



City of San Antonio

June 24, 2024

REQUEST FOR APPLICATION COMMUNITY VACCINE & MICROCHIP CLINICS

To All Interested Parties:

The City of San Antonio is soliciting applications from qualified Respondents interested in providing no-cost vaccination and wellness clinics to be hosted at the ACS facility as well as off-site events.

I. BACKGROUND

The City of San Antonio Animal Care Services is the largest open-admission animal shelter in South Texas. Serving San Antonio residents, the department's mission is to encourage responsible pet ownership by promoting and protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and pets of San Antonio through education, enforcement, and community partnership.

Animal Care Services operates 7 days a week, responding to over 80,000 call-for-service requests annually and impounding approximately 30,000 animals, including wildlife, as ACS is the rabies control authority for the City of San Antonio. ACS promotes responsible pet ownership and has implemented programs to assist owners in protecting the health and welfare of their pets, including regular free microchip and vaccine clinics.

ACS is seeking partners to conduct pet wellness clinics in various areas of the city, providing free microchips and vaccines for pets of San Antonio residents. ACS will reimburse selected partners for each pet served and may provide supplies for the clinics.

II. SCOPE OF SERVICE

2.1 Obligations of Contractor.

- 2.1.1 Perform an agreed upon number of no-cost animal vaccination and microchip clinics for pets of San Antonio residents.
- 2.1.2 Serve an agreed upon number of dogs and cats at no-cost clinics, to include: Rabies, Distemper/Hepatitis/Parvovirus/Parainfluenza (DHPP), and Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis/Calicivirus/Panleukopenia (FVRCP). Pet owners shall not be charged for these vaccines.

- 2.1.3 Provide, implant, and register microchips for pets receiving vaccinations at the no-cost clinics. The City will provide microchips for each clinic, to be implanted and registered by the Contractor. Pet owners shall not be charged for microchips.
- 2.1.4 Hold no-cost clinics at varying locations within the community, as agreed to by ACS. ACS may assist Contractor in identifying and securing locations and in the marketing and advertising of the clinics.
- 2.1.5 Provide all trained staff and related equipment and maintain accurate records.
- 2.1.6 Have the ability to cancel and reschedule a clinic due to inclement weather, veterinarian unavailability, or other circumstances that would prevent holding the event. Contractor shall inform ACS of the cancellation of the clinic and the reason for the cancellation. Contractor may reschedule the canceled clinic or, with ACS approval, serve additional animals at other regularly scheduled clinics to meet the required total number of animals served for the term of the agreement.
- 2.1.7 Invoice the City by the 10th day of the month following the completion of a no-cost clinic. Contractor shall provide supporting documentation verifying services provided under this Agreement, as determined by ACS.

III. COMPENSATION

In consideration of Contractor's performance in a satisfactory and efficient manner of all services and activities set forth in this Agreement, City agrees to pay Contractor up to a total amount as awarded by ACS based on the following rates:

- 3.1 *Rate*: Contractor shall be paid at a rate of \$20 per qualifying animal served.
- 3.2 Contractor shall submit a monthly invoice detailing the total amount of services performed. The invoice shall outline the work completed in accordance with the stated scope of work for the contract term and the amount due and owing.
- 3.3 Contractor shall invoice City on a monthly basis, in a form acceptable and with documentation as required by City. City shall pay said invoices within 30 days of receipt and approval by City. Invoices shall be submitted in .pdf format either electronically to accounts.payable@sanantonio.gov with a copy to ACS Contract Coordinator or mail to: City of San Antonio, Accounts Payable, P.O. Box 839976, San Antonio, Texas 78283-3976, with a copy to City of San Antonio, Animal Care Services Department 4710 State Highway 151, San Antonio, Texas 78227.
- 3.4 Final acceptance of work products and services require written approval by City. The approval official shall be Director or his designee. Payment will be made to Contractor following written approval of the final work products and services by ACS Contract Coordinator. City shall not be obligated or liable under this Agreement to any party, other than Contractor, for the payment of any monies or the provision of any goods or services.

IV. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

No later than 30 days before the scheduled service under this agreement, CONTRACTOR must provide a completed Certificate(s) of Insurance to CITY’s Animal Care Services Department. The certificate must be:

- clearly labeled with the legal name of the agreement in the Description of Operations block;
- completed by an agent and signed by a person authorized by the insurer to bind coverage on its behalf (CITY will not accept Memorandum of Insurance or Binders as proof of insurance).
- properly endorsed and have the agent’s signature, and phone number.

Certificates may be mailed or sent via email, directly from the insurer’s authorized representative. CITY shall have no duty to pay or perform under this Agreement until such certificate and endorsements have been received and approved by CITY’S Risk Department. No officer or employee, other than CITY’S Risk Manager, shall have authority to waive this requirement.

If the City does not receive copies of insurance endorsement, then by executing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR certifies and represents that its endorsements do not materially alter or diminish the insurance coverage for the Agreement.

The City’s Risk Manager reserves the right to modify the insurance coverages, their limits, and deductibles prior to the scheduled event or during the effective period of this Agreement based on changes in statutory law, court decisions, and changes in the insurance market which presents an increased risk exposure.

