

GENERAL TERMS and CONDITIONS

The following are the general terms and conditions for City of Suffolk solicitations and contracts. They are presented as a reference only. These may be modified for each specific solicitation or contract. Vendors are to refer to each solicitation or contract for the specific terms and conditions of that particular solicitation or contract.

1. **Use of Form:** All proposals should be submitted in electronic (.pdf) format in accordance with this form. The Offeror may attach/scan other information as required to the electronic document that will be made a part of the proposal. Electronic submittals on CD, DVD, memory sticks, or other electronic media will be accepted if delivered prior to the closing time. The preferred method is by an attachment to an email addressed to: proposals@suffolkva.us. The City's published Conditions and Instructions shall supersede any additional writings submitted with the proposal. Such writings shall be clearly marked and noted as an exception. ZIP files cannot be accepted.
2. **Submittals:** Except as noted above, all proposals shall be sent as an attachment to email to: proposals@suffolkva.us. The subject line must show the proposal number and name.
3. **Late Proposals:** Proposals, if received by Purchasing after the date and time specified, will not be considered. It will be the responsibility of the Offeror to see that their proposal is received by Purchasing as specified. There will be no exceptions. Electronic proposals show the date and time sent. This must be prior to the closing date published on the front cover.
4. **City Hall Closure:** Should the City's electronic networks connectivity prevent receipt of proposals at the time of the scheduled proposal closing, the proposals will be accepted and opened on the next business day of the City, at the original scheduled hour, or as soon as connectivity is restored during normal business hours.
5. **Offer/Acceptance:** Each proposal is received with the understanding that the acceptance in writing by the City of the offer to furnish any or all of the goods and/or services described therein, shall constitute a contract between the Offeror and the City, which shall bind the Offeror to furnish and deliver the goods and/or services quoted at the prices stated and in accordance with the conditions of the accepted proposal; and the City on its part to order from such Offeror, except for causes beyond reasonable control; and pay for, at the agreed prices, all goods and/or services specified and delivered.
6. **Withdrawal of Proposals:** Proposals may be withdrawn (cancelled) any time prior to the closing time and date. Withdrawal of proposals may be accomplished by submitting such request in writing on the issuing company's letterhead either by email, in person, or by certified mail.
7. **Addenda:** If issued, addenda to this solicitation will be posted on the Purchasing website <http://apps.suffolkva.us/bids/>. It is the Offeror's responsibility to check the

website or contact the Purchasing Division prior to the submittal deadline to ensure that the Offeror has a complete, up-to-date package. Acknowledgement of all issued Addenda shall be indicated on the proposal form in the appropriate spaces.

8. **Award:** Award will be made to the offer considered by the City's sole determination after following the procedure outlined herein. The process used for this solicitation shall be Competitive Negotiation for Professional Services as outlined in the Virginia Public Procurement Act.
9. **Announcements:** Upon the award or the announcement of the decision to award a contract, the City will publicly post such notice on the electronic bulletin board located outside of the Purchasing Division and on the City's web site: <http://apps.suffolkva.us/bids/>
10. **City's Rights:** The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, and to waive any informality if it is determined to be in the best interest of the City.
11. **Delivery:** The time of delivery of services must be stated in definite terms. If time of delivery for different goods and/or services varies, the offeror shall so state.
12. **Samples:** Samples, when requested, must be furnished free of expense, and upon request, if not destroyed, will be returned at the Offeror's risk and expense.
13. **Silence of Specifications:** The apparent silence of these specifications and any supplemental specifications as to any detail or the omission from the specifications of a detailed description concerning any point shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail and correct type, size and design are to be used. All interpretations of these specifications shall be made on the basis of this statement.
14. **Capacity of Offeror:** All proposals must be signed by a responsible officer or employee having the authority to bind the firm in contract. The Offeror agrees that its contract performance shall be in strict conformance with the contract documents.
15. **Rights to Damages:** By signing this proposal, the offeror assigns to the City any and all rights that it may have under the antitrust laws of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia in any way arising from or pertaining to this proposal. This provision is remedial in nature and is to be liberally construed by any court in favor of the City.
16. **Anti-collusion:** The Offeror certifies by signing this Request for Proposals that this proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement, or accord with any other person or firm submitting a proposal for the same goods and/or services and that this proposal is in all respects bona fide, fair, and not the result of any act of fraud or collusion with another person or firm engaged in the same line of business or commerce. Any false statement hereunder may constitute a felony and can result in a fine and imprisonment, as well as civil damages. Should sub-Consultants have interest in multiple submittals, this clause does not apply except when an act of collusion or fraud.

