



**THE CITY OF WINNIPEG**

# **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

**EOI NO. 977-2025**

**PROVISION OF HEAVY-DUTY FRAME MACHINE AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES**

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## PART B - REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

### B1. DEFINITIONS

B1.1 When used in this Expression of Interest:

- (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 Contact"** means the City's representative throughout the duration of the Expression of Interest who has the authority to act on behalf of the City to the extent expressly provided for in this Expression of Interest.
- (e) **"City Council"** means the Council of the City of Winnipeg;
- (f) **"may"** indicates an allowable action or feature which will not be evaluated;
- (g) **"must"** or **"shall"** indicates a mandatory requirement which will be evaluated on a pass/fail basis;
- (h) **"Person"** means an individual, firm, partnership, association or corporation, or any combination thereof, and includes heirs, administrators, executors or legal representatives of a person;
- (i) **"Respondent"** means any Person or consortium submitting an EOI Submission in response to this Expression of Interest;
- (j) **"should"** indicates a desirable action or feature which will be evaluated on a relative scale;
- (k) **"Site"** means the lands and other places on, under, in or through which the work is to be performed;
- (l) **"Submission or Information Submission"** means that portion of the Expression of Interest which must be completed or provided and submitted by the Submission Deadline;
- (m) **"Submission Deadline"** means the time and date for final receipt of Submissions.

### B2. BACKGROUND

B2.1 Frame and structural component repairs are a critical concern for Winnipeg Transit, particularly when buses are involved in operational accidents. Such damage often renders a bus inoperable, requiring prompt and effective repair to minimize service disruptions and maintain public transit availability.

Currently, the majority of these repairs are outsourced to a third-party service provider. While minor repairs can be performed in-house, they typically require the use of hydraulic rams—a process that is highly manual.

### B3. PURPOSE OF THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST DOCUMENT

B3.1 The purpose of this Expression of Interest (EOI) is to identify qualified and experienced Respondents capable of supplying and installing a Heavy-Duty Frame Machine for frame repairs on buses. The objective is to enhance the efficiency, safety, and cost-effectiveness of frame and structural component repairs.

B3.2 The City invites qualified individuals to submit an Information Submission in response to this EOI.

- B3.3 After receiving the Submissions to this EOI, the City will review all Submissions received and use the information to make an informed decision which may proceed to a Request for Qualification, Tender and/or Request for Proposal, and further in the development of specifications.

**B4. SCHEDULE**

- B4.1 The City intends to:
- (a) review the Information Submissions
  - (b) schedule a presentation of Respondent's product(s) by January 31, 2026.
- B4.2 Details on the RFQ/RFP/Tender schedule may be provided to the Respondents at the completion of the EOI stage, if applicable.

**B5. ENQUIRIES**

- B5.1 All enquiries shall be directed to the City Contact identified in B6.
- B5.2 Any Respondent 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 City Contact.
- B5.3 If the Respondent finds errors, discrepancies or omissions in the document, or is unsure of the meaning or intent of any provision therein, the Respondent shall promptly notify the City Contact of the error, discrepancy or omission at least five (5) Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline.
- B5.4 If the Respondent is unsure of the meaning or intent of any provision therein, the Respondent should request clarification as to the meaning or intent prior to the Submission Deadline.
- B5.5 Responses to enquiries which, in the sole judgment of the City Contact, require a correction to or a clarification of the EOI will be provided by the City Contact to all Respondents by issuing an addendum.
- B5.6 Responses to enquiries which, in the sole judgment of the City Contact, do not require a correction to or a clarification of the EOI will be provided by the City Contact only to the Respondent who made the enquiry.
- B5.7 The Respondent shall not be entitled to rely on any response or interpretation received pursuant to B5 unless that response or interpretation is provided by the City Contact in writing.
- B5.8 Any enquiries concerning submitting through MERX should be addressed to:  
MERX Customer Support  
Phone: 1-800-964-6379  
Email: merx@merx.com

**B6. CITY CONTACT**

- B6.1 The City Contact is:  
**Victor Leitao**  
**Stores Contract Officer**  
Telephone No. 431.323.3745  
Email: vleitao@winnipeg.ca

**B7. ADDENDA**

- B7.1 The City Contact may, at any time prior to the Submission Deadline, issue addenda correcting errors, discrepancies or omissions in the EOI, or clarifying the meaning or intent of any provision therein.
- B7.2 The City Contact 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.
- B7.3 Addenda will be available on the MERX website at [www.merx.com](http://www.merx.com).
- B7.3.1 The Respondent is responsible for ensuring that they have received all addenda and is advised to check the MERX website for addenda regularly and shortly before the Submission Deadline, as may be amended by addendum.
- B7.4 The Respondent should acknowledge receipt of each addendum on Form A: Expression of Interest Application.

