



THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

RFP NO. 952-2022

**PROVISION OF BAILIFF SERVICES FOR THE COLLECTION OF OUTSTANDING
TAX ACCOUNTS FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION DEPARTMENT**

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PART B - BIDDING PROCEDURES

B1. CONTRACT TITLE

B1.1 PROVISION OF BAILIFF SERVICES FOR THE COLLECTION OF OUTSTANDING TAX ACCOUNTS FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION DEPARTMENT

B2. SUBMISSION DEADLINE

B2.1 The Submission Deadline is 12:00 noon Winnipeg time, February 23, 2023.

B2.2 The Contract Administrator or the Manager of Materials may extend the Submission Deadline by issuing an addendum at any time prior to the time and date specified in B2.1.

B3. ENQUIRIES

B3.1 All enquiries shall be directed to the Contract Administrator identified in D5.1.

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 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 Contract Administrator, require a correction to or a clarification of the Request for Proposal will be provided by the Contract Administrator to all Proponents by issuing an addendum.

B3.4 Responses to enquiries which, in the sole judgment of the Contract Administrator, do not require a correction to or a clarification of the Request for Proposal will be provided by the 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 Contract Administrator. Failure to restrict correspondence and contact to the 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 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 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 Proposal to the media or any member of the public without the prior written authorization of the Contract Administrator.

B5. ADDENDA

- B5.1 The 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 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.
- B5.4 The Proponent is responsible for ensuring that he/she has 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 Contract Administrator indicated in D5.

B6. SUBSTITUTES

- B6.1 The Work is based on the Plant, Materials and methods specified in the Request for Proposal.
- B6.2 Substitutions shall not be allowed unless application has been made to and prior approval has been granted by the Contract Administrator in writing.
- B6.3 Requests for approval of a substitute will not be considered unless received in writing by the Contract Administrator at least five (5) Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline.
- B6.4 The Proponent shall ensure that any and all requests for approval of a substitute:
- (a) provide sufficient information and details to enable the Contract Administrator to determine the acceptability of the Plant, Material or method as either an approved equal or alternative;
 - (b) identify any and all changes required in the applicable Work, and all changes to any other Work, which would become necessary to accommodate the substitute;
 - (c) identify any anticipated cost or time savings that may be associated with the substitute;
 - (d) certify that, in the case of a request for approval as an approved equal, the substitute will fully perform the functions called for by the general design, be of equal or superior substance to that specified, is suited to the same use and capable of performing the same function as that specified and can be incorporated into the Work, strictly in accordance with the proposed work schedule and the dates specified in the Supplemental Conditions for Total Performance;
 - (e) certify that, in the case of a request for approval as an approved alternative, the substitute will adequately perform the functions called for by the general design, be similar in substance to that specified, is suited to the same use and capable of performing the same function as that specified and can be incorporated into the Work, strictly in accordance with the proposed work schedule and the dates specified in the Supplemental Conditions for Total Performance.
- B6.5 The Contract Administrator, after assessing the request for approval of a substitute, may in his/her sole discretion grant approval for the use of a substitute as an “approved equal” or as an “approved alternative”, or may refuse to grant approval of the substitute.

- B6.6 The Contract Administrator will provide a response in writing, at least two (2) Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline, to the Proponent who requested approval of the substitute.
- B6.6.1 The Contract Administrator will issue an Addendum, disclosing the approved materials, equipment, methods and products to all potential Proponents. The Proponent requesting and obtaining the approval of a substitute shall be responsible for disseminating information regarding the approval to any person or persons he/she wishes to inform.
- B6.7 If the Contract Administrator approves a substitute as an “approved equal”, any Proponent may use the approved equal in place of the specified item.
- B6.8 If the Contract Administrator approves a substitute as an “approved alternative”, any Proponent bidding that approved alternative may base his/her Total Bid Price upon the specified item but may also indicate an alternative price based upon the approved alternative. Such alternatives will be evaluated in accordance with B21.
- B6.9 No later claim by the Contractor for an addition to the Total Bid Price because of any other changes in the Work necessitated by the use of an approved equal or an approved alternative will be considered.

B7. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

- B7.1 The Proposal shall consist of the following components:
- (a) Form A: Bid/Proposal;
 - (b) Form B: Prices.
- B7.2 The Proposal should also consist of the following components:
- (a) Experience of Proponent and Subcontractors (Section C) in accordance with B10;
 - (b) Experience of Key Personnel Assigned to the Project (Section D), in accordance with B11;
 - (c) Operating Plan (Section E) in accordance with B12.
- B7.3 Further to B7.1 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.
- B7.4 Further to B7.2, 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.
- B7.5 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
- B7.6 The Proposal shall be submitted electronically through MERX at www.merx.com.
- B7.6.1 Proposals will **only** be accepted electronically through MERX.
- B7.7 Proponents are advised that inclusion of terms and conditions inconsistent with the Request for Proposal, will be evaluated in accordance with B21.1(a).
- B7.8 Any cost or expense incurred by the Proponent that is associated with the preparation of the Proposal shall be borne solely by the Proponent.

B8. PROPOSAL

- B8.1 The Proponent shall complete Form A: Bid/Proposal, making all required entries.

- B8.2 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 his/her own name, his/her name shall be inserted;
 - (b) if the Proponent is a partnership, the full name of the partnership shall be inserted;
 - (c) if the Proponent is a corporation, the full name of the corporation shall be inserted;
 - (d) if the Proponent is carrying on business under a name other than his/her own, the business name and the name of every partner or corporation who is the owner of such business name shall be inserted.
- B8.2.1 If a Proposal is submitted jointly by two or more persons, each and all such persons shall identify themselves in accordance with B8.2.
- B8.3 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.
- B8.4 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 his/her own name, it shall be signed by the Proponent;
 - (b) if the Proponent is a partnership, it shall be signed by the partner or partners who have authority to sign for the partnership;
 - (c) if the Proponent is a corporation, it shall be signed by its duly authorized officer or officers;
 - (d) if the Proponent is carrying on business under a name other than his/her own, it shall be signed by the registered owner of the business name, or by the registered owner's authorized officials if the owner is a partnership or a corporation.
- B8.4.1 The name and official capacity of all individuals signing Form A: Bid/Proposal should be entered below such signatures.
- B8.5 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.