17. **Indemnification:** Offeror (Consultant) shall defend and indemnify the City, and the City's employees, agents, and volunteers, from and against any and all damage claim, liability, cost, or expense (including, without limitation, attorney's fees and court costs) of every kind and nature (including, without limitation, those arising from any injury or damage to any person, property or business) incurred by or claimed against the Offeror (Consultant), its employees, agents, and volunteers, or incurred by or claimed against the City, the City's employees, agents, and volunteers, arising out of, or in connection with, the performance of all services hereunder by the Offeror (Consultant). This indemnification includes, but is not limited to, any financial or other loss, including, but not limited to, any adverse regulatory, agency or administrative sanction or civil penalties, incurred by the City due to the negligent, fraudulent or criminal acts of the Offeror (Consultant) or any of the Offeror's (Consultant's) officers, shareholders, employees, agents, consultants, sub-consultants, or any other person or entity acting on behalf of the Offeror (Consultant). Unless otherwise provided by law, the Offeror (Consultant) indemnification obligations hereunder shall not be limited in any way by the amount or type of damages, compensation, or benefits payable by or for the Contractor (Consultant) under workers' compensation acts, disability benefit acts, other employee benefit acts, or benefits payable under any insurance policy. This paragraph shall survive the termination of the contract including any renewal or extension thereof.
18. **Copyright Protection:** The Offeror agrees to defend and save the City, its agents, officials, and employees, harmless from liability of any nature or kind, for use of any copyright, composition, secret process, patented or unpatented invention, articles or appliances furnished or used in the performance of the contract, or which the Offeror is not the patentee, assignee, or licensee, to the same extent as provided in the above paragraph.
19. **Laws, Regulations:** The Offeror shall keep fully informed of all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances and regulations that in any manner affect the conduct of the work. The Offeror shall at all times observe and comply with all such laws, ordinances and regulations.
20. **Alien employment:** The Offeror certifies that he does not and shall not during the performance of the contract for goods and services in the Commonwealth, knowingly employ unauthorized aliens as defined in the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, as amended.
21. **Default:** In event of default by the Offeror, the City reserves the right to procure the goods and/or services from other sources, and hold the Offeror liable for any excess cost occasioned thereby. Such actions taken by the City shall not release the contractor from additional remedies that may be allowed by law.
22. **Availability of Funds:** When a contract resulting from this solicitation involves multiple fiscal periods, such contract shall be deemed in force only to the extent of appropriations available to each department for the purchase of such goods and/or services. The City's extended obligations on those contracts that envision extended funding through successive fiscal periods shall be contingent upon actual appropriations for the following years.