**B8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GOOD FAITH**

- B8.1 Respondents 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.
- B8.2 If a Respondent 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 Respondent 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.
- B8.3 The Respondent declares that in submitting their response to this EOI, it does so in good faith and will disclose to the best of their 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 Respondents participation in this Project.
- B8.4 Failure to comply with this provision may result in disqualification of your Submission from the EOI process or, if the City becomes aware of your breach of this provision after the EOI has been issued, disqualification from the subsequent procurement process.

**B9. CONFIDENTIALITY**

- B9.1 Information provided to a Respondent by the City or acquired by a Respondent 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 Contract Administrator. The use and disclosure of confidential information shall not apply to information which:
- (a) was known to the Respondent before receipt hereof; or
  - (b) becomes publicly known other than through the Respondent; or
  - (c) is disclosed pursuant to the requirements of a governmental authority or judicial order.
- B9.2 The Respondent shall not make any statement of fact or opinion regarding any aspect of the EOI to the media or any member of the public without the prior written authorization of the City Contact.

**B10. NON-DISCLOSURE**

B10.1 Respondents must not disclose any details pertaining to their EOI in whole or in part to anyone not specifically involved in their Submission, without the prior written approval of the City. Respondents shall not issue a news release or other public announcement pertaining to details of their Information Submission without the prior written approval of the City.

**B10.2** Respondents are advised that an attempt on the part of any Respondent or any of their employees, agents, contractors or representatives to contact any members of City Council or their staff or any member of City Administration other than the City Contact with respect to this EOI solicitation, may lead to disqualification in any subsequent procurement process.

**B11. RESPONDENT'S COSTS AND EXPENSES**

B11.1 Respondents are solely responsible for their own costs and expenses in preparing and submitting an Information Submission and participating in the EOI, including the provision of any additional information or attendance at meetings or demonstrations of the product(s).

**B12. NO CONTRACT**

B12.1 By submitting an Information Submission and participating in the process as outlined in this document, Respondents expressly agree that no contract of any kind is formed under, or arises from this EOI, and that no legal obligations will arise. The City will have no obligation to enter negotiations or a Contract with a Respondent.

B12.2 Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the City reserves the right and the full power to amend or cancel this EOI at any time.

**SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**

**B13. SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

B13.1 The Submission Deadline is 12:00 noon Winnipeg time, January 23, 2026.

B13.2 The City Contact or the Manager of Purchasing may extend the Submission Deadline by issuing an addendum at any time prior to the time and date specified in B13.1.

B13.3 The Information Submission shall be submitted electronically through MERX.

B13.3.1 Information Submissions will **only** be accepted electronically through MERX.

B13.4 Any cost or expense incurred by the Respondent that is associated with the preparation of the Information Submission shall be borne solely by the Respondent.

**B14. OPENING OF SUBMISSION AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

B14.1 Information Submissions will not be opened publicly.

**B15. INFORMATION SUBMISSION**

B15.1 The Information Submission should consist of the following components:

- (a) Form A: Expression of Interest Application (Section A);
- (b) Specifications of the proposed equipment for frame repairs as stated in B17.

B15.2 All requirements of the EOI should be fully completed or provided and submitted by the Respondent no later than the Submission Deadline, with all required entries made clearly and completely.

- B15.3 All Submissions received in response to this EOI will be kept in confidence with the sole purpose of evaluating and developing the best possible strategic option for the City.
- B15.4 Submissions and the information they contain will be the property of the City upon receipt. No Submissions will be returned.
- B15.5 The Respondent is advised 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).
- B15.5.1 To the extent permitted, the City shall treat as confidential information, those aspects of a Proposal Submission identified by the Respondent 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.

