

6/7/22

Invitation for Bid (IFB)

TAC 1117B

Supplies or Service Requested: Development & Implementation of a Backflow Prevention / Cross Connection Control Program

Water and Sewer Department

NIGP Commodity Code(s):

918-32 Consulting Services

918-97 Utilities: Gas, Water, Electric

Solicitation Schedule

EVENT	DATE
IFB Issue Date	06/8/2022
Pre-Bid Conference or Webinar <i>Location Zoom/Teams link</i>	No Pre-Bid Conference
Deadline for Questions <i>Submitted to assigned buyer via email.</i>	06/20/2022 <i>10 Days prior to IFB due date</i>
Bid Submission Date <i>Either mailed or delivered to City Clerk address. Bids are open the day after the due date.</i>	06/29/2022

If You have any questions or need additional information, contact the Assigned Buyer:

Donny Tiemann, Senior Buyer | dtiemann@cityoftulsa.org
*All questions should be emailed with **TAC 1117B** on the subject line.*

Submit Bids (sealed) to:

City of Tulsa – City Clerk’s Office
 175 E. 2ND St., Suite 260
 Tulsa, OK 74103

*Bids (2 total: 1 original, 1 copy) must be sealed and either mailed or delivered. Write the Bid Number, Supplies or Service Requested (as listed above), and Bid Opening Date on the lower left corner of the outside of Your Bid envelope. Feel free to use included packing slip. No faxed or emailed Bids will be considered. Barring certain circumstances (Section III-5), Bids received after the stated date and time **will not be accepted and will be returned to the Bidder unopened.***



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I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

1. Overview and Goals

The City of Tulsa is searching to secure professional services of a credentialed backflow program consultant firm to assist City of Tulsa staff in the development and implementation of a municipal backflow prevention/cross connection control program for the Water and Sewer Department.

2. Term of Contract

The City intends to award a one-year annual contract. The City may offer the Seller the opportunity for four (4) additional one-year terms. The City also reserves the right to make multiple or partial awards. To do business with the City, You must agree to the terms and conditions of the City's standard Purchase Agreement, indicated by Your Authorized Agent's signature on the Purchase Agreement.

The entire Invitation for Bid (IFB) including any additional information submitted by Bidder and Accepted by City will be included as part of the Agreement between Seller and City. **All sheets of this IFB (including Sections I-V) must be submitted.**

Capitalized terms used in this IFB and not defined in the Agreement shall have the meanings as ascribed to them in Title 6, Chapter 4 of the Tulsa Revised Ordinances found at https://library.municode.com/ok/tulsa/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CD_ORD_TIT6FIDE_CH4PU

Authorized Agent

Several parts of the Bid (Affidavits, Purchase Agreement) must be signed by an “**Authorized Agent**.” An Authorized Agent means an agent who is legally authorized to bind the Seller under the law of the State in which the Seller is legally organized. For instance, under Oklahoma law, the Authorized Agent for each of the following types of entities is as stated below:

- **Corporations** – the president, vice president, board chair or board vice chair can sign; others can sign if they have and provide the City with (i) a corporate resolution giving them authority to bind the Seller, and (ii) a recent corporate secretary's certificate indicating the authority is still valid.
- **General Partnerships** – any partner can sign to bind all partners.
- **Limited Partnerships** – the general partner must sign.
- **Individuals** – no additional authorization is required, but signatures must be witnessed and notarized.
- **Sole Proprietorship** – the owner can sign. Any other person can sign if s/he provides a recent Power of Attorney, signed by the owner, authorizing him/her to bind the sole proprietorship.
- **Limited Liability Company (LLC)** – The manager as named in the Operating Agreement can sign. Any person authorized by the Operating Agreement or a member can sign providing the person submits a copy of the authorization with a certificate of the members indicating the authorization is still valid.

Entities organized in States other than Oklahoma must follow the law of the State in which they are organized.

II. SCOPE OF WORK AND SPECIFICATIONS

1. Scope of Work

It is the intent during the agreement period, as nearly as possible, to purchase all the requirements for the professional consulting services which include training, consulting and support services in the development, implementation and management of a Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control Program item(s) bid from the firm(s) to which the purchase order is awarded.

The successful bidder will be a company with broad experience with this type of work and the necessary skill, equipment, and personnel to perform the work within the specified time frame. The successful bidder will be an independent contractor and in no way classified as a City of Tulsa employee. City of Tulsa employees will not be permitted to submit a bid on this solicitation or work for the company awarded this agreement.

The successful bidder shall be responsible for the character and actions of its employees at all times while working for the City of Tulsa. Any disrespectful or discourteous actions toward the public will be cause to consider termination of the agreement.

Seller Qualifications

At least 10 years' experience in the development, implementation and management of Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control Programs and has previously trained municipal staff in the areas of backflow / cross connection control programs.

Expert level knowledge of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) Recommended Practices for Backflow Prevention and Cross Control (M14 Manual).

Actively involved in the National American Water Works Association Cross Connection Control Committee.

Project Manager will hold the following certifications that meets certification criteria listed in the International Plumbing Code (IPC):

- Cross Connection Control Program Manager Certification
- Backflow Preventer Assembly Tester Certification
- Backflow Preventer Maintenance and Repair Certification

The contractor will be responsible for compliance with all Federal, State and Municipal laws, regulations, and ordinances applicable to this work.

