

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CLAUSE

- (1) The contractor/vendor/bidder will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, age, disability, familial status or military status. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, age, disability, familial status or military status. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment up-grading, demotion, or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices summarizing the provisions of this Equal Opportunity Clause.
- (2) The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that the contractor is an equal opportunity employer.
- (3) It is the policy of the City of Columbus that business concerns owned and operated by M/WBEs shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts awarded by the city.
- (4) The contractor shall permit access to any relevant and pertinent reports and documents by the ODI director for the sole purpose of verifying compliance with this Title and ODI regulations. All such materials provided to the ODI director by the contractor shall be considered confidential.
- (5) The contractor will not obstruct or hinder the ODI director or his/her deputies, staff and assistants in the fulfillment of the duties and responsibilities imposed by Title 39 of the Columbus City Codes.
- (6) The contractor and each subcontractor will include a summary of this Equal Opportunity Clause in every subcontract. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontractor as is necessary as a means of enforcing the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Clause.
- (7) The contractor agrees to refrain from subcontracting any part of this contract or contract modification thereto to a contractor not holding a valid certification number as provided for in Title 39.
- (8) Failure or refusal of a contractor or subcontractor to comply with the provisions of Title 39 may result in cancellation of this contract.

**ALL CONTRACTORS MUST HOLD A VALID CONTRACT COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION NUMBER ISSUED BY THE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION.**

*To obtain a Contract Compliance number register at the City of Columbus Vendor Services website: <http://vendors.columbus.gov/sites/public>*

1. Login to the City of Columbus Vendor Services Site and register with the city of Columbus. Once that is completed and approved by the purchasing office, log back in and do the following:
2. Select **Questionnaires** from the Common menu located on the left navigation bar.
3. Next select EBO Quest. (this is the contract compliance application)
4. Question 1 will be displayed; Answer question 1 and select **Forward**.
5. Proceed through the questionnaire answering each question and selecting **Forward** to continue. Once you have reached and answered the last question select **End** to submit.
6. Then the questionnaire will be received by the ODI Office, reviewed and process within 2 business days or less. For additional questions regarding this process, contact the Office of Diversity Inclusion at 614-645-4764.

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**1.0 SCOPE AND CLASSIFICATION**

1.1 **Scope:** It is the intent of the City of Columbus, Division/Department of Technology (“DoT”) to obtain formal bids to establish a contract for the renewal of its Cisco SMARTnet contract.

1.2 **Classification:** The contract resulting from this bid proposal will provide for the purchase renewal of the DoT’s Cisco SMARTnet contract. Only bidders who are authorized Cisco SMARTnet resellers/dealers may respond to this solicitation.

1.2.1 Bidders may be asked for evidence of relationship with manufacturer.

1.3 **Specification Questions: Questions regarding this bid must be submitted on the Vendor Services portal by 5:00 PM Wednesday, September 1, 2021. Responses will be posted on the RFQ on Vendor Services no later than Friday, September 3, 2021 by 5:00 PM**

**2.0 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS AND STANDARDS**

2.1 N/A

**3.0 REQUIREMENTS**

**3.1 General Information:**

3.1.1 **Term:** The contract awarded as a result of this proposal is for a one time purchase. This contract is not subject to automatic renewal, however upon mutual agreement and authorized appropriation may be renewed for 3-additional one-year terms.

3.1.2 **Pricing:** Bidders are to bid firm or fixed prices, FOB Destination, Freight Prepaid and Allowed. All pricing must include manufacturer warranty. All manufacturer warranties will be passed on to the City of Columbus.

3.2 **Bidder Requirements:** The City will use the requirements of this section to determine if each bidder meets the minimum standards to be considered a responsible bidder. **Please print, complete and attach** documentation of relationship as an authorized Dealer/Reseller. **For instructions on how to attach a document to your bid, go to page 15 of the Vendor Services User Guide.**

3.2.1 **Specification Questions:** Questions regarding this bid including any exceptions and/or suggested changes to the requirements must be submitted on the vendor services portal by 5:00 PM (EST) on Wednesday, September 1, 2021. Responses and any necessary addenda will be posted as an amendment to this RFQ on the City’s Vendor Services portal no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, September 3, 2021 City strongly encourages bidders to submit exceptions and/or

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changes during this stage of the process. Bidders submitting exceptions and/or changes before this date will greatly reduce the likelihood of their bid being rejected as non-responsive to the specifications. Bidders whom have not registered and created a new user on the City's portal <http://vendors.columbus.gov/sites/public> are strongly encouraged to do so. Notice of any pre-bid notes and addenda will only be sent to Bidders whom have registered at the site.

3.2.1.1 For further instructions on how to submit "Vendor Questions" through the Vendor Portal, please see Section "Add Vendor Questions" provided on page 16 of the City of Columbus Vendor Services User Guide.

3.2.1.2 The City has instructional videos to assist bidders at the portal. Tutorial videos are available to be viewed through You Tube or by clicking the following link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTIkkGNM7GHITzoqQVNJIA/videos?shelf\\_id=0&view=0&sort=dd](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTIkkGNM7GHITzoqQVNJIA/videos?shelf_id=0&view=0&sort=dd)

3.2.2 **Correspondences:** During the bidding and evaluation process, Bidders are strictly prohibited from communicating with any City employees or officers regarding this solicitation except through the method stated immediately above during the Question & Answer Period. Any communication from the bidder to the City after the Question & Answer period should be limited to only what is necessary. Necessary communication required by the City will be communicated clearly to Bidders. If any Bidder has a need to communicate with the City, the communication should be sent to: Suzanna Gussler at [ITProcurement@columbus.gov](mailto:ITProcurement@columbus.gov). If a City employee attempts to communicate with a bidder contrary to this provision, the Bidder shall report said incident to the [ITProcurement@columbus.gov](mailto:ITProcurement@columbus.gov). A violation of this section on the part of the Bidder will lead to disqualification

**3.3 Product Requirement Specifications:**

3.3.1 **Cisco SMARTnet part renewal details. Please see Attachment A.**

3.3.1.1 **Alternates:** Bids will be considered on units complying with the specifications. **All alternates must be detailed in an attached letter to bid and the Manufacturer and Model clearly identified.** Explanations must fully state what is to be furnished. All alternates must exceed specifications. The City of Columbus reserves the right to determine whether any proposed alternates are within the specifications.

