for all goods, deliverables, and work in process, until possession, ownership, and full legal title to the goods and deliverables are transferred to and accepted by the City.

The Vendor shall pay and be exclusively responsible for all debts for labor and material contracted for by the Vendor for the rental of any appliance or equipment hired by Vendor and/or for any expense incurred on account of services to be performed or goods delivered under this Contract.

The City shall not be liable for any personal injury or death of the Vendor, its officers, employees, or agents.

## 7. Indemnification

The Vendor shall indemnify, defend (with counsel acceptable to City, which acceptance shall not be unreasonably withheld), and hold harmless the City of Somerville, its officers, employees, agents and representatives from and against any and all claims, suits, liabilities, losses, damages, costs or expenses (including judgments, costs, interest, attorney's fees and expert's fees) arising from or in connection with any act or omission relating in any way to the performance of this Contract by the Vendor, its agents, officers, employees, or subcontractors.

The extent of this indemnification shall not be limited by any obligation or any term or condition of any insurance policy. The obligations set forth in this paragraph shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

## **8. Default; Termination; Remedies**

### **A. Events of Default**

The following shall constitute events of default under this Contract: (1) The Vendor has made any material misrepresentation to the City; or (2) a judgment or decree is entered against the Vendor approving a petition for an arrangement, liquidation, dissolution or similar relief relating to bankruptcy or insolvency; or (3) the Vendor files a voluntary petition in bankruptcy or any petition or answer seeking any arrangement, liquidation or dissolution relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or other relief for debtors; or (4) the Vendor seeks or consents or acquiesces in the appointment of any trustee or receiver, or is the subject of any other proceeding under which a court assumes custody or control over the Vendor or of any of the Vendor's property; or (5) the Vendor becomes the defendant in a levy of an attachment or execution, or a debtor in an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or (6) the Vendor is involved in a winding up or dissolution of its corporate structure; or (7) any failure by the Vendor to perform any of its obligations under this Contract, including, but not limited to, the following: (i) failure to commence performance of this Contract at the time specified in this Contract due to a reason or circumstance within the Vendor's reasonable control, (ii) failure to perform this Contract with sufficient personnel and equipment or with sufficient material to ensure the completion of this Contract within the specified time due to a reason or circumstance within the Vendor's reasonable control, (iii) failure to perform this Contract in a manner reasonably satisfactory to the City, (iv) failure to promptly re-perform within reasonable time the Services or Supplies that were properly rejected by the City as erroneous or unsatisfactory, (v) discontinuance of the Services or Supplies for reasons not beyond the Vendor's reasonable control, (vi) failure to comply with a material term of this Contract, including, but not limited to, the provision of insurance and nondiscrimination; or (8) any other acts specifically and expressly stated in this Contract as constituting a basis for termination of this Contract.

### **B. Termination Upon Default.**

In the event of a default by the Vendor, the City, acting through its Chief Procurement Officer, may, at its option, terminate this Contract immediately by written notice of termination specifying the termination date.

Notwithstanding the above, in the event of a default by the Vendor, the City, acting through its Chief Procurement Officer, may give notice in writing of a default, which notice shall set forth the nature of the default and shall set a date, by which the Vendor shall cure the default, subject to approval of the City.

If the Vendor fails to cure the default, the City, in the alternative, may make any reasonable purchase or contract to acquire goods or services in substitution for those due from Vendor. The City may deduct the cost of any substitute contract or nonperformance together with incidental and consequential damages from the Contract price and shall withhold such damages from sums due or to become due to the Vendor. If the damages sustained by the City exceeds sums due or to become due, the Vendor shall pay the difference to the City upon demand.

Upon immediate notification to the other party, neither the City nor the Vendor shall be deemed to be in default for failure or delay in performance due to Acts of God or other causes factually beyond their control and without their fault or negligence. Subcontractor failure to perform or price increases due to market fluctuations or product availability will not be deemed factually beyond the Contractor's control. The City retains all rights and remedies at law or in equity.