The City of Tulsa also reserves the right to defer recommendation of award of the contract until after an interview with the apparent low bidder. The interview will be conducted by the designated Water and Sewer Representative.

2. Specifications

The Successful Bidder Must provide the following Services in order to meet the standards of this agreement.

1. Ordinance Review and Preparation

Preparation and adoption of an official ordinance will be accomplished through consultation with City of Tulsa personnel and review of existing ordinance(s) and draft ordinance. Any identified gaps in regulatory language will be identified and assistance will be provided to guide City of Tulsa staff in drafting final ordinance language for adoption by City Council. One on-site visit may be required of the awardee to assist City of Tulsa staff with passage of the ordinance by City Council.

2. Policy and Procedures Manual Preparation

The awardee will assist City of Tulsa staff in establishing a Backflow Policy and Procedures Manual by providing remote consultation and/or template(s) regarding the following aspects of a program:

- Procedures for non-compliant customers
- A permitting policy for plumbers and testers
- An installation and testing policy
- Recordkeeping practices
- Plumber's Packet including general instructions regarding backflow installation and testing
- Test Reports and submittal process
- Customer communication letters

3. Data Collection

As requested, remote consulting services will be provided to guide City of Tulsa staff on the type of data to be collected and how to best utilize data for efficient operation of the program. The City of Tulsa will utilize the software package of their choosing.

4. Training

Includes course prep, travel, lodging and course materials to facilitate a training class for City staff that covers the following topics, which are fundamental to Backflow Training for City Employees. Facility rental will be provided by the City of Tulsa.

- Fundamentals of backflow
 - Examples of cross connections
 - Hazards of Backflow
 - Definitions
 - Laws and Responsibilities
 - Case Histories and Frequencies of Occurrence
- Structure of a Backflow Program
 - Program Startup
 - Ordinance
 - Policies and Procedures

- Required employee training and education
- Plumbers communication
- Backflow Incident Management
- Cross Connection Control Surveys
 - Customer Notification
 - Drive-by Surveys
 - Field Technical Surveys
 - How to interpret survey findings
- Record Keeping
 - Tracking Plumbers and Testers
 - Tracking Testing and Maintenance
 - Considerations for developing list of approved backflow preventers
 - Dealing with Non-compliant customers

5. Additional Services

Additional services not previously detailed but necessary for successful program development may be requested by City of Tulsa staff. Additional services will be billed according to the following hourly rate plus travel costs should on-site visits be requested, which is included in the last section.

6. Additional Information

1. How many water customers does Tulsa have/serve?
As of November 2021, the City of Tulsa had approximately 140,000 total customers.
2. Of those, how many are non-residential (commercial, industrial, public authority)?
Approximately 16,300 are non-residential (based on November 2021 numbers)
3. How many testable backflow preventers is Tulsa currently tracking or is Tulsa aware of?
This is unknown at this time, we stopped tracking this information in the Water and Sewer Department in 2016, quality of data records at that time was questionable.
4. How many backflow preventers are required to be tested annually?
This is unknown at this time.
5. Do you have a current electronic database of backflow preventers that could be downloaded into a CSV file (Excel spreadsheet)?
At this time, we do not.
6. Will you require the Seller to provide inspectors for your program implementation or will that be completed by your staff?
Inspections will be completed by City of Tulsa Staff.

7. If by your staff, do you want the Seller to provide on-site inspection training over a period until your staff is comfortable doing inspections on their own?

On-site inspection training is being requested, with the idea that City of Tulsa staff would eventually be doing inspections independently of any consultant.

8. Who will be testing your existing and future backflow prevention assemblies? Contractors, your staff, or both? Do you want the Seller to provide testing certification training for your staff?

Primarily contractors would be testing. The need for City of Tulsa staff to obtain testing certification may rise in the future, but it is not the intent of this IFB for consultants to provide training specifically for testing certifications.

PAYMENT PROCEDURE:

The City of Tulsa shall make payment to the Seller monthly, provided that an itemized invoice has been submitted. The Seller must submit the invoice to the Utility Systems Operations Manager of Distribution Systems each month for payment approval. This invoice shall be due on the first working day of the month following the month that the work was accomplished. The Seller will be paid for said work pending verification by the Utility Systems Operations Manager or designee. Send invoices directly to: Melissa Gray USOM, Water Distribution, City of Tulsa – Water and Sewer Department, 2317 South Jackson, Tulsa Oklahoma 74107.

AWARD OF BID:

Award of bid will be based upon the lowest cost, as well as bidder's ability to satisfactorily meet all the requirements as spelled out in this document.

The City of Tulsa shall have the right to take such steps as it deems necessary to determine the ability of the bidder to perform all obligations in this agreement and the bidder shall furnish the City of Tulsa all such information and data for this purpose as it may request.

The City of Tulsa reserves the right to declare a bid non-responsive when not meeting the specifications herein. This shall include any bid, after investigation of the available evidence or information, and not satisfying the City of Tulsa that the bidder is qualified and/or able to carry out properly the terms and conditions of the contract. This includes past experience with other governmental agencies.