CONTRACTOR shall obtain and maintain in full force and effect for the duration of this Agreement, at CONTRACTOR’S sole expense, insurance coverage written on an occurrence basis, by companies authorized and admitted to do business in the State of Texas and with an A.M. Best’s rating of no less than A- (VII), in the following types and for an amount not less than the amount listed below. If the CONTRACTOR claims to be self-insured, they must provide a copy of their declaration page so the CITY can review their deductibles:

<i>INSURANCE TYPE</i>	<i>LIMITS</i>
*1. Workers' Compensation *2. Employers' Liability	Statutory \$500,000/\$500,000/\$500,000
3. Commercial General Liability Insurance to include coverage for the following: a. Premises/Operations b. Products/Completed Operations c. Personal/Advertising Injury d. Contractual Liability *e. Damage to property Rented by you *f. Independent Contractors	For Bodily Injury and Property Damage \$500,000 per occurrence; \$1,000,000 general aggregate
*4. Business Automobile Liability a. Owned/leased vehicles b. Non-owned vehicles c. Hired Vehicles	Combined Single Limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage of \$250,000 per occurrence.
5. Professional Liability	\$500,000 per claim damages by reason of any act, malpractice, error, or omission in the professional service.
*If Applicable	

CONTRACTOR must require, by written contract, that all subcontractors providing goods or services under this Agreement obtain the same insurance coverages required of CONTRACTOR and provide a certificate of insurance and endorsement that names CONTRACTOR and CITY as additional insureds. Respondent shall provide CITY with subcontractor certificates and endorsements before the subcontractor starts work.

If a loss results in litigation, then the CITY is entitled, upon request and without expense to the City, to receive copies of the policies, declaration page and all endorsements. CONTRACTOR must comply with such requests within 10 days by submitting the requested insurance documents to the CITY at the following address:

City of San Antonio
Animal Care Services Department
4710 State Hwy 151
San Antonio, TX 78227

CONTRACTOR's insurance policies must contain or be endorsed to contain the following provisions:

- Name CITY and its officers, officials, employees, volunteers, and elected representatives as additional insureds by endorsement, as respects operations and activities of, or on behalf of, the named insured performed under contract with CITY. The endorsement requirement is not applicable for workers' compensation and professional liability policies.
- Endorsement that the "other insurance" clause shall not apply to CITY where CITY is an additional insured shown on the policy. CITY's insurance is not applicable in the event of a claim.
- Contractor shall submit a waiver of subrogation to include, workers' compensation, employers' liability, general liability and auto liability policies in favor of CITY; and
- Provide 30 days advance written notice directly to CITY of any suspension, cancellation, non-renewal or materials change in coverage, and not less than ten (10) calendar days advance written notice for nonpayment of premium.

Within five (5) calendar days of a suspension, cancellation, material change in coverage, or non-renewal of coverage, CONTRACTOR shall provide a replacement Certificate of Insurance and applicable endorsements to CITY. CITY shall have the option to suspend CONTRACTOR'S performance should there be a lapse in coverage at any time during this Agreement. Failure to provide and to maintain the required insurance shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

In addition to any other remedies CITY may have upon CONTRACTOR'S failure to provide and maintain any insurance or policy endorsements to the extent and within the time required, CITY may order CONTRACTOR to stop work and/or withhold any payment(s) which become due to CONTRACTOR under this Agreement until CONTRACTOR demonstrates compliance with requirements.

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as limiting the extent to which CONTRACTOR may be held responsible for payments of damages to persons or property resulting from CONTRACTOR'S or its subcontractors' performance of the work covered under this Agreement.

CONTRACTOR'S insurance shall be deemed primary and non-contributory with respect to any insurance or self - insurance carried by City for liability arising out of operations under this Agreement.

The insurance required is in addition to and separate from any other obligation contained in this Agreement and no claim or action by or on behalf of City shall be limited to insurance coverage provided.

CONTRACTOR and any subcontractor are responsible for all damage to their own equipment and/or property result from their own negligence.

V. INDEMNIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

If selected, Contractor will be required to comply with the indemnification provisions shown below:

CONTRACTOR covenants and agrees to FULLY INDEMNIFY, DEFEND and HOLD HARMLESS, the CITY and the elected officials, employees, officers, directors, volunteers and representatives of the CITY, individually and collectively, from and against any and all costs, claims, liens, damages, losses, expenses, fees, fines, penalties, proceedings, actions, demands, causes of action, liability and suits of any kind and nature, including but not limited to, personal or bodily injury, death and property damage, made upon the CITY directly or indirectly arising out of, resulting from or related to CONTRACTOR'S activities under this Agreement, including any acts or omissions of CONTRACTOR, any agent, officer, director, representative, employee, consultant or subcontractor of CONTRACTOR, and their respective officers, agents employees, directors and representatives while in the exercise of the rights or performance of the duties under this Agreement. The indemnity provided for in this paragraph shall not apply to any liability resulting from the negligence of CITY, its officers or employees, in instances where such negligence causes personal injury, death, or property damage. IN THE EVENT CONTRACTOR AND CITY ARE FOUND JOINTLY LIABLE BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, LIABILITY SHALL BE APPORTIONED COMPARATIVELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS, WITHOUT, HOWEVER, WAIVING ANY GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY AVAILABLE TO THE CITY UNDER TEXAS LAW AND WITHOUT WAIVING ANY DEFENSES OF THE PARTIES UNDER TEXAS LAW.

The provisions of this INDEMNITY are solely for the benefit of the parties hereto and not intended to create or grant any rights, contractual or otherwise, to any other person or entity. CONTRACTOR shall advise the CITY in writing within 24 hours of any claim or demand against the CITY or CONTRACTOR known to CONTRACTOR related to or arising out of CONTRACTOR'S activities under this AGREEMENT and shall see to the investigation and defense of such claim or demand at CONTRACTOR's cost. The CITY shall have the right, at its option and at its own expense, to participate in such defense without relieving CONTRACTOR of any of its obligations under this paragraph.

