



**THE CITY OF WINNIPEG**

# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

**RFP NO. 978-2025**

**FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR GRAHAM AVENUE DISTRICT THERMAL ENERGY  
SYSTEM**

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## **PART B - BIDDING PROCEDURES**

### **B1. CONTRACT TITLE**

B1.1 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR GRAHAM AVENUE DISTRICT THERMAL ENERGY SYSTEM

### **B2. SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

B2.1 The Submission Deadline is 12:00 noon Winnipeg time, February 4, 2026.

B2.2 The Consulting Contract Administrator 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 B2.1.

### **B3. ENQUIRIES**

B3.1 All enquiries shall be directed to the Consulting Contract Administrator identified in D2.

B3.2 If the Proponent finds errors, discrepancies or omissions in the Request for Proposal, or is unsure of the meaning or intent of any provision therein, the Proponent shall promptly notify the Consulting Contract Administrator of the error, discrepancy or omission at least five (5) Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline.

B3.3 Responses to enquiries which, in the sole judgment of the Consulting Contract Administrator, require a correction to or a clarification of the Request for Proposal will be provided by the Consulting Contract Administrator to all Proponents by issuing an addendum.

B3.4 Responses to enquiries which, in the sole judgment of the Consulting Contract Administrator, do not require a correction to or a clarification of the Request for Proposal will be provided by the Consulting Contract Administrator only to the Proponent who made the enquiry.

B3.5 All correspondence or contact by Proponents with the City in respect of this RFP must be directly and only with the City's Consulting Contract Administrator. Failure to restrict correspondence and contact to the Consulting Contract Administrator may result in the rejection of the Proponents Proposal Submission.

B3.6 The Proponent shall not be entitled to rely on any response or interpretation received pursuant to B3 unless that response or interpretation is provided by the Consulting Contract Administrator in writing.

B3.7 Any enquiries concerning submitting through MERX should be addressed to:  
MERX Customer Support  
Phone: 1-800-964-6379  
Email: merx@merx.com

### **B4. CONFIDENTIALITY**

B4.1 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 Consulting Contract Administrator. The use and disclosure of the Confidential Information shall not apply to information which:

- (a) was known to the Proponent before receipt hereof; or
- (b) becomes publicly known other than through the Proponent; or
- (c) is disclosed pursuant to the requirements of a governmental authority or judicial order.

B4.2 The Proponent shall not make any statement of fact or opinion regarding any aspect of the Request for Proposals to the media or any member of the public without the prior written authorization of the Consulting Contract Administrator.

## **B5. ADDENDA**

B5.1 The Consulting Contract Administrator may, at any time prior to the Submission Deadline, issue addenda correcting errors, discrepancies or omissions in the Request for Proposal, or clarifying the meaning or intent of any provision therein.

B5.2 The Consulting 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.

B5.3 Addenda will be available on the MERX website at [www.merx.com](http://www.merx.com).

B5.4 The Proponent 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.

B5.5 The Proponent shall acknowledge receipt of each addendum in Paragraph 10 of Form A: Bid/Proposal. Failure to acknowledge receipt of an addendum may render a Proposal non-responsive.

B5.6 Notwithstanding B3, enquiries related to an Addendum may be directed to the Consulting Contract Administrator indicated in D2.

## **B6. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION**

B6.1 The Proposal shall consist of the following components:

- (a) Form A: Bid/Proposal (Section A) in accordance with B7;
- (b) Fees (Section B) in accordance with B8.

B6.2 The Proposal should also consist of the following components:

- (a) Experience of Proponent and Subconsultants (Section C) in accordance with B9;
- (b) Experience of Key Personnel Assigned to the Project (Section D), in accordance with B10;
- (c) Project Understanding and Methodology (Section E) in accordance with B11; and
- (d) Project Schedule (Section F) in accordance with B12.

B6.3 Further to B6.1 all components of the Proposal shall be fully completed or provided in the order indicated, and submitted by the Proponent no later than the Submission Deadline, with all required entries made clearly and completely, to constitute a responsive Proposal.

B6.4 Further to B6.2, all components of the Proposal should be fully completed or provided in the order indicated, and submitted by the Proponent no later than the Submission Deadline, with all required entries made clearly and completely.

B6.5 Proposal format, including number of pages, size of pages and, font, etc., will not be regulated, except that the Proposal should contain a table of contents, page numbering and should be in the Sections identified above. Proponents are encouraged to use their creativity to submit a Proposal which provides the requested information for evaluation and other information which illustrates the strength of their proposed solution.

B6.6 The Proposal shall be submitted electronically through MERX at [www.merx.com](http://www.merx.com).

B6.6.1 Proposals will **only** be accepted electronically through MERX.

B6.7 Proponents are advised that inclusion of terms and conditions inconsistent with the Request for Proposal, will be evaluated in accordance with B21.1(a).

B6.8 Any cost or expense incurred by the Proponent that is associated with the preparation of the Proposal shall be borne solely by the Proponent.

**B7. PROPOSAL (SECTION A)**

B7.1 The Proponent shall complete Form A: Bid/Proposal, making all required entries.

B7.2 Paragraph 2 of Form A: Bid/Proposal shall be completed in accordance with the following requirements:

- (a) if the Proponent is a sole proprietor carrying on business in their own name, their 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 their own, the business name and the name of every partner or corporation who is the owner of such business name shall be inserted.

B7.2.1 If a Proposal is submitted jointly by two or more persons, each and all such persons shall identify themselves in accordance with B7.2

B7.3 In Paragraph 3 of Form A: Bid/Proposal, the Proponent shall identify a contact person who is authorized to represent the Proponent for purposes of the Proposal.

B7.4 Paragraph 13 of Form A: Bid/Proposal shall be signed in accordance with the following requirements:

- (a) if the Proponent is a sole proprietor carrying on business in their 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 their duly authorized officer or officers;
- (d) if the Proponent 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.

B7.4.1 The name and official capacity of all individuals signing Form A: Bid/Proposal should be entered below such signatures.

B7.5 If a Proposal 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 Proposal and the Contract, when awarded, shall be both joint and several.

**B8. FEES (SECTION B)**

B8.1 The Proposal shall include a Fixed Fee for all disciplines and/or phases identified in D4 Scope of Services.

B8.2 Adjustments to Fees will only be considered based on increases to the Scope of Services.

B8.2.1 The City will not consider an adjustment to the Fees based on changes in the Project budget or the Final Total Construction Cost.

B8.3 Notwithstanding C1.1(b), Fees shall include costs for out of town travel, related meals and accommodations for the duration of the Project and shall not be considered an Allowable Disbursement.

- B8.4 The Fee Proposal shall also include an allowance for Allowable Disbursements as defined in C1.1(b), but shall exclude the costs of any materials testing, soils and hazardous materials investigation during construction.
- B8.5 Notwithstanding C11.1, Fees submitted shall not include the Goods and Services Tax (GST) or Manitoba Retail Sales Tax (MRST, also known as PST), which shall be extra where applicable.
- B8.6 Payments to Non-Resident Consultants are subject to Non-Resident Withholding Tax pursuant to the Income Tax Act (Canada).
- B8.6.1 Fees stated shall not include any costs which may be incurred by the Consultant with respect to any applicable funding agreement obligations as outlined in D18. Any such costs shall be determined in accordance with D18.