BID PROPOSAL CHECKLIST:

All items are required with the bid proposal; failure to submit may result in bid being rejected. This checklist can be used to assist the Bidder, but the Bidder is ultimately responsible for submittal of required documents.

_____ Complete bid packet along with Exhibit A, Exhibit B, Affidavit, signed Purchase Agreement and Acknowledgement of Receipt of Addenda / Amendments.

_____ All Submittal Requirements as listed in the Evaluation Criterion in Section IV, page 9 of the bid packet. This information should be submitted on separate pages and included at the end of the packet.

In addition, the bidder is welcome to attach any information that will help to provide a clear understanding of the experience and expertise in the field of work that the City of Tulsa is currently seeking.

**In Order For Your Submission to Be Considered For Award,
the Entire Bid Packet Must Be Returned.**

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III. BID SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. **Bidder Registration:** To ensure timely updates and alerts about business opportunities with the City of Tulsa, interested Bidders should register as a Bidder with the City. To register, interested Bidders should complete the City's online vendor registration form ([linked here](#)). If you have any questions **regarding your registration**, please email Jina Djahedian (jdjahedian@cityoftulsa.org) or check the City's "Selling to the City" website ([linked here](#)).
2. **Pre-Bid Conference:** If a pre-Bid conference is required, see the first page for time, location, and teleconference link.

Attendance Requirement

- Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference (in-person or virtual) is required to submit a Bid.
- Attendance is not required to submit a Bid.

3. **Questions and Concerns:** As You prepare Your bid response, You may have questions or points of clarification around this solicitation. Any questions or comments about this Invitation for Bid must be sent via e-mail to the Assigned Buyer (**listed on the first page**) and be received at least **10 Days prior to the Bid Submission Date**. Please include the IFB / TAC bid number (as indicated on the title page) on all communications. Bidders may only communicate with the City through the Assigned Buyer – communication with other City staff could result in disqualification.
4. **Issuing of Addenda:** The City of Tulsa may addend or amend its IFB at any time before the Bid Submission Date. In addition to registering as a Bidder with the City, Bidders can check the "Purchasing Bid Opportunities & Results" page on the City of Tulsa Website for the latest updates ([linked here](#)). Any such amendments shall become a part of the Agreement. You must acknowledge receipt of any Addenda or Amendments by signing and returning the Acknowledgment of Receipt of Addenda/Amendments and including it with Your Information for Bid. City may reject any Bid that fails to acknowledge any Addenda or Amendments.
5. **Bid Submission:** The City requires two completed Invitation for Bids: 1 Original and 1 Copy. Each must be clearly labeled on the front sheet indicating "Original" or "Copy." Use the Document Checklist to ensure your Bid includes all required components. If a copy on electronic media is also required, the box below will be checked.
 Electronic Copy also required.

Bids must be received no later than 5:00 PM (CST) on the Bid Submission Date (see first page) and delivered to:

**City of Tulsa - City Clerk's Office
175 East 2nd Street, Suite 260
Tulsa Oklahoma 74103**

Bids must be sealed and either mailed or delivered. The package, container, or envelope should contain both of Your completed Bids, the original and the copy. Please use the provided label on the last page of this IFB to clearly write the Bidder legal name and Bid number on the outside of the package, container, or envelope. No faxed or emailed Bids will be considered.

Bids received after the stated date and time will not be accepted.

6. **Bid Opening:** All Bid openings are public and take place at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, the day after Bids are due. The Bid openings are held in the City of Tulsa Council Meeting Room, 175 East 2nd Street, 2nd Floor, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

IV. BID EVALUATION AND AWARD

1. Bid Evaluation: The Assigned Buyer and departmental staff will work together to determine the winning bid. Generally speaking, the Bid award will go to the **Lowest Secure Bidder**: the Supply or Service that can best meet the City's needs at the lowest cost. **In addition to price and specifications**, the Buyer and departmental staff may also evaluate **Bidder history and experience, delivery time, maintenance requirements, and performance data, among other factors.**

2. Evaluation Criterion:

Bidders shall demonstrate the experience of the firm considering the type of services required. Recent experience of the firm and successful completion of services or work of a similar type and complexity will be a material consideration.

Include information such as firm's past record of performance on contracts with other government agencies or public bodies and with private industry, including such factors as quality of work, ability to meet schedules, cooperation and responsiveness.

The City of Tulsa may also consider its own past performance information and experience when evaluating proposals from firms that have performed work for the City of Tulsa.

Submittal Requirements

1. Provide a brief description of your company to include your length of experience in performing the work described in Section II, Scope of Work and Specifications.
2. Describe recent services provided by your company and any proposed subcontractors that demonstrate the company's ability to perform the requirements as indicated in the scope of work. Be sure to point out if the services were of a similar size and if they were for a governmental entity.
3. Describe how well your company has been able to meet schedules and the response times you have provided.

3. Bid Rejection or Withdrawal: The City may reject any or all Bids in whole or in part. Reasons a Bid may be rejected are as set forth in [the City's Purchasing Ordinance](#) and include, but are not limited to the following:

- A submitted Invitation for Bid does not contain all the necessary materials, signatures, and/or affidavits (listed on the included checklist);
- The Bid does not meet specifications and requirements in some material way;
- The Bidder holds outstanding debt to the City;
- The Bidder adds additional terms and conditions that modify IFB requirements or attempt to limit Bidder's liability to the City.

