



THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION

RFQ NO. 1-2019

**RESTORATION OF PAVING STONE AND PAVEMENT CUTS IN APPROACHES OR
WITHIN THE CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY**

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PART B - REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

B1. DEFINITIONS

B1.1 When used in this Request for Qualification:

- (a) "**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;
- (i) "**must**" or "**shall**" indicates a mandatory requirement which will be evaluated on a pass/fail basis;
- (j) "**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;
- (l) "**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 Various contractors (Water, Sewer, Communication Utility, etc.) make hard surface cuts within the City's Right of Way and/or residential driveways (paving stones, stamped concrete, coloured concrete etc.). To accommodate the specialty restoration or restoration all together in efficient way and proper way, City Of Winnipeg resorts to contracting out option.

B3. PURPOSE OF THE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS DOCUMENT

- B3.1 The purpose of this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is to identify experienced and capable Proponents under a LEVEL I qualification to restore interlocking paving stone cuts and pavement cuts in or obstructing approaches and/or sidewalks; and under a LEVEL II qualification, which is an additional option to LEVEL I, experienced and capable proponents to restore Hard surface cuts within the City Right-of Way for the current Construction season.
- B3.2 The City invites qualified individuals to submit a Qualification Submission in response to this RFQ.
- B3.3 All projects will be issued to the pre-qualified Proponents. Only Proponents qualified under this Request for Qualification will be invited to bid on projects from the pre-qualified Proponents list.
- B3.4 Qualification of Proponents, to bid on prospective Work, shall not be construed as a commitment by the City to award contracts to any Proponent or to pay any costs incurred by the Proponent in preparing a response or otherwise in relation to this statement.
- B3.5 The City reserves the right to contact owners, owner's representatives and/or consultants that have been identified as well as the references provided in this statement of qualification.
- B3.6 The Proponent is obligated to inform the City, in a timely manner, of any changes to key personnel, ownership, bonding capability, financial position, insurance or any other information which may affect its pre-qualified status with the City

B4. SCOPE OF WORK

- B4.1 The Work to be done under the Contract shall consist of:
- (a) LEVEL I – Restoration of Approach and Sidewalk cuts on Non-Regional Streets
 - (b) LEVEL II – Restoration of Street, Approach and Sidewalk cuts on Regional & Non-Regional Streets
- B4.2 The major components of the Work are as follows:
- (a) LEVEL I – Hard Surface Restoration and Associated Works
 - i. Planing of existing asphalt as required;
 - ii. Removal of existing pavement;
 - iii. Removal of existing curb and sidewalk;
 - iv. Excavation;
 - v. Placement of base course material;
 - vi. Construction of 150mm concrete pavement (reinforced);
 - vii. Renewal of existing curbs;
 - viii. Renewal of existing curb and gutter;
 - ix. Renewal of existing sidewalks;
 - x. Supply and Installation of Interlocking Paving Stones
 - xi. Regrading of existing interlocking paving stones as required;
 - xii. Construction of asphalt overlay patches (average thickness 80mm);
 - xiii. Construction of asphalt pavement at approach tie-ins as required;
 - xiv. Adjustment of Valve Boxes
 - xv. Adjustment of Curb Stops
 - (b) LEVEL II – Hard Surface Restoration and Associated Works (in addition to LEVEL I)
 - i. Removal of existing splash strip and bullnose;
 - ii. Construction of 200mm concrete pavement (reinforced);
 - iii. Renewal of barrier curb and curb ramp;

- iv. Installation of detectable warning surface tiles;
- v. Renewal of existing asphalt pathway as required;

B4.3 The Work shall be done on an “as required” basis during the term of the Contract.

B4.4 The type and quantity of Work to be performed under this Contract shall be as authorized from time to time by the Contract Administrator.

B5. GENERAL CONDITIONS

B5.1 The *General Conditions for Construction* (Revision 2006 12 15) are applicable to the Work of the Contract.

B5.1.1 The *General Conditions for Construction* are available on the Information Connection page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Division website at http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt/gen_cond.stm

B5.2 The most recent version of *City of Winnipeg Standard Construction Specifications* in its entirety shall apply to the Work

B6. PROCUREMENT PROCESS

B6.1 The first stage of the procurement process for the Project is this RFQ. The City intends to invite qualified LEVEL I and LEVEL II Proponents to participate in the second stage of the procurement process, bidding on the projects for work described under B4.2(a) and B4.2(b) Scope of Work.

B6.2 Following completion of the RFQ stage, Proponents will be invited to provide bids in response to a Request for Quotation that will list locations of work and description of the work required at each location. The Contract Administrator will evaluate the bid proposals received from the Proponents and select the preferred Proponent for the purposes of concluding the Contract.