B9. PRICES

- B9.1 The Proponent shall state a price in Canadian funds for each item of the Work identified on Form B: Prices.
- B9.1.1 Notwithstanding C12.2.3, prices on Form B: Prices 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.
- B9.1.2 Prices stated in response to B9.1 shall not include any costs which may be incurred by the Consultant with respect to any applicable funding agreement obligations as outlined in D22. Any such costs shall be determined in accordance with D22.
- B9.2 The quantities listed on Form B: Prices are to be considered approximate only. The City will use said quantities for the purpose of comparing Proposals.
- B9.3 The quantities for which payment will be made to the Contractor are to be determined by the Work actually performed and completed by the Contractor, to be measured as specified in the applicable Specifications.
- B9.4 Where applicable, payments to Non-Resident Contractors are subject to Non-Resident Withholding Tax pursuant to the Income Tax Act (Canada).

B10. EXPERIENCE OF PROPONENT AND SUBCONTRACTORS (SECTION C)

B10.1 Proposals should include:

- (a) details demonstrating the history and experience of the Proponent and Subcontractors in providing services on up to three contracts of similar complexity, scope and value.

B10.2 For each contract listed in B10.1(a), the Proponent should submit:

- (a) description of the contract;
- (b) role of the contractor;
- (c) reference information (two current names with telephone numbers per project).

B10.2.1 Where applicable, information should be separated into Proponent and Subcontractor project listings.

B10.3 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 Subcontractors. Include information on current Provincial registrations or licenses the business has to undertake this work.

B11. EXPERIENCE OF KEY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE PROJECT (SECTION D)

B11.1 Submit the experience and qualifications of the Key Personnel assigned to the Contract for projects of similar complexity, scope and value. Include job title, years of experience in current position, years of experience with existing employer.

B11.2 For each person identified, list at least two comparable contracts in which they have played a similar role. If a contract selected for a key person is included in B10, provide only the contract name and the role of the key person. For other contracts provide the following:

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

B12. OPERATING PLAN (SECTION E)

B12.1 Describe your firm's contract 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 Contract.

B12.2 The Operating Plan should be presented in accordance with the Scope of Services identified in D2. Describe the collaborative process/method to be used by the Key Personnel of the team in the various phases of the Project.

B12.3 The Operating Plan should indicate how the Proponent will meet the requirements of the Contract, providing, but not limited to the following information:

- (a) The team's understanding of the broad requirements;
- (b) Account Administration:
 - (i) Warrant format used for collection process, and any other letters sent to business owners;
 - (ii) Approach for service of warrant, including communication sensitivities utilized in communicating with business owners;
 - (iii) Policy on timelines for allowing response to warrant;
 - (iv) Methods of locating customer when initial warrant delivery is unsuccessful;
 - (v) Process of remitting funds to the Assessment and Taxation Department (ATD);
 - (vi) Policy on provision of payment plans to customers;

- (vii) Plan for achieving the highest level of collections within the period ending March 31 each year; and
- (viii) Circumstances under which a warrant would be closed.
- (c) Seizure of Assets:
 - (i) Methods of determining assets available for seizure;
 - (ii) Methods of effecting a seizure of assets on a business; and
 - (iii) Policy on contact with the business owner upon seizure of assets.
- (d) Auction:
 - (i) Timeline for auction of assets after seizure;
 - (ii) Methods of informing ATD and business owner of pending auctions;
 - (iii) Summary of information provided to ATD upon auction of assets.
- (e) Any skip tracing program utilized;
- (f) Financial controls in place for the monies collected on behalf of the City:
 - (i) Receipt, recording and depositing of payments
 - (ii) Monies placed in trust accounts and monies remitted; and
 - (iii) Acceptable methods of payment.
- (g) Process to handle disputes and customer complaints
- (h) Corporate experience to handle similar contracts, including a description of work it has done;
- (i) Description of the Contractor's primary service area;
- (j) Percentage of the bailiff/collection business this work will represent;
- (k) Description of the computer application used to manage collections against the warrants:
 - (i) Was it internally developed or purchased off the shelf?
 - (ii) Is it stand alone or service-based? and
 - (iii) Is the application accessed via web browser or a dedicated installed client?
- (l) Controls put in place to address compliance with legislative and industry requirements such as Payment Card Industry (PCI) compliance;
- (m) Steps taken to ensure the protection of electronic data in the event that the system must be accessed by third parties that provide support for the environment, and the Proponent should indicate which third parties might have access to its systems;
- (n) What firewall, anti-virus and/or proxy technologies are used to protect the collection system and data from unauthorized access via the internet, and internally by unauthorized users within the company;
- (o) Security and location of electronic and physical files, including whether an established FTP site for file sharing and security is in place and would be utilized;
- (p) Monitoring protocol in place to protect system access, internally and externally, and should indicate if the organization's network is managed in real-time;
- (q) Electronic systems back-up procedures, including disaster recovery protocol;
- (r) Protocol for disposal of hard-copy information;
- (s) List of reports, statements, forms and standard agreements utilized for this work, indicating whether the system will be capable of producing flexible reports;
- (t) Options to provide performance reports;
- (u) any other issue that conveys your team's understanding of the Project requirements.

B12.4 For each person identified in B11.1, list the percent of the person's time to be dedicated to the Project in accordance with the Scope of Services identified in D2.

B13. DISCLOSURE

B13.1 Various Persons provided information or services with respect to this Work. In the City's opinion, this relationship or association does not create a conflict of interest because of this full disclosure. Where applicable, additional material available as a result of contact with these Persons is listed below.

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 Work has:

- (a) other commitments;
- (b) relationships;
- (c) financial interests; or
- (d) involvement in ongoing litigation;

that could or would be seen to:

- (i) exercise an improper influence over the objective, unbiased and impartial exercise of the independent judgment of the City with respect to the evaluation of 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 its 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 its 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 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 its sole discretion, waive any and all perceived, potential or actual Conflicts of Interest. The City's waiver may be based upon such terms and conditions as the City, in its sole discretion, requires to satisfy itself that the Conflict of Interest has been appropriately avoided or mitigated, including requiring the Proponent to put into place such policies, procedures, measures and other safeguards as may be required by and be acceptable to the City, in its sole discretion, to avoid or mitigate the impact of such Conflict of Interest.