City reserves the right to waive any formalities or minor irregularities, defects, or errors in Bids. Bid withdrawal, meanwhile, may only be accomplished by having an Authorized Agent request the withdrawal in person at the City Clerk's office before the City's close of business on the Bid Submission Date.

- 4. Bid Award Recommendation and Appeal:** Upon confirming the Bid recommended for selection, the Assigned Buyer will email all participating Bidders a memo announcing the recommended Bid. This email will also share the time, date, and virtual meeting link for the Standard, Specifications, and Award (SSA) committee meeting where the Bid award recommendation will be reviewed.

If approved by SSA, the award recommendation is then sent to the Mayor for the Mayor's final approval. SSA meetings are held Thursdays at 8:30am in the City of Tulsa Council Meeting Room, 175 East 2nd Street, 2nd Floor, Tulsa, Oklahoma. The meeting will be held on a given Thursday at 8:30am, depending on when the Bid award has been determined. During this meeting, Bidders who are not recommended for award can issue an appeal and ask that the Bid award be reconsidered. Bidders who are not recommended for award can also email the Assigned Buyer prior to the SSA meeting if they have any questions or concerns regarding the award recommendation.

If/when the Bid award is approved by the SSA committee, the City will make available on the City's Purchasing Website a summary of bids received generally within 5 working days after the Bid Opening Date. After a Bid award is recommended to the Mayor, a copy of the bid summary will be available in the City Clerk's Office. Bid results are not provided in response to telephone or email inquiries. All Bid awards are subject to Acceptance by the City.

V. BID PROCESSING AND PAYMENT

- 1. Forms, Notice to Proceed, and Irrevocability of Offer:** If the City Accepts Your Bid, You will have ten (10) Days from notification of the Acceptance to provide a completed IRS form W-9. You cannot start work until authorized to do so by the Purchasing Agent or a representative. Often a purchase order receipt will serve as notice to proceed.

Bidder understands and acknowledges that the offer submitted as the Bid is firm and irrevocable from the City’s close of business on the Bid Submission Date until 365 Days after the Bid Opening Date.

- 2. Purchase Order Without Contract:** If the successful Bid is less than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), the City, in its sole discretion, may Accept the Bid upon written approval of the Mayor rather than execute the Purchase Agreement. Instead, the City will purchase the Supplies and/or Services by issuing a purchase order. In any event, the terms of this Invitation for Bid will govern the transaction and be enforceable by the City and Bidder.

- 3. Payments:** Invoices should be e-mailed to City of Tulsa – Accounts Payable at:

apinvoices@cityoftulsa.org

Payment will be made net 30 Days after receipt of a properly submitted invoice or the City’s Acceptance of the Supplies or Services, whichever is later.

- 4. Insurance:** If checked “Yes,” the following insurance is required: **Yes: x No:**

Seller and its subcontractors must obtain at Seller’s expense and keep in effect so long as City is purchasing Supplies or Services from Seller pursuant to this Bid, policies of insurance in the minimum amounts set forth below and Workers’ Compensation and Employer’s Liability insurance in the statutory limits required by law.

General Liability: personal injury and property damage, each occurrence	\$1,000,000.00
Workers’ Compensation	(Statutory limits)
	\$

Seller’s insurer must be authorized to transact business in the State of Oklahoma. Seller will have 10 Days after notification that its Bid was Accepted by the City to provide proof of coverage. The Certificate of Insurance must be completed with the following information:

- Your name
- Insurer’s name and address
- Policy number
- Liability coverage and amounts
- Commencement and expiration dates
- Signature of authorized agent of insurer

Seller shall not cause any required insurance policy to be cancelled or to permit it to lapse. Failure of the Seller to comply with the insurance requirements may be deemed a breach of the contract.

5. Bonding:

No Bid or Performance Bonds Are Required

6. Federal Funding: If the box is checked "Yes," federal funding is involved with this purchase:

Yes: No:

Click or tap here to enter text.

7. References: If the box is checked "Yes," References are **required:**

Yes: No: If yes, number of references required: 3

Bidders are required to provide three (3) references of past work as a consulting service in this field. For each reference, the following information must be included: Company Name, Contact Name, Address, Phone Number, E-Mail Address, and the Length of the Service provided.

Company Name _____

Address _____

Reference Contact _____

Telephone Number _____

Length of Contract _____

Company Name _____

Address _____

Reference contact _____

Telephone Number _____

Length of Contract _____

Company Name _____

Address _____

Reference contact _____

Telephone Number _____

Length of Contract _____

EXHIBIT A – DELIVERY AND PRICING

Bidder’s Legal Name: _____
 (Must be Bidder’s company name as reflected on its organizational documents, filed with the state in which Bidder is organized)

Delivery: If Your Bid is Accepted, state the number of Days You need to deliver the Supplies and/or to begin providing Services: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

You must be able to deliver the Supplies and/or Services as specified in Your Bid. Failure to do so may result in City terminating the Agreement and pursuing collection under any performance bond, as well as seeking any other damages to which it may be entitled in law or in equity.