If the Vendor fails to cure the default within the time as may be required by the notice, the City, acting through its Chief Procurement Officer, may, at its option terminate the Contract.

The parties agree that if City erroneously or unjustifiably terminates this Contract for cause, such termination shall be deemed a termination for convenience, which shall be effective thirty (30) days after such notice of termination for cause is provided.

### **C. Termination For Convenience.**

Notwithstanding any language to the contrary within this Contract, the City, acting through its Chief Procurement Officer, may terminate this Contract, without cause at any time, effective upon the termination date stated in the notice of termination. In the event of termination for convenience, the Vendor shall be entitled to be paid for goods delivered and accepted and services rendered and accepted prior to notice of termination at the prices stated in the Contract, subject to offset of sums due the Vendor against sums owed by the Vendor to the City. Any goods or services delivered after notification of termination but prior to the effective termination date must be approved in writing in advance by the City in order to be eligible for payment. In no event shall the Vendor be entitled to be paid for any goods or services delivered after the effective date of termination. The Vendor shall be entitled to no other compensation of any type. In no case shall a Vendor be entitled to lost profits.

### **D. Obligations Upon Termination.**

Upon termination of this Contract with or without cause, the Vendor shall immediately, unless otherwise directed by the City: 1. cease performance upon the stated termination date; 2. surrender to the City the Vendor's work product, which is deliverable under the Contract, whatever its state of completion; and 3. return all tools, equipment, finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, reports, correspondence, drawings, plans, models, or any other items whatsoever prepared by the Vendor pursuant to this Contract, which shall become property of the City, or belonging to or supplied by the City.

### **E. Rights and Remedies.**

The City shall have the right to: a) disallow all or any part of the Vendor's invoices not in material compliance with this Contract; b) temporarily withhold payment pending correction by the Vendor of any deficiency; c) sue for specific performance or money damages or both, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in enforcing any Vendor obligations hereunder; d) pursue remedies under any bond provided; and e) pursue such other local, state and federal actions and remedies as may be available to the City.

Any termination shall not effect or terminate any of the rights or remedies of the City as against the Vendor then existing, or which may accrue because of any default. No remedy referred to in this subsection is intended to be exclusive, but shall be cumulative, and in addition to any other remedy referred to above or otherwise available to the City or Vendor at law or in equity. The Vendor shall not gain nor assert any right, title or interest in any product produced by the Vendor under this Contract.

## **9. Insurance**

The Vendor shall comply with all insurance requirements set out in the Contract Documents. The Vendor shall deliver to the City new certificates of insurance at least ten (10) calendar days prior to expiration of the prior insurance and shall furnish the City with the name, business address and telephone number of the insurance agent. Vendor certifies compliance with applicable state and federal employment laws or regulations including but not limited to G.L. c. 152 (Workers' Compensation), as applicable, and Vendor shall provide City with acceptable evidence of compliance with the insurance requirements of this chapter.

## **10. Governing Law; Forum**

This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Any action arising out of this Contract shall be brought and maintained in a state or federal court in Massachusetts which shall have exclusive jurisdiction thereof.

#### **11. Complete Agreement**

This Contract supersedes all prior agreements and understandings between the parties and may not be changed unless mutually agreed upon in writing by both parties.

#### **12. Amendment**

No amendment to this Contract shall be effective unless it is signed by the authorized representatives of all parties and complies with all requirements of the law. All alterations or additions, material or otherwise, to the terms and conditions of this Contract must be in writing and signed by the City, as set forth in the below section, and the Vendor.

#### **13. Conditions of Enforceability Against the City**

This Contract is only binding upon, and enforceable against, the City if: (1) the Contract is signed by the Mayor; (2) endorsed with approval by the City Auditor as to appropriation or availability of funds; (3) endorsed with approval by the City Solicitor as to form; and (4) funding is appropriated for this Contract or otherwise made available to the City.