## **B9. EXPERIENCE OF PROPONENT AND SUBCONSULTANTS (SECTION C)**

- B9.1 Proposals should include:
- (a) details demonstrating the history and experience of the Proponent and Subconsultants in providing programming; design, management of the project and contract administration services on three projects for the Proponent and three of similar complexity, scope and value.
- B9.2 For each project listed in B9.1(a), the Proponent should submit:
- (a) description of the project;
  - (b) role of the consultant;
  - (c) project's original contracted cost and final cost;
  - (d) design and schedule (anticipated Project schedule and actual project delivery schedule, showing design separately);
  - (e) project owner;
  - (f) reference information (two current names with telephone numbers and email addresses per project).
- B9.2.1 Where applicable, information should be separated into Proponent and Subconsultant project listings.
- B9.3 The Proposal should include general firm profile information, including years in business, average volume of work, number of employees and other pertinent information for the Proponent and all Subconsultants.

## **B10. EXPERIENCE OF KEY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE PROJECT (SECTION D)**

- B10.1 Describe your approach to overall team formation and coordination of team members.
- B10.1.1 Include an organizational chart for the Project.
- B10.2 Submit the experience and qualifications of the Key Personnel assigned to the Project for projects of similar complexity, scope and value, including the principals-in-charge, the Consultants Representative, managers of the key disciplines and lead designers. Include educational background and degrees, professional recognition, job title, years of experience in current position, years of experience in design and years of experience with existing employer. Roles of each of the Key Personnel in the Project should be identified in the organizational chart referred to in B10.1.1.
- B10.3 For each person identified, list at least two comparable projects in which they have played a primary role similar to that proposed for this Project. If a project selected for a key person is included in B9, provide only the project name and the role of the key person. For other projects provide the following:

- (a) Description of project;
- (b) Role of the person;
- (c) Project Owner;
- (d) Reference information (two current names with telephone numbers and email addresses per project).

**B11. PROJECT UNDERSTANDING AND METHODOLOGY (SECTION E)**

- B11.1 Describe your firm's project management approach and team organization during the performance of Services, so that the evaluation committee has a clear understanding of the methods the Proponent will use in the delivery of this Project.
- B11.2 Methodology should be presented in accordance with the Scope of Services identified in D4.
- B11.3 Describe the collaborative process/method to be used by the Key Personnel of the team in the various phases of the Project.
- B11.4 Proposals should address:
- (a) the team's understanding of the broad functional, geotechnical and technical requirements;
  - (b) the team's understanding of various design issues and opportunities;
  - (c) the team's understanding of related system design and energy modelling;
  - (d) the team's understanding of developing a business case, assessing financial risk, evaluating costs and benefits;
  - (e) the team's understanding of real estate law and agreements between private ownership and infrastructure crossing onto public land;
  - (f) the team's understanding of different ownership models involving private and public lands and private and public entities;
  - (g) the team's understanding of the developing estimates for feasibility, including Class C estimates or pricing system with consideration for lifecycle costing;
  - (h) the team's understanding of climate change issues, objectives and greenhouse gas reduction as it relates to project and emissions projections, reductions and climate risk assessments.
  - (i) the proposed Project budget;
  - (j) the Project methodology with respect to the information provided within this RFP and the City's Project Management Manual at <http://winnipeg.ca/infrastructure/asset-management-program/templates-manuals.stm#2> and templates at <http://winnipeg.ca/infrastructure/asset-management-program/templates-manuals.stm#4> ; and;
  - (k) any other issue that conveys your team's understanding of the Project requirements.
- B11.5 The Proposal should include Form P: Person Hours for all disciplines and or phases identified in D4 Scope of Services.
- B11.5.1 The total Fees on Form P: Person Hours should match Fees submitted in response to B8.
- B11.6 Proponents may use Form P: Person Hours or a table of their own design provided it includes all information requested in accordance with B11.5.
- B11.7 A sample of Form P: Person Hours can be found at <https://winnipeg.ca/matmgt/templates/information.stm>
- B11.8 For each person identified in B10.3, list the percent of the person's time to be dedicated to the Project in accordance with the Scope of Services identified in D4.

**B12. PROJECT SCHEDULE (SECTION F)**

- B12.1 Proponents should present a carefully considered Critical Path Method schedule using Microsoft Project or similar project management software, complete with resource assignments (key designers), durations (weekly timescale) and milestone dates or events. The schedule should address each requirement of the Scope of Services.
- B12.2 The Proponent's schedule should include critical dates for review and approval processes by the City and other organizations anticipated during the design and tendering phases of the Project. Reasonable times should be allowed for completion of these processes.

**B13. DISCLOSURE**

- B13.1 Various Persons provided information or services with respect to this RFP. 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.
- B13.2 The Persons are:
- (a) N/A

**B14. CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GOOD FAITH**

- B14.1 Further to C3.2, Proponents, by responding to this RFP, declare that no Conflict of Interest currently exists, or is reasonably expected to exist in the future.
- B14.2 Conflict of Interest means any situation or circumstance where a Proponent or Key Personnel proposed for the Services 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 Proposals 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 their participation in the RFP process or the Project; or
  - (f) has knowledge of confidential information (other than confidential information disclosed by the City in the normal course of the RFP process) of strategic and/or material relevance to the RFP process or to the Project that is not available to other Proponents and that could or would be seen to give that Proponent an unfair competitive advantage.
- B14.3 In connection with their Proposal, each entity identified in B14.2 shall:
- (a) avoid any perceived, potential or actual Conflict of Interest in relation to the procurement process and the Project;
  - (b) upon discovering any perceived, potential or actual Conflict of Interest at any time during the RFP process, promptly disclose a detailed description of the Conflict of Interest to the City in a written statement to the Consulting 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.

- B14.4 Without limiting B14.3, the City may, in their 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 their 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 their sole discretion, to avoid or mitigate the impact of such Conflict of Interest.
- B14.5 Without limiting B14.3, 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 their sole discretion:
- (a) disqualify a Proponent that fails to disclose a perceived, potential or actual Conflict of Interest of the Proponent or any of their Key Personnel;
  - (b) require the removal or replacement of any Key Personnel proposed for the Services that has a perceived, actual or potential Conflict of Interest that the City, in their sole discretion, determines cannot be avoided or mitigated;
  - (c) disqualify a Proponent or Key Personnel proposed for the Services that fails to comply with any requirements prescribed by the City pursuant to B14.4 to avoid or mitigate a Conflict of Interest; and
  - (d) disqualify a Proponent if the Proponent, or one of their Key Personnel proposed for the Project, has a perceived, potential or actual Conflict of Interest that, in the City's sole discretion, cannot be avoided or mitigated, or otherwise resolved.
- B14.6 The final determination of whether a perceived, potential or actual Conflict of Interest exists shall be made by the City, in their sole discretion.