Additional Services

It is anticipated that additional services not already detailed in this agreement will be necessary for the successful completion of the program. Any additional services will be billed according to the following quoted hourly rates.

Pricing:

(ESTIMATED QUANTITIES FOR EVALUATION PURPOSES ONLY)

The City does not guarantee any specific quantity or number of purchases, if any, that will be made during the agreement period.

Item	Description	Extended Price
1	Ordinance Review & Preparation	
2	Policy & Procedures Manual Preparation	
3	Data Collection	
4	Training	
	TOTAL EXTENDED COST:	\$ _____

5	Additional Services As Needed	\$ _____ per hour
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Bidder’s Company Name _____

Authorized Signature Here ► _____

Printed Name: _____

Annual Price Adjustment. The prices bid for any Supplies and/or Services shall not increase during the initial term of the Agreement. However, if you anticipate that you will not be able to maintain firm prices for any renewal period, a change in price is allowed if the following conditions are met:

- a. The increase is limited to the change in the Consumer Price Index from BLS Table 1** (web link below) from the prior year or the following fixed percentage:
_____ %.
- b. The City is notified, in writing (mail or email), no later than 30 Days before the initial agreement period or any renewal period ends. Failure to notify City may result in City denying any price increases.

**In Order For Your Submission to Be Considered For Award,
the Entire Bid Packet Must Be Returned.**

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EXHIBIT B - BIDDER INFORMATION SHEET

Bidder's Legal Name: _____
(Must be Bidder's company name as reflected on its organizational documents, filed with the state in which Bidder is organized)

State of Organization: _____

Bidder's Type of Legal Entity: (check one)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship | <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Partnership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership | <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Partnership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation | <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Limited Partnership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Company | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Bidder's Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Bidder's Website Address: _____

Sales Contact:

Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Contact for Legal Notice:

Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How did you learn about this business opportunity with the City of Tulsa?

- Email from Assigned Buyer
- City of Tulsa Website
- Tulsa World posting
- Purchasing search engine
- Industry colleague
- Other: Click or tap here to enter text.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Bidder must properly sign and return this document or Bid may be **rejected**. Your signature on this document indicates You have read and understand these terms and conditions and agree to be bound by them.

THIS PURCHASE AGREEMENT is between the CITY OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA, a municipal corporation, 175 East 2nd Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74103-3827 (the "City") and:

(Bidder's company name as reflected on its organizational documents filed with the state in which Bidder is organized; not simply DBA) (the "Seller").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the City has approved certain specifications and advertised for or solicited Bids on the following supplies or services:

TAC# 1117B Backflow Prevention / Cross Connection Control Program

(the "Supplies and/or Services").

WHEREAS, Seller submitted a Bid and desires to provide the Supplies and/or Services to City;

WHEREAS, Seller acknowledges that its signature on this Purchase Agreement constitutes an irrevocable offer to provide the Supplies and/or Services specified in the Agreement and that if Accepted by the City's Mayor, this document will become the contract for such Supplies and/or Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the terms, covenants and conditions hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. **Definitions.**

- a. **"Acceptance" or "Accepts"** with respect to a Bid means either (1) City's execution of the Purchase Agreement, or (2) Mayor's written approval of the Bid award recommendation and issuance of a purchase order on behalf of the City if the purchase is for an amount less than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) and the City determines it is in its best interests.
- b. **"Acceptance"** with respect to delivery of the Supplies and/or Services shall mean City's written acknowledgment that Seller has satisfactorily provided such Supplies and/or Services as required.
- c. **"Addenda" "Addendum" or Amendment(s)"** means a clarification, revision, addition, or deletion to the Invitation for Bid by City which will become a part of the agreement between the parties.
- d. **"Agreement"** consists of the Invitation for Bid and the Purchase Agreement.
- e. **"Bid Opening Date"** means the date the Bid is opened by the City.
- f. **"City"** means the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- g. **"Days"** means calendar days unless otherwise specified.
- h. **"Invitation for Bid" or "IFB"** consists of the following documents: Notice of Invitation for Bid (Sections I-V, all preceding pages), Bidder Information Sheet, References, Specifications, Affidavit(s), Acknowledgment of Receipt of Addenda/Amendments, Delivery and Pricing
- i. **"Primary Seller"** means the Seller whose Bid City Accepts as the principal seller of the Supplies and/or Services required.
- j. **"Purchasing Ordinance"** means Tulsa Revised Ordinances, Title 6, Chapter 4 et seq.
- k. **"Secondary Seller"** means the Seller whose Bid City Accepts as a back-up seller in the event the primary Seller is unable to provide all the Supplies and/or Services.
- l. **"Seller"** means the Bidder whose Bid City Accepts.
- m. **"Specifications"** means the technical and/or performance requirements for the Supply or Service.
- n. **"You" or "Your"** means the Bidder responding to this Invitation for Bid or the Seller whose Bid the City Accepts.
- o. **"Website"** means the City of Tulsa's website for the Purchasing Division: www.cityoftulspurchasing.org

2. **Order of Precedence.** Capitalized terms used but not defined herein will have the respective meanings given to them in the Purchasing Ordinance. In the event of conflicting or ambiguous language between this Purchase Agreement, any of the other Agreement documents, and additional information submitted by the Seller and Accepted by City, the parties shall be governed first according to this Purchase Agreement, second according to the remainder of the documents included in the Agreement and third according to any additional information submitted by Seller and Accepted by City.

