

# THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

# REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION

**RFQ NO. 509-2009** 

OPERATIONAL REVIEW OF THE WINNIPEG ANIMAL SERVICES AGENCY

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# FORM A: REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION APPLICATION

1.	Document Title	OPERATIONAL REVIEW OF THE WINNIPEG ANIMAL SERVICES AGENCY		
2.	Proponent			
		Name of Proponent		
		Street		
		City Province Postal Code		
		Facsimile Number		
	(Mailing address if different)	Street or P.O. Box		
		City Province Postal Code		
		The Proponent is:		
	(Choose one)	a sole proprietor		
		a partnership		
		a corporation		
		carrying on business under the above name.		
3.	Contact Person	The Proponent hereby authorizes the following contact person to represent the Proponent for purposes of the Qualification Submission.		
		Contact Person Title		
		Telephone Number Facsimile Number		
4.	Good Faith Declaration	The Proponent declares that, in submitting its Request for Qualifications (RFQ), it does so in good faith and that to the best of its knowledge no Persons identified in B12 would have any pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, should the Proponent be awarded a contract for the Project.		
5.	Response	The Proponent agrees that the RFQ in its entirety shall be deemed to be incorporated in and to form a part of this Qualification Submission notwithstanding that not all parts thereof are necessarily attached to or accompany this Qualification Submission.		

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6.	Addenda	The Proponent certifies that the following addenda have been received and agrees that they shall be deemed to form a part of the Submission:		
		No	Dated	
7.	Signatures	The Proponent or signed this	the Proponent's authori	zed official or officials have
		•	day of	, 20
		Signature of Proponent or Proponent's Authorized Official or Officials		
		(Print here name	e and official capacity of individu	ual whose signature appears above)

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#### PART B - REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

#### **B1. DEFINITIONS**

- B1.1 When used in this Request for Qualification:
  - "Business Day" means any Calendar Day, other than a Saturday, Sunday, or a Statutory or Civic Holiday;
  - (b) "Calendar Day" means the period from one midnight to the following midnight;
  - (c) "City" means the City of Winnipeg as continued under The City of Winnipeg Charter, Statutes of Manitoba 2002, c. 39, and any subsequent amendments thereto;
  - (d) "City Council" means the Council of the City of Winnipeg;
  - (e) "Contract" means the combined documents consisting of the Request for Qualification package, Request for Proposal package and any documents and drawings referred to and incorporated therein together with any submissions required to be made by the Contractor after award, and all amendments to the foregoing;
  - (f) "Contract Administrator" means the person authorized to represent the City in respect of the Request for Qualifications unless otherwise specified hereinafter;
  - (g) "Contractor" means the person undertaking the performance of the work under the terms of the Contract;
  - (h) "may" indicates an allowable action or feature which will not be evaluated;
  - "must" or "shall" indicates a mandatory requirement which will be evaluated on a pass/fail basis;
  - "Person" means an individual, firm, partnership, association or corporation, or any combination thereof, and includes heirs, administrators, executors or legal representatives of a person;
  - (k) "Proponent" means any Person or consortium submitting a Qualification Submission in response to this Request for Qualifications;
  - "should" indicates a desirable action or feature which will be evaluated on a relative scale:
  - (m) "Site" means the lands and other places on, under, in or through which the work is to be performed:
  - (n) "Submission or Qualification Submission" means that portion of the Request for Qualification which must be completed or provided and submitted by the Submission Deadline;
  - (o) "Submission Deadline" means the time and date for final receipt of Submissions;
  - (p) "Substantial Performance" shall have the meaning attributed to it in The Builders' Liens Act (Manitoba), or any successor legislation thereto;
  - (q) "Work" or "Works" means the carrying out and the doing of all things, whether of a temporary or permanent nature, that are to be done pursuant to the Contract and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes the furnishing of all Plant, Material, labour and services necessary for or incidental to the fulfilment of the requirements of the Contract, including all Changes in Work which may be ordered as herein provided.

## **B2.** BACKGROUND

B2.1 An operational review of the Special Operating Agencies was included in the City Auditor's 2009-2010 Audit Plan. The review of the Winnipeg Animal Services Agency is included in the Audit Plan.

