



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (CONTRACTOR – SERVICES)

(Professional Services)

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this request for proposals ("**RFP**") is to select a service provider (or service providers) to perform the services ("**Services**") described in Schedule A.

1.2 Definitions

In this RFP the following definitions shall apply:

"**BC Bid Website**" means www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca;

"**City**" means the City of Surrey;

"**City Representative**" has the meaning set out in Section 2.5;

"**City Website**" means www.surrey.ca;

"**Closing Time**" has the meaning set out in Section 2.1;

"**Contract**" means a formal written contract between the City and a Preferred Proponent to undertake the Services, the preferred form of which is attached as Schedule B;

"**Evaluation Team**" means the team appointed by the City;

"**Information Meeting**" has the meaning set out in Section 2.2;

"**Preferred Proponent(s)**" means the Proponent(s) selected by the Evaluation Team to enter into negotiations for a Contract;

"**Proponent**" means an entity that submits a Proposal;

"**Proposal**" means a proposal submitted in response to this RFP;

"**RFP**" means this Request for Proposals;

"**Services**" has the meaning set out in Schedule A;

"**Site**" means the place or places where the Services are to be delivered and the Services are to be performed; and

"**Statement of Departures**" means Schedule C-1 to the form of Proposal attached as Schedule C.

2. INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPONENTS

2.1 Closing Time and Address for Proposal Delivery

The Proponent should submit the Proposal **electronically** in a single pdf file which must be delivered by email at: purchasing@surrey.ca

on or before the following date and time

Time: 3:00 p.m., local time

Date: February 18, 2021

(the “Closing Time”).

The City will confirm receipt of emails. Proposals that cannot be opened or viewed may be rejected. A Proponent bears all risk that the City’s receiving computer equipment functions properly so that the Proposal is received on time.

Note: The maximum file size the City can receive is 10Mb. If sending large email attachments, Proponents should phone [604-590-7274] to confirm receipt.

2.2 Information Meeting

An information meeting may be hosted by the City Representative to discuss the City’s requirements under this RFP (the “Information Meeting”). While attendance is at the discretion of Proponents, Proponents who do not attend will be deemed to have attended the Information Meeting and to have received all of the information given at the Information Meeting. At the time of issuance of this RFP a meeting has not been scheduled.

2.3 Late Proposals

Proposals submitted after the Closing Time will not be accepted or considered.

2.4 Amendments to Proposals

Proposals may be revised by written amendment, delivered to the location set out in Section 2.1, at any time before the Closing Time but not after. An amendment should be signed by an authorized signatory of the Proponent in the same manner as provided by Section 3.2. E-mailed amendments are permitted, but such amendment should show only the change to the proposal price(s) and should not disclose the actual proposal price(s). A Proponent bears all risk that the City’s computer equipment functions properly so as to facilitate timely delivery of any amendment.

2.5 Inquiries

All inquiries related to this RFP should be directed in writing to the person named below (the “**City Representative**”). Information obtained from any person or source other than the City Representative may not be relied upon.

Name: Richard D. Oppelt, Manager, Procurement Services

E-mail: purchasing@surrey.ca

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Inquiries should be made no later than 7 business days before Closing Time. The City reserves the right not to respond to inquiries made within 7 business days of the Closing Time. Inquiries and responses will be recorded and may be distributed to all Proponents at the discretion of the City.

Proponents finding discrepancies or omissions in the Contract or RFP, or having doubts as to the meaning or intent of any provision, should immediately notify the City Representative. If the City determines that an amendment is required to this RFP, the City Representative will issue an addendum in accordance with Section 2.6. No oral conversation will affect or modify the terms of this RFP or may be relied upon by any Proponent.

2.6 Addenda

If the City determines that an amendment is required to this RFP, the City Representative will issue a written addendum by posting it on the BC Bid Website at www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca and the City of Surrey Website at www.surrey.ca (collectively, the “**Websites**”) that will form part of this RFP. It is the responsibility of Proponents to check the BC Bid Website and the City Website for addenda. The only way this RFP may be added to, or amended in any way, is by a formal written addendum. No other communication, whether written or oral, from any person will affect or modify the terms of this RFP or may be relied upon by any Proponent. By delivery of a Proposal, Proponent is deemed to have received, accepted and understood the entire RFP including, any and all addenda.

2.7 Examination of Contract Documents and Site

Proponents will be deemed to have carefully examined the RFP, including all attached Schedules, the Contract and the Site (as applicable) prior to preparing and submitting a Proposal with respect to any and all facts which may influence a Proposal.

2.8 Opening of Proposals

The City intends to open Proposals in private but reserves the right to open Proposals in public at its sole discretion.

2.9 Status Inquiries

All inquiries related to the status of this RFP, including whether or not a Contract has been awarded, should be directed to the City Website and not to the City Representative.

3. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM AND CONTENTS

3.1 Form of Proposal

Proponents should complete the form of Proposal attached as Schedule C, including Schedules C-1 to C-5. Proponents are encouraged to respond to the items listed in Schedules C-1 to C-5 in the order listed. Proponents are encouraged to use the forms provided and attach additional pages as necessary.

3.2 Signature

The legal name of the person or firm submitting the Proposal should be inserted in Schedule C. The Proposal should be signed by a person authorized to sign on behalf of the Proponent and include the following:

- (a) If the Proponent is a corporation then the full name of the corporation should be included, together with the names of authorized signatories. The Proposal should be executed by all of the authorized signatories or by one or more of them provided that a copy of the corporate resolution authorizing those persons to execute the Proposal on behalf of the corporation is submitted;
- (b) If the Proponent is a partnership or joint venture then the name of the partnership or joint venture and the name of each partner or joint venturer should be included, and each partner or joint venturer should sign personally (or, if one or more person(s) have signing authority for the partnership or joint venture, the partnership or joint venture should provide evidence to the satisfaction of the City that the person(s) signing have signing authority for the partnership or joint venture). If a partner or joint venturer is a corporation then such corporation should sign as indicated in subsection (a) above; or
- (c) If the Proponent is an individual, including a sole proprietorship, the name of the individual should be included.

4. EVALUATION AND SELECTION

4.1 Evaluation Team

The evaluation of Proposals will be undertaken on behalf of the City by the Evaluation Team. The Evaluation Team may consult with others including City staff members, third party contractors and references, as the Evaluation Team may in its discretion decide is required. The Evaluation Team will give a written recommendation for the selection of a Preferred Proponent or Preferred Proponents to the City.

4.2 Evaluation Criteria

The Evaluation Team will compare and evaluate all Proposals to determine the Proponent's strength and ability to provide the Services in order to determine the Proposal which is most advantageous to the City, using the following criteria:

Experience, Reputation and Resources

The Evaluation Team will consider the Proponent's responses to items in Schedule C-2.

Technical

The Evaluation Team will consider the Proponent's responses to items in Schedule C-3 and Schedule C-4

Financial

The Evaluation Team will consider the Proponent's response to Schedule C-5.

Statement of Departures

The Evaluation Team will consider the Proponent's response to Schedule C-1

The Evaluation Team will not be limited to the criteria referred to above, and the Evaluation Team may consider other criteria that the team identifies as relevant during the evaluation process. The Evaluation Team may apply the evaluation criteria on a comparative basis, evaluating the Proposals by comparing one Proponent's Proposal to another Proponent's Proposal. All criteria considered will be applied evenly and fairly to all Proposals.

4.3 Discrepancies in Proponent's Financial Proposal

If there are any obvious discrepancies, errors or omissions in Schedule C-5 of a Proposal (Proponent's Financial Proposal), then the City shall be entitled to make obvious corrections, but only if, and to the extent, the corrections are apparent from the Proposal as submitted, and in particular:

- (a) if there is a discrepancy between a unit price and the extended total, then the unit prices shall be deemed to be correct, and corresponding corrections will be made to the extended totals;
- (b) if a unit price has been given but the corresponding extended total has been omitted, then the extended total will be calculated from the unit price and the estimated quantity;
- (c) if an extended total has been given but the corresponding unit price has been omitted, then the unit price will be calculated from the extended total and the estimated quantity.

4.4 Litigation

In addition to any other provision of this RFP, the City may, in its absolute discretion, reject a Proposal if the Proponent, or any officer or director of the Proponent submitting the Proposal, is or has been engaged directly or indirectly in a legal action against the City, its elected or appointed officers, representatives or employees in relation to any matter, or if the City has initiated legal action against any officers or directors of the Proponent.

In determining whether or not to reject a Proposal under this Section, the City will consider whether the litigation is likely to affect the Proponent's ability to work with the City, its contractors and representatives and whether the City's experience with the Proponent indicates that there is a risk the City will incur increased staff and legal costs in the administration of the Contract if it is awarded to the Proponent.