3. **Purchase and Sale.** Seller agrees to sell City the Supplies and/or Services for the price and upon the delivery terms set forth on Exhibit A – Delivery and Pricing. City agrees to pay Seller the price as set forth in Exhibit A based on (a) the quantity actually purchased in the case of Supplies and/or Services priced by unit, or (b) the total price for a stated quantity of Supplies and/or Services, upon (i) delivery of the Supplies and/or Services to the City, (ii) the City's Acceptance thereof, and (iii) Seller's submission and City's approval of a verified claim for the amount due. City shall not pay any late charges or fees.

4. **Term.** The term of the Agreement begins on the date the Mayor/Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Tulsa executes this Purchase Agreement and terminates one year from that date. City in its sole discretion may offer Seller an opportunity to renew this

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Agreement up to an additional four (4) one (1) year term(s). Seller understands and acknowledges that any future contracts or renewals are neither automatic nor implied by this Agreement. City's continuing purchase of the Supplies and/or Services set forth in this Agreement is subject to City's needs and to City's annual appropriation of sufficient funds in City's fiscal year (July 1st to June 30th) in which City purchases Supplies and/or Services. In the event City does not appropriate or budget sufficient funds to perform this Agreement, this Agreement is null and void without further action by City.

5. **Supplies Warranty.** With respect to all Supplies to be delivered under this Agreement, Seller warrants to City that such Supplies will be of good materials and workmanship and free from defects and will conform to the Specifications provided by City. In addition, Seller shall assure that the Supplies purchased hereunder are covered by all available and applicable manufacturers' warranties for such Supplies and expressly agrees that it will be responsible for performing all warranty obligations set forth in the Specifications for the Supplies.
6. **Services Warranty.** With respect to all Services to be performed under this Agreement, Seller warrants that it shall perform the Services using personnel of required skill, experience, and qualifications and in a professional and workmanlike manner in accordance with generally recognized industry standards for similar services and in accordance with the Specifications provided by City.
7. **Warranty Period.** Seller agrees that all warranties set forth herein will remain in effect for a period of one (1) year from the date City Accepts the Supplies and/or Services, or as specified in the Specifications, whichever is later. Seller shall not disclaim or otherwise limit the express warranties set forth herein.
8. **Warranty Remedies.** City shall notify Seller if any of the Supplies and/or Services fails to meet the warranties set forth above. If the failure is with a Supply, then Seller shall promptly correct, repair or replace such Supplies at its sole expense and/or if the failure is with a Service, then Seller shall promptly reperform such Service at Seller's sole expense. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if City determines that such Supplies and/or Services are defective or non-conforming within the first thirty (30) Days after the date of Acceptance by City, then Seller at City's option shall refund the entire purchase price, and, in the case of Supplies, City shall promptly return such Supplies to Seller. Seller shall pay all expenses related to the return of such Supplies to Seller.
9. **Seller Bears Risk.** Seller shall bear the risk of loss or damage at all times until the Acceptance of the Supplies or Services by City.
10. **No Indemnification by City.** Seller understands and acknowledges that City is a municipal corporation that is funded by its taxpayers to operate for the benefit of its citizens. Accordingly, and pursuant to Oklahoma law, City shall not indemnify nor hold Seller harmless for loss, damage, expense or liability arising from or related to this Agreement, including any attorneys' fees and costs. In addition, Seller shall not limit its liability to City for actual loss or direct damages for any claim based on a material breach of this Agreement. City reserves the right to pursue all legal and equitable remedies to which it may be entitled.
11. **Liability/Indemnification.** Seller shall hold City harmless for any loss, damage or claims arising from or related to its performance of the Agreement. Seller must exercise all reasonable and customary precautions to prevent any harm or loss to all persons and property related to the Agreement. Seller agrees to indemnify and hold the City harmless from all claims, demands, causes of action or suits of whatever nature arising out of the Supplies, Services, labor, or materials furnished by Seller or Seller's subcontractors under this Agreement. In addition, Seller agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless City and its officers, employees and agents from all suits and actions of any nature brought against them due to the use of patented appliances, products or processes provided by Seller hereunder. Seller shall pay all royalties and charges incident to such patents.
12. **No liens.** Pursuant to City's Charter (Art. XII, §5), no lien of any kind shall exist against any property of City. Bidder shall deliver all Supplies to City free and clear of liens. Delivery by Seller to City of Supplies which are subject to liens shall be a material breach of the Agreement and all damages and costs incurred by City because of the existence of such liens shall be paid to City by Seller. At City's option, City may return such Supplies to Seller and Seller shall pay the cost of returning such Supplies and reimburse City for any payments made for such Supplies.
13. **No Insurance by City.** If City is leasing Supplies herein, City shall not be required to obtain insurance for Seller's property. Seller shall be solely responsible for any insurance it deems necessary. City is self-insured for its own negligence, subject to the limits of the Governmental Tort Claims Act (51 O.S. § 151 et seq.).
14. **No Confidentiality.** Seller understands and acknowledges that City is subject to the Oklahoma Open Records Act (51 O.S. §24A.1 et seq.) and therefore cannot assure the confidentiality of this Agreement or other information provided by Seller pursuant to this Agreement that would be inconsistent with City's compliance with its statutory requirements thereunder.
15. **Compliance with Laws.** Seller shall comply, and ensure its subcontractors used in the performance of this Agreement comply, with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and standards. Seller is responsible for any costs of such compliance. Seller certifies that it and all its subcontractors to be used in the performance of this Agreement are in compliance with 25 O.S. Sec. 1313 and participate in the Status Verification System. The Status Verification System is