#### B3. WINNIPEG

- B3.1 Winnipeg is an important Canadian city, and the capital of the Province of Manitoba. Located in Western Canada, Winnipeg plays a prominent role in transportation, finance, manufacturing, agriculture and education. It is known as the Gateway to the West. The City is located near the geographic centre of North America. It lies in a flood plain at the confluence of the Red and Assiniboine rivers and started around the point now commonly known as The Forks. It is protected from flooding by the Red River Floodway. Winnipeg covers an area of 663 square kilometers.
- B3.2 The City of Winnipeg is the Capital city of the Province of Manitoba with a population of over 650,000. Composed of a broad range of diverse neighbourhoods and communities with numerous attractions (from arts and culture to sports and entertainment), Winnipeg is recognized as one of Canada's finest places to live, work and play. The City employs over 8,000 people and provides a full range of municipal services to the citizens of Winnipeg.
- B3.3 The political representation for the City is a Mayor and 15 Councillors, each representing a city ward. The current Mayor and Council were elected in October 2006. Their term of office ends in 2010.
- B3.4 The City provides many services to its citizens. The administrative structure for the City is a Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) providing overall supervision for various departments.
- B3.5 For information on City services and City departments, refer to the City of Winnipeg web site at: http://winnipeg.ca/interhom/Departments/

For information on the Winnipeg Animal Services Agency, refer to the City of Winnipeg web site at:

http://winnipeg.ca/cms/animal/default.stm

#### **B4.** PURPOSE OF THE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS DOCUMENT

- B4.1 The purpose of this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is to identify experienced and capable Proponents to conduct an operational review of the Winnipeg Golf Services.
- B4.2 The City invites qualified individuals to submit a Qualification Submission in response to this RFQ.
- B4.3 After receiving the Submissions to this RFQ, the City will review all Submissions received and shortlist up to three of the most qualified Proponents. Only those Proponents on the shortlist will be invited to further submit a more detailed proposal.

#### B5. SCOPE OF WORK

- B5.1 The Work to be done under the proposed contract shall consist of an operational review of the Winnipeg Animal Services Agency which in general provides an independent assessment of the performance and management of a program against objective criteria or an assessment of best practices. Operational reviews provide information to improve operations, facilitate decision making and contribute to public accountability.
- B5.2 The Work to be done under the proposed contract shall consist of an operational review of the Winnipeg Animal Services Agency in which the proponent is to provide a written report to the City Auditor that:
  - (a) outlines the overall approach taken to conduct the review

- (b) outlines the observations on the operational performance of the Winnipeg Animal Services Agency,
- (c) provides recommendations to improve the operational efficiency, and effectiveness of the Winnipeg Animal Services Agency,
- (d) outlines the observations on the extent to which reported service performance results are complete, relevant, accurate, balanced and meaningful,
- (e) identifies opportunities for revenue generation, cost savings and improved management practices and controls, and
- (f) identifies opportunities to enhance partnerships with private sector groups.
- B5.3 The operational review is to cover, at a minimum, the following key areas of the Winnipeg Animal Services Agency:
  - (a) Animal services delivery
  - (b) Enforcement
  - (c) Customer service
  - (d) Contract management
  - (e) Performance reporting

#### **B6. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

- B6.1 The General Conditions for Supply of Services (Revision 2007 04 12) are applicable to the Work of the Contract.
- B6.1.1 The General Conditions for Supply of Services are available on the Information Connection page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Division website at <a href="http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt/gen\_cond.stm">http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt/gen\_cond.stm</a>

#### **B7.** PROJECT SCHEDULE

- B7.1 The City intends to complete the evaluation of the Qualification Submissions by July 17, 2009 and proceed with the issuance of an RFP by August 2009.
- B7.2 Details on the RFP schedule will be provided to the Proponents at the completion of the RFQ stage. The City intends to complete the RFP stage by August 2009.

B7.3 Estimated Preliminary Schedule

Phase	Approximate Date(s)
1. RFQ Process	July 13, 2009
2. Evaluation/Shortlist of Proponents	July 17, 2009
3. RFP Process	August 2009
4. Evaluation/Selection of Proponent	August 2009
5. Consultant commences work	August 2009
6. Consultant final report	November 2009

#### B8. PROCUREMENT PROCESS

- B8.1 The first stage of the procurement process for the Project is this RFQ. The City intends to invite no more than three Proponents to participate in the second stage of the procurement process, the RFP.
- B8.2 Following completion of the RFQ stage, Proponents will be invited to provide detailed proposals in response to an RFP.
- B8.3 Details on the RFP process will be provided to the Proponents at the completion of the RFQ