4.5 Additional Information

The Evaluation Team may, at its discretion, request clarifications or additional information from a Proponent with respect to any Proposal, and the Evaluation Team may make such requests to only selected Proponents. The Evaluation Team may consider such clarifications or additional information in evaluating a Proposal.

4.6 Interviews

The Evaluation Team may, at its discretion, invite some or all of the Proponents to appear before the Evaluation Team to provide clarifications of their Proposals. In such event, the Evaluation Team will be entitled to consider the answers received in evaluating Proposals. Proponent management and technical personnel will be expected to participate in presentations, demonstrations and/or interviews, which will be made at no cost to the City.

All information and documents provided by the Proponents or gathered by the Evaluation Team during a presentation, demonstration or an interview may be considered by the Evaluation Team, which may revisit and re-evaluate the Proponent's Proposal or ranking on the basis of such information and documents.

4.7 Negotiation of Contract and Award

If the City selects a Preferred Proponent or Preferred Proponents, then it may:

- (a) enter into a Contract with the Preferred Proponent(s); or
- (b) enter into discussions with the Preferred Proponent(s) to attempt to finalize the terms of the Contract(s) including financial terms, and such discussions may include:
 - (1) clarification of any outstanding issues arising from the Preferred Proponent's Proposal;
 - (2) negotiation of amendments to the departures to the draft Contract, if any, proposed by the Preferred Proponent as set in Schedule C-1 to the Preferred Proponent's Proposal; and
 - (3) negotiation of amendments to the Preferred Proponent's price(s) as set out in Schedule C-5 to the Preferred Proponent's Proposal and/or scope of Services if:
 - (A) the Preferred Proponent's financial Proposal exceeds the City's approved budget, or
 - (B) the City reasonably concludes the Preferred Proponent's financial proposal includes a price(s) that is unbalanced, or
 - (C) a knowledgeable third party would judge that the Preferred Proponent's price(s) materially exceed a fair market price(s) for services similar to the Services offered by the Preferred Proponent as described in the Preferred Proponent's Proposal; or
- (c) if at any time the City reasonably forms the opinion that a mutually acceptable agreement is not likely to be reached within a reasonable time, give the Preferred Proponent(s) written notice to terminate discussions, in which event the City may then either open discussions with another Proponent or terminate this RFP and retain or obtain the Services in some other manner.

5. GENERAL CONDITIONS

5.1 No City Obligation

This RFP is not a tender and does not commit the City in any way to select a Preferred Proponent, or to proceed to negotiations for a Contract, or to award any Contract and the City reserves the complete right to at any time reject all Proposals, and to terminate this RFP process.

5.2 Proponent's Expenses

Proponents are solely responsible for their own expenses in preparing, and submitting Proposals, and for any meetings, negotiations or discussions with the City or its representatives and consultants, relating to or arising from this RFP. The City and its representatives, agents, consultants and advisors will not be liable to any Proponent for any claims, whether for costs, expenses, losses or damages, or loss of anticipated profits, or for any other matter whatsoever, incurred by the Proponent in preparing and submitting a Proposal, or participating in negotiations for a Contract, or other activity related to or arising out of this RFP.

5.3 No Contract

By submitting a Proposal and participating in the process as outlined in this RFP, Proponents expressly agree that no contract of any kind is formed under, or arises from this RFP, prior to the signing of a formal written Contract.

5.4 Conflict of Interest

A Proponent shall disclose in its Proposal any actual or potential conflicts of interest and existing business relationships it may have with the City, its elected or appointed officials or employees. The City may rely on such disclosure.

5.5 Solicitation of Council Members, City Staff and City Contractors

Proponents and their agents will not contact any member of the City Council, City staff or City contractors with respect to this RFP, other than the City Representative named in Section 2.5, at any time prior to the award of a contract or the cancellation of this RFP and which could be viewed as one Proponent attempting to seek an unfair advantage over other Proponents.

5.6 Confidentiality

All submissions become the property of the City and will not be returned to the Proponent. All submissions will be held in confidence by the City unless otherwise required by law. Proponents should be aware the City is a "public body" defined by and subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* of British Columbia.

5.7 Reservation of Rights

The City reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to:

- (a) amend the scope of Services, modify, cancel or suspend the competitive selection process at any time for any reason;
- (b) accept or reject any Proposal, based on the Evaluation Criteria;
- (c) waive a defect or irregularity in a Proposals, and accept that Proposal;
- (d) reject or disqualify or not accept any or all Proposals, without any obligation compensation or reimbursement to any Proponent or any of its team members;
- (e) re-advertise for new Proposals, or enter into negotiations for the Services or for Services of a similar nature;
- (f) make any changes to the terms of the business opportunity described in this RFP;
- (g) negotiate any and all aspects of Proposals; and
- (h) extend, from time to time, and date, time period or deadline provided in this RFP, upon written notice to all Proponents.

5.8 Acceptance of Proposals

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the RFP or any other document, material or communication:

- (a) The City will not necessarily accept the Proposal with the lowest Proposal Price, or any Proposal, and the City reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals at any time, or cancel the RFP process, without further explanation and to accept any Proposal the City considers to be in any way advantageous to it. The City's acceptance of any Proposal is contingent on having sufficient funding for the solution and a Contract with a Proponent. Proposals containing qualifications will be considered to be non-conforming Proposals in that they will fail to conform to the requirements of the RFP documents and on that basis they may be disqualified or rejected. Nevertheless, the City may waive any non-compliance with the requirements of the RFP documents, specifications or any conditions, including, without limitation, the timing of delivery of anything required by these RFP documents, and the City, at its discretion, may consider non-conforming Proposals and accept a non-conforming Proposal.
- (b) Where the City is of the view, in its sole discretion, that there is an ambiguity or other discrepancy which cannot be discerned or resolved from examining the contents of the Proposal, then whether or not such an ambiguity or discrepancy actually exists on the face of the Proposal, the City may, prior to Contract award, solicit clarification from the Proponent or accept clarification from the Proponent on any aspect of its Proposal. Such clarification may include the acceptance of any further documents or information which will then form part of the Proposal. The soliciting or accepting of such clarification (whether or not solicited) by the City will be without any duty or obligation on the City to advise any other Proponents or to allow them to vary their Proposal Prices as a result of the acceptance of clarification from any one or more Proponents and the City will have no liability to any other Proponent(s) as a result of such acceptance of clarification.
- (c) If the City considers that all Proposals are priced too high, it may reject them all.

- (d) The City, prior to awarding of any Contract, may negotiate with the Proponent presenting the lowest priced Proposal, or any Proponent, for changes in the solution, the materials, the specifications or any conditions, without having any duty or obligation to advise any other Proponents or to allow them to modify their Proposal, and the City will have no liability to any Proponent as a result of such negotiations or modifications.
- (e) The City and its representatives, agents, consultants and advisors will not be liable to any Proponent for any claims, whether for costs, expenses, losses, damages, or loss of anticipated profits, or for any other matter whatsoever, incurred by a Proponent in preparing and submitting a Proposal, or participating in negotiations for a final Contract, or other activity related to or arising out of this RFP, including in the event the City accepts a non-compliant Proposal or otherwise breaches the terms of this RFP.
- (f) A pre-award meeting may be conducted with the preferred Proponent prior to award to confirm project details and expectations of the City.
- (g) Proponents are solely responsible for their own expenses in preparing and submitting a Proposal, and for any meetings, negotiations or discussions with the City, or its representatives and consultants, relating to or arising from the RFP. The City will not be liable to any Proponent for any claims, whether for costs, expenses, losses or damages, or loss of anticipated profits, incurred by the Proponent in preparing and submitting a Proposal, or participating in negotiations for a contract, or other activity related to or arising out of this RFP.

SCHEDULE A - SCOPE OF SERVICES

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The City uses collection agency Services as an additional resource in the collection of unpaid debt and other delinquent sundry accounts receivable accounts. Debts may be listed with a collection agency after the City has exhausted all avenues of collection available to them.
- 1.2 The total debt referred to collections by the City over the period 2016 to 2020 was approximately \$5.3 million. 74% of accounts were valued between \$1.00 and \$100.00, 25% ranged between \$101.00 and \$200.00, and 1% were worth \$201.00 and over.
- 1.3 The information shown in the above paragraph represents historical information only regarding fines or invoices issued in those years which were eventually sent to collections, and in no way guarantees the future amount of debts to be referred to collections by the City.