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 its sole discretion:

- (a) disqualify a Proponent that fails to disclose a perceived, potential or actual Conflict of Interest of the Proponent or any of its Key Personnel;
- (b) require the removal or replacement of any Key Personnel proposed for the Work that has a perceived, actual or potential Conflict of Interest that the City, in its sole discretion, determines cannot be avoided or mitigated;
- (c) disqualify a Proponent or Key Personnel proposed for the Work 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 its 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 its 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; and
- (c) have all the necessary experience, capital, organization, and equipment to perform the Work in strict accordance with the terms and provisions of the Contract.

B15.2 The Proponent and any proposed Subcontractor (for the portion of the Work proposed to be subcontracted to them) shall:

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

B15.3 The Proponent and/or any proposed Subcontractor (for the portion of the Work proposed to be subcontracted to them) shall:

- (a) have successfully carried out work similar in nature, scope and value to the Work;
- (b) be fully capable of performing the Work 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 completed the Accessible Customer Service online training required by the Accessibility for Manitobans Act (AMA) (see B15.4 and D6);
- (e) upon request of the Contract Administrator, provide the Security Clearances in accordance with PART F - ;
- (f) Be licenced with the Province of Manitoba as a collection agent.

B15.4 Further to B15.3(d), the Proponent acknowledges they and all Subcontractors have obtained training required by the Accessibility for Manitobans Act (AMA) available at <http://www.accessibilitymb.ca/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 Contract Administrator, proof satisfactory to the Contract Administrator of the qualifications of the Proponent and of any proposed Subcontractor.

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

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.

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.

B16.4 Following the award of Contract, a Proponent will be provided with information related to the evaluation of his/her submission upon written request to the Contract Administrator.

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 until a Contract for the Work has been duly formed and the contract securities have been furnished as herein provided, but any Bid shall be deemed to have lapsed unless accepted within the time period specified in Paragraph 11 of Form A: Bid/Proposal.

B18. WITHDRAWAL OF OFFERS

B18.1 A Proponent may withdraw his/her Proposal without penalty prior to the Submission Deadline.

B19. INTERVIEWS

B19.1 The Contract Administrator may, in his/her 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:

- (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 Subcontractors, if any, pursuant to B15: (pass/fail)
- (c) Total Bid Price; (Section B) 40%
- (d) Experience of Proponent and Subcontractor; (Section C) 20%
- (e) Experience of Key Personnel; (Section D) 10%
- (f) Operating Plan (Section E) 30%

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 its 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), the Award Authority may reject a Proposal as being non-responsive if it exceeds the funds available as shown in D2.6.

B21.6 Further to B21.1(c), the Total Bid Price shall be the sum of the quantities multiplied by the unit prices for each item shown on Form B: Prices.

B21.6.1 Further to B21.1(a), in the event that a unit price is not provided on Form B: Prices, the City will determine the unit price by dividing the Amount (extended price) by the approximate quantity, for the purposes of evaluation and payment.

B21.7 Further to B21.1(d), Experience of Proponent and Subcontractors 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 B10.

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 Subcontractor personnel on Projects of comparable size and complexity, in accordance with B11.

B21.9 Further to B21.1(f), Operating Plan will be evaluated considering your firm's understanding of the City's Project, project management approach and team organization, in accordance with B12.

B21.10 Notwithstanding B21.1(d) to B21.1(f), where Proponents fail to provide a response to B7.2(a) to B7.2(c), the score of zero may be assigned to the incomplete part of the response.

B21.11 Proposals will be evaluated considering the information in the Proposal Submission and any interviews held in accordance with B19.

B21.12 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.

B21.13 This Contract will be awarded as a whole.

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 Work;
- (b) the prices are materially in excess of the prices received for similar work in the past;
- (c) the prices are materially in excess of the City's cost to perform the Work, or a significant portion thereof, with its 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 Further to Paragraph 7 of Form A: Bid/Proposal and C4, the City may issue an award letter to the successful Proponent in lieu of execution of Contract Documents

B22.4.1 The Contract documents as defined in C1.1(p) in their entirety shall be deemed to be incorporated in and to form a part of the award letter notwithstanding that they are not necessarily attached to or accompany said award letter.

B22.5 If funding for the Services is provided to the City of Winnipeg by the Government of Manitoba and/or the Government of Canada, Proponents are advised that the terms of D22 shall immediately take effect upon confirmation of such funding, regardless of when the funding is confirmed.

B22.6 Following the award of contract, a Proponent will be provided with information related to the evaluation of his/her Proposal upon written request to the Contract Administrator.

B22.7 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 Supply of Services* (Revision 2020-01-31) are applicable to the Work of the Contract.
- C0.1.1 The *General Conditions for Supply of Services* are available on the Information Connection page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Division website at http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgf/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 Supply of Services*.

PART D - SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS

GENERAL

D1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

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

D2. SCOPE OF SERVICES

D2.1 The Work to be done under the Contract shall consist of the provision of Bailiff Services for the Collection of Outstanding Tax Accounts for the Assessment and Taxation Department for the period from July 1, 2023 until March 31, 2025, with the option of three (3) mutually agreed upon one (1) year extensions.

D2.1.1 The City may negotiate the extension option with the Proponent within ninety (90) Calendar Days prior to the expiry date of the Contract. The City shall incur no liability to the Proponent as a result of such negotiations.

D2.1.2 Changes resulting from such negotiations shall become effective on April 1st of the respective year. Changes to the Contract shall not be implemented by the Contractor without written approval by the Contract Administrator.

D2.1.3 Proponents are advised that, in future, the City may be participating in collaborative procurement initiatives with other levels of government. Accordingly, extensions to this Contract may not be exercised.

D2.2 The major components of the Work are as follows:

- (a) Creation and execution of distress warrants for outstanding business taxes on behalf of the City of Winnipeg;
- (b) Collection of outstanding business taxes plus applicable penalties;
- (c) Other taxes which from time to time may require bailiff services.

D2.3 The Work shall be done on an "as required" basis during the term of the Contract.

D2.3.1 The type and quantity of Work to be performed under this Contract shall be as authorized from time to time by the Contract Administrator and/or Users.

D2.3.2 Subject to C7, the City shall have no obligation under the Contract to purchase any quantity of any item in excess of its actual operational requirements.

D2.4 Notwithstanding D2.1, the type and quantity of Work to be performed under this Contract is subject to annual approval of monies therefore in a budget by Council. Proponents are advised that monies have been approved for work up to and including December 31, 2023.