#### **B9. ENQUIRIES**

- B9.1 All enquiries shall be directed to the Contract Administrator identified in B10.
- B9.2 Any Proponent who has questions as to the meaning or intent of any part of this document or who believes this document contains any error, inconsistency or omission should make an enquiry prior to the Submission Deadline requesting clarification, interpretation or explanation in writing to the Contract Administrator.
- B9.3 If the Proponent finds errors, discrepancies or omissions in the document, or is unsure of the meaning or intent of any provision therein, the Proponent shall promptly notify the Contract Administrator of the error, discrepancy or omission at least five (5) Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline.
- B9.4 If the Proponent is unsure of the meaning or intent of any provision therein, the Proponent should request clarification as to the meaning or intent prior to the Submission Deadline.
- B9.5 Responses to enquiries which, in the sole judgment of the Contract Administrator, require a correction to or a clarification of the RFQ will be provided by the Contract Administrator to all Proponents by issuing an addendum.
- B9.6 Responses to enquiries which, in the sole judgment of the Contract Administrator, do not require a correction to or a clarification of the RFQ will be provided by the Contract Administrator only to the Proponent who made the enquiry.
- B9.7 The Proponent shall not be entitled to rely on any response or interpretation received pursuant to B9 unless that response or interpretation is provided by the Contract Administrator in writing.

#### **B10.** CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

B10.1 The Contract Administrator is:

Bryan Mansky Audit Manager 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 185 King Street Winnipeg MB R3B 1J1

Telephone No. (204) 986-4136 Facsimile No. (204) 986-4134

#### B11. ADDENDA

B11.1 The Contract Administrator may, at any time prior to the Submission Deadline, issue addenda correcting errors, discrepancies or omissions in the RFQ, or clarifying the meaning or intent of any provision therein.

- B11.2 The Contract Administrator will issue each addendum at least two (2) Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline, or provide at least two (2) Business Days by extending the Submission Deadline.
  - (a) The Addenda will be available on the Bid Opportunities page at the Materials Management Division's website at <a href="http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt/bidopp.asp">http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt/bidopp.asp</a>
- B11.2.1 The Proponent is responsible for ensuring that he has received all addenda and is advised to check the Materials Management Division's website for addenda regularly and shortly before the Submission Deadline, as may be amended by addendum.
- B11.3 The Proponent should acknowledge receipt of each addendum on Form A: Request for Qualification Application.

#### B12. CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GOOD FAITH

- B12.1 Proponents must not include among their team, any business entity or individual who is, or is associated with, in any way, any consultant retained by the City in relation to the Project, including but not limited to consultants providing engineering, architectural, legal, process, finance or financial capacity advice or any Person likely to create a conflict of interest or a perception of conflict of interest.
- B12.2 If a Proponent considers that a particular relationship or association does not create a conflict of interest and will not create a perception of conflict of interest, but is concerned that the City could arrive at a different conclusion, the Proponent should fully disclose the circumstances to the City at the earliest possible date, and request that the City provide an advance interpretation as to whether the relationship or association will be likely to create a conflict of interest or a perception of conflict of interest.
- B12.3 The Proponent declares that in submitting its response to this RFQ, it does so in good faith and will disclose to the best of its knowledge, whether there are any circumstances whereby any member of Council or any officer or employee of the City would gain any pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, as a result of the Proponents participation in this Project.
- B12.4 Failure to comply with this provision may result in disqualification of your Submission from the RFQ process or, if the City becomes aware of your breach of this provision after the RFP has been issued, disqualification from the RFP process.

#### **B13.** CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVACY

- B13.1 Information provided to a Proponent by the City or acquired by a Proponent by way of further enquiries or through investigation is confidential. Such information shall not be used or disclosed in any way without the prior written authorization of the City. The Proponent shall not make any statement of fact or opinion regarding any aspect of the RFQ and any subsequent proposal to the media or any member of the public without the prior written authorization of the City.
- B13.2 The protection of personal information and privacy will be fundamental aspects of the Project. Proponents shall comply with all applicable privacy legislation, including but not limited to the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (Canada) ("PIPEDA"). In addition, Proponents are advised that the City is subject to The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Manitoba) ("FIPPA") and that the Contractor will be expected to comply with the obligations imposed upon the City pursuant to FIPPA.
- B13.3 To the extent permitted, the City shall treat all Submissions as confidential. However, the Proponent is advised that any information contained in any Submission may be released if required by City policy or procedures, by FIPPA, by other authorities having jurisdiction, or by law.