23. **Appeals Procedure:** Upon your request, administrative appeals information will be provided that shall be used for hearing protests of a decision to award, or an award, appeals from refusal to allow withdrawal of proposals, appeals from disqualification, appeals for debarment or suspension, or determination of non-responsibility and appeals from decision or disputes arising during the performance of a contract. To be timely all appeals shall be made within the time periods set forth by the Virginia Public Procurement Act, §2.2-4357, et seq. Contact the buyer at once for assistance.
24. **Faith-based Organizations:** The City of Suffolk does not discriminate against faith-based organizations.
25. **Anti-Discrimination:** By submitting their proposals, Offerors certify to the City that they will conform to the provisions of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, as well as the Virginia Fair Employment Contracting Act of 1975, as amended, where applicable, the Virginians with Disabilities Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act and 2.2-4311 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act (VPPA). If the award is made to a faith-based organization, the organization shall not discriminate against any recipient of goods, services, or disbursements made pursuant to the contract on the basis of the recipient's religion, religious belief, refusal to participate in a religious practice, or on the basis of race, age, color, gender or national origin and shall be subject to the same rules as other organizations that contract with public bodies to account for the use of the funds provided; however, if the faith-based organization segregates public funds into separate accounts, only the accounts and programs funded with public funds shall be subject to audit by the public body. (Code of Virginia 2.2.4343.1E).

In every contract over \$10,000 shall include the following provisions:

1. During the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:
 - a. The Offeror will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, service disabled veterans or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment, except where there is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the Contractor. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
 - b. The Offeror, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, will state that such Contractor is an equal opportunity employer.
 - c. Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting these requirements.
2. The Offeror will include the provisions of Section a, b, and c above in every

subcontract or purchase order over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

26. **Drug-Free Workplace:** During the performance of this contract, the Offeror agrees to (1) provide a drug-free workplace for the Offeror 's employees; (2) post in conspicuous place, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana is prohibited in the Offeror 's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; (3) state in all solicitation or advertisement for employees placed by or on behalf of the Offeror that the Consultant maintains a drug-free workplace; and (4) include the provisions of the foregoing clauses in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each sub-consultant or vendor.

For the purposes of this section, "drug-free workplace" means a site for the performance of work done in connection with a specific contract awarded to a Offeror, the employees of whom are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of any controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the contract.

27. **Assignment of Contract:** A contract shall not be assignable by the Contractor in whole or in part without the written consent of the City.
28. **Independent Consultant:** The Contractor and any employees, agents, or other persons or entities acting on behalf of the Contractor shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers, employees, or agents of the City.
29. **Scheduling and Delays:** The parties to any contract resultant of this solicitation acknowledge that all or part of the work to be performed hereunder may be delayed and extended at the option of the City. Such delays may be caused by delays, denials and modifications of the various state or federal permits, or for other reasons. The City shall not be required to pay any of the Contractor's direct or indirect costs, or claims for compensation, extended overhead, or other damage or consequential damages arising out of or related to any delays or interruptions required or ordered by the City. If the City delays a task order for any reason for a continuous period of ninety (90) days or more, the City and Contractor will negotiate a mutually agreeable adjustment to the Contractor's fee.
30. **Governing Law:** This Agreement is made, entered into, and shall be performed in the City of Suffolk, Virginia, and shall be governed by the applicable laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia without regard to its conflict of law rules. In the event of litigation concerning this Agreement, the parties agree to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the Circuit Court of the City of Suffolk, Virginia; however, in the event that the federal court has jurisdiction over the matter, then the parties agree to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Norfolk Division.

The Contractor shall not cause a delay in services because of the pending or during litigation proceedings, except with the express, written consent of the City

or written instruction/order from the Court.

31. **Severability:** If any provision of a contract resulting from this solicitation, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall to any extent be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this contract, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those which it is invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected hereby, and each provision of this contract shall be valid and enforced to the full extent permitted by law.
32. **Termination for Convenience:** The City may at any time, and for any reason, terminate this Contract by written notice to the Contractor specifying the termination date, which shall be not less than thirty (30) days from the date such notice is mailed.

Notice shall be given to Contractor by certified mail/return receipt requested at the address set forth in Contractor's Proposal or as provided in this Contract. In the event of such termination, the Contractor shall be paid such amount as shall compensate the Contractor for the work satisfactorily completed, and accepted by the City, at the time of termination. If the City terminates this Contractor, Contractor shall withdraw its personnel and equipment, cease performance of any further work under this Contractor, and turn over to the City any work completed or in process for which payment has been made.