## **B15. QUALIFICATION**

- B15.1 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, or if the Proponent does not carry on business in Manitoba, in the jurisdiction where the Proponent does carry on business; and
  - (b) be financially capable of carrying out the terms of the Contract;
  - (c) have all the necessary experience, capital, organization, and equipment to perform the Services in strict accordance with the terms and provisions of the Contract;
- B15.2 The Proponent and any proposed Subconsultant (for the portion of the Services 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, Purchasing Division website at <https://winnipeg.ca/finance/findata/matmgt/listing/debar.pdf>
- B15.3 The Proponent and/or any proposed Subconsultant (for the portion of the Services proposed to be subcontracted to them) shall:
- (a) have successfully carried out services for the programming; design, management of construction and contract administration for architectural and/or engineering projects of similar complexity, scope and value; and to those required for this Project; and
  - (b) be fully capable of performing the Services required to be in strict accordance with the terms and provisions of the Contract;

- (c) have a written workplace safety and health program, if required, pursuant to The Workplace Safety and Health Act (Manitoba);
- (d) have the knowledge and resources to administer the requirements of The Workplace Safety and Health Act (Manitoba) during the construction works associated with this Contract;
- (e) undertake to meet all licensing and regulatory requirements of the appropriate governing authorities and associations in the Province of Manitoba; and
- (f) have completed the Accessible Customer Service online training required by the Accessibility for Manitobans Act (AMA) (see B15.4 and D5).

B15.4 Further to B15.3(f), the Proponent acknowledges that they and all Subconsultants have obtained training required by the Accessibility for Manitobans Act (AMA) available at <https://accessibilitymb.ca/resources-events-and-training/online-training.html> for anyone that may have any interaction with the public on behalf of the City of Winnipeg.

B15.5 The Proponent shall submit, within three (3) Business Days of a request by the Consulting Contract Administrator, further proof satisfactory to the Consulting Contract Administrator of the qualifications of the Proponent and of any proposed Subconsultant.

B15.6 The Proponent shall provide, on the request of the Consulting Contract Administrator, full access to any of the Proponent's equipment and facilities to confirm, to the Consulting Contract Administrator's satisfaction, that the Proponent's equipment and facilities are adequate to perform the Services.

## **B16. OPENING OF PROPOSALS AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

B16.1 Proposals will not be opened publicly.

B16.2 After award of Contract, the Contract amount and the name of the successful Proponent and their address will be available on the MERX website at [www.merx.com](http://www.merx.com).

B16.3 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).

B16.3.1 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.

## **B17. IRREVOCABLE OFFER**

B17.1 The Proposal(s) submitted by the Proponent shall be irrevocable for the time period specified in Paragraph 11 of Form A: Bid/Proposal.

B17.2 The acceptance by the City of any Proposal shall not release the Proposals of the other responsive Proponents and these Proponents shall be bound by their offers on such Services for the time period specified in Paragraph 11 of Form A: Bid/Proposal.

## **B18. WITHDRAWAL OF OFFERS**

B18.1 A Proponent may withdraw their Proposal without penalty prior to the Submission Deadline.

## **B19. INTERVIEWS**

B19.1 The Consulting Contract Administrator may, in their sole discretion, interview Proponents during the evaluation process.

## **B20. NEGOTIATIONS**

- B20.1 The City reserves the right to negotiate details of the Contract with any Proponent. Proponents are advised to present their best offer, not a starting point for negotiations in their Proposal Submission.
- B20.2 The City may negotiate with the Proponents submitting, in the City's opinion, the most advantageous Proposals. The City may enter into negotiations with one or more Proponents without being obligated to offer the same opportunity to any other Proponents. Negotiations may be concurrent and will involve each Proponent individually. The City shall incur no liability to any Proponent as a result of such negotiations.
- B20.3 If, in the course of negotiations pursuant to B20.2, the Proponent amends or modifies a Proposal after the Submission Deadline, the City may consider the amended Proposal as an alternative to the Proposal already submitted without releasing the Proponent from the Proposal as originally submitted.

## **B21. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS**

- B21.1 Award of the Contract shall be based on the following evaluation criteria:
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| (a) compliance by the Proponent with the requirements of the Request for Proposal or acceptable deviation therefrom: | (pass/fail) |
| (b) qualifications of the Proponent and the Subconsultants, if any, pursuant to B15:                                 | (pass/fail) |
| (c) Fees; (Section B)  | 10%         |
| (d) Experience of Proponent and Subconsultant; (Section C)   | 30%         |
| (e) Experience of Key Personnel Assigned to the Project; (Section D)   | 25%         |
| (f) Project Understanding and Methodology (Section E)  | 25%         |
| (g) Project Schedule. (Section F)  | 10%         |
- B21.2 Further to B21.1(a), the Award Authority may reject a Proposal as being non-responsive if the Proposal Submission is incomplete, obscure or conditional, or contains additions, deletions, alterations or other irregularities. The Award Authority may reject all or any part of any Proposal, or waive technical requirements or minor informalities or irregularities if the interests of the City so require.
- B21.3 Further to B21.1(b), the Award Authority shall reject any Proposal submitted by a Proponent who does not demonstrate, in their Proposal or in other information required to be submitted, that it is qualified.
- B21.4 If, in the sole opinion of the City, a Proposal does not achieve a pass rating for B21.1(a) and B21.1(b), the Proposal will be determined to be non-responsive and will not be further evaluated.
- B21.5 Further to B21.1(c), Fees will be evaluated based on Fees submitted in accordance with B8.
- B21.5.1 For evaluation purposes only, where Fees include a cash allowance, the cash allowance shall be removed from the total Fees for the calculation of price points
- B21.6 Further to B21.1(c), the Award Authority may reject a Proposal as being non-responsive if it exceeds the funds available as shown in D4.3.
- B21.7 Further to B21.1(d), Experience of Proponent and Subconsultants will be evaluated considering the experience of the organization on projects of similar size and complexity as well as other information requested, in accordance with B9.

- B21.8 Further to B21.1(e), Experience of Key Personnel Assigned to the Project will be evaluated considering the experience and qualifications of the Key Personnel and Subconsultant personnel on Projects of comparable size and complexity, in accordance with B10.
- B21.9 Further to B21.1(f), Project Understanding and Methodology will be evaluated considering your firm's understanding of the City's Project, project management approach and team organization, in accordance with B11.
- B21.10 Further to B21.1(g), Project Schedule will be evaluated considering the Proponent's ability to comply with the requirements of the Project, in accordance with B12.
- B21.11 Notwithstanding B21.1(d) to B21.1(g), where Proponents fail to provide a response to B6.2(a) to B6.2(d), the score of zero may be assigned to the incomplete part of the response.
- B21.12 Proposals will be evaluated considering the information in the Proposal Submission and any interviews held in accordance with B19.
- B21.13 Where references are requested, the 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.