2. Scope of Services

- 2.1 The Contractor will deliver experienced professional Services to meet the needs of City departments including but not limited to the collection of the following unpaid items:
 - (a) Parking and Bylaw infractions;
 - (b) Municipal and Commercial Vehicle tickets;
 - (c) Library fines, charges, and recoveries; and
 - (d) Parks Recreation & Culture course registrations and facility rentals.
- 2.2 The Contractor shall be responsible for the following:
 - (a) Locating the debtor;
 - (b) Collection of all outstanding accounts placed by the City department;
 - (c) Collecting the full amount of debt plus accrued interest, if applicable (e.g., the Contractor cannot negotiate a different amount with the debtor unless approved by the City);
 - (d) All collection costs (e.g., credit checks, Ministry of Transportation search); and
 - (e) Complying with all government regulations including the *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Act*.
- 2.3 City accounts placed with the Contractor shall not be pooled with other accounts received from the Contractor's other customers. Some City departments are decentralized; therefore, there may be several departments/divisions using the Services independently within the City. Each department has differing levels of resources allocated to collecting debt, as well as different policies and practices.

- 2.4 The number of accounts referred to the Contractor is at the sole discretion of the City. The scope of the Services enables ongoing opportunities for the Contractor to work with City departments on innovative and flexible approaches to collection agency Services. **The City cannot guarantee the number of accounts that may be referred to the Contractor.**

3. Preferred Experience and Qualification

- 3.1 The City is looking for Contractors who can meet the following preferred requirements:

- (a) Ability to collect from debtors regardless of location (i.e. be licensed and bonded as required by regulation in each Canadian province and territory, or other geographical areas where a debtor may be located);
- (b) Use licensed collectors;
- (c) Establish a trust account on behalf of the City to handle and process payments from debtors; and
- (d) At least five (5) years experience in the debt collection business in Canada.

The City will verify the Contractor's ability to meet these requirements.

4. City Information Provided to Contractor

- 4.1 Information on the debtor provided to the Contractor by the City will be used solely for the purpose of debt collection. The debtor information shall be transmitted between the City and the Contractor via a secure process (e.g., MFT site, encrypted email).
- 4.2 The debtor's information must be held in strict confidence and used by the Contractor's personnel who have been assigned to work on that particular City's account. The information must not be used for any other purpose.
- 4.3 The City will provide debtor information, to the Contractor, according to the City's internal policies, which may include but not be limited to:
- (a) Full name;
 - (b) Address - current and known past addresses;
 - (c) Age of debt;
 - (d) Amount owing;
 - (e) Date of birth;
 - (f) Debtor identification number, if applicable;
 - (g) Description of outstanding charges;
 - (h) Last date monies received from debtor;
 - (i) Social insurance number; and
 - (j) Telephone numbers.

5. Recalling Account

- 5.1 The City reserves the right to recall accounts at its sole and absolute discretion without charge or penalty from the Contractor. The City may place a previously recalled account to the Contractor.

6. Closing Accounts

- 6.1 The Contractor shall inform the City when it recommends a debtor account be closed (e.g. the account has been paid in full, the debtor has filed for bankruptcy, the debtor has passed away, the debt has been deemed uncollectable), supported with documentation. The City will not be responsible for paying the Contractor a close-out fee.

7. Account Maintenance

- 7.1 The Contractor shall maintain an account for each debtor at its own expense. The accounts shall record all contact information (e.g., address, telephone number, payments, transaction details, interest paid).

8. Collection Activities

- 8.1 When collecting debts on behalf of the City, the Contractor must be honest, fair and treat debtors with integrity and respect. The Contractor shall not, under any circumstances, use any threats, intimidation, or harassment of a debtor in the collection of accounts or violate any government guideline.
- 8.2 The Contractor and its staff will observe debtor rights within the constraints of all provincial and federal laws, statutes, and regulations including the *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Act*.
- 8.3 The Contractor's employees must be professionally trained, act as an extension of the City's accounts receivable departments, and potentially provide pre-collection services (e.g. collection letters, phone calls).

9. Contacting Debtor's

- 9.1 The Contractor shall make early contact (e.g., within two (2) days of placement) with delinquent accounts under its name, not the name of the City, a representative of a court, or any law enforcement agency. All representation shall be as an employee of the Contractor. Therefore, the Contractor would use its name, stating they are calling on behalf of the City, and disclose the City of Surrey name.
- 9.2 To ensure consistency, multiple debtor accounts from one (1) City department shall be handled by the same Contractor employee. City department accounts shall not be pooled.

9.3 The Contractor shall record telephone calls to debtors for auditing purposes, and the City shall have access to listen to the recordings, if necessary.

9.4 The Contractor shall provide transparent Services, including the transfer of knowledge to the City on its collection processing.

10. Legal Action

10.1 The Contractor will not be permitted to proceed with legal action on behalf of the City for non-payment by the debtor.

11. Site Visits

11.1 The Contractor shall be willing to arrange for the inspection of its facilities. Additionally, the Contractor shall permit site visits from the City, if requested, at any time during the Term of the Agreement.

12. Reporting

12.1 The Contractor shall provide City departments with monthly, and as required, online and hardcopy reporting including, but not limited to:

- (a) Accounts being recommended for reporting to Credit Bureaus;
- (b) Accounts paid in full or deemed uncollectible;
- (c) Statement Summary Report including details on each payment collected;
- (d) Activity by City, and if required by City departments/divisions;
- (e) Aged summary of funds received;
- (f) City purchase order number, if applicable;
- (g) Funds received by account year-to-date;
- (h) Funds received by account;
- (i) Name of debtor;
- (j) Outstanding accounts, including interest if applicable;
- (k) Debtor identification;
- (l) The status of each account; and
- (m) Other reports as mutually agreed upon.

12.2 Interest and principal payments must be reported separately.

12.3 The Contractor will make reasonable efforts to provide customized reports, if required by City.

13. Expenses

- 13.1 With the exception of costs associated with legal actions, the Contractor will assume all costs related to collecting from a debtor including, but not limited to Credit Bureau reporting, the pre-collection letter, postage, envelopes, paper, pre-printed form, long distance charges, reporting etc.

14. Records and Record Retention

- 14.1 The Contractor will guarantee the confidentiality, security, and safety of all hardcopy or electronic files and documents.
- 14.2 The Contractor will be fully responsible for maintaining accurate records, correspondence, documents, accounting records, transactions, and other relevant evidence for seven (7) years. All records shall be made available to the City for review upon request.

15. Customer Support

- 15.1 The Contractor shall provide effective customer support to all City staff including, but not limited to:
- (a) An overview of how the City's account will be managed;
 - (b) An account executive (or a team of personnel lead by an account executive) assigned to the City to manage the relationship (e.g., expedite and if necessary, escalate issue resolution), and where possible a single customer support point-of-contact should be identified to assist each City department with their collection needs;
 - (c) Easy access to the Contractor (e.g. by toll free telephone number, email, voicemail, and fax);
 - (d) Establishing an ongoing communications program and expectations with the City;
 - (e) Report complaints received from debtor's within twenty-four (24) hours;
 - (f) Attending meetings, as requested; and
 - (g) Providing Services, including correspondence, as required.

SCHEDULE B – DRAFT CONTRACT



PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Title: Collection Agency Services

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Title: Collection Agency Services

THIS AGREEMENT is dated for reference this _____ day of _____, 2021.

AGREEMENT No.: 1220-030-2021-008

BETWEEN:

CITY OF SURREY
13450 - 104 Avenue
Surrey, B.C., V3T 1V8, Canada
(the "**City**")

AND:

(*Insert Full Legal Name and Address of Contractor*)

(the "**Contractor**")

WHEREAS the City wishes to engage the Contractor to provide the Services and the Contractor agrees to provide the Services.

Collection Agency Services

THEREFORE in consideration of the premises and payment of one (\$1.00) dollar and other good and valuable consideration paid by each of the parties to the other (the receipt and sufficiency of which each party hereby acknowledges), the parties hereby covenant and agree with each other as follows:

1. INTERPRETATION

1.1 Definitions

In this agreement the following definitions apply:

"**Dispute**" has the meaning set out in Section 14.1;

"**Fees**" has the meaning set out in Section 5.1;

"**Indemnitees**" has the meaning set out in Section 7.1;

"**Invoice**" has the meaning set out in Section 5.2(a);

"**Services**" has the meaning set out in Section 2.1;

"**Term**" has the meaning set out in Section 2.5; and

"**Time Schedule**" has the meaning set out in Section 2.6.

1.2 Appendices

The following attached Appendices are a part of this agreement:

- Appendix 1 – Scope of Services;
- Appendix 2 – Fees and Payment;
- Appendix 3 – Time Schedule;
- Appendix 4 – Personnel and Sub-Contractors; and
- Appendix 5 – Additional Services.

