



*Finance Department
Central Services Division*

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Section 1
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BIDDING AND CONTRACT GENERAL CONDITIONS

The following shall be made part of the terms and conditions of the contract (“Contract”) entered into between the City of Rockford (City) and Vendor (also referred to herein as “bidder,” “awarded vendor,” and “contractor”) if awarded the contract. Vendor’s submission of a bid or proposal constitutes acceptance of these Conditions:

1. Pricing. The bidder shall insert price for all bid items and all other information requested in these specifications. The price shall be the *full, delivered cost* to the City of Rockford with no additions.

2. Total versus "Per Item" Awards. The City generally awards contracts on a lump sum basis to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder. However, the City may choose to award on a per item basis. Therefore, each bidder must submit pricing for each item indicated on the bid forms. Bidders must clearly indicate which items are bid and which are not.

3. Delivery of Merchandise. Delivery terms will always be Freight-On-Board (FOB) Destination. The City of Rockford accepts no responsibility for the condition of any merchandise purchased prior to acceptance by City Personnel. Failure to comply with this requirement may constitute rejection of the bid.

4. Acceptance of Merchandise at Delivery. The City of Rockford reserves the right to refuse acceptance of delivered merchandise that differs substantially from the specifications in the invitation to bid or as otherwise permitted by Illinois law.

5. Prompt Payment Act. The City of Rockford intends to comply with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act (50 ILCS 505/1 *et seq.*). The awarded vendor will be paid upon submission of invoices to: City of Rockford Accounts Payable, 425 East State Street, Rockford, IL 61104.

6. W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number. Prior to issuance of a purchase order, the successful bidder will be required to supply the City of Rockford with a federal W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification. Failure to comply with this requirement will be considered a violation of contract terms, for which the City may bar Vendor from bidding for a period of up to three (3) years.

7. Legal Compliance. Vendor will at all times observe and comply, and will cause its subcontractors to observe and comply, with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and executive orders, now existing or hereinafter in effect, which may in any manner affect the performance of this contract. Provisions required by law, ordinance, rules, regulations, or executive order to be inserted in this contract will be deemed inserted, whether or not they appear in it. In no event will failure to insert such required provisions prevent the enforcement of applicable law. Lack of knowledge of applicable law on the part of Vendor will in no way be cause for release of this obligation. If the City becomes aware of violation of any

laws, ordinances, rules and regulations on the part of Vendor or subcontractor, it reserves the right to reject any bid, cancel any contract, and pursue any other legal remedies deemed necessary.

Vendor must pay all required taxes and obtain all licenses, certificates, or other authorization required in connection with the performance of its obligation hereunder, and Vendor must require all subcontractors to also do so. Failure to do so may result in rejection of Vendor's bid, cancellation of an award to Vendor, or termination of this contract with Vendor.

By entering into a contract with the City, Vendor certifies that to the best of its knowledge, its principals and any subcontractor used in the performance of this contract meet City requirements and have not violated any City ordinance, code, state, federal, or local rules or regulations, and have not been subject to any debarment, suspension, or other disciplinary action by any government agency. Additionally, if at any time Vendor becomes aware of such information, it must immediately disclose it to the City.

8. Legal Requirements. This contract sets forth the entire final agreement between the City of Rockford and the bidder and shall govern the respective duties and obligations of the parties. The validity of this contract, and any disputes arising from the contract, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois. Any litigation under this agreement shall be resolved in the trial courts of Winnebago County, State of Illinois. Should a provision of this contract be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of the contract.

9. Safety. Prevention of accidents at any project is the sole responsibility of Vendor and its subcontractors, agents, and employees. Vendor, its subcontractors, agents, and employees shall be fully and solely responsible for the safety of this project. Vendor shall retain exclusive and direct control over the acts or omissions of its subcontractors, agents and employees, and any other persons performing portions of the work and not directly employed by the awarded vendor.

10. Criminal Background Check. When necessary for the protection of citizens and/or City staff, the City may require an awarded vendor to conduct a criminal background check on all of its personnel who will have direct contact with City facilities or residents/businesses served under this contract. Personnel are defined as representatives, agents, employees, subcontractors, or anyone else who will be utilized to fulfill obligations under this contract. Criminal background checks, at a minimum, shall consist of a county level felony and misdemeanor check for each county in which the personnel resided in the last ten (10) years. The awarded vendor shall notify the City of any of its personnel who have been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor prior to commencing any work under this contract. At the City's discretion, personnel with any felony or misdemeanor convictions which raise a concern about the safety of building, property, or City staff/resident's personal security, or is otherwise job related (as determined by the City) shall not perform work under this contract. Once given notice that a background check(s) will be required, it must be completed within fourteen (14) calendar days so as to not delay work to be completed.

11. Control of the Work. With respect to Vendor's own work, the City shall not have contractual, operational, and/or supervisory control over and/or charge of the work and shall not be responsible for construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, procedures, and programs in connection with the awarded vendor's work, since these are solely the vendor's responsibility under the agreement. The City shall not be responsible for the awarded vendor's failure to carry out the work in accordance with the agreement's terms and conditions. The City shall not have control over and/or charge of acts or omissions of the awarded vendor, its subcontractors, and/or their agents or employees, or any other person performing portions of the work not directly employed by the awarded vendor. The awarded vendor shall be considered to be an "independent contractor" pursuant to Illinois law.

12. Bid Bond. When required on the cover sheet, a bid bond for not less than five (5) percent of the bid amount must accompany all bids as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute and file the proper contract. A bank cashier's check, bank draft, or certified check equal to the amount specified is acceptable in lieu of a bid bond. Bid bonds of the two lowest firms will be retained until the contract is awarded.

13. Performance and Payment Bond. When required by the specifications herein, the awarded vendor shall furnish a performance and payment bond equal to the amount of the contract, acceptable to the City, within fourteen (14) calendar days after notification of contract award. Failure to furnish the required bond within the time specified may be cause for rejection of the bid and any bid deposit may be retained by the City as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.

14. Taxes. No charge will be allowed for taxes from which the City of Rockford, Illinois is exempt. The City of Rockford, Illinois is not liable for the Illinois Retailers' Occupation Tax, the Service Occupation Tax or the Service Use Tax. The City is exempt from the Federal Excise and Transportation Tax.

15. Withdrawal of Bids. Firms may withdraw or cancel their bids at any time prior to the advertised invitation to bid opening. After the opening time, no bid shall be withdrawn or cancelled. All bids shall be firm and valid for a period of sixty (60) calendar days. If a bidder to whom a contract is awarded refuses to accept the award, the City may, at its discretion, suspend the bidder for a period of time up to three (3) years.

16. Subcontracting. The bidder shall provide information for all subcontractors and leased operators of equipment in the required Subcontractor Utilization Form. Information contained in this form must be complete and accurate, to the best of Vendor's estimating ability at the time of bid, and will be relied upon by the City in projecting Minority and Women Business Enterprise subcontractor utilization for awarded City contracts. Any changes in subcontractor utilization from that which is provided on the Subcontractor Utilization Form must be made immediately in writing by submitting a new form to the City's Equal Opportunity Compliance Officer and the City Project Manager or designee. When subcontractors are used, Vendor must pay subcontractors

for satisfactory performance no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of each payment from the City.

17. Termination of Contract. The City of Rockford reserves the right to terminate the contract in its entirety or in portions, upon written notice to Vendor for convenience, if the Rockford City Council does not appropriate sufficient funds to complete the contract, or in the event of default by Vendor. Default is defined as failure of the awarded vendor to perform any of the provisions of this contract or failure to make sufficient progress so as to endanger performance of this contract in accordance with its terms. The City's written notice of termination shall specify the effective date of termination. Vendor shall discontinue providing goods or services after such effective date, and the City shall not be liable for goods or services provided by Vendor thereafter. In the event of default, the City may purchase the product(s) and/or service(s) from other sources and hold the defaulting company responsible for any excess costs occasioned thereby. The City may require payment of liquidated damages for non-performance. Should default be due to failure to perform or because of a request for a price increase, the City reserves the right to remove the firm from the City's bidder list and place the firm on the City's debarred list for a period of up to three (3) years.