## **B22. AWARD OF CONTRACT**

- B22.1 The City will give notice of the award of the Contract, or will give notice that no award will be made.
- B22.2 The City will have no obligation to award a Contract to a Proponent, even though one or all of the Proponents are determined to be qualified, and the Proposals are determined to be responsive.
- B22.2.1 Without limiting the generality of B22.2, the City will have no obligation to award a Contract where:
- (a) the prices exceed the available City funds for the Services;
  - (b) the prices are materially in excess of the prices received for similar services in the past;
  - (c) the prices are materially in excess of the City's cost to perform the Services, or a significant portion thereof, with their own forces;
  - (d) only one Proposal is received; or
  - (e) in the judgment of the Award Authority, the interests of the City would best be served by not awarding a Contract.
- B22.3 Where an award of Contract is made by the City, the award shall be made to the qualified Proponent submitting the most advantageous offer.
- B22.4 The City may, at their discretion, award the Contract in phases.
- B22.5 Further to B22.4 where future phases are identified in D4 Scope of Services, the City reserves the right to negotiate and award future phases to the successful Proponent.
- B22.7 Further to Paragraph 7 of Form A: Bid/Proposal and C4, the City may issue an award letter to the successful Proponent.
- B22.8 Following issuance of the award letter a document package comprising the Contract Documents will be provided to the successful Proponent electronically.
- B22.9 Following the award of Contract, a Proponent will be provided with information related to the evaluation of their Proposal upon written request to the Consulting Contract Administrator.

**B22.10** If, after the award of Contract, the Project is cancelled, the City reserves the right to terminate the Contract. The Proponent will be paid for all Services rendered up to time of termination.

## **PART C - GENERAL CONDITIONS**

### **C0. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

- C0.1 The *General Conditions for Consultant Services* (Revision 2022-09-02) are applicable to the Services of the Contract.
- C0.1.1 The *General Conditions for Consultant Services* are available on the Information Connection page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Purchasing Division website at [http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt/gen\\_cond.stm](http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt/gen_cond.stm).
- C0.2 A reference in the Request for Proposal to a section, clause or subclause with the prefix “**C**” designates a section, clause or subclause in the *General Conditions for Consultant Services*.

## **PART D - SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS**

### **GENERAL**

#### **D1. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

D1.1 In addition to the *General Conditions for Consultant Services*, these Supplemental Conditions are applicable to the Services of the Contract.

#### **D2. CONSULTING CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR**

D2.1 The Consulting Contract Administrator is:

Dan Iskierski

Telephone No. 204 986-5337

Email Address: [diskierski@winnipeg.ca](mailto:diskierski@winnipeg.ca)

D2.2 At the pre-commencement meeting, the Consulting Contract Administrator will identify additional personnel representing the Consulting Contract Administrator and their respective roles and responsibilities for the Services.

#### **D3. BACKGROUND**

D3.1 Winnipeg Transit has rerouted buses from Graham Avenue onto alternative roadways which presents an opportunity to re-imagine the street to be more pedestrian focused. The redesign also includes an opportunity to consider a district thermal energy system to help the City of Winnipeg and Manitoba in our climate change objectives and overall energy transition. Such actions are supported through policy in Complete Communities Direction Strategy 2.0, CentrePlan 2050 and Winnipeg's Climate Action Plan.

D3.2 As part of a district thermal energy system, two main technologies could be explored: heat recovery systems and ground source energy. The intent is to leverage heat recovery opportunities, and share excess thermal energy via a thermal network, aggregating the load requirements of existing buildings, integrating existing systems while also exploring the introduction of a geothermal system to augment the overall system and to provide a battery for excess thermal energy to be stored and used at another time.

D3.3 The subject area has several large buildings with consolidated ownership, including the City, Manitoba Public Insurance, Manitoba Hydro, True North Sports and Entertainment, the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, the Women's Health Clinic, and Southern Chief's Organization. Those above have expressed interest to be included in the feasibility study as potential users/suppliers of energy to the district system. One key stakeholder is Manitoba Hydro, who have an existing geothermal system within their office building. There are also other private buildings, potential rehabilitation of historic buildings and redevelopment of surface parking lots that could be included in the feasibility study as potential opportunities and will be invited to participate.

D3.4 Graham Avenue has some unique characteristics such as area ways beneath the street and sidewalks that either extend the subterranean floor area of adjacent buildings and/or connect across the street. Some of these spaces need substantial repair and/or reconstruction, as does the street surface and sidewalks above. The future Graham Avenue reconstruction presents an opportunity to reimagine both surface and subterranean features and infrastructure. The intent of the scope of work detailed below is to ascertain what level of opportunity exists for a district energy system along Graham Avenue.

#### **Reporting Structure**

D3.5 The administrative structure for the City of Winnipeg is a Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) who is the head of the public service and provides overall leadership to all City departments.

- D3.6 For the feasibility study, Planning, Property and Development will be coordinating feedback and input with other City of Winnipeg departments, including the Department of Public Works, Department of Water and Waste, and the Office of Sustainability.
- D3.7 The head of Planning, Property and Development is the Director who will have oversight and delegate project management responsibilities to a designate in the Downtown Planning Branch.
- D3.8 The Director of Planning, Property and Development's designate will coordinate with pre-identified staff within each of the City of Winnipeg departments identified in D3.6.

#### **D4. SCOPE OF SERVICES**

- D4.1 The Services required under this Contract shall consist of a feasibility study and business case for a district thermal energy system around Graham Avenue in accordance with the following:

**(a) Project Start Meeting**

- (i) Initial Meeting with Project Team, Efficiency Manitoba and consultant to provide opportunity for level setting and any scope questions or clarification prior to starting the work.

**(b) Geotechnical Report**

- (i) A desktop geotechnical study of the immediate project area, providing:
- (i) Characterization of the hydrogeological conditions of the site, and relevant parameters needed to qualify the opportunity for a ground source energy system, as well as any associated risks; and
- (ii) Recommendations and associated cost estimates for appropriate physical testing (e.g. drilling of test boreholes or wells) to confirm conditions and any related assumptions.

**(c) Preliminary Progress Report & Meeting**

- (i) Summary of progress to date and outline of plan for remaining analysis and conceptual design.
- (ii) Overview of concept design(s), and "business-as-usual" case established by customer and any applicable partners to describe the overall energy, heating and cooling equipment strategy (distribution, applicable equipment etc.) which is used to for comparative purposes in the feasibility study.
- (iii) Following provision of the preliminary progress report, host a progress review meeting with consultant, the project team and Efficiency Manitoba (virtual or in person) to discuss the report contents, design concept and plan for remaining analysis.

**(d) Conceptual Design & Energy Modelling**

- (i) Conceptual layout of site, buildings and system showing location, depth and size of infrastructure including:
- (i) Energy distribution pipes, and applicable closed-loop ground heat exchanger(s) and/or open-loop supply/return wells; and
- (ii) Relevant equipment such as heat pumps, heat exchangers, pumps, and any key mechanical or electrical equipment sources such as auxiliary boilers, chillers, fluid coolers, heat recovery devices, etc.
- (ii) Hydronic schematic diagram of system including relevant equipment.
- (iii) Notional equipment schedule such as number, type and size of equipment.
- (iv) High level description of system controls, operation and monitoring.
- (v) Energy modelling files and results for both proposed design(s) and "business as usual" baseline case including:
- (i) Building energy models inputs, assumptions and results including:
- ◆ Space use, occupancy and operating schedules.
  - ◆ Building envelope performance parameters.