D2.4.1 In the event that Council does not approve the annual budget for any year during this Contract, the City reserves the right to alter the type or quantity of work performed under this Contract, or to terminate the Contract, upon one hundred and twenty (120) Calendar Days written notice by the Contract Administrator. In such an event, no claim may be made against the City for damages of any kind resulting from the termination, including, but not limited to, on the ground of loss of anticipated profit on Work.

D2.5 Notwithstanding D2.1, in the event that operational changes result in substantial changes to the requirements for Work, the City reserves the right to alter the type or quantity of work performed under this Contract, or to terminate the Contract, upon thirty (30) Calendar Days written notice by the Contract Administrator. In such an event, no claim may be made for damages on the ground of loss of anticipated profit on Work.

D2.6 The funds available for this Contract is \$150,000 annually, subject to annual budget approval.

D3. COOPERATIVE PURCHASE

- D3.1 The Contractor is advised that this is a cooperative purchase.
- D3.2 The Contract Administrator may, from time to time during the term of the Contract, approve other public sector organizations and utilities, including but not limited to municipalities, universities, schools and hospitals, to be participants in the cooperative purchase.
- D3.3 The Contract Administrator will notify the Contractor of a potential participant and provide a list of the delivery locations and estimated quantities.
- D3.4 If any location of the potential participant is more than ten (10) kilometres beyond the boundaries of the City of Winnipeg, the Contractor shall, within fifteen (15) Calendar Days of the written notice, notify the Contract Administrator of the amount of any additional delivery charge for the location.
- D3.5 If any additional delivery charges are identified by the Contractor, the potential participant may accept or decline to participate in the cooperative purchase.
- D3.6 The Contractor shall enter into a contract with each participant under the same terms and conditions as this Contract except:
- (a) supply under the contract shall not commence until the expiry or lawful termination of any other contract(s) binding the participant for the same goods;
 - (b) a participant may specify a duration of contract shorter than the duration of this Contract;
 - (c) a participant may specify that only some items under this Contract and/or less than its total requirement for an item are to be supplied under its contract; and
 - (d) any additional delivery charge identified and accepted in accordance with clause D3.4 and D3.5 will apply.
- D3.7 Each participant will be responsible for the administration of its contract and the fulfilment of its obligations under its contract. The City shall not incur any liability arising from any such contract.
- D3.8 No participant shall have the right or authority to effect a change in the Contract, or of any other participant in this Contract.

D4. DEFINITIONS

- D4.1 When used in this Request for Proposal:
- (a) "**Proponent**" means any Person or Persons submitting a Proposal for Services;
 - (b) "**Bailiff**" means any Person or Corporation licensed in the Province of Manitoba to serve distress warrants;
 - (c) "**Commission**" is the compensation payable by a creditor and earned by a receiver for services rendered in effecting collection of taxes and penalties. It computed as a percentage of the sum collected;
 - (d) "**FIPPA**" means Manitoba Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;
 - (e) "**Seizure**" means the attendance of the Bailiff to the location of a business listed in a Distress Warrant and taking control of assets of that business for the purpose of auction;
 - (f) "**Taxpayer**" means an individual or business of any legal form that has outstanding taxes owing to the City of Winnipeg.

D5. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

- D5.1 The Contract Administrator is:
Tanis Yanchishyn, CPA, CA

Manager of Taxation and Finance, Assessment and Taxation Department
Telephone No. 204- 986-2761
Email Address.: tyanchishyn@winnipeg.ca

- D5.2 At the pre-commencement meeting, the Contract Administrator will identify additional personnel representing the Contract Administrator and their respective roles and responsibilities for the Work.

D6. ACCESSIBLE CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

- D6.1 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.
- D6.1.1 The Contractor 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.
- D6.1.2 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.

D7. INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

The following provisions are in addition to any preceding obligations of confidentiality contained in these conditions.

- D7.1 The Contractor acknowledges that The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act ("FIPPA", the "Act") 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 that Act.
- D7.2 For the purposes of D7, any reference to "Representatives" shall mean the directors, officers, shareholders, employees, parents, subsidiaries, subcontractors, partners, volunteers, affiliates, insurers, reinsurers, agents, delegates, and other representatives of the Contractor.
- D7.3 While this Contract is in effect, and at all times thereafter, the Contractor and its Representatives shall treat as confidential any and all information and materials (regardless of form or medium) acquired by it, or to which it is given access during the course of the performance of the Contract, and any copies thereof (the "Confidential Information"). For the purposes of this Contract, Personal Information shall be considered to be Confidential Information.
- D7.4 The Contractor shall be deemed an "information manager", as that term is defined by section 44.1 of FIPPA, and any collection, storage, use, disclosure, or destruction of, or access to (collectively, "Use"), Personal Information by the Contractor or its Representatives shall be done pursuant to the Act.

- D7.5 Further to D7.3, all Confidential Information (meaning any and all information concerning the City, the Project, and the Services, that is supplied by or to which access is given to the Contractor by the City or which in any other way comes into the possession or knowledge of, or is stored by or otherwise accessed by, the Contractor during the course of performance of the Services (regardless of format or medium), including “Personal Information” as defined by The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)), is and shall remain the property of the City. For clarity, this section does not speak to ownership of Information which may be disclosed to the Contractor or its Representative pertaining to a City employee directly by such City employee in the course of that employee’s use of the Services in a personal capacity. Neither the Contractor nor its Representatives shall 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 City. The Contractor and its Representatives shall not at any time make any public announcement, or press release, nor make any statement of fact or opinion regarding the Contract, the Project, the Services or the Confidential Information without the prior written authorization of the City.
- D7.6 Further to D7.3, while this Contract is in effect and at all times thereafter the Contractor shall:
- (a) only Use the Confidential Information for the purposes expressly permitted by the City, and only to the extent necessary to perform its obligations under this Contract;
 - (b) 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;
 - (c) not disclose or permit the disclosure of the Confidential Information or any copies thereof, whether in whole or in part and in any form or medium, to any third party, including Subcontractors or agents, without the prior written consent of the Contract Administrator;
 - (d) not reproduce any Confidential Information, in whole or in part, in any form or medium, without the express prior written consent of the City; and
 - (e) inform its Representatives of the obligations imposed upon it under this Contract and FIPPA, and shall take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that all of its Representatives comply with those obligations, including (but not limited to) binding said Representatives to terms no less strict than those herein through written confidentiality agreements, if requested.
- D7.7 Upon request, or upon expiration or termination of this Contract for any reason, the Contractor shall rapidly repatriate to the City a complete, accurate copy of the Confidential Information (in a form satisfactory to the City), and shall thereafter destroy the Confidential Information (including all copies in any form) in a manner which adequately protects the confidentiality of the Confidential Information within two (2) weeks, unless otherwise directed by the City in writing.
- D7.8 The Contractor 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 Contractor has in place to protect its own confidential information; or
 - (b) the standards imposed on the Contractor by the City.
- D7.9 Upon becoming aware of any unauthorized Use of the Confidential Information (a “Confidentiality Breach”), the Contractor shall immediately notify the City in writing, take all reasonable steps to prevent the recurrence of any such Confidentiality Breach, and notify the City of said steps in writing.
- D7.10 Upon receiving a subpoena or other validly issued administrative or judicial order seeking Confidential Information, the Contractor shall provide the City with prompt notice thereof, deliver a copy of its proposed response to the City, 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 Contractor shall cooperate with the City in the defense of the demand, if so requested by the City.