18. Late Bids and Proposals. Regardless of cause, late bids and proposals will not be accepted and will automatically be disqualified from further consideration. It shall be solely Vendor's risk to ensure delivery at the designated office by the designated time. Late bids and proposals will not be opened and may be returned to Vendor at their request and expense.

19. Equal Employment Opportunity. Vendor shall comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity statutes, regulations, and ordinances including but not limited to the City's Equal Opportunity Employment (EOE) Ordinance (City of Rockford Code of Ordinances, Chapter 11, Article IV); the Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/101 *et seq.*), the Illinois Department of Human Rights (IDHR) Rules and Regulations for Government Contracts (44 Ill. Admin. Code, Chapter X, Section 750), the Discrimination in Public Contracts Act (775 ILCS 10/0.01 *et seq.*), Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (§ 7, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*); the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended (29 USC §.621 *et seq.*); Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (42 USC 12111-12117); the Equal Pay Act of 1963, as amended; and the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, as amended (38 USC §§ 4301-4335).

Pursuant to IDHR's Rules and Regulations and the City's EOE Ordinance, the awarded vendor shall comply with the following terms and conditions during the performance of this contract:

- a) Vendor will not discriminate against any employee, including apprentices, or applicant for employment, including training programs, because of race, color religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, order of protection status, status as a survivor of domestic violence or human trafficking, national origin or ancestry, citizenship status, age, physical or mental disability unrelated to ability, military status, or unfavorable discharge from military service; and, further, that Vendor will examine all job

classifications to determine if minority persons or women are underutilized and will take appropriate affirmative action to rectify any underutilization.

- b) If Vendor hires additional employees in order to perform this contract or any portion of this contract, Vendor will determine the availability (in accordance with Section 750) of minorities and women in the areas from which Vendor may reasonably recruit and will hire for each job classification for which employees are hired in a way that minorities and women are not underutilized.
- c) In all solicitations and advertisements for employees placed by Vendor on its behalf, Vendor will state that all applicants will be afforded equal opportunity without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, order of protection status, status as a survivor of domestic violence or human trafficking, national origin or ancestry, citizenship status, age, physical or mental disability unrelated to ability, military status, or an unfavorable discharge from military service.
- d) Vendor will send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which it has or is bound by a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, a notice advising the labor organization or representative of the Vendor's obligations under the Illinois Human Rights Act and Section 750 of the Illinois Department of Human Rights Rules and Regulations. If any labor organization or representative fails or refuses to cooperate with the Vendor in its efforts to comply with the Act and Part 750, Vendor will promptly notify the Illinois Department of Human Rights and the City of Rockford and will recruit employees from other sources when necessary to fulfill its obligations under the contract.
- e) Vendor will submit reports as required by Part 750, furnish all relevant information that may be requested by the Illinois Department of Human Rights or the City of Rockford, and in all respects comply with the Act, the Department's Rules and Regulations, and the City of Rockford's Equal Opportunity Employment Ordinance. *Vendor's failure to complete the City's required Equal Employment Opportunity Certifications or Vendor and Subcontractor Workforce Data Forms will result in disqualification of Vendor's bid or proposal.*
- f) Vendor will permit access to all relevant books, records, accounts, and work sites by personnel of the City of Rockford and the Illinois Department of Human Rights for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with the Act, IDHR's Rules and Regulations, and City of Rockford EOE Ordinance.
- g) Vendor will include verbatim or by reference the Equal Employment Opportunity Clause (44 Ill. Admin. Code, Chapter X, Appendix A) in every subcontract awarded under which any portion of the contract obligations are undertaken or assumed, so that the provisions will be binding upon the subcontractor. In the same manner as with other provisions of this contract, Vendor will be liable for compliance with applicable provisions of this clause by subcontractors. Further, Vendor will promptly notify the City of Rockford and

the Illinois Department of Human Rights if any subcontractor fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of sections (a) through (f) of this paragraph. Vendor shall not utilize any subcontractor declared by the Illinois Human Rights Commission to be ineligible for contracts or subcontracts with the State of Illinois or any of its political subdivisions or municipal corporations.

20. Restrictive or Ambiguous Specifications. It is the responsibility of the bidding firm to review the invitation to bid specifications and to notify the Central Services Manager if the specifications are formulated in a manner that would unnecessarily restrict competition. Any such protest or question regarding the specifications or invitation to bid procedures must be received by the Central Services Division not less than seventy-two hours prior to the time set for the opening. In the event a contract term is not defined within the contract document, the term will be given its ordinary dictionary definition.

21. Bid Protest. Firms wishing to protest bids or awards shall notify the Central Services Manager in writing within seven (7) days after the invitation to bid opening. The notification should include the bid number, the name of the firm protesting, and the reason why the firm is protesting the bid. The Central Services Manager will respond to the protest within seven (7) calendar days. A successful protest may result in the reversal of a previously awarded contract.

22. Disputes. In case of disputes as to whether or not an item or service quoted or delivered meets specifications, the decision of the Central Services Manager or authorized representative shall be final and binding to all parties. The Central Services Manager has the right to waive technicalities as they see fit. The Central Services Manager may request a written recommendation from the head of the department using the equipment or service being procured.

23. Exceptions. Any deviations from these specifications shall be noted and submitted with the bid. Failure to address deviations from specifications may result in bid rejection.

24. Acceptance/Rejection of Bids. The City of Rockford reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or proposals at any time, for any reason, including but not limited to the Rockford City Council not appropriating sufficient funds to purchase equipment or complete the contract. The City may make awards in any manner deemed in the best interest of the City.

25. Prevailing Wage. When indicated on the cover page of the invitation to bid, this contract calls for the construction of a "public work," within the meaning of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act, 820 ILCS 130/.01 *et seq.* ("the Act"). The Act requires awarded vendors and subcontractors to pay laborers, workers, and mechanics performing services on public works projects no less than the "prevailing rate of wages" (hourly cash wages plus fringe benefits) in the county where the work is performed. Prevailing wage rates are determined by the Illinois Department of Labor and posted on the Department's website at:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/idol/Laws-Rules/CONMED/Pages/Rates.aspx> .

- (a) The Act *does* apply to owner-operators.
- (b) When applicable, all awarded vendors and subcontractors rendering services under this contract must comply with all requirements of the Act, including but not limited to all wage, notice, recordkeeping, and filing of certified payroll requirements.
- (c) Under the Act, it is mandatory upon Vendor to insert into each subcontract a written stipulation to the effect that not less than the prevailing rate of wages shall be paid to all laborers, workers and mechanics performing work under this contract. It is also the Vendor's responsibility under the Act to verify and pay *current* wage rates, as the Department may change them from time to time.
- (d) It is Vendor's obligation to understand what the Act requires, and to comply accordingly. *Failure on the part of the City to provide proper written notice regarding the applicability of the Prevailing Wage Act does not relieve Vendor or subcontractors of the obligation to comply with the Act when applicable, nor does it relieve them of their obligation to pay back wages when owed.*
- (e) Vendor and all subcontractors shall make all records required under the Prevailing Wage Act available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the City of Rockford or Department of Labor. Vendor shall further permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. If Vendor or subcontractor fails to submit the required records or make them available, the City may take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds. Furthermore, failure to submit the required records upon request may be grounds for debarment action.