**B16. FORM A: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST APPLICATION (SECTION A)**

- B16.1 Further to B15.1(a), the Respondent should complete Form A: Expression of Interest Application, making all required entries.
- B16.2 Paragraph 2 of Form A: Expression of Interest Application shall be completed in accordance with the following requirements:
- (a) if the Respondent is a sole proprietor carrying on business in their own name, their name shall be inserted;
  - (b) if the Respondent is a partnership, the full name of the partnership shall be inserted;
  - (c) if the Respondent is a corporation, the full name of the corporation shall be inserted;
  - (d) if the Respondent is carrying on business under a name other than their own, the business name and the name of every partner or corporation who is the owner of such business name shall be inserted.
- B16.2.1 If the Submission is submitted jointly by two or more persons, each and all such persons shall identify themselves in accordance with B16.2.
- B16.3 In Paragraph 3 of Form A: Expression of Interest Application, the Respondent shall identify a contact person who is authorized to represent the Respondent for purposes of this EOI.
- B16.4 Paragraph 6 of Form A: Expression of Interest Application should be signed in accordance with the following requirements:
- (a) if the Respondent is sole proprietor carrying of business in their own name, it shall be signed by the Respondent;
  - (b) if the Respondent is a partnership, it shall be signed by the partner or partners who have authority to sign for the partnership;
  - (c) if the Respondent is a corporation, it shall be signed by their duly authorized officer or officers and the corporate seal, if the corporation has one, should be affixed;
  - (d) if the Respondent is carrying on business under a name other than their 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.
- B16.5 The name and official capacity of all individuals signing Form A: Expression of Interest Application should be entered below such signatures.
- B16.6 If a Submission is submitted jointly by two or more persons, the word "Respondent" shall mean each and all such persons, and the undertakings, covenants and obligations of such joint Respondents in the Submission, shall be both jointly and several.

**B17. PRODUCT FUNCTIONALITY, SPECIFICATIONS, FEATURES, AND TECHNICAL DETAILS (SECTION B)**

**B17.1 Preliminary Specifications of the Heavy-Duty Frame Machine Equipment for Frame Repairs:**

- (a) **Length:** Minimum 60 feet or longer it must accommodate a 60-foot articulated bus.
- (b) **Hydraulic Tower Height:** Between 10 and 14 feet.
- (c) **Deck Width:** Minimum 102 inches or wider to accommodate differing axle tire widths
- (d) **Number of towers:** minimum of 6 towers.
- (e) **System Type:** Electric/Hydraulic operation
- (f) **Accessibility:** Capable of Drive-on and/or drive-off ramps
- (g) **Tower Chains with Slip Hooks:** 16 feet long 1/2 inches or 5/8 inches chains
- (h) **Pulling Capabilities:** minimum of 25 tons (23 metric tons) of pull capacity per tower
- (j) **Pulling radius:** 360 degrees
- (k) **Accessories and Tooling:**
  - (i) Extra attachments
  - (ii) Extension arms
  - (iii) Frame hooks
  - (iv) Cables
  - (v) Push assemblies
  - (vi) Bus specific attachments (if available)

**B17.2** The Respondent shall provide an estimated quote based on the preliminary specifications in B17.1 and blueprints available on B17.5.

**B17.3** The Respondent shall fill out Form B on the preliminary specifications required on B17.1.

**B17.4** Respondents may propose additional specifications, features, or accessories beyond those outlined in B17.1 on Form B. These recommendations should aim to enhance the functionality, safety, efficiency, or overall value of the equipment for frame repairs. All proposed additions must be clearly described and justified in terms of their benefits to Winnipeg Transit's operational needs.

**B17.5** Respondents should provide a detailed blueprint and/or technical drawing of the proposed heavy duty frame machine equipment for frame repairs. The submission must include dimensions, layout considerations, and any relevant structural or utility features to ensure compatibility with the assigned location and safe operational use.

**B18. SPECIFICATIONS OF THE PROPOSED INSTALLATION AREA**

**B18.1 Dimensions of the Proposed Area:**

- (a) Height: 15 feet and 9 inches to trusses
- (b) Width: 24 feet
- (c) Length: 89 feet
- (d) Enclosed area