Defense Counsel - CITY shall have the right to select or to approve defense counsel to be retained by CONTRACTOR in fulfilling its obligation hereunder to defend and indemnify CITY, unless such right is expressly waived by CITY in writing. CONTRACTOR shall retain CITY approved defense counsel within seven (7) business days of CITY'S written notice that CITY is invoking its right to indemnification under this Contract. If CONTRACTOR fails to retain Counsel within such time period, CITY shall have the right to retain defense counsel on its own behalf, and CONTRACTOR shall be liable for all costs incurred by CITY. CITY shall also have the right, at its option, to be represented by advisory counsel of its own selection and at its own expense, without waiving the foregoing.

Employee Litigation - In any and all claims against any party indemnified hereunder by any employee of CONTRACTOR, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for

whose acts any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation herein provided shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for CONTRACTOR or any subcontractor under worker's compensation or other employee benefit acts.

VI. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

If interested in providing these services to the City, please submit the following information:

- Attachment A – General Information Form, References, and Resume & Licenses
- Attachment B – Contracts Disclosure
- Attachment C – Litigation Disclosure
- Attachment D – Signature Page

Contractor shall submit these items in electronic form (signed and scanned) to the ACS Special Projects Manager at alyssa.mcmullin@sanantonio.gov or signed and mailed to:

City of San Antonio Animal Care Services Department
Attn: Alyssa McMullin
4710 State Highway 151
San Antonio, TX 78227



ATTACHMENT A
GENERAL INFORMATION FORM



1. **Contractor Information:** Provide the following information regarding the Contractor.

Contractor Name: _____

(NOTE: Give exact legal name as it will appear on the contract, if awarded.)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Provide any other names under which Contractor has operated within the last 10 years and length of time under for each:

Provide a copy of the current 501c3 organization's Determination Letter from the IRS, if applicable.

2. Has the Contractor ever had their 501(c)(3) revoked or suspended (if applicable)?

Yes ___ No ___ If yes, what were the circumstances that is was revoked?

3. Please provide the vendor number given at the time of registration with the San Antonio e-Procurement System (SAePS): _____

ATTACHMENT B

City of San Antonio

CONTRACTS DISCLOSURE FORM

Please complete Attachment B and submit with your submittal package.

Contracts Disclosure Form may be downloaded at

<https://www.sanantonio.gov/eforms/atty/ContractsDisclosureForm.pdf>.

Instructions for completing the Contracts Disclosure form are listed below:

1. Download form and complete all fields. Note: All fields must be completed prior to submitting the form.
2. Click on the "Print" button and place the copy in proposal response as indicated in the Proposal Checklist.

ATTACHMENT C

LITIGATION DISCLOSURE FORM

Respond to each of the questions below by checking the appropriate box. Failure to fully and truthfully disclose the information required by this Litigation Disclosure form may result in the disqualification of your proposal from consideration or termination of the contract, once awarded.

Have you ever been indicted or convicted of a felony or misdemeanor greater than a Class C in the last five (5) years?

Yes No

Have you been terminated (for cause or otherwise) from any work being performed for the City of San Antonio or any other Federal, State or Local Government, or Private Entity?

Yes No

Have you been involved in any claim or litigation with the City of San Antonio or any other Federal, State or Local Government, or Private Entity during the last ten (10) years?

Yes No

If you have answered “Yes” to any of the above questions, please indicate the name(s) of the person(s), the nature, and the status and/or outcome of the information, indictment, conviction, termination, claim or litigation, as applicable. Any such information should be provided on a separate page, attached to this form and submitted with your proposal.

ATTACHMENT D

SIGNATURE PAGE

By submitting a proposal, Contractor represents that:

If Contractor is a corporation, Contractor will be required to provide a certified copy of the resolution evidencing authority to enter into the contract, if other than an officer will be signing the contract.

If awarded a contract in response to this RFA, Contractor will be able and willing to comply with the insurance and indemnification requirements set out in RFA.

Contractor has fully and truthfully submitted a Litigation Disclosure form with the understanding that failure to disclose the required information may result in disqualification of proposal from consideration.

Contractor agrees to fully and truthfully submit the General Information form and understands that failure to fully disclose requested information may result in disqualification of proposal from consideration or termination of contract, once awarded.

If submitting your proposal by paper, complete the following and sign on the signature line below. Failure to sign and submit this Signature Page will result in rejection of your application.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

**SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ADVOCACY (SBEDA) PROGRAM
Community Vaccine & Microchip Clinics
Exhibit 1**

A. SBEDA Program

The CITY has adopted a Small Business Economic Development Advocacy Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2016-05-19-0367 and as amended, also referred to as “SBEDA” or “the SBEDA Program”), which is posted on the City’s Economic Development Department (EDD) website page and is also available in hard copy format upon request to the CITY. The SBEDA Ordinance Compliance Provisions contained in this section of the Agreement are governed by the terms of the SBEDA Ordinance, as well as by the terms of the SBEDA Ordinance Policy & Procedure Manual established by the CITY pursuant to this Ordinance, and any subsequent amendments to this referenced SBEDA Ordinance and SBEDA Policy & Procedure Manual that are effective as of the date of the execution of this Agreement. Unless defined in a contrary manner herein, terms used in this section of the Agreement shall be subject to the same expanded definitions and meanings as given those terms in the SBEDA Ordinance and as further interpreted in the SBEDA Policy & Procedure Manual.

B. SBEDA Program Compliance – Affirmative Procurement Initiatives

The CITY has applied the following contract-specific Affirmative Procurement Initiatives to this contract.

None. There are no Affirmative Procurement Initiatives being applied to this contract.