26. Certified Payroll. The Illinois Prevailing Wage Act requires any contractor and each subcontractor who participates in public works to file with the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) certified payroll for those calendar months during which work on a public works project has occurred. The Act requires certified payroll to be filed with IDOL no later than the 15th day of each calendar month for the immediately preceding month through the Illinois Prevailing Wage Portal—an electronic database IDOL has established for collecting and retaining certified payroll. The Portal may be accessed using this link: <https://www2.illinois.gov/idol/Laws-Rules/CONMED/Pages/Prevailing-Wage-Portal.aspx>. The City reserves the right to withhold payment due to Vendor until Vendor and its subcontractors display compliance with this provision of the Act.

27. Substance Abuse Prevention. Before Vendor commences work on a public works project, it must have in place a written program which meets or exceeds the program requirements in the Substance Abuse Prevention on Public Works Projects Act (820 ILCS 265/1 et seq.), to be filed with the City and made available to the general public, for prevention of substance abuse among its employees. This program must include pre-hire, random, reasonable suspicion, and post-

accident drug and alcohol testing, as required by the Substance Abuse Prevention on Public Works Projects Act.

28. Apprenticeship Requirement. For construction contracts over \$50,000, Vendor must participate in apprenticeship and training programs approved and registered with the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training for all Trades that will be in Vendor's (or his subcontractor's) employment, with each worker receiving the required apprenticeship/training appropriate to his trade. Owners or work performed by owners is not exempt from the apprenticeship and training requirement.

29. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, representatives, elected and appointed officials, agents, and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from Vendor's performance of work under this agreement, and indemnifies and agrees to defend and hold harmless the City against any and all losses, claims, damages, and expenses arising from the work performed hereunder of the erection, construction, placement, or operation of any scaffold, hoist, crane, stay, ladder, support, or other mechanical contrivance in connection with such work including but not limited to losses, claims, damages, and expenses arising pursuant to claims asserted against the City pursuant to theories premised upon sections 343 and 414 of the Restatement (Second) of Torts.

This indemnification agreement shall not be limited in any way by any limitations on the amount or type of damages, compensation, or benefits payable by or for Vendor under the Illinois Workers' Compensation Act (820 ILCS 305/1 *et seq.*), disability benefit acts, or other employee benefit acts, and serves as an express agreement to waive the protection of *Kotecki v. Cyclops Welding Corp.*, 146 Ill.2d 155, 585 N.E.2d 1023 (1991) in Illinois.

Further, Vendor agrees that it is solely responsible for compliance with all safety laws applicable to the work performed hereunder, including but not limited to the Occupational Safety and Health Act (29 USC Ch. 15 §651 *et seq.*) and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 USC Ch. 37 §3701 *et seq.*) and all standards and regulations which have been or shall be promulgated by the agencies which administer the Acts.

Under no circumstances shall Vendor, its subcontractors, agents, and employees be required to indemnify the City for its own negligence.

30. Insurance Requirements. Upon execution of the contract, and prior to Vendor commencing any work or services with regard to the project, Vendor shall carry commercial general liability insurance, umbrella liability insurance, and automobile liability insurance on ISO form CG 00 01 10 01 (or a substitute form providing equivalent coverage) and Vendor shall provide the City with a Certificate of Insurance and Additional Insured Endorsement on ISO form CG 20 10 11 85 (or substitute form providing equivalent coverage) or on the combination of ISO forms CG 20 IO 10 01 and CG 20 3 7 1001 (or substitute forms providing equivalent coverage) naming the City as

Additional Insured thereunder. Additional insured coverage shall apply as primary insurance and be noncontributory with respect to any other insurance afforded to the City. All coverage shall be placed with an insurance company duly admitted in the State of Illinois and shall be reasonably acceptable to the City. All awarded vendor insurance carriers must maintain an A.M. Best rating of "A-" or better. Coverage shall be afforded to the additional insured whether or not a claim is in litigation.

The insurance coverage required above shall be of sufficient type, scope and duration to ensure coverage for the City for liability related to any manifestation date within the applicable statutes of limitation and/or repose which pertain to any work performed by or on behalf of the City in relation to the contract. The following insurance requirement shall apply to the successful firm for the duration of the contract unless explicitly waived by the Central Services Manager:

- a) Commercial General Liability. The coverage available to the City, as Additional Insured, shall not be less than \$1 million each occurrence, \$2 million general aggregate (subject to a per project general aggregate provision applicable to the project), \$2 million products/completed operations aggregate and \$1 million personal and advertising injury limits. Such insurance shall cover liability arising from premises, operations, independent contractors, products-completed operations, personal and advertising injury, and liability assumed under an insured contract (including the tort liability of another assumed in a business contract).
- b) Umbrella Liability. The coverage available to the City, as Additional Insured, shall not be less than \$2 million each occurrence, \$2 million general aggregate. Such insurance shall cover liability arising from premises, operations, independent contractors, products-completed operations, personal and advertising injury, and liability assumed under an insured contract (including the tort liability of another assumed in a business contract).
- c) Automobile Coverage. The coverage available to the City, as Additional Insured, shall include comprehensive automobile bodily injury and property damage liability coverage for a minimum amount of \$1 million each occurrence, \$2 million general aggregate
- d) Workers Compensation. Vendor shall maintain during the life of this contract statutory workmen's compensation and employer's liability insurance for all his employees engaged in work on the job site.
- e) Insurance Certificates. Each Certificate of insurance shall provide that the insurer must give the City at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice of cancellation and termination of the City's coverage thereunder. Not less than two weeks prior to the expiration, cancellation or termination of any such policy, Vendor shall supply the City with a new and replacement Certificate of Insurance and Additional Insured endorsement as proof of renewal of said original policy. Said new and replacement endorsements shall be similarly endorsed in favor of the City as set forth above. All subcontractors to be utilized by Vendor shall provide Ownership with a Certificate of Insurance naming City of Rockford as additional insured prior to commencement of work by said subcontractor.

31. Conflict of Interest. Each bidder affirms, by submission of a response to this bid or request for proposals, it has no interest and will not acquire any interest in any enterprise, project, or contract that would conflict in any manner of degree with the performance of the work, services, or goods to be provided hereunder. Bidder further affirms that no person having such an interest will be employed to perform any work or services under the contract, and that no employee of the City of Rockford is directly or indirectly interested in the bid or proposal for any reason of personal gain.

32. Non-Waiver. The failure by the City to require performance of any provision shall not affect the City's right to require performance at any time thereafter, nor shall a waiver of any breach or default of this contract constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach or default or a waiver of the provision itself.

33. Professional Services Selection Act. The City of Rockford intends to comply with 50 ILCS 510/0.01 *et seq.* governing the selection of professional services. Any reference in these terms and conditions to supplying pricing or price as a determining factor in selection do not apply for services covered by said act.

34. Compliance with Stormwater Management Ordinance and Environmental Consent Decree. Vendor must comply with the City's Stormwater Management Ordinance. For work performed on the stormwater system, including projects only requiring erosion and sediment control measures, acknowledgement of receipt of the USEPA issued Environmental Consent Decree is required. It is also required that Vendor retain all invoices, work orders and/or other records of work performed in drainage areas for three (3) years beyond the end of the consent decree, estimated to be 12/31/2022. These records are subject to audit and are to be made available immediately upon request by the City or the Federal and State Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Additionally, there may be other records provided that Vendor will be required to keep on file upon request of the City. Violation of this section and with the City's Stormwater Management Ordinance may result in a fine. Additional information can be found at <https://rockfordil.gov/city-departments/public-works/engineering-division/stormwater-environmental-team/stormwater-consent-decree/>.

35. Acceptance or Rejection of Bids and Proposals. The City of Rockford reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals and to waive technicalities in submitted bids.