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defined in 25 O.S. Sec. 1312 and includes but is not limited to the free Employee Verification Program (E-Verify) available at www.dhs.gov/E-Verify.

16. **Termination.** City, by written notice, may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, when such action is in the best interest of City. If City terminates this Agreement, City shall be liable only for payment for Supplies accepted and Services rendered prior to the effective date of termination. City's right to terminate this Agreement is cumulative to any other rights and remedies provided by law or by this Agreement.
17. **Price Changes.** The parties understand and agree that the variables in Seller's cost of performance may fluctuate, but any change in Seller's cost of performance will not alter its obligations under this Agreement, nor excuse performance or delay on Seller's part. If the IFB provides that Seller may include a price escalation provision in its Bid, Seller's price escalation provision will be evaluated by City as part of Seller's Bid price when awarding the Bid.
18. **Right to Audit.** Seller agrees that Seller's books, records, documents, accounting procedures, practices, price lists or any other items related to the Supplies and/or Services provided hereunder are subject to inspection, examination, and copying by City or its designees. City requires Seller to retain all records related to this Agreement for the duration of the term of this Agreement and a period of three years following completion and/or termination of the Agreement. If an audit, litigation or other action involving such records begins before the end of the three-year period, Seller shall maintain the records three years after the date that all issues arising out of the action are resolved or until the end of the three-year retention period, whichever is later.
19. **Notice.** Any notice, demand, or request required by or made pursuant to this Agreement will be deemed properly made if personally delivered in writing or deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, to the following:
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| i. To Seller: | Contact for Legal Notice as specified on the Bidder Information Sheet. |
| To CITY: | City Clerk |
| | CITY OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA |
| | 175 E. 2 nd Street, Suite 260 |
| | Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103 |
- With a copy to:
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| Tulsa Purchasing Division |
| 175 E. 2 nd Street, 15 th Floor |
| Tulsa, OK 74103 |
20. **Relationship of Parties.** The Seller is and shall always remain an independent contractor with respect to activities and conduct while engaged in the performance of services for the City under this Agreement. No employees, subcontractors or agents of the Seller will be deemed to be employees of the City for any purpose whatsoever, and none will be eligible to participate in any benefit program provided by the City for its employees. The Seller shall be solely responsible for the payment of all employee wages and salaries, taxes, withholding payments, fringe benefits, insurance premiums, continuing education courses, materials or related expenses on behalf of its employees, subcontractors, and agents. Nothing in this Agreement will be construed to create a partnership, joint venture, or agency relationship among the parties. No party will have any right, power or authority to act as a legal representative of another party, and no party will have any power to obligate or bind another party, or to make any representations, express or implied, on behalf of or in the name of the other in any manner or for any purpose whatsoever.
21. **Third Parties.** This Agreement is between City and Seller and creates no right unto or duties to any other person. No person is or will be deemed a third-party beneficiary of this Agreement.
22. **Time of Essence.** City and Seller agree that time is deemed to be of the essence with respect to this Agreement.
23. **Binding Effect.** This Agreement shall be binding upon City and Seller and their respective successors, heirs, legal representatives and permitted assigns.
24. **Headings.** The headings used herein are for convenience only and will not be used in interpreting this Agreement
25. **Severability Provision.** If any term or provision herein is determined to be illegal or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement will not be affected thereby. It is the intention of the parties that if any provision is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, there will be added in lieu thereof a provision as similar in terms to such provision as is possible to be legal, valid and enforceable.
26. **Governing Law and Venue.** This Agreement is executed in and shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Oklahoma without regard to its choice of law principles, which shall be the forum for any lawsuits arising under this Agreement or incident thereto. The parties stipulate that venue is proper in a court of competent jurisdiction in Tulsa County, Oklahoma and each party waives any objection to such venue. City does not and will not agree to binding

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arbitration of any disputes.