- D7.11 The Contractor and its Representatives shall comply with all directives issued by the City with respect to safeguarding or otherwise ensuring the confidentiality of the Confidential Information, and shall cooperate with the City so that the City can verify that the Contractor has complied, and is complying, with its obligations hereunder.
- D7.12 The Contractor shall legally bind all employees, agents, Subcontractors, officers, and directors of its organization (where applicable) to the protection of privacy and information handling for all Confidential Information via written agreements which contain protections no less strict than those contained within the Contract, and in compliance with any additional requirements imposed by FIPPA and any other applicable legislation.

D8. UNFAIR LABOUR PRACTICES

- D8.1 Further to C3.2, the Contractor declares that in bidding for the Work and in entering into this Contract, the Contractor and any proposed Subcontractor(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.
- D8.2 The City of Winnipeg is committed and requires its Contractors and their Subcontractors, 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.
- D8.3 Upon request from the Contract Administrator, the Contractor 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.).
- D8.4 Failure to provide the evidence required under D8.3, may be determined to be an event of default in accordance with C18.
- D8.5 In the event that the City, in its sole discretion, determines the Contractor to have violated the requirements of this section, it will be considered a fundamental breach of the Contract and the Contractor shall pay to the City a sum specified by the 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.
- D8.5.1 The Unfair Labour Practice Penalty shall be such a sum as determined appropriate by the City, having due regard to the gravity of the Contractor'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.
- D8.5.2 The Contractor shall pay the Unfair Labour Practice Penalty to the City within thirty (30) Calendar Days of receiving a demand for same in accordance with clause D8.5. The City may also hold back the amount of the Unfair Labour Practice Penalty from payment for any amount it owes the Contractor.
- D8.5.3 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 Contractor 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.

SUBMISSIONS

D9. AUTHORITY TO CARRY ON BUSINESS

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

D10. SAFE WORK PLAN

D10.1 The Contractor shall provide the Contract Administrator with a Safe Work Plan at least five (5) Business Days prior to the commencement of any Work on the Site but in no event later than the date specified in C4.1 for the return of the executed Contract.

D10.2 The Safe Work Plan should be prepared and submitted in the format shown in the City's template which is available on the Information Connection page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Division website at <http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt/safety/default.stm>

D11. INSURANCE

D11.1 The Contractor shall provide and maintain the following insurance coverage:

- (a) commercial general liability insurance, in the amount of at least two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) inclusive, with The City of Winnipeg added as an additional insured; such liability policy to also contain a cross-liability clause, non-owned automobile liability and products and completed operations cover, to remain in place at all times during the performance of the Work;
- (b) if applicable, Automobile Liability Insurance covering all motor vehicles, owned and operated and used or to be used by the Contractor 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) commercial crime insurance including employee dishonesty, computer fraud, and funds transfer coverage in an amount not less than \$10,000 per loss.

D11.2 Deductibles shall be borne by the Contractor.

D11.3 All policies shall be taken out with insurers licensed in the Province of Manitoba.

D11.4 The Contractor shall provide the 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 Work on the Site but in no event later than the date specified in C4.1 for the return of the executed Contract Documents, if applicable.

D11.5 The Contractor shall not cancel, materially alter, or cause the policy to lapse without providing at least thirty (30) Calendar Days prior written notice to the Contract Administrator.

D11.6 The City shall have the right to alter the limits and/or coverages as reasonably required from time to time during the continuance of this agreement or mutually agreed extensions.

SCHEDULE OF WORK

D12. COMMENCEMENT

D12.1 The Contractor shall not commence any Work until he/she is in receipt of a notice of award from the City authorizing the commencement of the Work.

- D12.2 The Contractor shall not commence any Work on the Site until:
- (a) the Contract Administrator has confirmed receipt and approval of:
 - (i) evidence of authority to carry on business specified in D9;
 - (ii) evidence of the workers compensation coverage specified in C6.14;
 - (iii) the Safe Work Plan specified in D10;
 - (iv) evidence of the insurance specified in D11; and
 - (v) the direct deposit application form specified in D18.
 - (b) the Contractor has attended a meeting with the Contract Administrator, or the Contract Administrator has waived the requirement for a meeting.
 - (c) A copy of the provincial license to operate as a collection agent has been provided to the Contract Administrator.

D12.3 The Contractor shall not commence the Work before July 1st, 2023.

D13. COVID-19 SCHEDULE DELAYS

- D13.1 The City acknowledges that the schedule for this Contract may be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Commencement and progress of the Work shall be performed by the Contractor with due consideration to the health and safety of workers and the public, directives from health authorities and various levels of government and in close consultation with the Contract Administrator.
- D13.2 If the Contractor is delayed in the performance of the Work by reason of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Work 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 Work, the Contractor shall declare whether COVID-19 will affect the start date. The Contractor shall provide sufficient evidence that the delay is directly related to COVID-19, including but not limited to evidence related to availability of staff, availability of Material or work by others.
- D13.4 For any delay related to COVID-19 and identified after Work has commenced, the Contractor 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 Work schedule, including the durations identified where applicable, will be adjusted to reflect delays accepted by the Contract Administrator.
- D13.6 Any time or cost implications as a result of COVID-19 and in accordance with the above, as confirmed by the Contract Administrator, shall be documented in accordance with C7.