C. Solicitation Response and Contract Requirements and Commitment

Respondent understands and agrees that the following provisions shall be requirements of this solicitation and the resulting contract, if awarded, and by submitting its Response, Respondent commits to comply with these requirements.

D. SBEDA Program Compliance – General Provisions

As CONTRACTOR acknowledges that the terms of the CITY’s SBEDA Ordinance, as amended, together with all requirements, guidelines, and procedures set forth in the CITY’s SBEDA Policy & Procedure Manual are in furtherance of the CITY’s efforts at economic inclusion and, moreover, that such terms are part of CONTRACTOR’s scope of work as referenced in the CITY’s formal solicitation that formed the basis for contract award and subsequent execution of this Agreement, these SBEDA Ordinance requirements, guidelines and procedures are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement, and are considered by the Parties to this Agreement to be material terms. CONTRACTOR voluntarily agrees to fully comply with these SBEDA program terms as a condition for being awarded this contract by the CITY. Without limitation, CONTRACTOR further agrees to the following terms as part of its contract compliance responsibilities under the

SBEDA Program:

1. CONTRACTOR shall cooperate fully with the Small Business Office and other CITY departments in their data collection and monitoring efforts regarding CONTRACTOR's utilization and payment of Subcontractors, S/M/WBE firms, and HUBZone firms, as applicable, for their performance of Commercially Useful Functions on this contract including, but not limited to, the timely submission of completed forms and/or documentation promulgated by SBO, through the Originating Department, pursuant to the SBEDA Policy & Procedure Manual, timely entry of data into monitoring systems, and ensuring the timely compliance of its subcontractors with this term;
2. CONTRACTOR shall cooperate fully with any CITY or SBO investigation (and shall also respond truthfully and promptly to any CITY or SBO inquiry) regarding possible non-compliance with SBEDA requirements on the part of CONTRACTOR or its subcontractors or suppliers;
3. CONTRACTOR shall permit the SBO, upon reasonable notice, to undertake inspections as necessary including, but not limited to, contract-related correspondence, records, documents, payroll records, daily logs, invoices, bills, cancelled checks, and work product, and to interview Subcontractors and workers to determine whether there has been a violation of the terms of this Agreement;
4. CONTRACTOR shall notify the SBO, in writing on the Change to Utilization Plan form, through the Originating Department, of any proposed changes to CONTRACTOR's Subcontractor / Supplier Utilization Plan for this contract, with an explanation of the necessity for such proposed changes, including documentation of Good Faith Efforts made by CONTRACTOR to replace the Subcontractor / Supplier in accordance with the applicable Affirmative Procurement Initiative. All proposed changes to the Subcontractor / Supplier Utilization Plan including, but not limited to, proposed self-performance of work by CONTRACTOR of work previously designated for performance by Subcontractor or supplier, substitutions of new Subcontractors, terminations of previously designated Subcontractors, or reductions in the scope of work and value of work awarded to Subcontractors or suppliers, shall be subject to advanced written approval by the Originating Department and the SBO.
5. CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify the Originating Department and SBO of any transfer or assignment of its contract with the CITY, as well as any transfer or change in its ownership or business structure.
6. CONTRACTOR shall retain all records of its Subcontractor payments for this contract for a minimum of four years or as required by state law, following the conclusion of this contract or, in the event of litigation concerning this contract, for a minimum of four years or as required by state law following the final determination of litigation, whichever is later.
7. In instances wherein the SBO determines that a Commercially Useful Function is not actually being performed by the applicable S/M/WBE or HUBZone firms listed in a CONTRACTOR's Subcontractor / Supplier Utilization Plan, the CONTRACTOR shall not be given credit for the

participation of its S/M/WBE or HUBZone Subcontractor(s) or joint venture partner(s) toward attainment of S/M/WBE or HUBZone firm utilization goals, and the CONTRACTOR and its listed S/M/WBE firms or HUBZone firms may be subject to sanctions and penalties in accordance with the SBEDA Ordinance.

8. CONTRACTOR acknowledges that the CITY will not execute a contract or issue a Notice to proceed for this project until the CONTRACTOR for this project have registered and/or maintained active status in the CITY's Centralized Vendor Registration System (CVR), and CONTRACTOR has represented to CITY which primary commodity codes each Subcontractor will be performing under for this contract. CITY recommends all Subcontractors to be registered in the CVR.

For more information please see link: <http://www.sanantonio.gov/SBO/Compliance>

E. Violations, Sanctions and Penalties

In addition to the above terms, CONTRACTOR acknowledges and agrees that it is a violation of the SBEDA Ordinance and a material breach of this Agreement to:

1. Fraudulently obtain, retain, or attempt to obtain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining, retaining, or attempting to obtain or retain Certification status as an SBE, MBE, WBE, M/WBE, HUBZone firm, Emerging M/WBE, or ESBE for purposes of benefitting from the SBEDA Ordinance;
2. Willfully falsify, conceal or cover up by a trick, scheme or device, a material fact or make any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations, or make use of any false writing or document, knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry pursuant to the terms of the SBEDA Ordinance;
3. Willfully obstruct, impede or attempt to obstruct or impede any authorized official or employee who is investigating the qualifications of a business entity which has requested Certification as an S/M/WBE or HUBZone firm;
4. Fraudulently obtain, attempt to obtain or aid another person fraudulently obtaining or attempting to obtain public monies to which the person is not entitled under the terms of the SBEDA Ordinance; and
5. Make false statements to any entity that any other entity is, or is not, certified as an S/M/WBE for purposes of the SBEDA Ordinance.

Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to the provisions of Section III. E. 13. of the SBEDA Ordinance and any other penalties, sanctions and remedies available under law including, but not limited to:

1. Suspension of contract;

2. Withholding of funds;
3. Rescission of contract based upon a material breach of contract pertaining to S/M/WBE Program compliance;
4. Refusal to accept a response or proposal; and
5. Disqualification of CONTRACTOR or other business firm from eligibility for providing goods or services to the City for a period not to exceed two years (upon City Council approval).

F. Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy Compliance

As a condition of entering into this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR represents and warrants that it has complied with throughout the course of this solicitation and contract award process, and will continue to comply with, the CITY's Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy, as described under Section III. C. 1. of the SBEDA Ordinance. As part of such compliance, CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation or, on the basis of disability or other unlawful forms of discrimination in the solicitation, selection, hiring or commercial treatment of Subcontractors, vendors, suppliers, or commercial customers, nor shall the company retaliate against any person for reporting instances of such discrimination. The company shall provide equal opportunity for Subcontractors, vendors and suppliers to participate in all of its public sector and private sector subcontracting and supply opportunities, provided that nothing contained in this clause shall prohibit or limit otherwise lawful efforts to remedy the effects of marketplace discrimination that have occurred or are occurring in the CITY's Relevant Marketplace. The company understands and agrees that a material violation of this clause shall be considered a material breach of this Agreement and may result in termination of this Agreement, disqualification of the company from participating in CITY contracts, or other sanctions. This clause is not enforceable by or for the benefit of, and creates no obligation to, any third party. CONTRACTOR's certification of its compliance with this Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy as submitted to the CITY pursuant to the solicitation for this contract is hereby incorporated into the material terms of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall incorporate this clause into each of its Subcontractor and supplier agreements entered into pursuant to CITY contracts.

G. Prompt Payment

Upon execution of this contract by CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall be required to submit to CITY accurate progress payment information with each invoice regarding each of its Subcontractors, including HUBZone Subcontractors, to ensure that the CONTRACTOR's reported subcontract participation is accurate. CONTRACTOR shall pay its Subcontractors in compliance with Chapter 2251, Texas Government Code (the "Prompt Payment Act") within ten days of receipt of payment from CITY. In the event of CONTRACTOR's noncompliance with these prompt payment provisions, no final retainage on the Prime Contract shall be released to CONTRACTOR, and no new CITY contracts shall be issued to the CONTRACTOR until the CITY's audit of previous subcontract payments is complete and payments are verified to be in accordance with the specifications of the contract.

H. Definitions

Affirmative Procurement Initiatives (API) – Refers to various S/M/WBE Program tools and Solicitation Incentives that are used to encourage greater prime and subcontract participation by S/M/WBE firms, including bonding assistance, evaluation preferences, subcontracting goals and joint venture incentives. (For full descriptions of these and other S/M/WBE Program tools, see Section III.D of Attachment A to the SBEDA Ordinance). To be eligible for the benefits of race- and gender-conscious APIs as provided in the SBEDA Ordinance, M/WBE firms must also satisfy the size standards for being a Small Business Enterprise or SBE as defined herein.

Annual Aspirational Goal – a non-mandatory annual aspirational percentage goal for overall M/WBE Prime and subcontract participation in City of San Antonio contracts is established each year for Construction, Architectural & Engineering, Professional Services, Other Services, and Goods & Supplies contract Industry Categories. This Annual Aspirational Goal is to be set (and thereafter adjusted) by the Goal Setting Committee (GSC) based upon the M/WBE availability by industry in accordance with the City’s 2015 Disparity Study findings, along with relative M/WBE availability data to be collected by the City through its CVR system, and the utilization of M/WBEs. Any adjusted Annual Aspirational Goals for a given industry should not exceed the Expected Availability for award dollar weights as found in the 2015 Disparity Study. Annual Aspirational Goals are not to be routinely applied to individual contracts, but are intended to serve as a benchmark against which to measure the overall effectiveness of the S/M/WBE Program on an annual basis, and to gauge the need for future adjustments to the mix and to the aggressiveness of remedies being applied under the Program. Percentage Goals for S/M/WBE participation may be established by the GSC on a contract-by-contract basis based upon similar data and analysis for the particular goods and services being purchased in a given contract.

Award – the final selection of a Respondent for a specified Prime Contract or subcontract dollar amount. Contract awards are made by the City to Prime Contractors or vendors and by Prime Contractors or vendors to Subcontractor or sub-vendors, usually pursuant to a solicitation process. (Contract awards are to be distinguished from contract payments in that they only reflect the anticipated dollar amounts instead of actual dollar amounts that are paid to a contractor under an awarded contract).

Best Value Contracting – a purchasing solicitation process through which the Originating Department may evaluate factors other than price. Evaluation criteria for selection may include a Respondent’s previous experience and quality of product or services procured, and other factors identified in the applicable statute.

Centralized Vendor Registration System (CVR) – a mandatory electronic system of hardware and software programs by which the City recommends all prospective Respondents and Subcontractors that are ready, willing and able to sell goods or services to the City to register. All businesses awarded a City contract shall be required to register in the CVR. The CVR system assigns a unique identifier to each registrant that is then required for the purpose of submitting solicitation responses and invoices, and for receiving payments from the City. The CVR-assigned identifiers are also used by the Goal Setting Committee for measuring relative availability and tracking utilization of SBE and M/WBE firms by Industry or commodity codes, and for

establishing Annual Aspirational Goals and Contract-by-Contract Subcontracting Goals.