- ◆ Mechanical system specifications and ventilation rates.
  - ◆ Lighting and equipment power densities.
  - ◆ Annual energy consumption breakdown by end-use and fuel type.
  - ◆ Hourly building heating/cooling energy loads as well as monthly summary.
  - ◆ Energy use intensity.
  - ◆ Peak demand and electrical energy capacity increase. For example, how much electrical demand is required to displaced natural gas?
  - ◆ Thermal energy demand intensity; and
  - ◆ Greenhouse gas intensity.
- (ii) District system energy model inputs, assumptions and results including:
- ◆ Configuration and specifications of thermal energy distribution system and equipment.
  - ◆ Configuration and specifications of ground source energy resource and equipment.
  - ◆ Description of modelled system controls and operation.
  - ◆ Projected temperature profile of the ground energy resource over the project lifespan to qualify the thermal balance of the system.
  - ◆ Annual energy consumption breakdown of district system by end-use and fuel type.
  - ◆ Hourly aggregated heating/cooling energy loads served by district system, as well as monthly summary.
  - ◆ Site energy use intensity; and
  - ◆ Site greenhouse gas intensity.

**(e) Draft (75%) of Feasibility Report**

- (i) Draft report for review and feedback with including:
- (i) Project background and overview of geotechnical conditions, referencing the geotechnical report as necessary.
  - (ii) Description of energy modelling and system design methodology.
  - (iii) Discussion of analysis and findings for the conceptual design(s) relative to the “business-as-usual” baseline case, and implications for the development.
  - (iv) Detailed analysis of project risk assessment.
  - (v) Overview of climate risk assessment.
  - (vi) Proposed preliminary draft of developer building guidelines/requirements to achieve alignment and/or optimization with anticipated building loads.
  - (vii) Class “C” or pricing of system infrastructure (equipment, installation, commissioning etc. and any accompanying financial assumptions) including any phased implementation of both the proposed concept design and a “business-as-usual” case.
  - (viii) Lifecycle costing of conceptual design(s) and “business-as-usual” baseline cases (incorporating upfront and ongoing costs, including any applicable financial incentives/credits/rebates), and presenting relevant financial metrics such as net present value, internal rate of return and the levelized cost of energy.
  - (ix) Discussion of the overall concept design(s), any next steps in assessing feasibility for the site and suggested “go/no-go” decision process.
  - (x) Discussion of the financial analysis provided as part of a business case including the following:
    - ◆ Detailed capital costs of the project including design, construction, engineering, project management, legal fees and contingencies.

- ◆ Operating and maintenance costs including base year estimate, inflation-related increases and on a pro-rata basis as well as risk management.
  - ◆ Debt financing details with optimal payback period, internal rate of return and net present value as well as expected return on investment;
  - ◆ Model for public/private (as applicable) ownership, capital cost sharing, energy rate structure and cost recovery for the accompanying thermal energy utility; and
  - ◆ Cost/benefit analysis of the project including risk assessment.
- (xi) Meeting with project team, Efficiency Manitoba and consultant (virtual or in person) to review the findings and planned approach to complete the report, providing an opportunity for questions and feedback to be received prior to finalizing the project.

**(f) Final Feasibility Report**

- (i) Final report including the revised draft report and, at minimum, the following:
- (i) Summary of findings and results from the feasibility study.
  - (ii) A “go/no-go” recommendations for implementing the conceptual design(s).
  - (iii) Full financial analysis including business case for the proposed Graham Ave. district system relative to the baseline, including a suggested model for public/private (as applicable) ownership, capital cost sharing, energy rate structure and cost recovery for the accompanying thermal energy utility.
  - (iv) Full project risk assessment.
  - (v) Full climate risk assessment; and
  - (vi) Recommendations for any further investigation/analysis/testing/design that would allow the project to move forward or confirm “go/no-go” decision.
- (ii) Any other information deemed valuable by the consulting team that would form part of a business case and/or feasibility study to add further understanding of the scope of work.
- (iii) Meeting with project team, Efficiency Manitoba and consultant (virtual or in person) to discuss the results and recommendations.

D4.2 The following shall apply to the Services:

- (a) City of Winnipeg Green Building Policy: New City-Owned Buildings and major additions  
<http://clkapps.winnipeg.ca/DMIS/DocExt/ViewDoc.asp?DocumentTypeId=2&DocId=5989>
- (b) Community Energy Investment Roadmap  
<https://www.winnipeg.ca/services-programs/trees-environment/climate-action/community-energy-investment-roadmap>
- (c) Winnipeg’s Climate Action Plan  
<https://legacy.winnipeg.ca/sustainability/PublicEngagement/ClimateActionPlan/pdfs/WinnipegClimateActionPlan.pdf>

D4.3 The funds available for this Contract are \$400,000.

**D5. ACCESSIBLE CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

D5.1 The Accessibility for Manitobans Act (AMA) imposes obligations on The City of Winnipeg to provide accessible customer service to all persons in accordance with the Customer Service Standard Regulation (“CSSR”) to ensure inclusive access and participation for all people who live, work or visit Winnipeg regardless of their abilities.

D5.1.1 The Consultant agrees to comply with the accessible customer service obligations under the CSSR and further agrees that when providing the Goods or Services or otherwise acting on the City of Winnipeg’s behalf, shall comply with all obligations under the AMA applicable to public sector bodies.

- D5.1.2 The accessible customer service obligations include, but are not limited to:
- (a) providing barrier-free access to goods and services;
  - (b) providing reasonable accommodations;
  - (c) reasonably accommodating assistive devices, support persons, and support animals;
  - (d) providing accessibility features e.g. ramps, wide aisles, accessible washrooms, power doors and elevators;
  - (e) inform the public when accessibility features are not available;
  - (f) providing a mechanism or process for receiving and responding to public feedback on the accessibility of all goods and services; and
  - (g) providing adequate training of staff and documentation of same.

## **D6. SUPPLIER CODE OF CONDUCT**

- D6.1 The Contractor has reviewed and understands the City's Supplier Code of Conduct. This document is located at: <https://www.winnipeg.ca/media/4891>
- D6.2 The Contractor agrees to comply with the Supplier Code of Conduct as it may be amended or replaced from time to time. The Contractor is responsible for periodically checking the above link for updates to the Supplier Code of Conduct. Contract signature on Form A: Bid/Proposal from the Contractor signifies agreement to the Supplier Code of Conduct which comes into effect once the Contract starts.
- D6.3 If there is a conflict between the Contract and the Supplier Code of Conduct – the Contract will prevail.

## **D7. UNFAIR LABOUR PRACTICES**

- D7.1 Further to C3.2, the Consultant declares that in bidding for the Work and in entering into this Contract, the Consultant and any proposed Subconsultant(s) conduct their respective business in accordance with established international codes embodied in United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) <https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights> International Labour Organization (ILO) [https://www.ilo.org/global/lang--en/index.htm](https://www.ilo.org/global/lang-en/index.htm) conventions as ratified by Canada.
- D7.2 The City of Winnipeg is committed and requires its Consultants and their Subconsultants, to be committed to upholding and promoting international human and labour rights, including fundamental principles and rights at work covered by ILO eight (8) fundamental conventions and the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights which includes child and forced labour.
- D7.3 Upon request from the Consulting Contract Administrator, the Consultant shall provide disclosure of the sources (by company and country) of the raw materials used in the Work and a description of the manufacturing environment or processes (labour unions, minimum wages, safety, etc.).
- D7.4 Failure to provide the evidence required under D7.3, may be determined to be an event of default in accordance with C14.
- D7.5 In the event that the City, in its sole discretion, determines the Consultant to have violated the requirements of this section, it will be considered a fundamental breach of the Contract and the Consultant shall pay to the City a sum specified by the Consulting Contract Administrator in writing ("Unfair Labour Practice Penalty"). Such a violation shall also be considered an Event of Default, and shall entitle the City to pursue all other remedies it is entitled to in connection with same pursuant to the Contract.
- D7.5.1 The Unfair Labour Practice Penalty shall be such a sum as determined appropriate by the City, having due regard to the gravity of the Consultant's violation of the above

requirements, any cost of obtaining replacement goods/ services or rectification of the breach, and the impact upon the City's reputation in the eyes of the public as a result of same.