2. SERVICES

2.1 Services

The City hereby retains the Contractor to provide the Services as described generally in Appendix 1, including anything and everything required to be done for the fulfillment and completion of this agreement (the “**Services**”).

2.2 Amendment of Services

The City may from time to time, by written notice to the Contractor, make changes to the Services. The Fees will be increased or decreased by written agreement of the City and the Contractor according to the rates set out in Appendix 2.

2.3 Additional Sservices

The Contractor will, if requested in writing by the City, perform additional services as may be listed in Appendix 5. The terms of this agreement will apply to any additional services, and the fees for additional services, and the time for the Contractor’s performance, will generally correspond to the fees and time of performance as described in Appendices 2 and 3. The Contractor will not provide any additional services in excess of the scope of services requested in writing by the City.

2.4 Standard of Care

The Contractor will perform the Services with that degree of care, skill and diligence normally provided by a qualified and experienced practitioner. The Contractor represents that it has the expertise, qualifications, resources and relevant experience to provide the Services.

2.5 Term

The Contractor will provide the Services for the two (2) year period commencing on (START DATE) and terminating on (END DATE) (the “Term”).

The City may at any time prior to 30 days before the end of the Term, by written notice to the Contractor, extend the Term for a period of time not to exceed three (3) additional one (1) year extensions. If the City elects to extend the Term, the provisions of this agreement will remain in force, including the Fees, except where amended in writing by the parties.

2.6 Time

The Contractor acknowledges that time is of the essence with respect to the provision of the Services and accordingly the Contractor will provide the Services within the performance or completion dates or time periods (the "**Time Schedule**") as set out in Appendix 3, or as otherwise agreed to in writing by the City and the Contractor. If at any time the Contractor discovers that the Time Schedule cannot be met it will immediately advise the City in writing and provide a revised Time Schedule.

3. PERSONNEL

3.1 Qualified Personnel

The Contractor will provide only professional personnel who have the qualifications, experience and capabilities to perform the Services.

3.2 Listed Personnel

The Contractor will perform the Services using the professional personnel as may be listed in Appendix 4 and identified by the Contractor, and the Contractor will not remove any such listed personnel from the Services without the prior written approval of the City.

3.3 Replacement of Personnel or Sub-Contractors

If the City reasonably objects to the performance, qualifications, experience or suitability of any of the Contractor's personnel then the Contractor will, on written request from the City, replace such personnel.

3.4 Sub-Contractors and Assignment

Except as provided for in Section 3.2, the Contractor will not engage any personnel, or sub-contract or assign its obligations under this agreement, in whole or in part, without the prior written approval of the City.

3.5 Agreements with Sub-Contractors

The Contractor will preserve and protect the rights of the City with respect to any Services performed under sub-contract and incorporate the terms and conditions of this agreement into all sub-contracts as necessary to preserve the rights of the City under this agreement. The Contractor will be as fully responsible to the City for acts and omissions of sub-contractors and of persons directly or indirectly employed by them as for acts and omissions of persons directly employed by the Contractor.

4. LIMITED AUTHORITY

4.1 Agent of City

The Contractor is not and this agreement does not render the Contractor an agent or employee of the City, and without limiting the above, the Contractor does not have authority to enter into any contract or reach any agreement on behalf of the City, except for the limited purposes as may be expressly set out in this agreement, or as necessary in order to provide the Services. The

Contractor will make such lack of authority clear to all persons with whom the Contractor deals in the course of providing the Services. Every vehicle used by the Contractor in the course of providing the Services shall identify the Contractor by name and telephone number.

4.2 Independent Contractor

The Contractor is an independent contractor. This agreement does not create the relationship of employer and employee, a partnership, or a joint venture. The City will not control or direct the details, means or process by which the Contractor performs the Services. The Contractor will determine the number of days and hours of work required to properly and completely perform the Services. The Contractor is primarily responsible for performance of the Services and may not delegate or assign any Services to any other person except as provided for in Section 3.4. The Contractor will be solely liable for the wages, fringe benefits, work schedules and work conditions of any partners, employees or sub-contractors.

5. FEES

5.1 Payment for Services

The City will pay to the Contractor the fees as set out in Appendix 2 (the "**Fees**"). Payment by the City of the Fees will be full payment for the Services and the Contractor will not be entitled to receive any additional payment from the City.

5.2 Payment

Subject to any contrary provisions set out in this Agreement:

- (a) the Contractor will submit an invoice (the "**Invoice**") to the City requesting payment of the portion of the Fees relating to the Services provided. Each Invoice should be sent **electronically** to: surreyinvoices@surrey.ca and include the following information:
 - (1) an invoice number;
 - (2) the Contractor's name, address and telephone number;
 - (3) the City's reference number for the Services; P.O. # (to be advised)
 - (4) the names, charge-out rates and number of hours worked in the previous month of all employees of the Contractor and any sub-contractors that have performed services during the previous month;
 - (5) the percentage of the Services completed at the end of the previous month;
 - (6) the total budget for the Services and the amount of the budget expended to the date of the Invoice;
 - (7) taxes (if any);
 - (8) grand total of the Invoice;
- (b) if the City reasonably determines that any portion of an Invoice is not payable then the City will so advise the Contractor;
- (c) the City will pay the portion of an Invoice which the City determines is payable less any deductions for setoffs or holdbacks permitted by this agreement including, without limitation, any amounts permitted to be held back on account of deficiencies, within 30 days of the receipt of the Invoice;

- (d) if the Contractor offers the City a cash discount for early payment, then the City may, at the City's sole discretion, pay the discounted portion of an Invoice; and
- (e) all Invoices shall be stated in, and all payments made in, Canadian dollars.

5.3 Records

The Contractor will prepare and maintain proper records related to the delivery of the Services, including records, receipts and invoices. On request from the City, the Contractor will make the records available open to audit examination by the City at any time during regular business hours during the time the Contractor is providing the Services and for a period of six years after the Services are complete.

5.4 Non-Residents

If the Contractor is a non-resident of Canada and does not provide to the City a waiver of regulation letter, the City will withhold and remit to the appropriate governmental authority the greater of:

- (a) 15% of each payment due to the Contractor; or
- (b) the amount required under applicable tax legislation.

6. CITY RESPONSIBILITIES

6.1 City Information

The City will, in co-operation with the Contractor, make efforts to make available to the Contractor information, surveys, reports and records which the City has in its possession that relate to the delivery of the Services. The Contractor will review any such material upon which the Contractor intends to rely and take reasonable steps to determine if that information is complete or accurate. The Contractor will assume all risks that the information is complete and accurate and the Contractor will advise the City in writing if in the Contractor's judgment the information is deficient or unreliable and undertake such new surveys and investigations as are necessary.

6.2 City Decisions

The City will in a timely manner make all decisions required under this agreement, examine documents submitted by the Contractor and respond to all requests for approval made by the Contractor pursuant to this agreement.

6.3 Notice of Defect

If the City observes or otherwise becomes aware of any fault or defect in the provision of Services, it may notify the Contractor, but nothing in this agreement will be interpreted as giving the City the obligation to inspect or review the Contractor's performance with regards to the provision of the Services.

7. INSURANCE AND DAMAGES

7.1 Indemnity

The Contractor will indemnify and save harmless the City and all of its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, servants, representatives and agents (collectively the "Indemnitees"), from and against all claims, demands, causes of action, suits, losses, damages and costs, liabilities, expenses and judgments (including all actual legal costs) for damage to or destruction or loss of property, including loss of use, and injury to or death of any person or persons which any of the Indemnitees incur, suffer or are put to arising out of or in connection with any failure, breach or non-performance by the Contractor of any obligation of this agreement, or any wrongful or negligent act or omission of the Contractor or any employee or agent of the Contractor.

7.2 Survival of Indemnity

The indemnity described in this Contract will survive the termination or completion of this agreement and, notwithstanding such termination or completion, will continue in full force and effect for the benefit of the Indemnitees.

7.3 Contractor's Insurance Policies

The Contractor will, without limiting its obligations or liabilities and at its own expense, provide and maintain throughout this agreement the following insurances in forms and amounts acceptable to the City from insurers licensed to conduct business in Canada:

- (a) commercial general liability insurance on an occurrence basis, in an amount not less than five million (\$5,000,000) dollars inclusive per occurrence against death, bodily injury and property damage arising directly or indirectly out of the work or operations of the Contractor, its employees and agents. The insurance will include cross liability and severability of interests such that the coverage shall apply in the same manner and to the same extent as though a separate policy had been issued to each insured. The insurance will include, but not be limited to: premises and operators liability, broad form products and completed operations, owners and contractors protective liability, blanket contractual, employees as additional insureds, broad form property damage, non-owned automobile, contingent employers liability, broad form loss of use, personal injury, and incidental medical malpractice. The City will be added as additional insured;
- (b) professional errors and omissions insurance in an amount not less two million (\$2,000,000) dollars insuring all professionals providing the Services from liability resulting from errors or omissions in the performance of the Services, with a 12-month maintenance period, and
- (c) automobile liability insurance on all vehicles owned, operated or licensed in the name of the Contractor in an amount not less than three million (\$3,000,000) dollars per occurrence for bodily injury, death and damage to property.