CONTROL OF WORK

D14. DEFICIENCIES

- D14.1 Further to C11.7, the Contract Administrator may order the Contractor to alter or improve his/her methods, or to employ additional or more qualified labour if, at any time, the Contract Administrator determines that:
- (a) the Work is not being, or will likely not be, performed satisfactorily; or
 - (b) progress is not being, or will likely not be, maintained in accordance with the work schedule.

D15. ORDERS

D15.1 The Contractor shall provide a local Winnipeg telephone number or a toll-free telephone number at which orders for service may be placed.

D16. RECORDS

D16.1 The Contractor shall keep detailed records of the services supplied under the Contract. Reporting requirements are specified in E6.

MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

D17. INVOICES

D17.1 Further to C12, the Contractor shall submit an invoice for each portion of work performed to:

The City of Winnipeg
Corporate Finance - Accounts Payable
4th Floor, Administration Building, 510 Main Street
Winnipeg MB R3B 1B9
Facsimile No.: 204- 949-0864
Send Invoices to CityWpgAP-INVOICES@winnipeg.ca
Send Invoice Inquiries to CityWpgAP-INQUIRIES@winnipeg.ca

D17.2 Invoices must clearly indicate, as a minimum:

- (a) the City's purchase order number;
- (b) date of delivery;
- (c) delivery address;
- (d) type and quantity of work performed;
- (e) the amount payable with GST and MRST shown as separate amounts; and
- (f) the Contractor's GST registration number.

D17.3 The City will bear no responsibility for delays in approval of invoices which are improperly submitted.

D18. PAYMENT

D18.1 Further to C12, the City shall make payments to the Contractor by direct deposit to the Contractor's banking institution, and by no other means. Payments will not be made until the Contractor has made satisfactory direct deposit arrangements with the City. Direct deposit application forms are at https://winnipeg.ca/finance/files/Direct_Deposit_Form.pdf.

D19. PAYMENT SCHEDULE

D19.1 Further to C12, payment shall be in Canadian funds net thirty (30) Calendar Days after receipt and approval of the Contractor's invoice.

WARRANTY

D20. WARRANTY

D20.1 Notwithstanding C13, Warranty does not apply to this Contract.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

D21. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- D21.1 If the Contractor disagrees with any opinion, determination, or decision of the Contract Administrator, the Contractor shall act in accordance with the Contract Administrator's opinion, determination, or decision unless and until same is modified by the process followed by the parties pursuant to D21.
- D21.2 The entire text of C21.4 is deleted, and amended to read: "Intentionally Deleted"
- D21.3 The entire text of C21.5 is deleted, and amended to read:
- (a) If Legal Services has determined that the Disputed Matter may proceed in the Appeal Process, the Contractor must, within ten (10) Business Days of the date of the Legal Services Response Letter, submit his written Appeal Form, in the manner and format set out on the City's Materials Management Website, to the Chief Administrative Officer, and to the Contract Administrator. The Contractor may not raise any other disputes other than the Disputed Matter in his Appeal Form.
- D21.4 Further to C21, prior to the Contract Administrator's issuance of a Final Determination, the following informal dispute resolution process shall be followed where the Contractor disagrees with any opinion, determination, or decision of the Contract Administrator ("Dispute"):
- (a) In the event of a Dispute, attempts shall be made by the Contract Administrator and the Contractor's equivalent representative to resolve Disputes within the normal course of project dealings between the Contract Administrator and the Contractor's equivalent representative.
 - (b) Disputes which in the reasonable opinion of the Contract Administrator or the Contractor'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 Contractor representative levels:
 - (i) The Contract Administrator;
 - (ii) Supervisory level between the Contract Administrator and applicable Department Head;
 - (iii) Department Head.
- D21.4.1 Names and positions of Contractor representatives equivalent to the above City position levels shall be determined by the Contractor and communicated to the City at the pre-commencement or kick off meeting.
- D21.4.2 As these negotiations are not an adjudicative hearing, neither party may have legal counsel present during the negotiations.
- D21.4.3 Both the City and the Contractor 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.
- D21.4.4 If the Dispute is not resolved to the City and Contractor's mutual satisfaction after discussions have occurred at the final escalated level as described above, or the time period set out in D21.4.3, as extended if applicable, has elapsed, the Contract Administrator will issue a Final Determination as defined in C1.1(v), at which point the parties will be governed by the Dispute Resolution process set out in C21.

THIRD PARTY AGREEMENTS

D22. FUNDING AND/OR CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT OBLIGATIONS

- D22.1 In the event that funding for the Work of the Contract is provided to the City of Winnipeg by the Government of Manitoba and/or the Government of Canada, the following terms and conditions shall apply, as required by the applicable funding agreements.

- D22.2 Further to D22.1, in the event that the obligations in D22 apply, actual costs legitimately incurred by the Contractor as a direct result of these obligations (“Funding Costs”) shall be determined by the actual cost to the Contractor and not by the valuation method(s) outlined in C7.4. In all other respects Funding Costs will be processed in accordance with Changes in Work under C7.
- D22.3 For the purposes of D22:
- (a) “**Government of Canada**” includes the authorized officials, auditors, and representatives of the Government of Canada; and
 - (b) “**Government of Manitoba**” includes the authorized officials, auditors, and representatives of the Government of Manitoba.
- D22.4 Modified Insurance Requirements
- D22.4.1 Where applicable, the Contractor will be required to provide wrap-up liability insurance in an amount of no less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) inclusive per occurrence. Such policy will be written in the joint names of the City, Contractor, Consultants and all sub-contractors and sub-consultants and include twelve (12) months completed operations. The Government of Manitoba and its Ministers, officers, employees, and agents shall be added as additional insureds.
- D22.4.2 If applicable the Contractor will be required to provide builders’ risk insurance (including boiler and machinery insurance, as applicable) providing all risks coverage at full replacement cost, or such lower level of insurance that the City may identify on a case-by-case basis, such as an installation floater.
- D22.4.3 The Contractor shall obtain and maintain third party liability insurance with minimum coverage of two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) per occurrence on all licensed vehicles operated at the Site. In the event that this requirement conflicts with another licensed vehicle insurance requirement in this Contract, then the requirement that provides the higher level of insurance shall apply.
- D22.4.4 Insurers shall provide satisfactory Certificates of Insurance to the Government of Manitoba prior to commencement of Work as written evidence of the insurance required. The Certificates of Insurance must provide for a minimum of thirty (30) days’ prior written notice to the Government of Manitoba in case of insurance cancellation.
- D22.4.5 All policies must be taken out with insurers licensed to carry on business in the Province of Manitoba.
- D22.5 Indemnification By Contractor
- D22.5.1 In addition to the indemnity obligations outlined in C17 of the General Conditions for Services, the Contractor agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Government of Canada and the Government of 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 Contractor or arising from this Contract or the Work, or from the goods or services provided or required to be provided by the Contractor, except those resulting from the negligence of any of the Government of Canada’s or the Government of Manitoba’s Ministers, officers, servants, employees, or agents, as the case may be.
- D22.5.2 The Contractor agrees that in no event will Canada or Manitoba, 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.