36. Minority and Women Business Enterprise Policy. It is the policy of the City of Rockford to strongly encourage and promote the award of subcontracts to ready, willing, and able Minority and Women Business Enterprises (MWBEs) certified with the City. The City strongly encourages bidders, when preparing bids or proposals, to contact certified MWBEs regarding potential subcontracting opportunities. The City requires information regarding Vendor's good faith efforts to identify MWBE subcontractors on the Subcontractor Utilization Form required to be completed and submitted with Vendor's bid or proposal. An up-to-date list of the City's certified MWBEs can be found at:

<https://rockfordil.gov/city-departments/finance/central-services/purchasing/>.

37. Veterans Preference. Vendor shall comply with the Veterans Preference Act (330 ILCS 55/1 *et seq.*) in its employment to fill positions for the construction, addition to, or alteration of public works contracted for by the City. This Act requires that preference shall be given to veterans who possess the business capacity necessary for the proper discharge of the duties of employment. Vendor is not required to give preference to veterans who are not residents of the City of Rockford over City residents who are not veterans. A person who has been a member of the Illinois National Guard shall be given priority over a person who has been a member of the National Guard of any other state.

Veterans under the Act are defined as persons who have been members of the armed forces of the United States or who, while citizens of the United States, were members of the armed forces of allies of the United States in time of hostilities with a foreign country, and have served under one or more of the following conditions:

- a) The veteran served a total of at least six (6) months;
- b) The veteran served for the duration of hostilities regardless of the length of engagement;
- c) The veteran served in the theater of operations but was discharged on the basis of a hardship; or
- d) The veteran was released from active duty because of a service connected disability and was honorably discharged.

Vendor shall insure that the preceding provision is inserted in all subcontracts entered into to furnish labor for the construction, addition to, or alteration of public works in connection with this contract.

38. Non-barred Bidder. Vendors affirms, by submission of a response to this bid or request for proposals, that Vendor is not barred from bidding on this contract as a result of a conviction for violation of state law prohibiting bid rigging or rotating.

39. City Debarment. The City of Rockford reserves the right to bar Vendor from future bidding opportunities with the City if false information is submitted as part Vendor's bid response or proposal, Vendor has committed any violation of law, or Vendor fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this contract.

40. Non-Assignment. Neither this Contract nor any of the rights, interests or obligations under the Agreement shall be assigned, in whole or in part, by written agreement, merger, consolidation, operation of law, or otherwise by either party without the prior written consent of the other party.

41. Governing Law. This Contract shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois, excluding its choice of law rules and, to the extent

applicable, the copyright laws of the United States of America. In the event of a dispute under this Contract, the parties agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state courts of, and federal courts sitting in, the State of Illinois.

42. Severability. In the event that any clause, provision, or portion of these General Conditions or any part thereof shall be declared invalid, void, or unenforceable by any court having jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions.

Section 2

Required Forms

City of Rockford
EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CERTIFICATION

All bidders seeking to do business with the City of Rockford must complete this certification. **Failure to sign this Certification will result in disqualification of Vendor's bid or proposal.** Questions regarding EEOs should be addressed to: City of Rockford Equal Opportunity Compliance (EOC) Officer, at (779) 348-7392.

1. **Compliance with EEO Law.** Vendor acknowledges and certifies that, if awarded a contract with the City of Rockford, it is subject to and will comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity statutes, regulations, and ordinances including but not limited to: the City's Equal Opportunity Employment (EOE) Ordinance (City of Rockford Code of Ordinances, Chapter 11, Article IV); the Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/101 *et seq.*), the Illinois Department of Human Rights Rules and Regulations for Government Contracts (44 Ill. Admin. Code, Chapter X, Section 750), and the Discrimination in Public Contracts Act (775 ILCS 10/0.01 *et seq.*), Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (§ 7, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*); the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended (29 USC §.621 *et seq.*); Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (42 USC 12111-12117); the Equal Pay Act of 1963, as amended; the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, as amended (38 USC §§ 4301-4335); and, for federally-funded construction contracts (only), Executive Order 11246, as amended, and relevant U.S. Department of Labor regulations regarding equal employment opportunity for federally assisted construction contracts (see 41 CFR Part 60).
2. **Discrimination Prohibited.** Vendor certifies that it is its policy to provide equal employment opportunity and that it prohibits discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment due to race, color religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, order of protection status, status as a survivor of domestic violence or human trafficking, national origin or ancestry, citizenship status, age, physical or mental disability unrelated to ability, military status, or unfavorable discharge from military service. Further, Vendor will examine all job classifications to determine if minority persons or women are underutilized and will take appropriate affirmative action to rectify any underutilization, as is required by the Illinois Department of Human Rights Rules and Regulations for Government Contracts.
3. **Non-Segregated Facilities.** Vendor certifies that it provides facilities at its place of business without segregation except where separate facilities for a person of the opposite sex are required. Vendor also certifies that it will, to the greatest extent possible, not assign employees to work at any location where facilities are so segregated and that it will insert into its subcontracts the provisions of this paragraph for work performed under this contract and obtain the same certification from subcontractors.
4. **Government Exclusion, Debarment, or Suspension.** Vendor certifies that it is not subject to any exclusion, debarment, suspension, or other disciplinary action by any government agency including but not limited to the U.S. Government, State of Illinois, Illinois Human Rights Commission, Illinois Department of Labor, or any other federal or state agency or political subdivision. Additionally, if at any time Vendor is subject to such exclusion, suspension, or debarment during the contract period, Vendor certifies that it will immediately disclose this information to the City's EOC Officer.

City of Rockford
EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CERTIFICATION

5. **Subcontracting.** Vendor certifies that, if awarded a public contract with the City of Rockford, it will include verbatim or by reference the provisions of the City’s General Conditions *Equal Employment Opportunity* paragraph 19 in every subcontract awarded under which any portion of the contract obligations are undertaken or assumed. For federally funded construction contracts, the conditions described in paragraph (8) of the “Equal Opportunity Clause for Federally Assisted Construction Contracts” and paragraph (2) of the “Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications” must also be included in every subcontract. Vendor acknowledges that it is responsible for the compliance of all of its subcontractors with this provision. Vendor also certifies it will not utilize any subcontractor excluded, debarred, suspended, or otherwise disciplined by any government agency including but not limited to the U.S. Government, State of Illinois, Illinois Human Rights Commission, Illinois Department of Labor, or any other federal or state agency or political subdivision, and that it will notify the City’s EOC Officer if any subcontractor fails to comply with such provision.
6. **MWBE Procurement Policy.** Vendor understands that it is the policy of the City of Rockford to encourage and promote the award of subcontracts to ready, willing, and able Minority and Women Business Enterprises (MWBEs) certified with the City. The City strongly encourages bidders, when preparing bids or proposals, to contact certified MWBEs regarding potential subcontracting opportunities. Vendor certifies that it has worked in good faith to comply with this policy by contacting MWBE businesses for subcontracting opportunities when possible (list can be found at <https://rockfordil.gov/city-departments/finance/central-services/purchasing/>). For federally funded construction projects (only), Vendor further certifies it has demonstrated good faith efforts to meet the women and minority subcontracting goals set forth in the “Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity.”

Signature of Vendor

Date

**City of Rockford
SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION FORM**

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED EVEN IF YOU DO NOT PLAN TO USE
SUBCONTRACTORS
(COMPLETE SECTIONS I, II, AND V IF YOU DO NOT PLAN TO USE SUBCONTRACTORS).**

All Vendors seeking to do business with the City of Rockford must provide information about all subcontractors that will be used. **A Subcontractor is any person or business that supplies any of the work, transportation or labor services, supplies, equipment, or materials under a contract with Vendor. Failure to complete this form will result in disqualification of Vendor's bid or proposal.** Questions regarding EEOs should be addressed to: Michelle Vella, City of Rockford Equal Opportunity Compliance (EOC) Officer, at michelle.vella@rockfordil.gov or (779) 348-7392.