This Contract and payments hereunder are subject to the availability of an appropriation therefor. Any oral or written representations, commitments, or assurances made by any City representatives are not binding. Vendors should verify funding and contract execution prior to beginning performance.

When the amount of the City Auditor's certification of available funds is less than the face amount of the Contract, the City shall not be liable for any claims or requests for payment by Vendor which would cause total claims or payments under this Contract to exceed the amount so certified.

The City's Standard Contract Form and Standard Contract General Conditions shall supersede any conflicting verbal or written agreements or forms relating to the performance of this Contract, including contract forms, purchase orders, or invoices of the Vendor.

The City shall have no legal obligation to compensate a Vendor for performance that is outside the scope of this Contract. The City shall make no payment prior to the execution of a Contract.

#### **14. Taxes**

Purchases incurred by the City are exempt from Federal Excise Taxes and Massachusetts Sales Tax, and prices must exclude any such taxes. Tax Exemption Certificates will be furnished upon request. The City of Somerville's Massachusetts Tax Exempt Number is: **MO46 001 414**.

#### **15. Independent Contractor**

The Vendor is an independent contractor and is not an employee, agent or representative of the City. The City shall not be obligated under any contract, subcontract, or commitment made by the Vendor.

#### **16. Assignment; Sub-Contract**

The Vendor shall not assign, delegate, subcontract, or transfer this Contract or any interest herein, without the prior written consent of the City.

#### **17. Discrimination**

The Vendor agrees to comply with all applicable laws prohibiting discrimination in employment. The Vendor agrees that it shall be a material breach of this Contract for the Vendor to engage in any practice which shall violate any provision of G.L. c. 151B, relative to discrimination in hiring, discharge, compensation or terms, conditions or privileges of employment because of race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, or ancestry.

#### **18. Waiver**

All duties and obligations contained in this Contract can only be waived by written agreement. Forbearance or indulgence in any form or manner by a party shall not be construed as a waiver, nor in any way limit the legal or equitable remedies available to said party.

#### **19. Severability**

In the event that any provision of this Contract shall be held to be illegal, unenforceable or void, such provision shall be severed from this Contract and the entire Contract shall not fail on account thereof, but otherwise remain in full force and effect and shall be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

#### **20. Notice**

The parties shall give notice in writing by one of the following methods: (i) hand-delivery; (ii) facsimile; (iii) certified mail, return receipt requested; or (iv) or overnight delivery service, to the Vendor at the contact information specified on the face of this Contract; to the City addressed to: Purchasing Director, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143, Fax # 617-625-1344 with a copy to: City Solicitor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143. Notice shall be effective on the earlier of (i) the day of actual receipt, or (ii) one day after tender of delivery.

#### **21. Captions**

The captions of the sections in this Contract are for convenience and reference only and in no way define, limit or affect the scope or substance of any section of this Contract.

#### **22. Non-Collusion**

This Contract was made without collusion or fraud with any other person and was in all respects bona fide and fair. As used in this paragraph, the word, "person," shall mean any natural person, joint venture, partnership, corporation, or other business or legal entity. The Vendor certifies 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.

### **23. Tax and Contributions Compliance**

The Vendor certifies, under pains and penalties of perjury, in accordance with MGL c. 62C, s. 49A, that the Vendor is in full compliance with all laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relating to taxes, is in good standing with respect to all returns due and taxes payable to the Commonwealth, reporting of employees and contractors, and withholding and remitting of child support and to contributions and payments in lieu of taxes. In the event that the City is notified by the IRS that the TIN provided by the vendor and the vendor name as recognized by the IRS do not match their records, the vendor is responsible for all penalties.