B6.3 Upon completion of each project Request for Quotation, the Contractor Administrator intends to provide a Purchase Order to the recommended contractor, which will be subjected to final approval by the Project Manager.

B7. DISCLOSURE

B7.1 Various Persons provided information or services with respect to this Work. In the City's opinion, this relationship or association does not create a conflict of interest because of this full disclosure. Where applicable, additional material available as a result of contact with these Persons is listed below.

B7.2 The Persons are:

- (a) N/A

B8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GOOD FAITH

B8.1 Proponents, by responding to this RFQ, declare that no Conflict of Interest currently exists, or is reasonably expected to exist in the future.

B8.2 Conflict of Interest means any situation or circumstance where a Proponent or employee of the Proponent proposed for the Work has:

- (a) other commitments;
- (b) relationships;
- (c) financial interests; or
- (d) involvement in ongoing litigation that could or would be seen to:

- i. exercise an improper influence over the objective, unbiased and impartial exercise of the independent judgment of the City with respect to the evaluation of Bids or award of the Contract; or
 - ii. compromise, impair or be incompatible with the effective performance of a Proponent's obligations under the Contract;
- (e) has contractual or other obligations to the City that could or would be seen to have been compromised or impaired as a result of its participation in the RFQ process or the Work; or
- (f) has knowledge of confidential information (other than confidential information disclosed by the City in the normal course of the RFQ process) of strategic and/or material relevance to the RFQ process or to the Work that is not available to other proponents and that could or would be seen to give that Proponent an unfair competitive advantage.

B8.3 In connection with its Bid, each entity identified in B8.2 shall:

- (a) avoid any perceived, potential or actual Conflict of Interest in relation to the procurement process and the Work;
- (b) upon discovering any perceived, potential or actual Conflict of Interest at any time during the RFQ process, promptly disclose a detailed description of the Conflict of Interest to the City in a written statement to the Contract Administrator; and
- (c) provide the City with the proposed means to avoid or mitigate, to the greatest extent practicable, any perceived, potential or actual Conflict of Interest and shall submit any additional information to the City that the City considers necessary to properly assess the perceived, potential or actual Conflict of Interest.

B8.4 Without limiting B8.3, the City may, in its sole discretion, waive any and all perceived, potential or actual Conflicts of Interest. The City's waiver may be based upon such terms and conditions as the City, in its sole discretion, requires to satisfy itself that the Conflict of Interest has been appropriately avoided or mitigated, including requiring the Proponent to put into place such policies, procedures, measures and other safeguards as may be required by and be acceptable to the City, in its sole discretion, to avoid or mitigate the impact of such Conflict of Interest.

B8.5 Without limiting B8.3, and in addition to all contractual or other rights or rights at law or in equity or legislation that may be available to the City, the City may, in its sole discretion:

- (a) disqualify a Proponent that fails to disclose a perceived, potential or actual Conflict of Interest of the Proponent or any of its employees proposed for the Work;
- (b) require the removal or replacement of any employees proposed for the Work that has a perceived, actual or potential Conflict of Interest that the City, in its sole discretion, determines cannot be avoided or mitigated;
- (c) disqualify a Proponent or employees proposed for the Work that fails to comply with any requirements prescribed by the City pursuant to B8.4 to avoid or mitigate a Conflict of Interest; and
- (d) disqualify a Proponent if the Proponent, or one of its employees proposed for the Work, has a perceived, potential or actual Conflict of Interest that, in the City's sole discretion, cannot be avoided or mitigated, or otherwise resolved.

B8.6 The final determination of whether a perceived, potential or actual Conflict of Interest exists shall be made by the City, in its sole discretion.

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 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.
- B9.5 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.
- B9.6 The Proponent shall not be entitled to rely on any response or interpretation received pursuant to B7 unless that response or interpretation is provided by the Contract Administrator in writing.

B10. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

- B10.1 The Contract Administrator is:
Alex Tarasov
Technologist II
Telephone No. 204- 794-4354
Email Address: otarasov@winnipeg.ca

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 <http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgmt/bidopp.asp>
- B11.3 The Proponent is responsible for ensuring that he/she 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.
- B11.4 The Proponent should acknowledge receipt of each addendum on Form A: Request for Qualification Application.
- B11.5 Notwithstanding B9, enquiries related to an Addendum may be directed to the Contract Administrator indicated in B10.

B12. CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVACY

- B12.1 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.

- B12.2 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.
- B12.3 The Proponent is advised that any information contained in any Submission may be released if required by The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Manitoba), by other authorities having jurisdiction, or by law or by City policy or procedures (which may include access by members of City Council).
- B12.4 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.
- B12.5 The City reserves the right to post the names of the shortlisted Proponents on its website, or otherwise make this information public at the end of the RFQ selection process.
- B12.6 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.