D22.6 Records Retention and Audits

D22.6.1 The Contractor shall maintain and preserve accurate and complete records in respect of this Contract and the Work, including all accounting records, financial documents, copies of contracts with other parties and other records relating to this Contract and the Work during the term of the Contract and for at least six (6) 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.

D22.6.2 In addition to the record keeping and inspection obligations outlined in C6 of the General Conditions for Services, the Contractor shall keep available for inspection and audit at all reasonable times while this Contract is in effect and until at least six (6) years after Total Performance, all records, documents, and contracts referred to in D22.6.1 for inspection, copying and audit by the City of Winnipeg, the Government of Manitoba and/or the Government 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 Government of Manitoba, and/or the Government 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 Government of Manitoba, and/or the Government of Canada from time-to-time.

D22.7 Other Obligations

D22.7.1 The Contractor consents to the City providing a copy of the Contract Documents to the Government of Manitoba and/or the Government of Canada upon request from either entity.

D22.7.2 If the Lobbyists Registration Act (Manitoba) applies to the Contractor, the Contractor 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.

D22.7.3 The Contractor 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 Work.

D22.7.4 The Contractor shall properly account for the Work 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.

D22.7.5 The Contractor 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.

D22.7.6 The Contractor 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 Contractor or of a Subcontractor, and that no such member is entitled to any benefits arising from this Contract or from a contract with the Contractor or a Subcontractor concerning the Work.

PART E - SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL

E1. APPLICABLE SPECIFICATIONS

- E1.1 These Specifications shall apply to the Work.
- E1.2 Proponents are reminded that requests for approval of substitutes as an approved equal or an approved alternative shall be made in accordance with B6. In every instance where a brand name or design specification is used, the City will also consider approved equals and/or approved alternatives in accordance with B6.

E2. SERVICES

- E2.1 The Contractor shall provide bailiff services in accordance with the requirements hereinafter specified.
- E2.2 The Contractor shall comply with all Federal and Provincial regulations pertaining to the recovery of delinquent accounts, including:
- (a) The Consumer Protection Act;
 - (b) The Distress Act.
- E2.3 All communication with business owners and staff must be undertaken in a professional, respectful, and courteous manner.
- E2.4 City process in advance of warrant requests to bailiffs:
- (a) The City issues annual business tax bills each April.
 - (b) Due date for businesses to make payment to the City is May 31st.
 - (c) In early June for any bills that remain unpaid, a reminder notice is sent with a notation that if business tax remains unpaid they may be subject to warrant.
 - (d) In July the City reviews all outstanding business tax accounts, and produces a list for warrant.
 - (e) Warrant list is sent to bailiff company in Excel. Fields provided include: Roll number, warrant date, property address, Business name, Customer name, Outstanding balance by type: current, arrears, supplementary, miscellaneous and total.
 - (f) Excel template is provided to bailiff company to assist in calculation of penalties that apply to each month a balance remains unpaid by the customer. Bailiff is required to update outstanding balance monthly with the addition of penalties.
- E2.5 Bailiff Process:
- (a) Produce, Issue, and Effect Service of a Distress Warrant shall be done by the Contractor upon receipt of a listing of businesses and related outstanding business tax balances from the Assessment and Taxation Department Contract Administrator or designate. Form and content of the warrant template to be approved by the Contract Administrator.
 - (b) Collection of Distress Warrant of Outstanding Taxes and Penalties - The Contractor will accept payment for outstanding taxes plus applicable penalties directly from the taxpayer. If the taxpayer attends to the City of Winnipeg office to make payment, the Assessment and Taxation Department shall advise the taxpayer that payment is only accepted at the location specified on the Distress Warrant. An attempt to collect the full amount should be made at the time of serving the distress warrant. If unsuccessful, phone calls, and subsequent visits to the business to obtain payment should be made. Partial payments, and/or payment plans should be accepted when offered. Contact the Contract Administrator to discuss acceptable structure of payment plans. Should a taxpayer, make an electronic payment to the City of Winnipeg, the Contractor shall be informed.

- (c) The City of Winnipeg does not accept credit card payments for tax accounts unless the credit card service fees are paid by the taxpayer. Should the Contractor wish to accept taxpayer payments by credit card, service fees may be charged to the customer as long as the fee is communicated upfront and accepted by the taxpayer, or alternatively it may be absorbed by the Contractor. The Contractor will not be reimbursed for credit card service fees.
- (d) Each month the Contractor shall add additional penalties to all outstanding warrant balances by using the template provided by the City.
- (e) Detailed record of all activities for each file shall be maintained, including correspondence, phone conversations with customers, as well as payment details.
- (f) Effect Seizure of Business Assets shall be done upon approval of the Contract Administrator only. Bailiffs are responsible for conducting such corporate and personal property searches and for the making such other enquiries as are necessary to ensure that goods seized are the property of the taxpayer against whom the distress warrant is issued and that such goods are liable to seizure.
- (g) Facilitate Recovery – if the business owner wishes to redeem the assets, the Contractor will accept payment of all taxes and penalties outstanding and release the asset with all paperwork in accordance with the Acts. The Contractor shall notify the City immediately upon release of the assets.
- (h) Sale of Assets – The Contractor will facilitate the sale of the assets at public auction after any prescribed waiting period required by legislation. The Contractor will arrange to have the assets delivered to the auction site along with all notifications required as prescribed by legislation. Upon successful sale of the assets the Contractor will disburse the funds to the City of Winnipeg after retaining sufficient funds to pay the auction service expenditures. Copies of invoices/receipts from the auction house are required.