Certification – the process by which the Small Business Office (SBO) staff determines a firm to be a bona-fide small, minority-, women-owned, or emerging small business enterprise. Emerging Small Business Enterprises (ESBEs) are automatically eligible for Certification as SBEs. Any firm may apply for multiple Certifications that cover each and every status category (e.g., SBE, ESBE, MBE, or WBE) for which it is able to satisfy eligibility standards. The SBO staff may contract these services to a regional Certification agency or other entity. For purposes of Certification, the City may accept any firm that is certified by local government entities and other organizations identified herein that have adopted Certification standards and procedures similar to those followed by the SBO, provided the prospective firm satisfies the eligibility requirements set forth in this Ordinance in Section III.E.6.

City – refers to the City of San Antonio, TX.

Commercially Useful Function – an S/M/WBE firm performs a Commercially Useful Function when it is responsible for execution of the work of the contract and is carrying out its responsibilities by actually performing, staffing, managing and supervising the work involved. To perform a Commercially Useful Function, the S/M/WBE firm must also be responsible, with respect to materials and supplies used on the contract, for negotiating price, determining quantity and quality, ordering the material, and installing (where applicable) and paying for the material itself. To determine whether an S/M/WBE firm is performing a Commercially Useful Function, an evaluation must be performed of the amount of work subcontracted, normal industry practices, whether the amount the S/M/WBE firm is to be paid under the contract is commensurate with the work it is actually performing and the S/M/WBE credit claimed for its performance of the work, and other relevant factors. Specifically, an S/M/WBE firm does not perform a Commercially Useful Function if its role is limited to that of an extra participant in a transaction, contract or project through which funds are passed in order to obtain the appearance of meaningful and useful S/M/WBE participation, when in similar transactions in which S/M/WBE firms do not participate, there is no such role performed.

Control – the authority of a person or business owner to sign responses to solicitations and contracts, make price negotiation decisions, sell or liquidate the business and have the primary authority to direct the day-to-day management and operation of a business enterprise without interference from others.

Economic Inclusion – efforts to promote and maximize commercial transactions within, between and among all segments of the business population, regardless of race or gender, within the Relevant Marketplace.

Emerging SBE (ESBE) – a certified SBE corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship or other legal entity for the purpose of making a profit, which is independently owned and operated by Individuals legally residing in, or that are citizens of, the United States or its territories whose annual revenues and number of employees are no greater than 25% of the small business size standards for its industry as established by the U.S. Small Business Administration, and meets the Significant Business Presence requirements as defined herein.

Emerging M/WBE – a certified M/WBE firm whose annual revenues and number of employees are no greater than 25% of the small business size standards for its industry as established by the U.S. Small Business Administration, and meets the Significant Business Presence requirements as defined herein.

Evaluation Preference – an API that may be applied by the Goal Setting Committee to Construction, Architectural & Engineering, Professional Services, Other Services, and Goods and Supplies contracts that are to be awarded on a basis that includes factors other than lowest price, and wherein responses that are submitted to the City by S/M/WBE firms may be awarded additional Points in the evaluation process in the scoring and ranking of their proposals against those submitted by other prime Respondents.

Formal Solicitation – an invitation for bids, request for proposals, request for qualifications or other solicitation document issued by a City department for a contract that requires City Council approval, in accordance with the procurement rules adopted by the City Manager or designee through a memorandum issued by the City Manager or designee, an Administrative Directive or a procurement manual issued under the authority of the City Manager or designee, and/or pursuant to statutory requirements.

Goal Setting Committee (GSC) – a committee, or series of committees, appointed and chaired by the City Manager or designee from the Executive Team that includes, at a minimum, the EDD Director or designee, and the Director of Finance or Director of Transportation and Capital Improvements (TCI) or their designees, the Director or designee of the Originating Department (if the Originating Department is neither Finance nor TCI,) all without duplication of designees and two citizens appointed by City Council who are eligible to vote during the goal setting committee on contracts valued at \$3,000,000 and above. The City Manager or designee may also appoint two ex-officio members of the Small Business Advocacy Committee to serve on any GSC purely in an advisory and non-voting capacity. The GSC establishes S/M/WBE Program Goals for the City of San Antonio (e.g., Annual Aspirational Goals, Contract-by-Contract Subcontracting Goals, and determining which M/WBE segments are eligible for Segmented Subcontracting Goals annually) based upon Industry Categories, vendor availability, project-specific characteristics, and M/WBE utilization. The GSC also makes determinations about which Affirmative Procurement Initiatives (APIs) are to be applied to specific contracts based upon various criteria.

Good Faith Efforts – documentation of the Respondent’s intent to comply with S/M/WBE Program Goals and procedures including, but not limited to, the following: (1) documentation as stated in the solicitation reflecting the Respondent’s commitment to comply with SBE or M/WBE Program Goals as established by the GSC for a particular contract; or (2) documentation of efforts made toward achieving the SBE or M/WBE Program Goals (e.g., solicitations of bids/proposals/qualification statements from all qualified SBE or M/WBE firms listed in the Small Business Office’s directory of certified SBE or M/WBE firms; correspondence from qualified SBE or M/WBE firms documenting their unavailability to perform SBE or M/WBE contracts; documentation of efforts to subdivide work into smaller quantities for subcontracting purposes to enhance opportunities for SBE or M/WBE firms; documentation of a Prime Contractor’s posting of a bond covering the work of SBE or M/WBE Subcontractors; documentation of efforts to assist SBE or M/WBE firms with obtaining financing, bonding or insurance required by the Respondent; and documentation of consultations with trade associations and CONTRACTORS that represent

the interests of SBE and/or M/WBEs in order to identify qualified and available SBE or M/WBE Subcontractors.)