B13. NON-DISCLOSURE

- B13.1 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.
- B13.2 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.

B14. NO COLLUSION

- B14.1 Upon making a Submission to this RFQ, each Proponent shall declare that they have not participated in any collusive scheme or combine.
- B14.2 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 RFQ has been issued, from the RFQ process.

B15. NO LOBBYING

- B15.1 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 RFQ has been issued, disqualification from the RFQ process.

B16. ELIGIBILITY

- B16.1 No Persons involved with the City, or acting as a consultant or sub-consultant to the City with respect to this Project, 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 RFQ.

B17. OPENING OF QUALIFICATION SUBMISSIONS AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION

- B17.1 Qualification Submissions will not be opened publicly.
- B17.2 After evaluation, the names of the shortlisted Proponents and their address(es) will be available on the Closed Bid Opportunities (or Public/Posted Opening & Award Results) page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Division website at <http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt/> .
- B17.3 The Proponent is advised that any information contained in any Qualification Submission may be released if required by The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Manitoba), by other authorities having jurisdiction, or by law or by City policy or procedures (which may include access by members of City Council).
- B17.3.1 To the extent permitted, the City shall treat as confidential information, those aspects of a Qualification Submission identified by the Proponent as such in accordance with and by reference to Part 2, Section 17 or Section 18 or Section 26 of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Manitoba), as amended.
- B17.4 Following the award of Contract, a Proponent will be provided with information related to the evaluation of his/her submission upon written request to the Contract Administrator.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

B18. SUBMISSION DEADLINE

- B18.1 The Submission Deadline is 4:00 p.m. Winnipeg time, May 6th 2019.
- 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 may be submitted by mail, courier or personal delivery, or by facsimile transmission.
- B18.6 If the Qualification Submission is submitted by mail, courier or personal delivery, it shall be enclosed and sealed in an envelope clearly marked with the RFQ number and the Proponent's name and address, and shall be submitted to:
- The City of Winnipeg
Corporate Finance Department
Materials Management Division
185 King Street, Main Floor
Winnipeg MB R3B 1J1
- B18.6.1 Samples or other components of the Qualification Submission which cannot reasonably be enclosed in the envelope may be packaged separately, but shall be clearly marked with the RFQ number, the Proponent's name and address, and an indication that the contents are part of the Proponent's Qualification Submission.

- B18.7 If the Qualification Submission is submitted by facsimile transmission, it shall be submitted to 204-949-1178.
- B18.7.1 The Proponent is advised that the City cannot take responsibility for the availability of the facsimile machine at any time or guarantee the successful receipt of a faxed Bid Submission.
- B18.7.2 Qualification Submissions submitted by internet electronic mail (e-mail) will not be accepted.

B19. QUALIFICATION SUBMISSION

- B19.1 The Qualification Submission should consist of the following components:
- (a) Form A: Request for Qualification Application
 - (b) Form B: Qualification Questionnaire – Level I (Required)
 - (c) Form B: Qualification Questionnaire – Level II (Additional Option)
- 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.
- B19.3 Proponents are advised that inclusion of terms and conditions inconsistent with the RFQ document will be evaluated in accordance with B28.1(b).
- 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.

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/her own name, his/her 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/her 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/her 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/her 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. FORM B: QUALIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

B21.1 Further to B19.1(b) and B19.1(c), the Proponent should submit information in sufficient detail for the City to evaluate the qualifications of the Proponent(s) by providing:

- (a) Three (3) references for recent projects similar in size, scope and complexity. Each reference should consist of a company name, contact name, email address, phone number and a brief description of the project.
- (b) the details of the scope and value of each contract;
- (c) the names of clients for each project;

B21.2 The Proponent should complete Form B: Qualification Questionnaire LEVEL I (Required) and LEVEL II (additional option) giving a list of previously completed work, similar in nature, scope and value to the Work, in sufficient detail to demonstrate the Proponent's qualification to undertake the Work.

B22. QUALIFICATION

B22.1 The Proponent shall:

- (a) undertake to be in good standing under The Corporations Act (Manitoba), or properly registered under The Business Names Registration Act (Manitoba), or otherwise properly registered, licensed or permitted by law to carry on business in Manitoba; and
- (b) be financially capable of carrying out the terms of the Contract; and
- (c) Have all the necessary experience, capital, organization, and equipment to perform the Work in strict accordance with the terms and provisions of the Contract.