- B13.4 All Qualification Submissions submitted to the City will be kept in confidence with the City for the sole purposes of evaluating and developing the best possible strategic option for the City. Qualification Submissions will become the property of the City. The City will have the right to make copies of all Submissions for its internal review process and to provide such copies to its staff and/or external advisors and representatives.
- B13.5 All information will become and remain the property of the City; none will be returned. If the application contains any proprietary or trade secret information, said information must be indicated as such.

#### **B14.** NON-DISCLOSURE

- B14.1 Proponents must not disclose any details pertaining to their RFQ and the selection process in whole or in part to anyone not specifically involved in their Submission, without the prior written approval of the City. Proponents shall not issue a news release or other public announcement pertaining to details of their Qualification Submission or the selection process without the prior written approval of the City.
- B14.2 Proponents are advised that an attempt on the part of any Proponent or any of its employees, agents, contractors or representatives to contact any members of City Council or their staff or any member of City Administration other than the Contract Administrator with respect to this RFQ solicitation, may lead to disqualification.

#### **B15.** NO COLLUSION

- B15.1 Upon making a Submission to this RFQ, each Proponent shall declare that they have not participated in any collusive scheme or combine.
- B15.2 Proponents must ensure that their participation in this RFQ is conducted without collusion or fraud on their part or any of their team. Proponents and their team members shall not engage in discussions or other communications with any other Proponents or their team members regarding the preparation or submission of their responses to this RFQ. Breach of this provision may result in disqualification from the RFQ process or, if the City becomes aware of your breach of this provision after the RFP has been issued, from the RFP process.

#### **B16.** NO LOBBYING

Any form of political or other lobbying whatsoever in relation to the Project or with a view to influencing the outcome of this RFQ process is strictly prohibited. Failure to comply with this provision may result in disqualification from the RFQ process or, if the City becomes aware of your breach of this provision after the RFP has been issued, disqualification from the RFP process.

#### B17. ELIGIBILITY

B17.1 No Persons involved with the City, or acting as a consultant or sub-consultant to the City, are eligible to submit a Qualification Submission for this RFQ or participate in any manner whatsoever as a participant or advisor to any Proponent participating in this RFQ or subsequent RFP.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

#### **B18. SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

- B18.1 The Submission Deadline is 4:00 p.m. Winnipeg time, July 14, 2009.
- B18.2 The Contract Administrator or the Manager of Materials may extend the Submission Deadline by issuing an addendum at any time prior to the time and date specified in B18.1.
- B18.3 Qualification Submissions will not be opened publicly.
- B18.4 Qualification Submissions determined by the Manager of Materials to have been received later than the Submission Deadline will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.
- B18.5 The Qualification Submission should be submitted enclosed and sealed in an envelope clearly marked with the RFQ number and the Proponent's name and address.
- B18.6 Qualification Submissions submitted by facsimile transmission (fax) or internet electronic mail (e-mail) will not be accepted.
- B18.7 Qualification Submissions shall be submitted to:

The City of Winnipeg Corporate Finance Department Materials Management Division 185 King Street, Main Floor Winnipeg MB, R3B 1J1

#### **B19. QUALIFICATION SUBMISSION**

- B19.1 The Qualification Submission should consist of the following components:
  - (a) Form A: Request for Qualification Application (Section A);
  - (b) Experience of Proponent (Section B);
  - (c) Project Approach/Methodology (Section C);
- B19.2 All requirements of the RFQ should be fully completed or provided, and submitted by the Proponent no later than the Submission Deadline, with all required entries made clearly and completely to constitute a responsive RFQ.
- B19.3 Proponents are advised that inclusion of terms and conditions inconsistent with the RFQ document will be evaluated in accordance with B26.1(a).
- B19.4 All Submissions received in response to this RFQ will be kept in confidence with the sole purposes of evaluating and developing the best possible strategic option for the City.
- B19.5 Submissions and the information they contain will be the property of the City upon receipt. No Submissions will be returned.