Section I—Vendor/Prime Contractor Information

Is this an update to a previously submitted Subcontractor Utilization Form? Yes No

Vendor Name:			
Project Name:		Bid or RFP Number:	
Total Proposal/Bid Amount (over the full term of the contract):			
Vendor Contact Name:		Contact Phone: Contact Email:	
Vendor Certification Status:	Minority Business Enterprise	Women Business Enterprise	None

Section II--Subcontractor Utilization

Will subcontractors be used? Yes (complete rest of form) No (proceed to Section V)

Section III—Subcontractor Selection

Please list information for ALL subcontractors Vendor *believes it will* use. Vendor may make changes or additions to its list of subcontractors by submitting an updated form to the City's EOC Officer after award, if needed.

Subcontractor Name	MBE or WBE? (Y/N)	Amount	% of Total Proposal/Bid	Scope of Work

If more than six subcontractors will be used, please complete the [Subcontractor Utilization Form--Supplement](#).

**City of Rockford
SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION FORM**

If Vendor plans to use subcontractors, but has not yet identified some or all of the subcontractors to be used, please explain why:

Section IV—MWBE Subcontractors Contacted

It is the policy of the City of Rockford to encourage and promote the award of subcontracts to qualified and available Minority and Women Business Enterprises (MWBEs) certified with the City. The City strongly encourages bidders, when preparing bids or proposals, to contact certified MWBEs regarding potential subcontracting opportunities (a list of MWBEs can be found at <https://rockfordil.gov/city-departments/finance/central-services/purchasing/>). Please list the MWBEs Vendor has contacted regarding subcontractor opportunities for this proposal/bid (MWBE subcontractors selected and listed in Section III do not need to be listed again here):

MWBE Business Name	Method of Contact (e.g. phone, email)	Why not used?

Section V—Signature

The undersigned certifies that the information provided herein is truthful, accurate, and complete. Further, Vendor acknowledges that if it is awarded the contract, this information must be kept up to date by Vendor. According to the City’s General Conditions Paragraph 16, **any changes in subcontractor utilization must be immediately made in writing** by submitting a new form to the City’s Equal Opportunity Compliance Officer (contact information provided at the top of this form). A complete and accurate list of subcontractors will be required prior to beginning work on the project, if awarded.

Signature **Date**

Name **Title**

City of Rockford
VENDOR WORKFORCE DATA FORM

The City must collect information in an effort to monitor Vendor’s compliance with the Illinois Human Rights Act, Illinois Department of Human Rights Rules and Regulations, and City of Rockford Equal Employment Opportunity Ordinance. **Failure to complete this form will result in disqualification of Vendor’s bid or proposal.** Questions regarding EEOs should be addressed to: Michelle Vella, City of Rockford Equal Opportunity Compliance (EOC) Officer, at michelle.vella@rockfordil.gov or (779) 348-7392.

Part I: Vendor Information

Vendor Name:	Bid or RFP Number:
Project Name:	IDHR Number ¹ :
	Expiration:
Date:	Estimated Duration of Work:
Vendor’s EEO Contact Name:	Contact Email:
Title:	Contact Phone:

Part II: Vendor Workforce Data

Please provide the *number* of individuals employed by Vendor in each category below (report all employees, not just those who will work under the contract). Definitions of the EEO Job Categories are included with this form.

W - White B - Black H – Hispanic/Latino A - Asian AI - American Indian, Alaskan or Hawaiian Native
Tw—Two or more race/ethnicity T – Total

JOB CATEGORY	MALE							FEMALE							TOTAL
	W	B	H	A	AI	Tw	T	W	B	H	A	AI	Tw	T	
Officials and Managers															
Professional Workers															
Technicians															
Sales Workers															
Administrative Support Workers															
Craft Workers															
Operatives															
Laborers and Helpers															
Service Workers															
TOTAL															

¹ Bidders must have an Illinois Department of Human Rights Eligibility Number if 1) bidder employs 15 or more persons, AND 2) if the bid or proposal will total more than \$100,000.

City of Rockford
SUBCONTRACTOR WORKFORCE DATA FORM

This form is *required* if Vendor will be using one or more subcontractors to complete work or perform services for the City. A Workforce Data Form must be completed for *each* subcontractor. Questions regarding EEOs should be addressed to: Michelle Vella, City of Rockford Equal Opportunity Compliance (EOC) Officer, at (779) 348-7392 or michelle.vella@rockfordil.gov.

Part I: Identification

Subcontractor Name:	Bid Number:
Project Name:	IDHR Number: Expiration:
Date:	Estimated Duration of Work:
Subcontractor's EEO Contact Name:	Contact Email: Contact Phone:

Part II: Subcontractor Workforce Data

Please provide the *number* of individuals employed by subcontractor in each category below (report all employees, not just those who will work under the contract). Definitions of the EEO Job Categories are included on the next page of this form.

W - White B - Black H – Hispanic/Latino A - Asian AI - American Indian, Alaskan or Hawaiian Native
Tw—Two or more race/ethnicity T – Total

JOB CATEGORY	MALE							FEMALE							TOTAL
	W	B	H	A	AI	Tw	T	W	B	H	A	AI	Tw	T	
Officials and Managers															
Professional Workers															
Technicians															
Sales Workers															
Administrative Support Workers															
Craft Workers															
Operatives															
Laborers and Helpers															
Service Workers															
TOTAL															

Job Category Descriptions

Officials and Managers: Jobs occupied by administrative and managerial personnel who set broad policies, exercise overall responsibility for execution of these policies, and direct individual departments or special phases of a firm's operations. Includes: officials, executives, middle management, plant managers, department managers, superintendents, salaried supervisors who are members of management, and purchasing agents and buyers.

Professionals: Jobs requiring bachelor or graduate degree and/or professional certification or comparable experience. Includes: accountants and auditors, architects, chemists, computer programmers, designers, editors, engineers, lawyers, scientists, registered professional nurses, personnel and labor relations specialists, physicians, and surveyors.

Technicians: Jobs requiring a combination of basic scientific knowledge and manual skill which is often obtained through 2 years of post-high school education or through equivalent on-the-job training. Includes: drafters, surveying and mapping technicians, engineering aides, junior engineers, mathematical aides, emergency medical technicians, and licensed practical nurses.

Sales Workers: Jobs engaging wholly or primarily in direct selling. Includes: advertising agents and sales workers, insurance agents and brokers, real estate agents and brokers, stock and bond sales workers, securities, commodities, and financial services sales agents, demonstrators, sales workers and sales clerks, grocery clerks, and cashiers/checkers.

Administrative Support Workers: Jobs involving non-managerial tasks providing administrative and support assistance, primarily in office settings. Includes: office support, bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks, dispatchers, data entry workers, collectors (bills and accounts), messengers and office helpers, shipping and receiving clerks, typists and secretaries, telephone operators, and legal assistants.

Craft Workers: Jobs requiring higher skill in areas including: construction (building trades craft workers and their formal apprentices); natural resource extraction workers; installation, maintenance and part replacement of equipment, machines and tools; and some production occupations that are distinguished by the high degree of skill and precision. Includes: boilermakers; brick & stone masons; carpenters; electricians; painters; glaziers; plumbers, pipefitters & steam fitters; roofers; elevator installers; earth drillers; oil & gas rotary drill operators; blasters & explosive workers; mechanics; electric & electronic equipment repairers; millwrights; and tool & die makers.