- D7.5.2 The Consultant shall pay the Unfair Labour Practice Penalty to the City within thirty (30) Calendar Days of receiving a demand for same in accordance with D7.5. The City may also hold back the amount of the Unfair Labour Practice Penalty from payment for any amount it owes the Consultant.
- (a) The obligations and rights conveyed by this clause survive the expiry or termination of this Contract, and may be exercised by the City following the performance of the Work, should the City determine, that a violation by the Consultant of the above clauses has occurred following same. In no instance shall the Unfair Labour Practice Penalty exceed the total of twice the Contract value.

## **D8. INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**

- D8.1 The following provisions are in addition to any preceding obligations of confidentiality contained in this document. All requirements apply to the Consultant. Further, where the Services &/or Work is being provided by a third party (either by a Subconsultant or authorized third party reseller), the Consultant represents and warrants that it will ensure that the third party meets all of the relevant requirements of the Information Management clauses and will assume responsibility and liability for the third party's compliance or non-compliance.
- D8.2 The Consultant acknowledges that The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act ("FIPPA") and Personal Health Information Act ("PHIA") imposes obligations on the City to collect, store, use, disclose, and destroy "personal information", as that term is defined in FIPPA, ("Personal Information") in the strictest of confidence and in accordance with FIPPA and PHIA.
- D8.3 The Consultant:
- (a) Shall be deemed to be an Information Manager as that term is defined in FIPPA;
  - (b) Shall be responsible to ensure that all Personal Information is collected, stored, used, disclosed or destroyed only and strictly in accordance with the Contract; and
  - (c) Shall, in respect of all Personal Information, implement and comply with the security requirements, controls, policies, and standards set out in the Contract and the Specifications.
- D8.4 While this Contract is in effect, and at all times thereafter, the Consultant shall treat as confidential any and all Confidential Information which it acquires or that is collected, stored, used, disclosed or destroyed, or to which it is given access, or which in any other way it comes into possession or knowledge of, during the course of the performance of the Contract. For the purposes of this Contract, Personal Information shall be considered to be Confidential Information.
- D8.5 The Consultant shall comply with section 44.1 of FIPPA, and more generally, any collection, storage, use, disclosure or destruction of Personal Information by the Consultant shall be in compliance with FIPPA and PHIA.
- D8.6 Further to C21 of the General Conditions, all Confidential Information is and shall remain the property of the City.
- D8.7 The Consultant shall not disclose or appropriate to their own use, or to the use of any third party, all or any part of the Confidential Information without the prior written consent of the Consulting Contract Administrator. The Consultant shall not at any time make any public announcement, press release, or statement of fact or opinion regarding the Bid Opportunity, the Contract, the Work, the City, or the Confidential Information without the prior written consent of the Consulting Contract Administrator.

- D8.8 While this Contract is in effect and at all times thereafter the Consultant shall: (a) only collect, store, use, disclose or destroy the Confidential Information for the purposes expressly permitted by the City, and only to the extent necessary to perform its obligations under this Contract:
- (a) ensure that access to the Confidential Information is only provided or permitted a “need to know” basis, and that access, when given, shall be the minimum amount necessary to accomplish the task;
  - (b) not disclose or permit the disclosure of the Confidential Information or any copies thereof, whether in whole or in part, in any form or medium, to any third party, including Subconsultants or agents, without the prior written consent of the Consulting Contract Administrator;
  - (c) not reproduce any Confidential Information, in whole or in part, in any form or medium, without the express prior written consent of the Consulting Contract Administrator; and
  - (d) inform its Subconsultants of the obligations imposed upon it under this Contract and FIPPA, and shall take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that all of its Subconsultants comply with those obligations, including (but not limited to) binding said Subconsultants to terms no less strict than those herein through written confidentiality agreements.
- D8.9 The Consultant shall put into place reasonable security arrangements, including administrative, technical, and physical safeguards that ensure the confidentiality and security of the Confidential Information. The standard of such security arrangements shall be the greater of:
- (a) the standards the Consultant has in place to protect its own confidential information; or
  - (b) the standards imposed on the Consultant by the Consulting Contract Administrator.
- D8.10 Upon becoming aware of any unauthorized use or handling of the Confidential Information (a “Confidentiality Breach”), the Consultant shall immediately notify the Consulting Contract Administrator in writing, take all reasonable steps to prevent the recurrence of any such Confidentiality Breach, and notify the Consulting Contract Administrator of said steps in writing.
- D8.11 Upon receiving a subpoena or other validly issued administrative or judicial order seeking Confidential Information, the Consultant shall provide the Consulting Contract Administrator with prompt notice thereof, deliver a copy of its proposed response to the Consulting Contract Administrator, and thereafter be entitled to comply with the demand to the extent permitted or required by law (unless the demand has been time-limited, quashed, or extended). The Consultant shall cooperate with the Consulting Contract Administrator in the defense of the demand, if so requested by the Consulting Contract Administrator.
- D8.12 The Consultant shall, and shall ensure its Subconsultants, comply with all directives issued by the Consulting Contract Administrator with respect to safeguarding or otherwise ensuring the confidentiality of the Confidential Information, and shall cooperate with the Consulting Contract Administrator so that the Consulting Contract Administrator can verify that the Consultant has complied, and is complying, with its obligations hereunder.

## **SUBMISSIONS**

### **D9. AUTHORITY TO CARRY ON BUSINESS**

- D9.1 The Consultant shall 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, or if the Consultant does not carry on business in Manitoba, in the jurisdiction where the Consultant does carry on business, throughout the term of the Contract, and shall provide the Consulting Contract Administrator with evidence thereof upon request.