33. **Termination for Cause:** In the event that Contractor shall for any reason or through any cause be in default of the terms of this Contract, the City may give Contractor written notice of such default by certified mail/return receipt requested at the address set forth in Contractor's Proposal/ or as provided in this Contract.

Unless otherwise provided, Contractor shall have ten (10) days from the date such notice is mailed in which to cure the default. Upon failure of Contractor to cure the default, the City may immediately cancel and terminate this Contract as of the mailing date of the default notice.

Upon termination, Contractor shall withdraw its personnel and equipment, cease performance of any further work under the Contract, and turn over to the City any work in process for which payment has been made. In the event of violations of law, safety or health standards and regulations, this Contract may be immediately cancelled and terminated by the City and provisions herein with respect to opportunity to cure default shall not be applicable.

34. **Contact Prohibition:** Direct contact with City departments other than Purchasing, on the subject of this proposal is expressly forbidden except with the foreknowledge and permission of the Contract Officer. Violation may result in a determination that your firm is ineligible for an award.

All questions shall be in writing to the Contract Officer shown on the title page of the proposal. The respondents to this RFP shall not contact, either directly or indirectly, any other employee or agent of the City regarding this RFP. This prohibition shall also extend to the Suffolk City Council and locally elected officials. Any such unauthorized contact may disqualify the Offeror from this

procurement.

35. **Additional Conditions:** The Conditions and Instructions in this solicitation are intended to apply to the resulting contract and shall supersede any conflicting terms offered. Any additional conditions an Offeror intends be considered must be submitted with the proposal and noted as an exception. Such exceptions may result in a finding that the submittal is 'non-responsive' to the proposal, negating possibility of an award to that Offeror. Contractual documents submitted by the successful firm after an award will not be accepted.
36. **Contractor's Failure to Perform:** Failure of the Contractor to perform the contract by reason of the City's non-acceptance of additional conditions submitted after the award shall result in termination of the contract by the City, and may result in debarment of the Contractor for a period of up to three (3) years. Termination and /or debarment of the Contractor shall not constitute a waiver by the City of any other rights or remedies available to the City by law or contract.
37. **Conflict:** In the event of a conflict between the contract documents, including these Conditions and Instructions, the contract documents shall control.
38. **Records and Inspection:** The Contractor shall maintain full and accurate records with respect to all matters covered under this contract, including, without limitation, accounting records, written policies, procedures, time records, telephone records, and any other supporting evidence used to memorialize, reflect, and substantiate charges or fees related to this contract. The Contractor's records shall be open to inspection and subject to audit and/or reproduction, during normal working hours, by the City and its employees, agents or authorized representatives after giving at least three (3) days' notice to the Contractor by the City. The City shall have access to such records from the effective date of this contract, for the duration of the contract, and for five (5) years after the date of final payment by the City to the Contractor pursuant to this contract or any renewal or extension of this contract. The City's employees, agents or authorized representatives shall have access to the Contractor's facilities, shall have access to all necessary records and shall be provided adequate and appropriate work space, in order to conduct audits. All records and information generated under the contract shall be property of the City, whether retained by the City or the Contractor. The Contractor shall not make any other use of this information, except to provide service to the City under the contract, unless specifically authorized by the City in writing.
39. **Rights and Remedies Not Waived:** In no event shall the making by the City of any payment to the Contractor, or the waiver by the City of any provision under this contract including any obligation of the Contractor, constitute or be construed as a waiver by the City of any other provision, obligation, breach of covenant, or any default which may exist under this contract on the part of the Contractor, and the making of any such payment by the City while any such breach or default exists shall not impair or prejudice any right or remedies available to the City.
40. **Entire Agreement:** An resultant contract and any additional or supplementary

documents incorporated herein by reference contain all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties hereto, and no other agreements, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this contract or any part thereof shall have any validity or bind any of the parties hereto. The contract shall not be modified, altered, changed or amended unless in writing and signed by the parties hereto.