Operatives: Jobs involving operation of machines, factory-related processing equipment, or equipment to facilitate the movement of people or materials. These occupations require intermediate skill level and usually do not require more than several months of training. Includes: machine operators; electrical & electronic equipment assemblers; semiconductor processors; testers; graders & sorters; bridge & lock tenders; truck, bus or taxi drivers; industrial truck & tractor (forklift) operators; conveyor operations; and hand packers & packagers.

Laborers and Helpers: Jobs requiring limited skills and brief training to perform tasks that require little or no independent judgment. Includes: production & construction worker helpers; construction laborers; refuse & recyclable materials collectors; landscapers, grounds maintenance workers, and laborers performing lifting, digging, mixing, loading and pulling operations.

Service Workers: Jobs in food service, personal service, cleaning service, and protective service occupations. Skill may be acquired through formal training, job-related training or direct experience. Includes: food service workers; medical assistants and other healthcare support occupations; transportation attendants; cleaners; janitors; porters; transit and railroad; police and fire fighters; guards; private detectives and investigators.

Acknowledgement of Stormwater Management Ordinance and Environmental Consent Decree

By indicating below, we acknowledge receipt of the Stormwater Management Ordinance and Environmental Consent Decree. Both documents can be found on the City of Rockford website at <https://rockfordil.gov/city-departments/public-works/engineering-division/stormwater-environmental-team/stormwater-consent-decree/>

I have been provided access to the City of Rockford Stormwater Management Ordinance and the Environmental Consent Decree and agree to comply with the terms outlined therein.

Person, Firm or Corporation

Authorized Signature

Acknowledgement of Addenda

By indicating below, we acknowledge receipt of the addenda listed.

Addendum _____	Date _____

Person, Firm or Corporation

Authorized Signature

By signing the filled-out form, you:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting*, later, for further information.

Note: If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien;
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;
- An estate (other than a foreign estate); or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States.

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust; and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Pub. 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items.

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

Backup Withholding

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 24% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the instructions for Part II for details),
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee code*, later, and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

What is FATCA Reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code*, later, and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account; for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; **do not** leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account (other than an account maintained by a foreign financial institution (FFI)), list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9. If you are providing Form W-9 to an FFI to document a joint account, each holder of the account that is a U.S. person must provide a Form W-9.

a. Individual. Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

Note: ITIN applicant: Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040/1040A/1040EZ you filed with your application.

b. Sole proprietor or single-member LLC. Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or “doing business as” (DBA) name on line 2.

c. Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C corporation, or S corporation. Enter the entity’s name as shown on the entity’s tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

d. Other entities. Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

e. Disregarded entity. For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a “disregarded entity.” See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner’s name on line 1. The name of the entity entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner’s name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity’s name on line 2, “Business name/disregarded entity name.” If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

Line 2

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, you may enter it on line 2.

Line 3

Check the appropriate box on line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box on line 3.

IF the entity/person on line 1 is a(n) . . .	THEN check the box for . . .
• Corporation	Corporation
• Individual • Sole proprietorship, or • Single-member limited liability company (LLC) owned by an individual and disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC
• LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, • LLC that has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, or • LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner but the owner is another LLC that is not disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Limited liability company and enter the appropriate tax classification. (P= Partnership; C= C corporation; or S= S corporation)
• Partnership	Partnership
• Trust/estate	Trust/estate

Line 4, Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space on line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

Exempt payee code.

- Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys’ fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space in line 4.

- 1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)
- 2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- 3—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- 4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
- 5—A corporation
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- 8—A real estate investment trust
- 9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- 10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)
- 11—A financial institution
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian
- 13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 ²
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney reportable under section 6045(f), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Exemption from FATCA reporting code. The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) written or printed on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)

B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities

C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state

G—A real estate investment trust

H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)

J—A bank as defined in section 581

K—A broker

L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)

M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

Note: You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

Line 5

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns. If this address differs from the one the requester already has on file, write NEW at the top. If a new address is provided, there is still a chance the old address will be used until the payor changes your address in their records.

Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note: See *What Name and Number To Give the Requester*, later, for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at www.SSA.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/Businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. Go to www.irs.gov/Forms to view, download, or print Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4. Or, you can go to www.irs.gov/OrderForms to place an order and have Form W-7 and/or SS-4 mailed to you within 10 business days.

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note: Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

Caution: A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if item 1, 4, or 5 below indicates otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code*, earlier.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983.

You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983.

You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), ABLE accounts (under section 529A), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account) other than an account maintained by an FFI	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Two or more U.S. persons (joint account maintained by an FFI)	Each holder of the account
4. Custodial account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
5. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee ¹
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner ¹
6. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
7. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor*
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
8. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
9. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
10. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
11. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
12. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
13. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee

For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
14. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
15. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

¹ List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

*Note: The grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

Note: If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Secure Your Tax Records From Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, SSN, or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Pub. 5027, Identity Theft Information for Taxpayers.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a systemic problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes.

Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at spam@uce.gov or report them at www.ftc.gov/complaint. You can contact the FTC at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 877-IDTHEFT (877-438-4338). If you have been the victim of identity theft, see www.IdentityTheft.gov and Pub. 5027.

Visit www.irs.gov/IdentityTheft to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

Section 3
Bid/RFP
Specifications

8th Avenue over Keith Creek Bridge Replacement
RFP No.: 920X-PW-110
Section Number: 20-00637-00-BR

1.0 Overview

The City of Rockford, Illinois seeks to obtain the services of a highly qualified professional design firm to provide preliminary engineering and construction engineering services for the replacement of the 8th Avenue over Keith Creek Bridge (SN# 101-6043).

The existing structure is currently load posted and located in a residential area. The bridge has a sufficiency rating of 35.9, showing significant deterioration throughout and the sidewalks on both sides of the bridge are closed to pedestrians.

The preliminary engineering, construction and construction engineering costs for this project will be financed partially with Surface Transportation Program – Bridge (STU-BR) funds. The City will utilize motor fuel tax (MFT) for the local matching funds.

2.0 General Requirements

2.1 Firm Qualifications. No contract shall be awarded except to responsible firms capable of providing the class of services described.

2.2 Evaluation of Proposals. An evaluation team will be used to review all submitted proposals using set criteria. This evaluation team may consist of staff from the Public Works Engineering Department.

2.3 Evaluation Criteria. The evaluation committee will rate the proposals based on the criteria outlined below with the assigned point values (out of 100).

- Project Understanding (20)
- Technical Approach (20)
- Firm Experience (20)
- Past Performance (20)
- Work Load Capacity (10)
- Staff Capabilities (10)

2.4 Firm Interview. **There will not be an interview.** The evaluation committee will select the most qualified firm based on the scoring of the submitted proposals with possible contacting of references and firms for additional information.

2.5 Contacts. Prior to the award of the contract to the successful bidder, prospective vendors shall contact Kristian Dominguez, Sr. Financial Analyst (779) 348-7464 or kristian.dominguez@rockfordil.gov.

3.0 Scope of Work

The 8th Avenue over Keith Creek Bridge (SN# 101-6043) has deteriorated to the point of needing to be replaced. The bridge is located in a residential area and is in close proximity to Constance Lane Elementary School. The new structure shall carry sidewalks through the structure on both sides in order to improve pedestrian safety and access to nearby destinations.