27. **No Waiver.** A waiver of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute or operate as a waiver of any other provision, nor shall any failure to enforce any provision hereof operate as a waiver of the enforcement of such provision or any other provision.
28. **Entire Agreement.** The entire agreement between City and Seller is contained in the Agreement. No verbal agreement between the parties is binding. Any statement of work, quote, invoice, acknowledgment or other communication or other document issued by Seller in connection with this Agreement will be for the purposes of describing in greater detail the Supplies and/or Services (as applicable) to be provided. Seller's rejection or modification of the terms set forth in the City's IFB is void and of no effect, unless any such modification improves upon the City's terms or specifications, in which case the improvement is accepted. Seller understands and acknowledges that if it adds terms and conditions to its Bid that are different from the terms set forth herein that City may reject the Bid as non-responsive.
29. **Amendment/No Assignment.** The Agreement may only be modified or amended in a writing signed by both parties. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary stated herein or in the attachments to this Agreement, no future agreements, revisions or modifications that may be required under this Agreement are effective or enforceable unless such terms, revisions or modifications have been reduced to writing and signed by City and Seller. Seller may not assign this Agreement or use subcontractors to provide the Supplies and/or Services without City's prior written consent. Seller shall not be entitled to any claim for extras of any kind or nature.
30. **Multiple Counterparts.** This Purchase Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but which together will constitute one and the same instrument.
31. **Interpretive Matters and Definitions.** The following interpretive matters shall be applicable to this Agreement:
- 30.1 Unless the context otherwise requires: (a) all references to Sections are to Sections of or to this Agreement; (b) each term defined in this Agreement has the meaning assigned to it; (c) "or" is disjunctive but not necessarily exclusive; (d) words in a singular include the plural and vice versa. All references to "\$" or to dollar amounts shall be in lawful currency of the United States of America;
 - 30.2 No provision of this Agreement will be interpreted in favor of, or against, any of the parties hereto by reason of the extent to which such party or its counsel participated in the drafting thereof or by reason of the extent to which any such provision is inconsistent with any prior draft hereof or thereof;
 - 30.3 Any reference to any applicable laws will be deemed to include all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder and judicial interpretations thereof, unless the context requires otherwise;
 - 30.4 The word "including" means "including, without limitation" and does not limit the preceding words or terms; and
 - 30.5 All words used in this Agreement will be construed to be of such gender, number or tense as circumstances require.
32. **Equal Employment Opportunity.** Seller agrees to comply with all applicable laws regarding equal employment opportunity and nondiscrimination.
33. **Authority to Bind.** The undersigned individual states that s/he has authority to bind Seller to this Agreement, that s/he has read and understands the terms of this Agreement, and that Seller agrees to be bound by this Agreement.

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IMPORTANT NOTE: This document must be signed by Authorized Agent FAILURE TO SUBMIT PROPERLY AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE MAY RESULT IN YOUR BID BEING REJECTED AS NONRESPONSIVE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed in multiple copies on the dates set forth below to be effective during the period recited above.

Seller Company Name: _____

Sign Here ► _____

ATTEST:

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Corporate Secretary

Date: _____

**CITY OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA,
a municipal corporation,**

ATTEST:

By: _____
Mayor

City Clerk

Date: _____

APPROVED:

Assistant City Attorney

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF ADDENDA/AMENDMENTS

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the following Addenda or Amendments and understand that such Addenda or amendments are incorporated into the Invitation For Bid and will become a part of any resulting contract.

List Date and Title/Number of all Addenda or Amendments: (Write "None" if applicable).

Sign Here ►

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

BIDDER CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to ensure You have properly read and completed **all** documents listed below. This document (the IFB) contains all the following materials, which must be completed and returned to the City of Tulsa City Clerk's Office in a mailed envelope with the affixed packing label (found on the last page). Each of these documents will form the resulting Agreement between the City of Tulsa and Seller.

Remember: Bids must be sealed and either mailed or delivered. Please use the provided label to clearly write the Bidder legal name and Bid number on the outside of the package, container, or envelope. The package, container, or envelope should contain both of Your completed Bids, the original and the copy. No faxed or emailed Bids will be considered. Bids received after the stated date and time **will not be accepted**.

Bidder's Name: _____

BIDDER CHECKLIST		
RESPONDENT DOCUMENTS		INCLUDED?
Notice of Invitation for Bid (Sections I-V, all preceding pages)		
EXHIBIT A: Delivery and Pricing		
EXHIBIT B: Bidder Information Sheet		
Specifications		
References		
Certificate(s) of Insurance (if applicable)		
Affidavits <i>Signatures of Authorized Agent and notarization required</i>		
Purchase Agreement <i>Complete legal name in first paragraph and signature block. Signature by Authorized Agent required.</i>		
Acknowledgment of Receipt of Addenda/Amendments <i>Must be completed and signed by Authorized Agent.</i>		

PACKING LABEL

In Top Left Corner of Label;

FROM: (Name)
(Bidder's Legal Name)
(Street Address)
(City, State, Zip Code)

FROM:

City of Tulsa - City Clerk's Office
175 East 2nd Street, Suite 260
Tulsa, OK, 7410

Bidder Submission For:

BID# TAC 1117B

BID DESCRIPTION: Backflow Prevention/Cross Conn. Control Program

Please affix this label on the package, container, or envelope containing Your two completed Bids: one labeled "Original," the other labeled "Copy." We recommend that both Bids (original and copy) be sent in the same envelope.

This label ensures that Your Bid will be sent to the correct office (City Clerk's) and that it is associated with the correct Solicitation (indicated by the Bid number). Bids must be sealed and either mailed or delivered to the City Clerk's Office. Bids must also be received no later than 5:00 PM (CST) on date listed on the first page of the IFB.

**In Order For Your Submission to Be Considered For Award,
the Entire Bid Packet Must Be Returned.**