HUBZone Firm – a business that has been certified by U.S. Small Business Administration for participation in the federal HUBZone Program, as established under the 1997 Small Business Reauthorization Act. To qualify as a HUBZone firm, a small business must meet the following criteria: (1) it must be owned and Controlled by U.S. citizens; (2) at least 35 percent of its employees must reside in a HUBZone; and (3) its Principal Place of Business must be located in a HUBZone within the San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area. [See 13 C.F.R. 126.200 (1999).]

Independently Owned and Operated – ownership of an SBE firm must be direct, independent and by Individuals only. Ownership of an M/WBE firm may be by Individuals and/or by other businesses provided the ownership interests in the M/WBE firm can satisfy the M/WBE eligibility requirements for ownership and Control as specified herein in Section III.E.6. The M/WBE firm must also be Independently Owned and Operated in the sense that it cannot be the subsidiary of another firm that does not itself (and in combination with the certified M/WBE firm) satisfy the eligibility requirements for M/WBE Certification.

Individual – an adult person that is of legal majority age.

Industry Categories – procurement groupings for the City of San Antonio inclusive of Construction, Architectural & Engineering, Professional Services, Other Services, and Goods & Supplies (i.e., manufacturing, wholesale and retail distribution of commodities). This term may sometimes be referred to as “business categories.”

Joint Venture Incentives – an API that provides inducements for non-SBE and non-M/WBE firms to collaborate with SBE or M/WBE partners in responses to solicitations and performing a Prime Contract to supply goods to, or to perform non-Construction services on behalf of, the City. Joint ventures are manifested by written agreements between two or more Independently Owned and Controlled business firms to form a third business entity solely for purposes of undertaking distinct roles and responsibilities in the completion of a given contract. Under this business arrangement, each joint venture partner shares in the management of the joint venture and also shares in the profits or losses of the joint venture enterprise commensurately with its contribution to the venture. Incentives under this API may include Evaluation Preferences that are tied to the percentage of SBE or M/WBE participation in the joint venture, expedited issuance of building permits and extra contract option years in certain Other Services and Goods & Supplies contracts.

Minority/Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) – firm that is certified as either a Minority Business Enterprise or as a Women Business Enterprise, and which is at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned, managed and Controlled by one or more Minority Group Members and/or women, and that is ready, willing and able to sell goods or services that are purchased by the City of San Antonio.

M/WBE Directory – a listing of M/WBEs that have been certified for participation in the City’s M/WBE Program APIs.

M/WBE Subcontracting Program – an API in which Prime Contractors or vendors are required

to make Good Faith Efforts to subcontract a specified percentage of the value of prime contract dollars to certified M/WBE firms. Such subcontracting goals may be set and applied by the GSC on a contract-by-contract basis to those types of contracts that provide subcontract opportunities for performing Commercially Useful Functions wherein:

- (1) There have been ongoing disparities in the utilization of available M/WBE Subcontractors; or
- (2) Race-Neutral efforts have failed to eliminate persistent and significant disparities in the award of prime contracts to M/WBEs in a particular Industry Category or industry segment (e.g., Construction contracts, Professional Services contracts, and Architectural and Engineering contracts), and subcontract opportunities are limited outside of City contracts.

When specified by the GSC, the M/WBE Subcontracting Program may also be required to reflect Good Faith Efforts that a Prime Contractor or vendor has taken (or commits to taking in the case of solicitations that do not include a detailed scope of work or those in which price cannot be considered a factor in evaluation), toward attainment of subcontracting goals for M/WBE firms.

M/WBE Evaluation Preference – an API that the City may apply to requests for proposals or qualifications (RFPs or RFQs) on City Construction, Architectural & Engineering, Professional Services, Other Services, and Goods & Supplies contracts that are issued pursuant to a Best Value Contracting method or other methods of procurement wherein criteria other than lowest price are factored into the selection process. M/WBEs that submit responses for these kinds of solicitations are awarded additional Points in the scoring of their responses when evaluating and ranking their responses against those submitted by non-minority firms. Where specified in contract specifications as approved by the Goal Setting Committee, the M/WBE Evaluation Preference may be limited to Emerging M/WBE firms.

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) – any legal entity, except a joint venture, that is organized to engage in for-profit transactions, which is certified as being at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned, managed and Controlled by one or more Minority Group Members, and that is ready, willing and able to sell goods or services that are purchased by the City. To qualify as an MBE, the enterprise shall meet the Significant Business Presence requirement as defined herein. Unless otherwise stated, the term “MBE” as used in the SBEDA Ordinance is not inclusive of women-owned business enterprises (WBEs).

Minority Group Members – African-Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans and Native Americans legally residing in, or that are citizens of, the United States or its territories, as defined below:

African-Americans: Persons with origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

Hispanic-Americans: Persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Spanish or Central and South American origin.

Asian-Americans: Persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent or the Pacific Islands.

Native Americans: Persons having no less than 1/16th percentage origin in any of the Native

American Tribes, as recognized by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs and as demonstrated by possession of personal tribal role documents.

Originating Department – the City department or authorized representative of the City which issues solicitations or for which a solicitation is issued.

Payment – dollars actually paid to Prime Contractors and/or Subcontractors and vendors for City contracted goods and/or services.

Points – the quantitative assignment of value for specific evaluation criteria in the vendor selection process used in some Construction, Architectural & Engineering, Professional Services, Other Services, and Goods & Supplies contracts (e.g., up to 20 points out of a total of 100 points assigned for S/M/WBE participation as stated in response to a Request for Proposals).

Prime Contractor – the vendor or contractor to whom a purchase order or contract is issued by the City of San Antonio for purposes of providing goods or services for the City.