Preliminary Engineering Services

- 3.1.1 Technical Viability Analysis. The Consultant shall develop a strategy for the project approach, including recommended structure replacement options, utilizing federal funding for the approach pavement resurfacing, and cost effectiveness. The Consultant shall be knowledgeable of all applicable of all governing agency design standards for bridge and highway design, including the City of Rockford's engineering design criteria.
- 3.1.2 Regulatory Overview. The Consultant will be required to provide a comprehensive overview of the regulatory bodies involved in the funding and permitting of the project, including all permits, studies, and actions required. Consultants will be expected to contact all appropriate agencies to confirm their perspective and requirements for the project. The Consultant shall coordinate the design with all appropriate utilities that may have conflicting facilities.
- 3.1.3 Implementation and Phasing Strategy. Within the context of the Regulatory Overview and the Technical Viability Analysis, the Consultant shall develop an implementation and phasing strategy that includes progressive estimates of costs and schedule (including project milestones and critical path tasks). The selected Consultant is expected to be able to complete the tasks necessary to implement the actions identified, including integrating the work of any required Sub-Consultants.
- 3.1.4 Meetings. The Consultant will be required to attend and possibly facilitate various meetings with all interested parties, including the City of Rockford, the State of Illinois Department of Transportation, local businesses, stockholders and the general public. The meetings would include discussion of the proposed improvements; input from public agencies, stockholders and local citizens; and coordination of the phasing of the improvements.
- 3.1.5 Project Reports and Studies. The Consultant will be required to prepare all of the necessary bridge reports and Phase 1 studies necessitated by the use of federal funding and facilitate all required agency approval.
- 3.1.6 Construction Plans. The Consultant will be required to prepare construction plans, specifications, and a construction cost estimate for the proposed improvements. The Consultant will also be expected to prepare and assemble all of the necessary contract documents and facilitate all required agency plan approvals.

3.2 Construction Engineering Services

- 3.2.1 Submittal Drawing Review. The Consultant shall manage, review, and stamp approve all shop drawings to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal standards as shown in the plans. The City shall review and approve upon Consultant's review.
- 3.2.2 Value Engineering and Constructability Review. The Consultant will be asked to review the plans for potential conflicts or errors. The Consultant may provide engineering solutions that may prove more effective and/or efficient and in the best interest of the City.
- 3.2.3 Construction Observation and Documentation. The Consultant shall be available and/or present to observe all construction work activities. Consultant shall be knowledgeable and experienced with all applicable state and federal specifications, including accurate and sufficient documentation of pay item quantities, certifications, tests, and all other required item submittals.
- 3.2.4 Meetings. The Consultant will be required to hold preconstruction meetings and regular progress meeting. Other meetings may include utility conferences and meetings with neighboring property owners.
- 3.2.5 Pay Estimate Preparation. The Consultant will be required to prepare pay estimates through state forms and standards at a frequency mutually agreed upon by the City and Contractor.
- 3.2.6 Project Close-Out. The Consultant will be required to coordinate with IDOT and provide all documentation and inspections for closing out the project.

3.3 Optional Services:

- 3.3.1 Preparation of applications, agreements, and supporting documents for governmental grants, loans, or advances in connection with this project.
- 3.3.2 Services resulting from significant changes in general scope of the project or its design, including but not limited to, changes in size, complexity, or character of construction; and revisions of previously accepted studies, reports, design documents, or Contract Documents, when such revisions are due to causes beyond the Consultant's control.
- 3.3.3 Services to verify the accuracy of drawings, logs, or any other information furnished by the City.

3.3.4 Preparing to serve or serving as a Consultant or witness for the City in any litigation, public hearing, or other legal or administrative proceeding involving the project.

3.3.5 Preparation of an Operations & Maintenance Manual for the proposed structure

4.0 Information to be Submitted

4.1 A Statement of Project Understanding should include the firm's approach to the overall project (i.e. scope of work) and the understanding of the design, funding and implementation issues.

4.2 The name or names of individuals in the firm(s) who will be assigned key project responsibilities with particular attention to the qualifications, competence, and past performance as related to this specific project.

4.3 Education, experience, or expertise of those individuals noted above that will be involved with the management and completion of the project. The project manager should be identified within the proposal.

4.4 The firm's general experience, ability, and history of performance of projects similar to the one under consideration.

4.5 Availability of adequate personnel, equipment, and facilities to complete the work in the required time.

4.6 The present workload and present and future commitments of available personnel, particularly those key persons expected to be assigned to the project.

4.7 A specific project schedule that provides a breakdown of milestone dates for project completion and identification of critical path tasks.

4.8 The City of Rockford will require consultants to submit a conflict of interest disclosure statement with their proposal. The form can be found within this packet, as well as on the Purchasing page of the City of Rockford website.

4.9 The document should not exceed thirty-five (35) total pages in length. Page size should be 8 ½ x 11 except for drawings, which could be expanded to 11 x 17.

4.10 The following format should be utilized for the assembly of the proposal document. All pages should be bound into the proposal document.

- Cover Sheet
- Cover Letter
- Statement of Project Understanding
- Identification of Key Personnel
- Descriptions of Projects of Similar Size and Scope
- Highlight Specific Experience with IDOT District 2 and local municipalities.
- Provide examples of specific experience with bridge replacements and projects utilizing STP-BR or other federal funds in Illinois
- Schedule (w/ Milestone Dates)
- Statement of Workload / IDOT Prequalification Letter
- Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement

4.11 Submit two (2) original copies of the proposal, along with an electronic copy (flash drive).

Funding Allocations:

STU-BR/MFT

Project Deadlines:

Fall, 2022 Letting

Fall, 2023 Construction Completion

City of Rockford's ("City") Conflicts of Interest Policy for Engineering and Design-Related Services Funded by the US Department of Transportation's Federal Aid Highway Program ("FAHP")

- (1) All bids or offers from responsive bidders or contractors to provide the City with Engineering and Design-Related Services ("Services") that will be paid for, in whole or in part, using US DOT FAHP funds (whether provided directly or passed through another agency) shall be accompanied by a disclosure of certain financial interests of the bidder, potential contractor, or contractor. Such disclosure will be used by the City to determine whether conflicts of interest may exist between the contractor and the City, state, or federal government. In addition, all potential subcontractors who may perform such Services shall also provide a disclosure of certain financial interests. Subcontractors' disclosure shall be obtained by the contractor and submitted to the City along with its disclosure.
- (2) The financial disclosure of each potential or successful bidder or contractor and its subcontractors shall be incorporated as a material term of the firm's contract with the City and shall become part of the municipality's publicly available contract or procurement file.
- (3) Each disclosure made subject to this policy shall be signed and made under penalty of perjury by an authorized officer or employee on behalf of the bidder, contractor, potential contractor, or subcontractor.
- (4) The form of disclosure prescribed by the City (Form A) shall require firms to disclose the names, addresses, and dollar or proportionate share of ownership or other financial interest in the firm for persons who meet the following descriptions:
 - a. Any individual employed by the City, whether such employment is planned, current, or has occurred within the previous 2 years.
 - b. Any individual who is an immediate family member of a City employee, whether such employment is planned, current, or has occurred within the previous 2 years.
 - c. Any individual elected to or holding office for the federal government, state of Illinois, or City of Rockford currently or within the previous 2 years.
 - d. Any individual who is an immediate family member of someone elected to or holding elected office for the federal government, state of Illinois, or City of Rockford currently or within the previous 2 years.
 - e. Any individual holding an appointive office for the federal government, state of Illinois, or City of Rockford currently or in the previous 2 years whereby the office entitles the holder to compensation in excess of expenses incurred in the discharge of that office.
 - f. Any individual who is an immediate family member of someone holding an appointive office for the federal government, state of Illinois, or City of Rockford currently or in the previous 2 years.