7.4 Insurance Requirements

The Contractor will provide the City with evidence of the required insurance prior to the commencement of this agreement. Such evidence will be in the form of a completed certificate of

insurance acceptable to the City. The Contractor will, on request from the City, provide certified copies of all of the Contractor's insurance policies providing coverage relating to the Services, including without limitation any professional liability insurance policies. All required insurance will be endorsed to provide the City with thirty (30) days advance written notice of cancellation or material change restricting coverage. To the extent the City has an insurable interest, the builder's risk policy will have the City as first loss payee. The Contractor will be responsible for deductible amounts under the insurance policies. All of the Contractor's insurance policies will be primary and not require the sharing of any loss by the City or any insurer of the City.

7.5 Contractor Responsibilities

The Contractor acknowledges that any requirements by the City as to the amount of coverage under any policy of insurance will not constitute a representation by the City that the amount required is adequate and the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the Contractor is solely responsible for obtaining and maintaining policies of insurance in adequate amounts. The insurance policy coverage limits shall not be construed as relieving the Contractor from responsibility for any amounts which may exceed these limits, for which the Contractor may be legally liable.

7.6 Additional Insurance

The Contractor shall place and maintain, such other insurance or amendments to the foregoing policies as the City may reasonably direct.

7.7 Waiver of Subrogation

The Contractor hereby waives all rights of recourse against the City for loss or damage to the Contractor's property.

8. TERMINATION

8.1 By the City

The City may at any time and for any reason by written notice to the Contractor terminate this agreement before the completion of all the Services, such notice to be determined by the City at its sole discretion. Upon receipt of such notice, the Contractor will perform no further Services other than the work which is reasonably required to complete the Services. Despite any other provision of this agreement, if the City terminates this agreement before the completion of all the Services, the City will pay to the Contractor all amounts owing under this agreement for Services provided by the Contractor up to and including the date of termination, plus reasonable termination costs in the amount as determined by the City in its sole discretion. Upon payment of such amounts no other or additional payment will be owed by the City to the Contractor, and, for certainty, no amount will be owing on account of lost profits relating to the portion of the Services not performed or other profit opportunities.

8.2 Termination for Cause

The City may terminate this agreement for cause as follows:

- (a) If the Contractor is adjudged bankrupt, or makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors because of its insolvency, or if a receiver is appointed

- because of its insolvency, the City may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy the City may have, terminate this agreement by giving the Contractor or receiver or trustee in bankruptcy written notice; or
- (b) If the Contractor is in breach of any term or condition of this agreement, and such breach is not remedied to the reasonable satisfaction of the City within 5 days after delivery of written notice from the City to the Contractor, then the City may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy the City may have, terminate this agreement by giving the Contractor further written notice.

If the City terminates this Contract as provided by this Section, then the City may:

- (a) enter into contracts, as it in its sole discretion sees fit, with other persons to complete the Services;
- (b) withhold payment of any amount owing to the Contractor under this agreement for the performance of the Services;
- (c) set-off the total cost of completing the Services incurred by the City against any amounts owing to the Contractor under this agreement, and at the completion of the Services pay to the Contractor any balance remaining; and
- (d) if the total cost to complete the Services exceeds the amount owing to the Contractor, charge the Contractor the balance, which amount the Contractor will forthwith pay.

8.3 Curing Defaults

If the Contractor is in default of any of its obligations under this agreement, then the City may without terminating this agreement, upon 5 days written notice to the Contractor, remedy the default and set-off all costs and expenses of such remedy against any amounts owing to the Contractor. Nothing in this agreement will be interpreted or construed to mean that the City has any duty or obligation to remedy any default of the Contractor.

9. APPLICABLE LAWS, BUILDING CODES AND BY-LAWS

9.1 Applicable Laws

This agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia. The City and the Contractor accept the jurisdiction of the courts of British Columbia and agree that any action under this agreement be brought in such courts.

9.2 Codes and By-Laws

The Contractor will provide the Services in full compliance with all applicable laws, building codes and regulations.

9.3 Interpretation of Codes

The Contractor will, as a qualified and experienced professional, interpret applicable codes, laws and regulations applicable to the performance of the Services. If an authority having jurisdiction imposes an interpretation which the Contractor could not reasonably have verified or foreseen prior to entering into this agreement, then the City will pay the additional costs, if any, of making alterations so as to conform to the required interpretation.

10. CONFIDENTIALITY AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

10.1 No Disclosure

Except as provided for by law or otherwise by this agreement, the Contractor will keep strictly confidential any information supplied to, obtained by, or which comes to the knowledge of the Contractor as a result of the performance of the Services and this agreement, and will not, without the prior express written consent of the City, publish, release, disclose or permit to be disclosed any such information to any person or corporation, either before, during or after termination of this agreement, except as reasonably required to complete the Services.

10.2 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

The Contractor acknowledges that the City is subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* of British Columbia and agrees to any disclosure of information by the City required by law.

• Refer to Schedule 1 Privacy Protection Schedule, and • Refer to Schedule 2 Confidentiality Agreement

The Privacy Protection Schedule and Confidentiality Agreement attached to this agreement forms a part of and is incorporated into this agreement.

10.3 Return of Property

The Contractor agrees to return to the City all of the City's property at the completion of this agreement, including any and all copies or originals of reports provided by the City.

11. USE OF WORK PRODUCT

The Contractor hereby sells, assigns and transfers to the City the right, title and interest required for the City to use and receive the benefit of all the reports, drawings, plans, designs, models, specifications, computer software, concepts, products, designs or processes or other such work product produced by or resulting from the Services rendered by the Contractor.

12. WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

12.1 The Contractor agrees that it shall, at its own expense, procure and carry, or cause to be procured, carried and paid for, full Workers' Compensation Board coverage for itself and all workers, employees, servants and others engaged in the supply of the Services. The Contractor agrees that the City has the unfettered right to set off the amount of the unpaid premiums and assessments for the Workers' Compensation Board coverage against any monies owing by the City to the Contractor. The City will have the right to withhold payment under this agreement until the Workers' Compensation Board premiums, assessments or penalties in respect of the Services have been paid in full.

12.2 The Contractor will provide the City with the Contractor's Workers' Compensation Board registration number and a letter from the Workers' Compensation Board confirming that the Contractor is registered in good standing with the Workers' Compensation Board and that

all assessments have been paid to the date thereof prior to the City having any obligations to pay monies under this agreement.

- 12.3 The Contractor agrees that it is the prime contractor for the Services as defined in the *Workers Compensation Act, R.S.B.C. 2019, c.1*. The Contractor will have a safety program in place that meets the requirements of the Workers' Compensation Board Occupational Health and Safety Regulation and the *Workers Compensation Act*. As prime contractor, the Contractor will be responsible for appointing a qualified coordinator for insuring the health and safety activities for the location of the Services. That person will be the person so identified in this agreement, and the Contractor will advise the City immediately in writing if the name or contact number of the qualified coordinator changes.
- 12.4 Without limiting the generality of any other indemnities granted by the Contractor in this agreement, the Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the Indemnitees from and against all claims, demands, causes of action, suits, losses, damages, costs, liabilities, expenses, judgements, penalties and proceedings (including all actual legal costs) which any of the Indemnitees incur, suffer or are put to arising out of or in any way related to unpaid Workers' Compensation Board assessments owing from any person or corporation engaged in the performance of this agreement or arising out of or in any way related to the failure to observe safety rules, regulations and practices of the Workers' Compensation Board, including penalties levied by the Workers' Compensation Board.
- 12.5 The Contractor will ensure compliance with and conform to all health and safety laws, by-laws or regulations of the Province of British Columbia, including without limitation the *Workers Compensations Act* and Regulations pursuant thereto.
- 12.6 The City may, on twenty-four (24) hours written notice to the Contractor, install devices or rectify any conditions creating an immediate hazard existing that would be likely to result in injury to any person. However, in no case will the City be responsible to ascertaining or discovering, through inspections or review of the operations of the Contractor or otherwise, any deficiency or immediate hazard.

13. BUSINESS LICENSE

The Contractor will obtain and maintain throughout the term of this agreement a valid City of Surrey business license.

14. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

14.1 Dispute Resolution Procedures

The parties will make reasonable efforts to resolve any dispute, claim, or controversy arising out of this agreement or related to this agreement ("**Dispute**") using the dispute resolution procedures set out in this Section 14.

(a) Negotiation

The parties will make reasonable efforts to resolve any Dispute by amicable negotiations and will provide frank, candid and timely disclosure of all relevant facts, information and documents to facilitate negotiations.

(b) Mediation

If all or any portion of a Dispute cannot be resolved by good faith negotiations within 30 days, either party may by notice to the other party refer the matter to mediation. Within 7 days of delivery of the notice, the parties will mutually appoint a mediator. If the parties fail to agree on the appointment of the mediator, then either party may apply to the British Columbia International Commercial Arbitration Centre for appointment of a mediator. The parties will continue to negotiate in good faith to resolve the Dispute with the assistance of the mediator. The place of mediation will be Surrey, British Columbia. Each party will equally bear the costs of the mediator and other out-of-pocket costs, and each party will bear its own costs of participating in the mediation.

(c) Litigation

If within 90 days of the request for mediation the Dispute is not settled, or if the mediator advises that there is no reasonable possibility of the parties reaching a negotiated resolution, then either party may without further notice commence litigation.

15. JURISDICTION AND COUNCIL NON-APPROPRIATION

- 15.1 Nothing in this agreement limits or abrogates, or will be deemed to limit or abrogate, the jurisdiction of the Council of the City in the exercise of its powers, rights or obligations under any public or private statute, regulation or by-law or other enactment.
- 15.2 The Contractor recognizes and agrees that the City cannot make financial commitments beyond the City's current fiscal year. The City will annually make bonafide requests for appropriation of sufficient funds to cover all payments covered by this agreement. If City Council does not appropriate funds, or appropriates insufficient funds, the City will notify the Contractor of its intention to terminate or reduce the services so affected within 30 days after the non-appropriation becomes final. Such termination shall take effect 30 days from the date of notification, shall not constitute an event of default and shall relieve the City, its officers and employees, from any responsibility or liability for the payment of any further amounts under this agreement.

16. GENERAL

16.1 Entire Agreement

This agreement, including the Appendices and any other documents expressly referred to in this agreement as being a part of this agreement, contains the entire agreement of the parties regarding the provision of the Services and no understandings or agreements, oral or otherwise, exist between the parties except as expressly set out in this agreement. This agreement supersedes and cancels all previous agreements between the parties relating to the provision of the Services.

16.2 Amendment

This agreement may be amended only by agreement in writing, signed by both parties.

16.3 Contractor Terms Rejected

In the event that the Contractor issues an invoice, packing slip, sales receipt, or any like document to the City, the City accepts the document on the express condition that any terms and conditions in it which constitute terms and conditions which are in addition to or which establish conflicting terms and conditions to those set out in this agreement are expressly rejected by the City.

16.4 Survival of Obligations

All of the Contractor's obligations to perform the Services in a professional and proper manner will survive the termination or completion of this agreement.

16.5 Cumulative Remedies

The City's remedies under this agreement are cumulative and in addition to any right or remedy which may be available to the City at law or in equity.

16.6 Notices

Any notice, report or other document that either party may be required or may wish to give to the other should be in writing, unless otherwise provided for, and will be deemed to be validly given to and received by the addressee, if delivered personally, on the date of such personal delivery, if delivered by facsimile, on transmission, or if by mail, five calendar days after posting. The addresses for delivery will be as follows:

(a) The City:

City of Surrey, Surrey City Hall
Finance, Treasury Operations
13450 – 104 Avenue, Surrey, B.C., Canada V3T 1V8

Attention: **insert contact name>**
 insert title>

Telephone No.: **insert>**
Fax No.: **insert>**
Email: **insert>**

(b) The Contractor:

 insert name and address>

Attention: **insert contact name>**
 insert title>

Business Fax No.: **insert>**
Business Email: **insert>**

16.7 Unenforceability

If any provision of this agreement is invalid or unenforceable, it will be severed from the agreement and will not affect the enforceability or validity of the remaining provisions of the agreement.

16.8 Headings

The headings in this agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and will not form part of nor affect the interpretation of this agreement.

16.9 Singular, Plural and Gender

Wherever the singular, plural, masculine, feminine or neuter is used throughout this agreement the same will be construed as meaning the singular, plural, masculine, feminine, neuter or body corporate where the context so requires.

16.10 Waiver

No waiver by either party of any breach by the other party of any of its covenants, obligations and agreements will be a waiver of any subsequent breach or of any other covenant, obligation or agreement, nor will any forbearance to seek a remedy for any breach be a waiver of any rights and remedies with respect to such or any subsequent breach.

16.11 Signature

This agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts all of which when taken together will constitute one and the same agreement, and one or more of the counterparts may be delivered by fax or PDF email transmission.

16.12 Enurement

This agreement shall enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective successors and permitted assigns of the City and the Contractor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

CITY OF SURREY

I/We have the authority to bind the City.

(Signature of Authorized Signatory)

(Print Name and Position of Authorized Signatory)

[INSERT NAME OF CONTRACTOR]

I/We have the authority to bind the Contractor.

(Legal Name of Contractor)

(Signature of Authorized Signatory)

(Print Name and Position of Authorized Signatory)

(Signature of Authorized Signatory)

(Print Name and Position of Authorized Signatory)

***(APPENDICES 1 THROUGH 5 WILL BE INSERTED LATER WHEN AN AGREEMENT IS
ASSEMBLED FOR EXECUTION INCLUDING INFORMATION FROM THE RFP AND
SUCCESSFUL PROPOSAL)***

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SCHEDULE C – FORM OF PROPOSAL

RFP Project Title: Collection Agency Services

RFP Reference No.: 1220-030-2021-008

Legal Name of Proponent: _____

Contact Person and Title: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Telephone: _____

Business Fax: _____

Business E-Mail Address: _____

TO:

City of Surrey

City Representative: Richard D. Oppelt, Manager, Procurement Services

Email for PDF Files: purchasing@surrey.ca

Dear Sir:

1.0 I/We, the undersigned duly authorized representative of the Proponent, having received and carefully reviewed all of the Proposal documents, including the RFP and any issued addenda posted on the City Website and BC Bid Website, and having full knowledge of the Services required, and having fully informed ourselves as to the intent, difficulties, facilities and local conditions attendant to performing the Services, submit this Proposal in response to the RFP.

2.0 I/We confirm that the following schedules are attached to and form a part of this Proposal:

Schedule C-1 – Statement of Departures;
Schedule C-2 – Proponent's Experience, Reputation and Resources;
Schedule C-3 – Proponent's Technical Proposal (Services);
Schedule C-4 – Proponent's Technical Proposal (Time Schedule); and
Schedule C-5 – Proponent's Financial Proposal.

3.0 I/We confirm that this proposal is accurate and true to best of my/our knowledge.

4.0 I/We confirm that, if I/we am/are awarded the agreement, I/we will at all times be the "prime contractor" as provided by the Worker's Compensation Act (British Columbia) with

respect to the Services. I/we further confirm that if I/we become aware that another contractor at the place(s) of the Services has been designated as the "prime contractor", I/we will notify the City immediately, and I/we will indemnify and hold the City harmless against any claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, liabilities or expenses suffered by the City in connection with any failure to so notify the City.

This Proposal is submitted by this **[day]** day of **[month]**, **2021**.

I/We have the authority to bind the Proponent.

(Legal Name of Proponent)

(Signature of Authorized Signatory)

(Signature of Authorized Signatory)

(Print Name and Position of Authorized Signatory)

(Print Name and Position of Authorized Signatory)

SCHEDULE C-1 - STATEMENT OF DEPARTURES

1. I/We have reviewed the proposed agreement attached to the RFP as Schedule "B". If requested by the City, I/we would be prepared to enter into that agreement, amended by the following departures (list, if any):

Section	Requested Departure(s) / Alternative(s)
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_____	_____
_____	_____

2. The City of Surrey requires that the successful Proponent have the following in place **before commencing the Services**:

- (a) Workers' Compensation Board coverage in good standing and further, if an "Owner Operator" is involved, personal operator protection (P.O.P.) will be provided,
Workers' Compensation Registration Number _____;
- (b) Prime Contractor qualified coordinator is Name: _____ and Contact Number: _____;
- (c) Insurance coverage for the amounts required in the proposed agreement as a minimum, naming the City as additional insured and generally in compliance with the City's sample insurance certificate form available on the City's Website at www.surrey.ca search [Standard Certificate of Insurance](#);
- (d) City of Surrey or Intermunicipal business license Number: _____;
- (e) If the Proponent's Services are subject to GST, the Proponent's GST Number is _____; and
- (f) If the Proponent is a company, the company name indicated above is registered with the Registrar of Companies in the Province of British Columbia, Canada, Incorporation Number _____.