41. **Conflicts of Interests:** The Contractor shall not accept or receive commissions or other payments from third parties for soliciting, negotiating, procuring, or effecting insurance on behalf of the City. The City may not procure supplies, equipment, materials or other goods from a consultant on the same project.
42. **Responsibility of Contractor:** The Contractor shall, without additional costs or fee to the City, correct or revise any errors or deficiencies in his performance. Neither the City's review, approval or acceptance of, nor payment for any of the services required under this Agreement shall be deemed a waiver of rights by the City, and the Contractor shall remain liable to the City for all costs which are incurred by the City as a result of the Contractor's negligent performance of any of the services furnished under this Agreement.
43. **Changes and Additions:** It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to notify the City, in writing, of any necessary modifications or additions in the Scope of this Agreement. Compensation for changes or additions in the Scope of this Agreement will be negotiated and approved by the City, in writing.

It is understood and agreed to by both the City and the Contractor that such modifications or additions to this Agreement shall be made only by the full execution of the City's standard Agreement change order form. Furthermore, it is understood and agreed by both parties that any work done by the Contractor on such modification or addition to this Agreement prior to the City's execution of its standard Agreement change order form shall be at the total risk of the Contractor and said work may not be compensated by the City.

44. **Exemption from Taxes:** The City is exempt from State Sales Tax and Federal Excise Tax. Tax Exemption Certificate indicating the City's tax exempt status will be furnished by the City of Suffolk upon request.
45. **Debarment Status:** By submitting a proposal, proposers certify that they are not currently debarred by the Commonwealth of Virginia from submitting proposals or proposals on contracts for the type of goods and/or services covered by this solicitation, nor are they an agent of any person or entity that is currently so debarred.
46. **Safety:** All Contractors and sub-consultants performing services for the City are required and shall comply with all Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), State and City Safety and Occupational Health Standards and any other applicable rules and regulations. Also all Contractors and sub-consultants shall be held responsible for the safety of their employees and any unsafe acts or conditions that may cause injury or damage to any persons or property within and around the work site area under this contract.
47. **License Requirement:** All firms doing business in the City of Suffolk are

required to be licensed in accordance with the City of Suffolk business license ordinance. Wholesale and retail merchants without a business location in the City of Suffolk are exempt from this requirement. Any questions concerning business licenses should be directed to the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office, telephone (757) 514-4260 or comrev@suffolkva.us

48. **Offeror's Qualifications:** Only proposals from established Contractors for work similar in scope to work herein shall be considered; the City reserves the right to request specific reference information prior to award. Offeror shall demonstrate that they have adequate and appropriate manpower, tools and equipment to respond and perform in accordance with the provisions herein.

The City may, at its option, disqualify a Offeror and reject his proposal for cause. Reasons deemed to be sufficient for this action shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Evidence of collusion among Offeror.
- Receipt of more than one proposal on any project from an individual, or from a corporation. This restriction does not apply to sub-consultants
- Default on any previous contract.
- For unreasonable failure to complete a previous contract within the specified time or for being in arrears on an existing contract without reasonable cause for being in arrears.
- Inability to perform as revealed by an investigation of the Proposer's financial statement, experience and/or plant and equipment.
- Contractor does not meet project-specific requirements, as identified in the Contract Documents

49. **Pricing to be F.O.B. Destination – Freight Allowed:** Pricing shall be F.O.B. destination-freight included for all competitive proposals. F.O.B. Destination-Freight Included shall include all shipping costs to the City location(s) at the unit cost. No additional shipping charges shall be allowed.

50. **Contract Quantities:** The quantities specified in the Request for Proposals are estimates only unless otherwise clearly noted, and are given for the information of Offeror and for the purpose of proposal evaluation. They do not indicate the actual quantity that will be required, since such volume will depend upon requirements that may develop during the contract period. Quantities shown shall not be construed to represent any amount which the City shall be obligated to purchase under the contract, or relieve the Contractor of his obligation to fill all orders placed by the City, except as clearly noted.