## **D10. INSURANCE**

- D10.1 The Consultant shall procure and maintain, at their own expense and cost, insurance policies with limits no less than those shown below.
- D10.2 As a minimum, the Consultant shall, without limiting their obligations or liabilities under any other contract with the City, procure and maintain, at their own expense and cost, the following insurance policies:
- (a) Comprehensive or Commercial General Liability Insurance including:
    - (i) an inclusive limit of not less than \$2,000,000 for each occurrence or accident with a minimum \$2,000,000 Products and Completed Operations aggregate and \$5,000,000 general aggregate;
    - (ii) all sums which the Consultant shall become legally obligated to pay for damages because of bodily injury (including death at any time resulting therefrom) sustained by any person or persons or because of damage to or destruction of property caused by an occurrence or accident arising out of or related to the Services or any operations carried on in connection with this Contract;
    - (iii) coverage for Products/Completed Operations, Blanket Contractual, Consultant's Protective, Personal Injury, Contingent Employer's Liability, Broad Form Property Damage, Employees as Additional Insureds, and Non-Owned Automobile Liability;
    - (iv) a Cross Liability clause and/or Severability of Interest clause providing that the inclusion of more than one Insured shall not in any way affect the rights of any other Insured hereunder in respect to any claim, demand, suit or judgment made against any other Insured.
  - (b) if applicable, Automobile Liability Insurance covering all motor vehicles, owned and operated and used or to be used by the Consultant directly or indirectly in the performance of the Service. The limit of liability shall not be less than \$2,000,000 inclusive for loss or damage including personal injuries and death resulting from any one accident or occurrence.
  - (c) Professional Errors and Omissions Liability Insurance including:
    - (i) an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per claim and \$1,000,000 in the aggregate.
- D10.2.1 The Consultant's Professional Errors and Omissions Liability Insurance shall remain in force for the duration of the Project and for twelve (12) months after Total Performance.
- D10.3 The policies required in D10.2(a) shall provide that the City is named as an Additional Insured thereunder and that said policies are primary without any right of contribution from any insurance otherwise maintained by the City.
- D10.4 The Consultant shall require any Consultants hired to perform geo technical drilling and sample collecting or closed-circuit television to procure and maintain, at their own expense and cost, comparable insurance to that set forth under D10.2(a) and D10.2(b).
- D10.5 The Consultant shall require each of their Subconsultants hired for design, architectural or engineering services as outlined in the Scope of Services to provide comparable insurance to that set forth under D10.2(a) and D10.2(c).
- D10.6 The Consultant shall provide the Consulting Contract Administrator with a certificate(s) of insurance in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, at least two (2) Business Days prior to the commencement of any Services, but in no event later than the date specified in C4.4(a) for the return of the executed Contract. Such certificates shall state the exact description of the Services and provide for written notice in accordance with D10.9.
- D10.7 The Consultant may take out such additional insurance as it may consider necessary and desirable. All such additional insurance shall be at no expense to the City.

- D10.8 All insurance, which the Consultant is required to obtain with respect to this Contract, shall be with insurance companies registered in and licensed to underwrite such insurance in the Province of Manitoba.
- D10.9 The Consultant shall not cancel, materially alter, or cause any policy to lapse without providing at least thirty (30) Calendar Days prior written notice to the City.

## **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

### **D11. COMMENCEMENT**

- D11.1 The Consultant shall not commence any Services until it is in receipt of a notice of award from the City authorizing the commencement of the Services.
- D11.2 The Consultant shall not commence any Services until:
- (a) the Consulting Contract Administrator has confirmed receipt and approval of:
    - (i) evidence of authority to carry on business specified in D9; and
    - (ii) evidence of the insurance specified in D10.
  - (b) the Consultant has attended a meeting with the Consulting Contract Administrator, or the Consulting Contract Administrator has waived the requirement for a meeting; and
  - (c) The direct deposit application specified in D15.1
- D11.3 The City intends to award this Contract by May 1, 2026.

### **D12. CRITICAL STAGES**

- D12.1 The Consultant shall achieve critical stages of the Services for this Contract in accordance with the following requirements:
- (a) Project Start-up Meeting
  - (b) Geotechnical Report
  - (c) Preliminary Progress Report
  - (d) Conceptual District Energy System Design
  - (e) 75% Draft of Feasibility Report
  - (f) Final Draft of Feasibility Report

### **D13. SUPPLY CHAIN DISRUPTION SCHEDULE DELAYS**

- D13.1 The City acknowledges that the schedule for this Contract may be impacted by Supply Chain Disruption. Commencement and progress of the Services shall be performed by the Consultant with due consideration to delivery requirements and schedule identified in the Contract, in close consultation with the Consulting Contract Administrator.
- D13.2 If the Consultant is delayed in the performance of the Services by reason of the Supply Chain Disruption, the Services schedule may be adjusted by a period of time equal to the time lost due to such delay and costs related to such delay will be determined as identified herein.
- D13.3 A minimum of seven (7) Calendar Days prior to the commencement of Services, the Consultant shall declare whether a Supply Chain Disruption will affect the start date. The Consultant shall provide sufficient evidence that the delay is directly related to a Supply Chain Disruption, including but not limited to evidence related to availability of staff, ordering of Material or Goods, production and/or manufacturing schedules or availability of staff as appropriate.
- D13.4 For any delay related to Supply Chain Disruption and identified after Services have commenced, the Consultant shall within seven (7) Calendar Days of becoming aware of the anticipated delay declare the additional delay and shall provide sufficient evidence as indicated

in D13.3. Failure to provide this notice will result in no additional time delays being considered by the City.

- D13.5 The Services schedule, including the durations identified in the Contract, will be adjusted to reflect delays accepted by the Consulting Contract Administrator.
- D13.6 Any time or cost implications as a result of Supply Chain Disruption and in accordance with the above, as confirmed by the Consulting Contract Administrator, shall be documented in accordance with C8.

## MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

### D14. INVOICES

- D14.1 Further to C11, Consultant:
- (a) shall submit invoices for Work performed in accordance with the instruction on the City's website at: <https://www.winnipeg.ca/finance/corporate-accounts-payable.stm>; and
  - (b) should copy the Consulting Contract Administrator on submission of its invoice.

### D15. PAYMENT

- D15.1 Further to C11.14, the City shall make payments to the Consultant by direct deposit to the Consultant's banking institution, and by no other means. Payments will not be made until the Consultant has made satisfactory direct deposit arrangements with the City. Direct deposit application forms are at [https://winnipeg.ca/finance/files/Direct\\_Deposit\\_Form.pdf](https://winnipeg.ca/finance/files/Direct_Deposit_Form.pdf).

### D16. PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- D16.1 Further to C11, payment shall be in accordance with the following payment schedule:
- (a) Payment shall be made upon completion of each of the Critical Stages outlined in D12.

## DISPUTE RESOLUTION

### D17. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- D17.1 If the Consultant disagrees with any opinion, determination, or decision of the Consulting Contract Administrator, the Consultant shall act in accordance with the Consulting Contract Administrator's opinion, determination, or decision unless and until same is modified by the process followed by the parties pursuant to D17.
- D17.2 The entire text of C17.4 is deleted, and amended to read: "Intentionally Deleted"
- D17.3 The entire text of C17.5 is deleted, and amended to read:
- (a) If Legal Services has determined that the Disputed Matter may proceed in the Appeal Process, the Consultant must, within ten (10) Business Days of the date of the Legal Services Response Letter, submit their written Appeal Form, in the manner and format set out on the City's Purchasing Website, to the Chief Administrative Officer, and to the Consulting Contract Administrator. The Consultant may not raise any other disputes other than the Disputed Matter in their Appeal Form.
- D17.4 Further to C17, prior to the Consulting Contract Administrator's issuance of a Final Determination, the following informal dispute resolution process shall be followed where the Consultant disagrees with any opinion, determination, or decision of the Consulting Contract Administrator ("Dispute"):
- (a) In the event of a Dispute, attempts shall be made by the Consulting Contract Administrator and the Consultant's equivalent representative to resolve Disputes within the normal

course of project dealings between the Consulting Contract Administrator and the Consultant's equivalent representative.