As of the date of this Proposal, we advise that we have the ability to meet all of the above requirements **except as follows** (list, if any):

Section	Requested Departure(s) / Alternative(s)
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_____	_____

3. I/We offer the following alternates to improve the Services described in the RFP (list, if any):

Section	Requested Departure(s) / Alternative(s)
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_____	_____
_____	_____

4. The Proponent acknowledges that the departures it has requested in Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this Schedule C-1 will not form part of the agreement unless and until the City agrees to them in writing by initialling or otherwise specifically consenting in writing to be bound by any of them.

SCHEDULE C-2 - PROPONENT'S EXPERIENCE, REPUTATION AND RESOURCES

Proponents should provide information on the following (use the spaces provided and/or attach additional pages, if necessary):

- (i) Location of primary business, branch locations, background, stability, structure of the Proponent and number of years business has been operational;
- (ii) Proponent's relevant experience and qualifications in delivering Services similar to those required by the RFP;
- (iii) Proponent's demonstrated ability to provide the Services;
- (iv) Proponent's equipment resources, capability and capacity, as relevant;
- (v) Proponent's references (name and telephone number). The City's preference is to have a minimum of three references. Provide contact information and names of corporate clients (government preferred) the the Proponent is currently supplying the same or similar Services to;
- (vi) Proponent's financial strength (with evidence such as financial statements, bank references);
- (vii) Proponents should provide information on the background and experience of all key personnel proposed to undertake the Services (use the spaces provided and/or attach additional pages, if necessary):

Key Personnel

Name: _____

Experience:

Dates: _____

Project Name: _____

Responsibility: _____

Dates: _____

Project Name: _____

Responsibility: _____

- (viii) Describe any difficulties or challenges you might anticipate in providing the Services to the City and how you would plan to manage these:

SCHEDULE C-3 - PROPONENT'S TECHNICAL PROPOSAL (SERVICES)

Proponents should provide the following (use the spaces provided and/or attach additional pages, if necessary):

- (i) a narrative that illustrates an understanding of the City's requirements for the Services;
- (ii) a description of the general approach and methodology that the Proponent would take in providing the Services including specifications and requirements;
- (iii) a narrative that illustrates how the Proponent will perform the Services, manage the Services, and accomplish required objectives within the City's schedule;
- (iv) a description of the standards to be met by the Proponent in providing Services; and
- (v) a list of reports that you would anticipate providing the City's management team, including their relationship to project milestones and the method of delivery (electronic, paper, e-mail, other).

SCHEDULE C-4 - PROPONENT'S TECHNICAL PROPOSAL (TIME SCHEDULE)

The City encourages responses that demonstrate a thorough understanding of the nature of the work and what the Proponent must do to get the work done properly. To this end, Proponents should provide an estimated project schedule, with major item descriptions and time indicating a commitment to perform the Services within the time specified (use the spaces provided and/or attach additional pages, if necessary).

MILESTONE DATES _____

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SCHEDULE C-5 - PROPONENT'S FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

The Proponent offers to supply to the City of Surrey the Services for the commission rate plus applicable taxes as follows:

Commission Rates:

Item #	Item Name	Percentage
1.	<p>The Proponent will provide all labour, plant, materials, tools and equipment necessary for collection agency Services as an additional resource in the collection of unpaid debt and other delinquent City sundry accounts receivable accounts:</p> <p>Commission on the amount of debt collected.</p> <p>Note: Overheads, General Conditions and Profit are to be included in the above amounts.</p>	%
CURRENCY: Canadian		

Additional Expenses:

The proposed Contract attached as Schedule "B" to the RFP provides that expenses are to be included within the fee, other than the expenses listed in the Contract as disbursements. Details of disbursements are to be shown in the chart above. Please indicate any expenses that would be payable in addition to the proposed fee and proposed disbursements set out above:

Payment Terms:

A cash discount of _____% will be allowed if account is paid within _____ days, or the _____ day of the month following, or net 30 days, on a best effort basis.

SCHEDULE 1 - PRIVACY PROTECTION SCHEDULE

This Schedule forms part of the agreement between City of Surrey (the "Public Body") and _____ (the "Contractor") respecting _____ (the "Agreement").

Definitions

1. In this Schedule,
 - (a) "access" means disclosure by the provision of access;
 - (b) "Act" means the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (British Columbia), as amended from time to time;
 - (c) "contact information" means information to enable an individual at a place of business to be contacted and includes the name, position name or title, business telephone number, business address, business email or business fax number of the individual;
 - (d) "personal information" means recorded information about an identifiable individual, other than contact information, collected or created by the Contractor as a result of the Agreement or any previous agreement between the Public Body and the Contractor dealing with the same subject matter as the Agreement but excluding any such information that, if this Schedule did not apply to it, would not be under the "control of a public body" within the meaning of the Act.

Purpose

2. The purpose of this Schedule is to:
 - (a) enable the Public Body to comply with its statutory obligations under the Act with respect to personal information; and
 - (b) ensure that, as a service provider, the Contractor is aware of and complies with its statutory obligations under the Act with respect to personal information.

Collection of personal information

3. Unless the Agreement otherwise specifies or the Public Body otherwise directs in writing, the Contractor may only collect or create personal information that is necessary for the performance of the Contractor's obligations, or the exercise of the Contractor's rights, under the Agreement.
4. Unless the Agreement otherwise specifies or the Public Body otherwise directs in writing, the Contractor must collect personal information directly from the individual the information is about.
5. Unless the Agreement otherwise specifies or the Public Body otherwise directs in writing, the Contractor must tell an individual from whom the Contractor collects personal information:
 - (a) the purpose for collecting it;
 - (b) the legal authority for collecting it; and
 - (c) the title, business address and business telephone number of the person designated by the Public Body to answer questions about the Contractor's collection of personal information.

Accuracy of personal information

6. The Contractor must make every reasonable effort to ensure the accuracy and completeness of any personal information to be used by the Contractor or the Public Body to make a decision that directly affects the individual the information is about.

Requests for access to personal information

7. If the Contractor receives a request for access to personal information from a person other than the Public Body, the Contractor must promptly advise the person to

make the request to the Public Body unless the Agreement expressly requires the Contractor to provide such access and, if the Public Body has advised the Contractor of the name or title and contact information of an official of the Public Body to whom such requests are to be made, the Contractor must also promptly provide that official's name or title and contact information to the person making the request.

Correction of personal information

8. Within 5 business days of receiving a written direction from the Public Body to correct or annotate any personal information, the Contractor must annotate or correct the information in accordance with the direction.
9. When issuing a written direction under section 8, the Public Body must advise the Contractor of the date the correction request to which the direction relates was received by the Public Body in order that the Contractor may comply with section 10.
10. Within 5 business days of correcting or annotating any personal information under section 8, the Contractor must provide the corrected or annotated information to any party to whom, within one year prior to the date the correction request was made to the Public Body, the Contractor disclosed the information being corrected or annotated.
11. If the Contractor receives a request for correction of personal information from a person other than the Public Body, the Contractor must promptly advise the person to make the request to the Public Body and, if the Public Body has advised the Contractor of the name or title and contact information of an official of the Public Body to whom such requests are to be made, the Contractor must also promptly provide that official's name or title and contact information to the person making the request.

Protection of personal information

12. The Contractor must protect personal information by making reasonable security arrangements against such risks as unauthorized access, collection, use, disclosure or disposal, including any expressly set out in the Agreement.

Storage and access to personal information

13. Unless the Public Body otherwise directs in writing, the Contractor must not store personal information outside Canada or permit access to personal information from outside Canada.

Retention of personal information

14. Unless the Agreement otherwise specifies, the Contractor must retain personal information until directed by the Public Body in writing to dispose of it or deliver it as specified in the direction.

Use of personal information

15. Unless the Public Body otherwise directs in writing, the Contractor may only use personal information if that use is for the performance of the Contractor's obligations, or the exercise of the Contractor's rights, under the Agreement.

Disclosure of personal information

16. Unless the Public Body otherwise directs in writing, the Contractor may only disclose personal information inside Canada to any person other than the Public Body if the disclosure is for the performance of the Contractor's obligations, or the exercise of the Contractor's rights, under the Agreement.
17. Unless the Agreement otherwise specifies or the Public Body otherwise directs in writing, the Contractor must not disclose personal information outside Canada.