51. **Competition Intended:** It is the City's intent that the Request for Proposals (RFP) permits competition. It shall be the Offeror's responsibility to advise the Buyer in writing if any language requirement, specification, etc., or any combination thereof, inadvertently restricts or limits the requirements stated in this RFP to a single source. Such notification must be received by the Contract Officer prior to the date set for proposals to close.

52. **Insurance:** The successful offeror shall procure, maintain, and provide proof of, insurance coverage's for injuries to persons and/or property damage as may

arise from or in conjunction with, the work performed on behalf of the City by the offeror, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.

a. General Liability

Coverage shall be as broad as: Commercial General Liability form including Products/Completed Operations.

Minimum Limits

\$2,000,000 General Aggregate Limit
\$2,000,000 Products & Completed Operations
\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence Limit
\$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury
\$ 50,000 Fire Damage Limit
\$ 5,000 Medical Expense Limit

b. Automobile Liability (Owned and Non-Owned Licensed Vehicles)

Coverage sufficient to cover all vehicles owned, used, or hired by the offeror, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.

Minimum Limits

\$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit
\$ 5,000 Medical Expense Limit

c. Workers' Compensation

Limits as required by the Workers' Compensation Act of Virginia.

Minimum Limits

Employers Liability, \$100,000 / \$500,000 / \$100,000.

d. Umbrella/Excess Liability

\$2,000,000 umbrella/excess liability coverage

e. Coverage Provisions

1. The offeror shall furnish the City with all certificates of insurance and additional insured endorsements, declaration pages, and policies affecting coverage. All deductibles or self-insured retention shall appear on the declaration pages, endorsements, and/or policies provided. All documents are to be signed by a person authorized by the insurance company(s) to bind coverage on its' behalf, if executed by a broker, notarized copy of authorization to bind, or certify coverage must be attached.
2. The City of Suffolk, its' officers/officials, employees, agents and volunteers shall be added as "additional insured" on the commercial general liability, automobile liability and umbrella/ excess liability policies.

This provision does not apply to Professional Liability or Workers' Compensation/Employers' Liability. A copy of all endorsements, declaration pages, and policies that address additional insured shall be provided.

3. Subcontractors of the offeror shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein.
 4. Proof of insurance must be submitted fifteen (15) days prior to the commencement of work, and such coverage shall be maintained by the offeror for the duration of the contract period; for occurrence policies.
 5. Claims made policies must be in force or that coverage purchased for three (3) years after delivery date. Failure to comply with any reporting provisions of the policy(s) shall not affect coverage provided the City, its officers/officials, agents, employees and volunteers.
 6. All insurance shall be placed with insurers maintaining an A.M. Best rating of no less than an A:VII. If A.M. Best rating is less than A:VII, approval must be received from City's Risk Manager.
 7. The offeror shall notify the City of Suffolk of any change, cancellation, or non-renewal as soon as they are made aware of such by their insurance company. The failure of the offeror to provide a new and valid certificate shall result in suspension of all payments until the new certificate is furnished.
53. **Invoicing/ Payment and Interest:** Prior to payment the Contractor shall provide their federal employer identification number. Payment to the Contractor shall be made not more than forty-five (45) days after goods or services are received; or not more the forty-five (45) days after the invoice is rendered, whichever is later.

Unless otherwise provided under the terms of this contract, interest for late payment shall not exceed one percent (1%) per month.

The Contractor shall submit invoices on a frequency to be determined, as agreed upon by the City, for each payment requested. Such statement shall also include a detailed breakdown of all charges.

All such invoices will be paid promptly unless any items thereon are questioned, in which event payment will be withheld pending verification of the amount claimed and the validity of the claim. The Contractor shall provide complete cooperation during any such investigation. All invoices shall be forwarded to the following address:

54. **Payments to Subcontractors:** Within seven (7) days after receipt of amounts paid by the City for work performed by a subcontractor under this contract, the Contractor shall either:
- a. Pay the Subcontractor for the proportionate share of the total payment received from the City attributable to the work performed by the Subcontractor under this contract; or

- b. Notify the City and Subcontractor, in writing, of his intention to withhold all or a part of the Subcontractor's payment and the reason for non-payment.