- (b) Disputes which in the reasonable opinion of the Consulting Contract Administrator or the Consultant's equivalent representative cannot be resolved within the normal course of project dealings as described above shall be referred to a without prejudice escalating negotiation process consisting of, at a minimum, the position levels as shown below and the equivalent Consultant representative levels:
  - (i) The Consulting Contract Administrator;
  - (ii) Supervisory level between the Consulting Contract Administrator and applicable Department Head;
  - (iii) Department Head.

- D17.4.1 Names and positions of Consultant representatives equivalent to the above City position levels shall be determined by the Consultant and communicated to the City at the pre-commencement or kick off meeting.
- D17.4.2 As these negotiations are not an adjudicative hearing, neither party may have legal counsel present during the negotiations.
- D17.4.3 Both the City and the Consultant agree to make all reasonable efforts to conduct the above escalating negotiation process within twenty (20) Business Days, unless both parties agree, in writing, to extend that period of time.
- D17.4.4 If the Dispute is not resolved to the City and Consultant's mutual satisfaction after discussions have occurred at the final escalated level as described above, or the time period set out in D17.4.3, as extended if applicable, has elapsed, the Consulting Contract Administrator will issue a Final Determination as defined in C1.1(dd), at which point the parties will be governed by the Dispute Resolution process set out in C17.

### THIRD PARTY AGREEMENTS

#### D18. FUNDING AND/OR CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT OBLIGATIONS

- D18.1 Funding for the Services of the Contract is being provided to the City of Winnipeg by Efficiency Manitoba and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and accordingly, as required by the applicable funding agreements, the following terms and conditions shall apply.
- D18.2 For the purposes of D18:
  - (a) "**Efficiency Manitoba**" includes the authorized officials, auditors, and representatives of Efficiency Manitoba; and
  - (b) "**Federation of Canadian Municipalities**" includes the authorized officials, auditors, and representatives of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.
- D18.3 Indemnification By Consultant
  - D18.3.1 In addition to the indemnity obligations outlined in C13 of the General Conditions for Consultant Services, the Consultant agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Efficiency Manitoba and each of their respective Ministers, officers, servants, employees, and agents from and against all claims and demands, losses, costs, damages, actions, suit or other proceedings brought or pursued in any manner in respect of any matter caused by the Consultant or arising from this Contract or the Services, or from the goods or services provided or required to be provided by the Consultant, except those resulting from the negligence of any of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' or the Government of Manitoba's Ministers, officers, servants, employees, or agents, as the case may be.
  - D18.3.2 The Consultant agrees that in no event will Efficiency Manitoba or the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, their respective officers, servants, employees or agents be held liable for any damages in contract, tort (including negligence) or otherwise, for:

- (a) any injury to any person, including, but not limited to, death, economic loss or infringement of rights;
- (b) any damage to or loss or destruction of property of any person; or
- (c) any obligation of any person, including, but not limited to, any obligation arising from a loan, capital lease or other long term obligation;

in relation to this Contract or the Work. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Consultant releases and forever discharges Federation of Canadian Municipalities and its directors, officers, agents, servants and employees from any claims, demands, proceedings, losses, damages, liabilities, deficiencies, costs and expenses arising out of or in consequence of any loss, injury or damage to the Consultant or its property in any way relating to this Agreement and/or the Services

#### D18.4 Records Retention and Audits

- D18.4.1 The Consultant shall maintain and preserve accurate and complete records in respect of this Contract and the Services, including all accounting records, financial documents, copies of contracts with other parties and other records relating to this Contract and the Services during the term of the Contract and for at least seven (7) years after Total Performance. Those records bearing original signatures or professional seals or stamps must be preserved in paper form; other records may be retained in electronic form.
- D18.4.2 In addition to the record keeping and inspection obligations outlined in C7.16 of the General Conditions for Consultant Services, the Consultant shall keep available for inspection and audit at all reasonable times while this Contract is in effect and until at least seven (7) years after Total Performance, all records, documents, and contracts referred to in D17.4.1 for inspection, copying and audit by the City of Winnipeg, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and/or Efficiency Manitoba or Manitoba Hydro, or the Government of Canada or the Auditor General of Canada and their respective representatives and auditors, and to produce them on demand; to provide reasonable facilities for such inspections, copying and audits, to provide copies of and extracts from such records, documents, or contracts upon request by the City of Winnipeg, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and/or Efficiency Manitoba or Manitoba Hydro or the Government of Canada or Auditor General of Canada and their respective representatives and auditors, and to promptly provide such other information and explanations as may be reasonably requested by the City of Winnipeg, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and/or Efficiency Manitoba or Manitoba Hydro or the Government of Canada or Auditor General of Canada from time-to-time
- D18.4.3 If the Lobbyists Registration Act (Manitoba) applies to the Consultant, the Consultant represents and warrants that it has filed a return and is registered and in full compliance with the obligations of that Act, and covenants that it will continue to comply for the duration of this Contract.
- D18.4.4 The Consultant shall comply with all applicable legislation and standards, whether federal, provincial, or municipal, including (without limitation) labour, environmental, and human rights laws, in the course of providing the Services.
- D18.4.5 The Consultant shall properly account for the Services provided under this Contract and payment received in this respect, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in effect in Canada, including those principles and standards approved or recommended from time-to-time by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada or the Public Sector Accounting Board, as applicable, applied on a consistent basis.
- D18.4.6 The Consultant represents and warrants that no current or former public servant or public office holder, to whom the Value and Ethics Code for the Public Sector, the Policy on Conflict of Interest and Post Employment, or the Conflict of Interest Act applies, shall derive direct benefit from this Contract, including any employment, payments, or gifts, unless the provision or receipt of such benefits is in compliance with such codes and the legislation.

- D18.4.7 The Consultant represents and warrants that no member of the House of Commons or of the Senate of Canada or of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba is a shareholder, director or officer of the Consultant or of a Subconsultant, and that no such member is entitled to any benefits arising from this Contract or from a contract with the Consultant or a Subconsultant concerning the Work.
- D18.4.8 Without limiting any rights granted to the City under the General Conditions, the Consultant hereby grants to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities an irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free, license, to use, reproduce, distribute, adapt, change formats, display, publish, make improvements to, sub-license, translate and copy in any manner the Deliverables.
- D18.4.9 Consultant shall defend or settle at its expense any claim or suit against Federation of Canadian Municipalities arising out of or in connection with an assertion that the Deliverables infringe any intellectual property right and the Consultant shall indemnify and hold harmless Federation of Canadian Municipalities from damages, costs, and attorneys' fees, if any, finally awarded in such suit or the amount of the settlement thereof; provided that (i) Consultant is promptly notified in writing of such claim or suit, and (ii) Consultant shall have the sole control of the defense and/or settlement thereof.
- D18.4.10 Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Limited Liability – In no event shall Federation of Canadian Municipalities, including its directors, officers, employees and agents, be liable to the Consultant for any cause of action or any indirect, special, incidental, consequential or punitive damages of any kind, however caused, including, but not limited to, loss of profits or revenue, loss of data, work interruption, increased cost of work, or any claims or demands against the Consultant by any other entity, whether such remedy is sought in contract, tort (including negligence), strict liability or otherwise.