B22.2 The Proponent and any proposed subcontractor (for the portion of the work proposed to be subcontracted to them) shall:

- (a) Be responsible and not be suspended, debarred or in default of any obligations to the City. A list of suspended or debarred individuals and companies is available on the Information Connection page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Division website at <http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt/debar.stm>

B22.3 The Proponent and any proposed subcontractor (for the portion of the work proposed to be subcontracted to them) shall:

- (a) have successfully carried out work similar in nature, scope and value to the Work; and
- (b) be fully capable of performing the Work required to be in strict accordance with the terms and provisions of the Contract; and

- (c) have a written workplace safety and health program if required pursuant to The Workplace Safety and Health Act (Manitoba);

B22.4 The Proponent and/or any proposed Subcontractor (for the portion of the Work proposed to be subcontracted to them) qualifying for LEVEL I must have:

- (a) *2018 Private Access By-Law License No. 49/2008*
- (b) Attended a seminar for the Manual of Temporary Traffic Control within the last three years.
- (c) Evidence of registration and in good standing with the *Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba*

B22.5 In addition to B22.4 the Proponent qualifying for Level II must also have :

- (a) *2019 Streets By-law License No. 1481/77*
- (b) *2019 Restoration Contractor License*

B22.6 The Proponent shall provide, on the request of the Contract Administrator, full access to any of the Proponents equipment and facilities to confirm, to the Contract Administrator's satisfaction, that the Proponents equipment and facilities are adequate to perform the Work.

B23. WORKPLACE SAFETY AND HEALTH QUALIFICATION (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE TEAM MEMBERS)

B23.1 The Proponent shall, within five (5) Business Days of a request by the Contract Administrator, provide proof satisfactory to the Contract Administrator that the Proponent /Subcontractor has a workplace safety and health program meeting the requirements of The Workplace Safety and Health Act (Manitoba), by providing:

- (a) Written confirmation of a safety and health certification meeting SAFE Work Manitoba's SAFE Work Certified Standard (e.g., COR™ and SECOR™) or
 - i. a copy of their valid Manitoba COR certificate and Letter of Good Standing (or Manitoba equivalency) as issued under the Certificate of Recognition (COR) Program administered by the Construction Safety Association of Manitoba or by the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association's WORKSAFELY™ COR™ Program; or
 - ii. a copy of their valid Manitoba SECOR™ certificate and Letter of Good Standing (or Manitoba equivalency) as issued under the Small Employer Certificate of Recognition Program (SECOR™) administered by the Construction Safety Association of Manitoba or by the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association's WORKSAFELY™ COR™ Program or
- (b) a report or letter to that effect from an independent reviewer acceptable to the City. (A list of acceptable reviewers and the review template are available on the Information Connection page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Division website at <http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt/>.)

B24. SUBSTITUTIONS

B24.1 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 RFQ has been issued, from the RFQ process.

B25. NON-CONFORMING SUBMISSIONS

B25.1 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.

B25.1.1 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.

B25.2 If the requested information is not submitted by the time specified in B25.1.1, the Submission will be determined to be non-responsive.

B26. OPENING OF PROPOSALS AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION

B26.1 Submissions will not be opened publicly.

B26.2 After award of Contract, the names of the successful Proponents and their address(es) will be available on the Closed Bid Opportunities (or Public/Posted Opening & Award Results) page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Division website at <http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt/>

B26.3 The Proponent is advised any information contained in any Proposal Submission may be released if required by The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Manitoba), by other authorities having jurisdiction, or by law or by City policy or procedures (which may include access by members of City Council).

B26.3.1 To the extent permitted, the City shall treat as confidential information, those aspects of a Proposal Submission identified by the Proponent as such in accordance with and by reference to Part 2, Section 17 or Section 18 or Section 26 of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Manitoba), as amended.

B26.4 Following the award of Contract, a Proponent will be provided with information related to the evaluation of his/her submission upon written request to the Contract Administrator.

B27. PROPONENT'S COSTS AND EXPENSES

B27.1 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

B28. EVALUATION CRITERIA

B28.1 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) Key Individuals' Experience	20
(c) Hard surface utility cut restoration projects Experience	80
Total SCORE	100

- B28.2 Further to B28.1(b) and B25, 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.
- B28.3 Further to B28.1(b) and B28.1(c), experience shall be evaluated considering the information submitted in reference to the Proponent's project experience and references submitted, in accordance with B21.
- B28.4 Reference checks to confirm 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.
- B28.5 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.
- B28.6 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.
- B28.7 Further to B28.3 a Submission may be determined to be not qualified if the Submission does not obtain a minimum of 50% of the points for each category.

B29. NO CONTRACT

- B29.1 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.
- B29.2 Although it is the intention of the City to establish a shortlist of Proponents to participate in the RFQ stage of the procurement process, 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 RFQ, without incurring any liability in respect of costs or damages incurred by any Proponent or any member of a private sector team.
- B29.3 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.
- B29.4 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.
- B29.5 The City reserves the right to disqualify any Proponent whose Submission, in the opinion of the City, contains false or misleading information.
- B29.6 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.