Race-Conscious – any business classification or API wherein the race or gender of business owners is taken into consideration (e.g., references to M/WBE programs and APIs that are listed herein under the heading of “Race-Conscious”). To be eligible for the benefits of race- and gender-conscious APIs as provided in this Ordinance, M/WBE firms must also satisfy the size standards for being a Small Business Enterprise or SBE as defined herein.

Race-Neutral – any business classification or API wherein the race or gender of business owners is not taken into consideration (e.g., references to SBE programs and APIs that are listed herein under the heading of “Race-Neutral”).

Relevant Marketplace – the geographic market area affecting the S/M/WBE Program as determined for purposes of collecting data for the 2015 Disparity Study, and for determining eligibility for participation under various programs established by the SBEDA Ordinance, is defined as the San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area (SAMSA), currently including the counties of Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall, Medina and Wilson.

Respondent – a vendor submitting a bid, statement of qualifications, or proposal in response to a solicitation issued by the City.

Responsible – a firm which is capable in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and has the integrity and reliability which will assure good faith performance of contract specifications.

Responsive – a firm’s submittal (bid, response or proposal) conforms in all material respects to the solicitation (Invitation for Bid, Request for Qualifications, or Request for Proposal) and shall include compliance with S/M/WBE Program requirements.

San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area (SAMSA) – also known as the Relevant Marketplace, the geographic market area from which the City’s 2015 Disparity Study analyzed contract utilization and availability data for disparity (currently including the counties of Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall, Medina and Wilson).

Segmented M/WBE Goals – the application of multiple goals for M/WBE participation within Annual Aspirational Goals or for M/WBE Subcontracting Goals on an individual City contract wherein an overall combined M/WBE goal is accompanied by subsets of one or more smaller goals. Such segmented goals specifically target the participation of a particular segment of business enterprises owned and Controlled by WBEs or certain Minority Group Members (e.g., African-Americans or Hispanic-Americans) based upon relative availability and significantly greater patterns of underutilization and disparity within an industry as compared to other gender and Minority Group Member categories of M/WBEs. The application of Segmented M/WBE Goals is intended to ensure that those segments of M/WBEs that have been most significantly and persistently underutilized receive a fair measure of remedial assistance.

SBE Directory – a listing of small businesses that have been certified for participation in the City’s SBE Program APIs.

Significant Business Presence – to qualify for this Program, a S/M/WBE must be headquartered or have a *significant business presence* for at least one year within the Relevant Marketplace, defined as: an established place of business in one or more of the eight counties that make up the San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area (SAMSA), from which 20% of its full-time, part-time and contract employees are regularly based, and from which a substantial role in the S/M/WBE's performance of a Commercially Useful Function is conducted. A location utilized solely as a post office box, mail drop or telephone message center or any combination thereof, with no other substantial work function, shall not be construed to constitute a significant business presence.

Small Business Enterprise (SBE) – a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship or other legal entity for the purpose of making a profit, which is Independently Owned and Operated by Individuals legally residing in, or that are citizens of, the United States or its territories, and which meets the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) size standard for a small business in its particular industry(ies) and meets the Significant Business Presence requirements as defined herein.

Small Business Office (SBO) – the office within the Economic Development Department (EDD) of the City that is primarily responsible for general oversight and administration of the S/M/WBE Program.

Small Minority Women Business Enterprise Program (S/M/WBE Program) – the combination of SBE Program and M/WBE Program features contained in this Ordinance.

Solicitation Incentives – additional inducements or enhancements in the solicitation process that are designed to increase the chances for the selection of S/M/WBE firms in competition with other firms. Such inducements and enhancements may include such terms as additional contract option years, increased quantities in supply contracts, and evaluation preferences, where not prohibited by law. These solicitation incentives may be applied as appropriate to solicitations, contracts, and letter agreements for Construction, Architecture and Engineering services, Professional Services, Other Services, and Goods & Supplies contracts, including change orders and amendments.

Subcontractor – any vendor or contractor that is providing goods or services to a Prime Contractor in furtherance of the Prime Contractor’s performance under a contract or purchase order with the

City. A copy of the binding agreement between the Prime Contractor and the Subcontractor shall be submitted prior to the City's issuance of a notice to proceed.

Suspension – the temporary stoppage of an SBE or M/WBE firm's beneficial participation in the City's S/M/WBE Program for a finite period of time due to cumulative contract payments the S/M/WBE firm received during a fiscal year that exceed a certain dollar threshold as set forth in Section III.E.7, or pursuant to the Penalties and Sanctions set forth in Section III.E.13.

Subcontractor/Supplier Utilization Plan – a binding part of this contract agreement which states the CONTRACTOR's commitment for the use of Joint Venture Partners and / or Subcontractors/Suppliers in the performance of this contract agreement, and states the name, scope of work, and dollar value of work to be performed by each of CONTRACTOR's Joint Venture partners and Subcontractors/Suppliers in the course of the performance of this contract, specifying the S/M/WBE Certification category for each Joint Venture partner and Subcontractor/Supplier, as approved by the SBO Manager. Additions, deletions or modifications of the Joint Venture partner or Subcontractor/Supplier names, scopes of work, of dollar values of work to be performed requires an amendment to this agreement to be approved by the EDD Director or designee.

Women Business Enterprises (WBEs) - any legal entity, except a joint venture, that is organized to engage in for-profit transactions, that is certified for purposes of the SBEDA Ordinance as being at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned, managed and Controlled by one or more non-minority women Individuals that are lawfully residing in, or are citizens of, the United States or its territories, that is ready, willing and able to sell goods or services that are purchased by the City and that meets the Significant Business Presence requirements as defined herein. Unless otherwise stated, the term "WBE" as used in this Ordinance is not inclusive of MBEs.