#### **Format**

- B19.6 Proponents should submit one (1) unbound original (marked "original") and two (2) copies plus one (1) copy in an MSOffice compatible electronic format on a standard CD. If there is any discrepancy between the electronic version and the original hard copy, the original hard copy shall take precedence.
  - (a) Each requirement should be addressed in a separate section clearly marked with the corresponding letter;
  - (b) Each section should contain no more than ten (10) pages (standard 8.5x11 "), using a printing font with a 12 pitch. Any graphics included should be contained within the specified amount of pages.
- B19.7 The City reserves the right to make additional copies of all Submissions for its internal review process and to provide such copies to its staff and external advisors.

#### **B20.** FORM A: REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION APPLICATION

- B20.1 Further to B19.1(a), the Proponent shall complete Form A: Request for Qualifications Application, making all required entries.
- B20.2 Paragraph 2 of Form A: Request for Qualifications Application shall be completed in accordance with the following requirements:
  - (a) if the Proponent is a sole proprietor carrying on business in his own name, his name shall be inserted;
  - (b) if the Proponent is a partnership, the full name of the partnership shall be inserted;
  - (c) if the Proponent is a corporation, the full name of the corporation shall be inserted;
  - (d) if the Proponent is carrying on business under a name other than his own, the business name and the name of every partner or corporation who is the owner of such business name shall be inserted.
- B20.2.1 If the Submission is submitted jointly by two or more persons, each and all such persons shall identify themselves in accordance with B20.2.
- B20.3 In Paragraph 3 of Form A: Request for Qualifications Application, the Proponent shall identify a contact person who is authorized to represent the Proponent for purposes of this RFQ.
- B20.4 Paragraph 7 of Form A: Request for Qualification Application should be signed in accordance with the following requirements:
  - (a) if the Proponent is sole proprietor carrying of business in his own name, it shall be signed by the Proponent:
  - (b) if the Proponent is a partnership, it shall be signed by the partner or partners who have authority to sign for the partnership;
  - (c) if the Proponent is a corporation, it shall be signed by its duly authorized officer or officers and the corporate seal, if the corporation has one, should be affixed;
  - (d) if the Proponent is carrying on business under a name other than his own, it shall be signed by the registered owner of the business name or by the registered owner's authorized officials if the owner is a partnership or a corporation.
- B20.5 The name and official capacity of all individuals signing Form A: Request for Qualification Application should be printed below such signatures.
- B20.6 All signatures should be original.

B20.7 If a Submission is submitted jointly by two or more persons, the word "Proponent" shall mean each and all such persons, and the undertakings, covenants and obligations of such joint Proponents in the Submission, shall be both jointly and several.

#### **B21. EXPERIENCE OF PROPONENT**

- B21.1 Further to B19.1(b), the Proponent should submit information in sufficient detail for the City to evaluate the qualifications of the Proponent(s) by providing:
  - (a) their organizational structure;
  - (b) proposed Project team members;
  - (c) estimated time to be assigned to the Project for each team member;
  - (d) the number of contracts similar in size and scope;
    - (i) for the organization;
    - (ii) for each project team member.
  - (e) the details of the scope and value of each contract;
  - (f) a copy of one (1) final report from a recent project similar in size and scope;
  - (g) the names of clients;
  - (h) three (3) references for recent projects similar in size and scope. Each reference should consist of a company name, contact name, email address, phone number and a brief description of the project.

#### B22. PROJECT APPROACH/METHODOLOGY

- B22.1 Further to B19.1(c) the Proponent should submit information for the City to evaluate if the Proponent has an established approach/methodology which outlines the Proponent's philosophy and approach to the project based on a firm understanding of the project goals, methodology and scope for projects of similar nature and complexity, and indicate how this knowledge would be applied to the Work of this Contract.
- B22.2 The description of the Proponent's proposed approach/methodology to the Project should include:
  - (a) A description of the Proponent's understanding of the Scope of Work and vision, and how these will be achieved;
  - (b) A detailed proposal of what will be delivered by the Proponent, including the expected outcome and benefits to the City;
  - (c) A complete definition of the process that will be employed to meet the objectives of this Project, e.g., approach to be taken, feasibility, etc.;
  - (d) A detailed Project Plan that reflects the proposed approach to the Work. All major start dates, end dates, review and approval points and major milestone dates should be shown. The plan should identify interim and final deliverables and their respective delivery dates, in consideration of stages identified;
  - (e) Identification of all facts and assumptions made by the Proponent in developing the Submission and the relevance that these facts and assumptions have had on the proposed methodology and team composition (e.g., data availability, level of involvement of City staff, etc.);
  - (f) A detailed description of any information, resources, or services required to be provided by The City of Winnipeg.