E3. ACCOUNTS UNDER BANKRUPTCY PROTECTION

- E3.1 After service of a warrant, the Contractor or City may become aware that the business is under bankruptcy protection from a filing under the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act and the Contractor has received copies of the bankruptcy documents. In these cases, the warrant will be cancelled and the account returned to the City. The Contractor must notify the City immediately in these cases so that the city may file a bankruptcy claim.

E4. PAYMENTS

- E4.1 All payments received by the Contractor from the taxpayer must be transferred to the City of Winnipeg. No deduction for the bailiff's fees or expenses may be made.
- E4.2 Contractor is to submit payments received for outstanding warrants balances to the City of Winnipeg on a bi-weekly basis. This shall be done via Electronic Funds Transfer, and an excel file detailing the accounts included in the payment shall be emailed to the Contract Administrator or designate.
- E4.3 Funds received for the City of Winnipeg shall be held in a Trust account and not combined with funds for other entities.
- E4.4 The City reserves the right to audit the use of an appropriate Trust Account, or receive copies of any Audit Reports prepared for the Contractor's auditor.

E5. INVOICES FOR BAILIFF'S FEES

- E5.1 Contractor may submit invoices bi-weekly for its fees for files that have been fully collected, or returned to the City, with the exception for any accounts under Payment Plan, see E5.2.
- E5.2 Invoices for bailiff fees for accounts under payment plans can be submitted monthly for amounts remitted to the City and applied to taxpayer's account.

- E5.3 No deduction for out of pocket costs is permitted, other than in accordance with E2.5(f), unless prior approval of the Contractor Administrator. Fees bid related to the work specified in E2.5(a)-(f) shall also cover any out of pocket costs. For unusual costs recommended to be incurred by the Contractor to aid in collection of an account, approval for reimbursement by the Contract Administrator is required in advance of the Contractor incurring these costs.

E6. REPORTING AND ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATION

- E6.1 The Contractor will be required to provide reporting to the City of Winnipeg in electronic format as outlined below. The report is to be provided on a monthly basis, no later than Fifteen 15 Calendar Days after the end of the month.
- (a) Status of the file: Warrants #, date of service, accounts paid, payment plan arrangements, payments transferred to City, Bailiff fees charged, outstanding balances.
 - (b) If Payment Plan Arrangement accepted, a separate reporting of payment plans as follows: Warrant #, Amount owing to City, Payment Plan Amount, Payment Plan Frequency, Amount outstanding.
- E6.2 Account administration for each warrant account is required to be tracked in a secure system and is deemed an integral component of E2.4(a). Account administration and the system used shall be in accordance with the requirements unless prior approval by the Contract Administrator.

E7. VOLUME

- E7.1 Volume of warrants issued will vary each year. This award of Contract provides no guarantee on the volume of work. The following statistical information on prior year's warrants is provided as information only:
- (a) 2021 – 447 warrants, totaling \$3,253,481 (higher totals due to combined with 2020)
 - (b) 2020 - (2020 warrant process impacted by COVID-19)
 - (c) 2019 - 511 warrants, totaling \$1,949,638
 - (d) 2018 - 433 warrants, totaling \$1,499,059
 - (e) 2017 - 462 warrants, totaling \$1,803,564

E8. COMPLETION OF WORK

- E8.1 The Contractor shall complete the Work within the period of July to March on an annual basis. After March 31st each year, the accounts are returned to the City and collection activity ceases. This occurs in preparation for the new billing cycle which is scheduled in April each year. In limited circumstances some warrants may be authorized by the Contract Administrator to remain active and the bailiff to continue collection attempts.

E9. COLLECTION PERFORMANCE

- E9.1 It is expected that the amount of collections achieved by the Contractor will exceed 75% of the warrant value issued.

PART F - SECURITY CLEARANCE

F1. SECURITY CLEARANCE

- F1.1 Each individual proposed to perform Work under the Contract shall be required to obtain a Police Information Check from the police service having jurisdiction at his place of residence. This can be obtained from one of the following;
- (a) police service having jurisdiction at his/her place of residence; or
 - (b) Sterling BackCheck – for existing account holders, log into your account to send individual invitations to employees requiring security clearance. For those that do not have an account, click on the following link to open an account:
<https://forms.sterlingbackcheck.com/partners/platform2-en.php?&partner=winnipegcity> ; or
 - (c) Commissionaires (Manitoba Division), forms to be completed can be found on the website at: <https://www.commissionaires.ca/en/manitoba/home>; or
 - (d) FASTCHECK Criminal Record & Fingerprint Specialists, forms to be completed can be found on the website at: <https://myfastcheck.com>
- F1.2 The following is a link to information for obtaining the Police Information Check including the Vulnerable Sector screening from the City of Winnipeg Police Service.
<http://winnipeg.ca/police/pr/PIC.stm>
- F1.2.1 The Police Information Check shall include a Vulnerable Sector Screening. This can be obtained by following the link below <http://winnipeg.ca/police/pr/PIC.stm> .
- (a) Individuals will need to state in the form, that they may be working in City of Winnipeg pools, libraries and community centres;
- F1.3 The original Police Information Check (Form P-612) will be provided by the Winnipeg Police Service to the individual applicant. The original has a validation sticker from the Winnipeg Police Service in the top right hand corner. The applicant shall:
- (a) Provide the original Police Information Check (Form P-612) to the Contract Administrator.
- F1.4 Prior to the award of Contract, and during the term of the Contract if additional or replacement individuals are proposed to perform Work, the Contractor shall supply the Contract Administrator with a Police Information Check obtained not earlier than one (1) year prior to the Submission Deadline, or a certified true copy thereof, for each individual proposed to perform the Work.
- F1.5 Any individual for whom a Police Information Check is not provided, or for whom a Police Information Check indicates any convictions or pending charges related to property offences or crimes against another person will not be permitted to perform any Work.
- F1.6 Any Police Information Check obtained thereby will be deemed valid for the duration of the Contract subject to a repeated records search as hereinafter specified.
- F1.7 Notwithstanding the foregoing, at any time during the term of the Contract, the City may, at its sole discretion and acting reasonably, require an updated Police Information Check. Any individual who fails to provide a satisfactory Police Information Check as a result of a repeated Police Information Check will not be permitted to continue to perform any Work.