Notice of foreign demands for disclosure

18. In addition to any obligation the Contractor may have to provide the notification contemplated by section 30.2 of the Act, if in relation to personal information in its custody or under its control the Contractor:
- (a) receives a foreign demand for disclosure;
 - (b) receives a request to disclose, produce or provide access that the Contractor knows or has reason to suspect is for the purpose of responding to a foreign demand for disclosure; or
 - (c) has reason to suspect that an unauthorized disclosure of personal information has occurred in response to a foreign demand for disclosure
- the Contractor must immediately notify the Public Body and, in so doing, provide the information described in section 30.2(3) of the Act. In this section, the phrases "foreign demand for disclosure" and "unauthorized disclosure of personal information" will bear the same meanings as in section 30.2 of the Act.

Notice of unauthorized disclosure

19. In addition to any obligation the Contractor may have to provide the notification contemplated by section 30.5 of the Act, if the Contractor knows that there has been an unauthorized disclosure of personal information in its custody or under its control, the Contractor must immediately notify the Public Body. In this section, the phrase "unauthorized disclosure of personal information" will bear the same meaning as in section 30.5 of the Act.

Inspection of personal information

20. In addition to any other rights of inspection the Public Body may have under the Agreement or under statute, the Public Body may, at any reasonable time and on reasonable notice to the Contractor, enter on the Contractor's premises to inspect any personal information in the possession of the Contractor or any of the Contractor's information management policies or practices relevant to its management of personal information or its compliance with this Schedule and the Contractor must permit, and provide reasonable assistance to, any such inspection.

Compliance with the Act and directions

21. The Contractor must in relation to personal information comply with:

- (a) the requirements of the Act applicable to the Contractor as a service provider, including any applicable order of the commissioner under the Act; and
 - (b) any direction given by the Public Body under this Schedule.
22. The Contractor acknowledges that it is familiar with the requirements of the Act governing personal information that are applicable to it as a service provider.

Notice of non-compliance

23. If for any reason the Contractor does not comply, or anticipates that it will be unable to comply, with a provision in this Schedule in any respect, the Contractor must promptly notify the Public Body of the particulars of the non-compliance or anticipated non-compliance and what steps it proposes to take to address, or prevent recurrence of, the non-compliance or anticipated non-compliance.

Termination of Agreement

24. In addition to any other rights of termination which the Public Body may have under the Agreement or otherwise at law, the Public Body may, subject to any provisions in the Agreement establishing mandatory cure periods for defaults by the Contractor, terminate the Agreement by giving written notice of such termination to the Contractor, upon any failure of the Contractor to comply with this Schedule in a material respect.

Interpretation

25. In this Schedule, references to sections by number are to sections of this Schedule unless otherwise specified in this Schedule.
26. Any reference to the "Contractor" in this Schedule includes any subcontractor or agent retained by the Contractor to perform obligations under the Agreement and the Contractor must ensure that any such subcontractors and agents comply with this Schedule.
27. The obligations of the Contractor in this Schedule will survive the termination of the Agreement.
28. If a provision of the Agreement (including any direction given by the Public Body under this Schedule) conflicts with a requirement of the Act or an applicable order of the commissioner under the Act, the conflicting provision of the Agreement (or direction) will be inoperative to the extent of the conflict.
29. The Contractor must comply with the provisions of this Schedule despite any conflicting provision of this Agreement or, subject to section 30, the law of any jurisdiction outside Canada.
30. Nothing in this Schedule requires the Contractor to contravene the law of any jurisdiction outside Canada unless such contravention is required to comply with the Act.

SCHEDULE 2 – CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

WHEREAS:

- A. The Contractor and the City acknowledge that the process of the Contractor having access to information or software will involve the verbal, electronic, written, or other disclosure of information, and documentation to the Contractor. In this Agreement "Confidential Information" means any information, technical data, or know how, including, but not limited to that which relates to services, processes, designs, drawings, diagrams, specifications, business strategies, finances whether communicated orally or in writing, specifications and associated documentation, and any equipment, machinery, or other property all of which owned by the City. Confidential information includes any information on residential, non-residential, business, or consumers and their addresses, water usage consumptions, water usage historical consumptions, and any other data that the City provides as part of the data files for meter reading services.
- B. The Contractor has agreed to maintain the Confidential Information as confidential and to the non-disclosure of same, all in accordance with the following terms:

THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PREMISES AND OF THE MUTUAL COVENANTS SET FORTH HEREIN, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Contractor shall hold the Confidential Information in strict confidence recognizing that the Confidential Information, or any portion thereof, is comprised of highly sensitive information. The Contractor acknowledges that the disclosure or use of the Confidential Information, or any portion thereof, will cause the City substantial and irreparable harm and injury and the City shall have the right to equitable and injunctive relief to prevent the unauthorized use or disclosure, and to such damages as there are occasioned by such unauthorized use or disclosure, and the Contractor hereby consents to the granting of such equitable and injunctive relief.
2. The Contractor shall not divulge or allow disclosure of the Confidential Information, or any part thereof, to any person or entity for any purpose except as described in this Agreement, unless expressly authorized in writing to do so by the City, provided however, the Contractor may permit the limited disclosure of the Confidential Information or portion thereof only to those of the Contractor's directors, officers, employees, and sub-contractors who have a clear and *bonafide* need to know the Confidential Information, and provided further that, before the Contractor divulges or discloses any of the Confidential Information to such directors, officers, employees, and sub-contractors, the Contractor shall inform each of the said directors, officers, employees, and sub-contractors of the provisions of this Agreement and shall issue appropriate instructions to them to satisfy the obligations of the Contractor set out in this Agreement and shall, at the request of the City, cause each of the said directors, officers, employees, and sub-contractors to execute a confidentiality agreement in a form satisfactory to the City, in its sole discretion.
3. The Contractor agrees not to use any of the Confidential Information disclosed to it by the City for its own use or for any purpose except to carry out the specific purposes designated by this Agreement.
4. The Contractor shall take all necessary precautions to prevent unauthorized disclosure of the Confidential Information or any portion thereof to any person, or entity in order to prevent it from falling into the public domain or the possession of persons other than those persons authorized hereunder to have any such information, which measures shall include the highest degree of care that the Contractor utilizes to protect its own confidential information of a similar nature.
5. The Contractor shall notify the City in writing of any misuse or misappropriation of Confidential Information which may come to its attention.
6. The Contractor shall not mechanically or electronically copy or otherwise reproduce the Confidential Information, or any portion thereof, without the express advance written permission of the City, except for such copies as the Contractor may require pursuant to this Agreement in order to prepare the Report. All copies of the Confidential Information shall, upon reproduction by the Contractor, contain the same the City proprietary and confidential notices and legends that appear on the original Confidential Information provided by the City unless authorized otherwise by the City. All copies shall be returned to the City upon request.
7. The Confidential Information received by the Contractor and all formatting of the Confidential Information, including any alterations to the Confidential Information, shall remain the exclusive property of the City, and shall be delivered to the City by the Contractor forthwith upon demand by the City.
8. The Contractor acknowledges that the City is a public body subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* ("FIPPA") and as such the Confidential Information is protected pursuant to the provisions of FIPPA. The Contractor further acknowledges that the collection, use, storage, access, and disposal of the Confidential Information shall be performed in compliance with the requirements of FIPPA. Information which is sent to the City by the Contractor in performance of this Agreement is subject to FIPPA and may be disclosed as required by FIPPA. The Contractor shall allow the City to disclose any of the information in accordance with FIPPA, and where it is alleged that disclosure of the information, or portion thereof, may cause harm to the Contractor, the Contractor shall provide details of such harm in accordance with section 21 of FIPPA.
9. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that nothing in this Agreement does or is intended to grant any rights to the Contractor under any patent, copyright, or other proprietary right, either directly or indirectly, nor shall this Agreement grant any rights in or to the Confidential Information.
10. Disclosure of the Confidential Information to the Contractor the terms of this Agreement shall not constitute public disclosure of the Confidential

Information for the purposes of section 28.2 of the *Patent Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. p-4.

11. This Agreement shall be binding upon and for the benefit of the undersigned parties, their successors, and assigns and the Contractor hereby acknowledges that the obligations imposed on the Contractor hereunder shall survive the termination of the Contractor's dealings or engagement with the City.
12. The Contractor represents that is not now a party to, and shall not enter into any agreement or assignment in conflict with this Agreement.

13. This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the Contractor and the City irrevocably attorns to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the Province of British Columbia to adjudicate any dispute arising out of this Agreement.

14. No provision of this Agreement shall be deemed to be waived by the City and no breach of this Agreement shall be deemed to be excused by the City unless such waiver or consent excusing such breach is in writing and duly executed by the City.