#### **B23. SUBSTITUTIONS**

B23.1 If, following your Submission, you become aware that any Persons identified to participate in this Project will be unable or is likely to be unable to participate on this Project, you must immediately advise the Contract Administrator and indicate your proposed substitute Person. Failure to do so may result in disqualification of your Submission from the RFQ process or, if the City becomes aware of your breach of this provision after the RFP has been issued, from the RFP process.

#### **B24.** NON-CONFORMING SUBMISSIONS

- B24.1 Notwithstanding B19.1, with the exception of B18.4, if a Proponent's Submission is not strictly in accordance with any provision of this RFQ, the City may, at its option:
  - (a) waive the non-conformance if, in the City's opinion, the non-conformance is immaterial;or
  - (b) reject the Submission as non-responsive if, in the City's opinion, the non-conformance is material.
- B24.1.1 If the non-conformance is an omission, the City may, at its discretion, give the Proponent up to five (5) Business Days to supply the omitted material.
- B24.2 If the requested information is not submitted by the time specified in B24.1.1, the Submission will be determined to be non-responsive.

#### B25. PROPONENT'S COSTS AND EXPENSES

B25.1 Proponents are solely responsible for their own costs and expenses in preparing and submitting a Qualification Submission and participating in the RFQ, including the provision of any additional information or attendance at meetings.

#### **EVALUATION**

#### **B26. EVALUATION CRITERIA**

B26.1 Proponents will have their Submissions evaluated in accordance with the criteria and weight factors indicated below:

		EVALUATION CATEGORY	WEIGHTING (%)
	(a)	Conformance to Mandatory Requirements or acceptable deviation therefrom.	Pass/Fail
	(b)	Experience of Proponent(s)	60
	(c)	Project Approach/Methodology	40
TOTAL			100

- B26.2 Further to B26.1(a) and B24, the City may reject a Submission as being non-responsive if the Submission is incomplete, obscure or conditional, or contains additions, deletions, alterations or other irregularities. The City may reject all or any part of any Submission, or waive technical requirements or minor informalities or irregularities if the interests of the City so require.
- B26.3 Further to B26.1(b), experience shall be evaluated considering the information submitted in reference to the Proponent's organization and plan, project experience and references submitted.
- B26.4 Further to B26.1(c), the approach/methodology shall be evaluated considering the information submitted by the Proponent.
- B26.5 Reference checks confirming information provided may not be restricted to only those submitted by the Proponent, and may include organizations representing Persons known to have done business with the Proponent.
- B26.6 The City has full power to conduct an independent verification of information in any Submission received and generally pertaining to the qualifications and experience of the Proponent and any proposed members of its team.
- B26.7 The City may, in its sole discretion, interview any or all Proponents during the evaluation process, to provide clarification or additional information in relation to its Submission.
- B26.8 In order for any Submission to be considered qualified, the Submission must obtain a minimum of 60% of the points for each category.

## **B27.** NO CONTRACT

By submitting a Qualification Submission and participating in the process as outlined in this document, Proponents expressly agree that no contract of any kind is formed under, or arises from this RFQ, and that no legal obligations will arise. The City will have no obligation to enter into negotiations or a Contract with a Proponent, even though one or all of the Proponents are determined to be responsible and qualified, and the Submissions are determined to be responsive.

- B27.2 The City reserves the right and the full power to give notice in writing of any change to its Contract Administrator, amend any dates, schedules, limits and Scope of Work and any contract awarded, or to reject any and all Submissions, to launch a new or amended procurement process, or to decide that it will not issue the RFP, without incurring any liability in respect of costs or damages incurred by any Proponent or any member of a private sector team.
- B27.3 Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the City reserves the right and the full power to amend or cancel this RFQ, the procurement process or the Project at any time.
- B27.4 If the City proceeds to request a more detailed proposal, only to Proponents determined to be qualified under the RFQ process, the City will have no obligation to award a Contract where:
  - (a) only one Submission is received; or
  - (b) in the judgment of the City, the interests of the City would best be served by not entering into a Contract.
- B27.5 The City reserves the right to disqualify any Proponent whose Submission, in the opinion of the City, contains false or misleading information.
- B27.6 Following the conclusion of the RFQ process, Proponents will be provided with information related to the evaluation of their Submission upon written request to the Contract Administrator.