### **24. Municipal Taxes, Charges and Liens**

The Vendor certifies that it has paid all accounts receivable owed to the City of Somerville, including but not limited to real estate, personal property or excise tax, parking fines, water/sewer charges, license/permit fees, fines and/or any other municipal lien charges due to the City of Somerville. Pursuant to MGL c. 60, s. 93, the Vendor agrees that the Collector/Treasurer of the City may withhold from amounts owing and payable to the Vendor under this Contract any sums owed to any department or agency of the City which remain wholly or partially unpaid. This shall include but not be limited to unpaid taxes and assessments, police details, and any other fees and charges until such sums owed have been fully paid, and the Collector/Treasurer may apply any amount owing and payable to the Vendor to satisfy any monies owed to the City.

### **25. Compliance with Applicable Laws**

The Vendor shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, and city ordinances and regulations, which in any manner affect performance of this Contract. The Vendor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City, its officers, agents and employees against any claim or liability arising from or based on the violations of such ordinances, regulations or laws, caused by the negligent actions of the Vendor, its agents, employees or subcontractors.

### **26. Conflict of Interest**

The Vendor certifies that no official or employee of the City has a financial interest in this Contract or in the expected profits to arise therefrom, unless there has been compliance with the provisions of G. L. c. 43, § 27 (Interest in Public Contracts by Public Employees), and G. L. c. 268A (Conflict of Interest). The Vendor certifies that it has reviewed the Massachusetts Conflict of Interest Law, MGL c. 268A and at any time during the term of this Contract, the Vendor is required to affirmatively disclose in writing to the City the details of any potential conflicts of interest of which the Vendor has knowledge or learns of during the Contract term.

### **27. Licenses and Permits**

The Vendor certifies that it is qualified to perform the Contract and shall obtain and possess at its sole expense, all necessary licenses, permits, or other authorizations required by the City, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or any other governmental agency, for any activity under this Contract. The Vendor shall submit copies of such licenses and/or permits to the City upon request. If a business, the Vendor certifies that it is a duly organized and validly existing entity, licensed to do business in Massachusetts, in good standing in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with full power and authority to consummate the Contract, and listed under the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Secretary of State's website as required by law.

**28. Recordkeeping, Audit, and Inspection of Records** All records, work papers, reports, questionnaires, work product, regardless of its medium, prepared or collected by the Vendor in the course of completing the work to be performed under this Contract shall at all times be the exclusive property of the City. In the event of termination or upon expiration of the Contract, the Contractor shall promptly deliver to the City all documents, work papers, calculations, data, drawings, plans, and other tangible work product or materials pertaining to the services performed under this Contract, in both a physical format and electronic format. The electronic format shall be either Comma Separated Values (CSV) files along with the mapping information for each field, or Microsoft SQL (2005/2008) database with all associated Database Schemas, or such other electronic format(s) acceptable to the city. At no additional cost to the City, the Contractor shall store and preserve such records while in their possession in accordance with the requirements of the Massachusetts Public Records Law, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts record retention schedule and City of Somerville record retention schedule. The City shall have the right to at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice to examine and copy, at its reasonable expense, the books, records, and other compilations of data of the Vendor which relates to the provision of services under this Contract. Such access shall include on-site audits, review, and copying of said records.

### **29. Debarment or Suspension**

The Vendor certifies that it has not been and currently is not debarred or suspended by any federal, state, or municipal governmental agency under G. L. c. 29, § 29F or other applicable law, nor will it contract with a debarred or suspended subcontractor on any public contract.

### **30. Warranties (Applicable to Goods Only)**

The Vendor warrants that (1) the goods sold are merchantable, (2) that they are fit for the purpose for which they are being purchased, (3) that they are absent any latent defects and (4) that they are in conformity with any sample which may have been presented to the City. The Vendor guarantees that upon inspection, any defective or inferior goods shall be replaced without additional cost to the City. The Vendor will assume any additional cost accrued by the City due to the defective or inferior goods. The Vendor guarantees all goods for a period of no less than one (1) year, unless a greater period of time is specified in the Contract Documents.