The Contractor shall pay interest to the Subcontractor on all amounts owed that remain unpaid beyond the seven-day period except for amounts withheld as allowed in item b. above.

Unless otherwise provided under the terms of this contract, interest shall accrue at the rate of one percent per month.

The Contractor shall include in each of its subcontracts a provision requiring each Subcontractor to include or otherwise be subject to the same payment and interest requirements as set forth above with respect to each lower-tier subcontractor.

The Contractor's obligation to pay an interest charge to a Subcontractor pursuant to this provision may not be construed to be an obligation of the City.

55. **Ownership of Documents:** Any data generated, reports, specifications, blueprints, negatives or other documents prepared by the Contractor in the performance of its obligations under the resulting contract shall be the exclusive property of City of Suffolk, and all such materials shall be returned to the owner upon completion, termination, or cancellation of this contract. The Contractor shall not use, willingly allow, or cause such materials to be used for any purpose other than performance of all Contractor's obligations under the resulting contract without the prior written consent of City of Suffolk. Documents and materials developed by the Contractor under the resulting contract shall be the property of City of Suffolk; however, the Contractor may retain file copies, which cannot be used without prior written consent of the Owner. City of Suffolk agrees that the Contractor shall not be liable for any damage, loss, or injury resulting from the future use of the provided documents for other than the project specified, when the Contractor is not the firm of record.
56. **Submissions:** All project correspondence, design/review documents, reports, etc. prepared by the Contractor shall be distributed to the City's Project Manager for each task in the format and number of copies as directed by the task statement of work.
Within thirty (30) days of project completion, the Contractor shall prepare and submit a Project Completion Report with project closeout documents and submit to the City's Project Manager
57. **Contractual Disputes:** The Contractor shall give written notice to the Purchasing Agent of his intent to file a claim for money or other relief at the time of the occurrence or the beginning of the work upon which the claim is to be based.

The written claim shall be submitted to the Purchasing Agent no later than sixty (60) days after final payment. If the claim is not disposed of by agreement, the Purchasing Agent shall reduce his decision to writing and mail or otherwise

forward a copy thereof to the Contractor within thirty (30) days of receipt of the claim.

The Purchasing Agent's decision shall be final unless the Contractor appeals within thirty (30) days by submitting a written letter of appeal to the City Manager, or his designee. The City Manager shall render a decision within sixty (60) days of receipt of the appeal.

58. **Responsibility for Making Corrections:** The Contractor shall, without additional costs or fee to the City, correct or revise any errors or deficiencies in its performance, The City's review, approval, or acceptance of, nor payment of any of the services required under the contract shall be deemed a waiver of rights by the City as a result of the Contractor's negligent performance of any of the services furnished under the contract.
59. **Cooperative Agreements:** If authorized by the bidder(s), the resultant contract(s) may be extended to any jurisdiction within the Commonwealth of Virginia to purchase at the contract prices in accordance with the contract terms. Any jurisdiction using such contracts shall place its own order(s) directly with the successful contractor(s). The City of Suffolk acts only as the contracting agent and is not responsible for placement of orders, payment, or discrepancies of the participating jurisdictions. It is the contractor's responsibility to notify the jurisdictions of the availability of contract(s).
60. **Ethics in Procurement:** Bidders, Offerors, contractors or consultants must provide written disclosure with their bid or proposal if one of your officers, directors, trustees, partners, employees, or lenders is an employee or officer of the City of Suffolk or an immediate family member of the employee or officer (as defined by Section 2.2-4368 of the Virginia Procurement Act) who is involved personally or substantially participates in procurement transactions or owns or controls an interest of more than three percent (3%) of the company or receives more than \$5,000 annually from the bidder, Offeror, contractor or consultant.