- (5) For purposes of interpreting paragraph (4), “immediate family member” shall mean any of the following:
- a. Spouse, and parents thereof;
 - b. Children, and spouses thereof;
 - c. Parents, and spouses thereof;
 - d. Siblings, and spouses thereof;
 - e. Grandparents and grandchildren, and spouses thereof;
 - f. Domestic partner and parents thereof, including domestic partners of any individual in a. through e. of this definition; and
 - g. Any individual related by blood or affinity whose close association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship.
- (6) The disclosures required by this policy are not intended to prohibit or prevent certain contracts. Rather, the disclosures are meant to fully and publicly make known to the City any potential conflicts so that it may adequately identify, evaluate, and address such conflicts based upon the particulars.
- (7) Inadvertent or accidental failure on the part of a bidder, potential contractor, or potential subcontractor to fully disclose certain financial interests shall render the contract, bid, offer, proposal, subcontract, or relationship voidable by the City if it deems it is in its best interests. Such failure may, at the discretion of the City, also be cause for barring the firm from future contracts, bids, offers, proposals, subcontracts, or relationships with the City for a period of up to 2 years.
- (8) Intentional, willful, or material failure on the part of a firm to disclose certain financial interests shall render the contract, bid, offer, proposal, subcontract, or relationship voidable by the City if it deems it in the best interest of the City. Such willful failure shall also result in debarment from future contracts, bids, offers, proposals, subcontracts, or relationships with the City for a period of not less than 2 years.
- (9) The bidder, offeror, potential contractor, or contractor has a continuing obligation to supplement the disclosure required by the City throughout the bidding process and during the term of any contract; when ownership or other financial interests change and require disclosure, the firm must do so under this policy.
- (10) The City may review a proposal, bid, or contract and issue a recommendation to reject a proposal or bid based on the existence of any real or potential conflict of interest.

Information and Instructions for City of Rockford Form A

A. The disclosures required on the City's *Form A: Potential Conflicts of Interest Disclosure* are material representations of fact that are relied upon by the City of Rockford.

The City may void an offer or contract if it is later determined that the contractor or its subcontractor(s) rendered a false or erroneous disclosure. A contractor or subcontractor may be suspended or debarred from doing business with the City for failure to fully disclose its financial interests as required. If a false certification is made by a subcontractor, the contractor's submitted offer and the executed contract may be declared void if the contractor refuses to terminate the subcontract upon the City's request after a finding that the subcontractor's certification was false.

B. Financial Interests and Conflicts of Interest

The City's *Conflicts of Interest Policy for Engineering and Design-Related Services Funded by the US Department of Transportation's Federal Aid Highway Program* ("Policy") provides that all bids or offers from bidders or contractors to provide Engineering and Design-Related Services ("Services") to the City of Rockford that will be paid for, in whole or in part, using US DOT FAHP funds (whether provided directly or passed through another agency) shall be accompanied by disclosure of certain financial interests of the bidder, potential contractor, or contractor to determine whether conflicts of interest may exist between the contractor and the City, state, or federal government. In addition, all potential subcontractors who may perform such Services must provide a disclosure of certain financial interests. Subcontractors' disclosure shall be obtained by the contractor and submitted to the City along with its disclosure (Form A).

Information disclosed on Form A will be maintained as public information, subject to release by request pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act* and shall be incorporated as a material term of the contract, should it be awarded. Further, pursuant to the Policy, the City may review a proposal, bid, or contract and issue a recommendation to reject a proposal or bid based on the existence of any real or potential conflict of interest.

Firms are required to disclose the names, addresses, and dollar or proportionate share of ownership or financial interest for each of the of the individuals identified in paragraphs (4) and (5) of the City's Policy.

C. Disclosure Instructions

Form A: Financial Information & Potential Conflicts of Interest

1. Contact Information
 - every contractor/subcontractor must complete this section
2. Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interest
 - every contractor must answer each question in this section

3. Disclosure of Ownership or Financial Interest

- If any of the questions in section 2. were answered “yes,” the firm must complete this section for each qualified individual who presents a potential conflict
- If all of the questions in section 2 were answered “no,” the firm may skip section 3. and proceed to section 4.

4. Certification

- If section 3 was required to be completed, the firm should certify in the top box titled APPLICABLE STATEMENT.
- If section 3 did not need to be completed, the firm should certify in the bottom box titled NOT APPLICABLE STATEMENT.

CITY OF ROCKFORD
Form A:
Potential Conflicts of Interest Disclosure

1. CONTACT INFORMATION

Firm Name: Click or tap here to enter text.	
Street Address: Click or tap here to enter text.	
City, State: Click or tap here to enter text.	Zip: Click or tap here to enter text.
Telephone: Click or tap here to enter text.	
Fax: Click or tap here to enter text.	
Email Address: Click or tap here to enter text.	

2. DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Check “Yes” or “No” to indicate which, if any, of the following potential conflict of interest relationships apply. If the answer to any question is “Yes”, **please attach additional pages and describe the nature of the relationship.**

- a) Does your firm have an owner or person with financial interest in the business who is a City of Rockford employee, including any person who plans to become employed, is employed, or has been employed with the City within the previous 2 years?
 Yes No
- b) Does your firm have an owner or person with financial interest in the business who is an immediate family member* of a City of Rockford employee (who plans to become employed, is employed, or has been employed with the City within the previous 2 years)?
 Yes No
- c) Does your firm have an owner or person with financial interest in the business who has been elected to or holds an office for the federal government, state of Illinois, or City of Rockford currently or within the previous 2 years?
 Yes No
- d) Does your firm have an owner or person with financial interest in the business who is an immediate family member* of someone who has been elected to or holds an office for the federal government, state of Illinois, or City of Rockford currently or within the previous 2 years?
 Yes No

- e) Does your firm have an owner or person with financial interest in the business who holds an appointive office for the federal government, state of Illinois, or City of Rockford currently or in the previous 2 years whereby the office entitles the holder to compensation in excess of expenses incurred in the discharge of that office?
 Yes No
- f) Does your firm have an owner or person with financial interest in the business who is an immediate family member* of someone appointed to office for the federal government, state of Illinois, or City of Rockford currently or in the previous 2 years (whereby the office entitles the holder to compensation in excess of expenses incurred in the discharge of that office)?
 Yes No

* “immediate family member” means any of the following:

- a. Spouse, and parents thereof;
- b. Children, and spouses thereof;
- c. Parents, and spouses thereof;
- d. Siblings, and spouses thereof;
- e. Grandparents and grandchildren, and spouses thereof;
- f. Domestic partner and parents thereof, including domestic partners of any individual in a. through e. of this definition; and
- g. Any individual related by blood or affinity whose close association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship.

3. DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP OR OTHER FINANCIAL INTEREST

(to be completed if any questions in Section 2 have been answered “yes”; if not, proceed to the NOT APPLICABLE box in Section 4, on the next page)

The individual named below has an ownership or other financial interest in the firm’s business and meets the qualifications described in one of more the City’s Policy paragraphs (4) and (5). **(Make copies of this form as necessary and attach a separate Form A for each individual meeting these qualifications.)**

Name of Individual: Click or tap here to enter text.	
Street Address: Click or tap here to enter text.	
City, State: Click or tap here to enter text.	Zip: Click or tap here to enter text.
Telephone: Click or tap here to enter text.	
Email: Click or tap here to enter text.	

Type of ownership/distributable income share:

Stock Sole Proprietorship Partnership Other [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

% or \$ value of ownership or other financial interest: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

4. CERTIFICATION

APPLICABLE STATEMENT

This Disclosure Form A is submitted on behalf of the firm named in Section 1 of this Form A. Under penalty of perjury, I certify the contents of this disclosure to be true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Completed by: _____ Date: [Click or tap to enter a date.](#)
Signature of Individual or Authorized Officer

Name of Authorized Officer: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Title of Authorized Officer: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

NOT APPLICABLE STATEMENT

Under penalty of perjury, I have completed Section 2 of this form and have determined that no individuals associated with this firm meet the criteria that would require the completion of Section 3 of this Form A.

Completed by: _____ Date: [Click or tap to enter a date.](#)
Signature of Individual or Authorized Officer

Name of Authorized Officer: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Title of Authorized Officer: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)