**4.0 SAMPLING, INSPECTION AND TEST PROCEDURES**

4.1 N/A

**5.0 ORDERING, DELIVERY and INVOICING**

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- 5.1 **Ordering Procedure:** A written purchase order will be established by the Director of the Department of Technology. The Purchase Order will have the delivery information and invoice information.
- 5.2 **Delivery days after Order:** Bidder shall insert in the "Discount" tab of the bid the Lead Time expressed as the number of calendar days after receipt of order that delivery will be made. Vendors shall state actual delivery time in calendar days in the space provided under Delivery/Payment Terms. Delivery time may be a factor in determining award of bid. Failure to deliver in the days proposed may lead the City to consider the contract holder in partial or full breach of the contract. In the case of such breach, the City reserves the right to pursue all remedies and actions available under this contract and relevant law.
- 5.3 **Invoicing:** Each invoice shall show the City Purchase Order number, a brief description identifying the item, the unit price, and the total amount. The invoice amount must exactly match the purchase order amount in accordance with the bid proposal. All Invoices should be mailed to the following address to ensure proper payment:

City of Columbus  
Department of Technology  
Attn: Accounts Payable  
PO Box 2949  
Columbus, OH 43216-2949  
Or  
DOTINVOICES@COLUMBUS.GOV

6.0 **NOTES**

- 6.1 **Online Bidding Instructions:** Bidders are requested to quote firm or fixed prices on the corresponding line item(s) only.
- 6.1.1 **Alternates:** Alternates will not be considered.
- 6.1.1.1 **Attachments:** For instruction on attaching documents to online quotes, please see page 15 of the "City of Columbus Vendor Services User Guide", made available through the Vendor Portal.
- 6.2 **Warranty:** The software specified herein shall be covered by the manufacturer's warranty at no additional charge. Bidders shall submit warranty on a separate sheet attached to the bid proposal.
- 6.2.1 **Warranty Period:** The warranty period shall be a minimum of 12 months at no additional charge. Bidders shall submit copies of the warranty as an attachment with the bid proposal.
- 6.2.2 **Delayed Warranty:** Bidder shall submit on a separate sheet attached to the bid a procedure for delayed warranty for starting dates to cover the interval between time of delivery of the complete vehicle and the actual date that the equipment is

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placed in service by the City. This delayed time period will cover inspection, operator and mechanic training, etc.

6.2.3 **Fully Franchised:** The bidder shall contract with a warranty service provider whose primary business is the sale and/or repair of the equipment proposed in this bid proposal. Warranty service must be performed by a franchised OEM dealer that is authorized by the manufacturer(s) to perform warranty service. The warranty work shall be the responsibility of the successful bidder and the successful bidder shall coordinate all warranty work. Any defects shall be corrected and the equipment returned to the City within ten (10) days of written (mail, email or fax) notification of the service need. Any defects shall be corrected without cost to the City of Columbus. Under no circumstances shall the "out of operation" time of the equipment exceed ninety (90) days. Warranty work is not deemed complete until Fleet Management has accepted work as satisfactory.

6.2.4 **Warranty Service Logistics:** Cost of transport of equipment for warranty purposes shall be the responsibility of the successful bidder. The successful bidder will be required to pick-up the equipment and transport it to the warranty service location. At the successful bidder's discretion, the equipment may be transported (not towed) to a location within Franklin or contiguous counties. For a warranty service location outside of a contiguous county, the equipment must be transported (not towed).

6.3 **Literature:**

6.3.1 To aid in the evaluation of bids, all bidders are to furnish with this bid current published literature and Dealer's specifications that best explains the unit offered, model and identification of the options that meet or exceed the specifications. Published literature shall include pictures and complete descriptive matter.

6.3.2 Bidders shall submit a copy of dealer's build sheets with bid.

6.4 **Manuals:**

N/A

6.5 **Correspondences:** During the bidding and evaluation process Bidders are strictly prohibited from communicating with any City employees or officers regarding the solicitation. Any communication from the vendor to the City should be limited to only the contact(s) listed in the RFQ and/or below. A violation of this section on the part of the Bidder may lead to disqualification.

All correspondences regarding this bid should be sent via email to [vendorservices@columbus.gov](mailto:vendorservices@columbus.gov)

## INFORMATION FOR OFFERORS (RFP)

### SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Special conditions included in the specifications, if inconsistent with provisions included in "Information for Offerors (RFP)", shall take precedence over any provisions in "Information for Offerors (RFP)" to the extent inconsistent.

### PERSONAL EXAMINATION

Offerors are required to satisfy themselves by personal examination of the proposed contract documents and investigation of the conditions at the site of the work in order that they may be fully informed of the contract requirements, the conditions existing, and the difficulties likely to be encountered in the execution of the work.

### SUBMISSION OF RESPONSE

Refer to the "Proposal Information" section of the Specifications for instructions for submission.

All proposals and other material submitted in response to this Request for Proposal (RFP) become the property of the City of Columbus. The City may choose to retain or return these materials to the offeror, at the offeror's expense.

The City is not liable for any cost associated with the preparation of the proposal or any other costs incurred by any bidder prior to the execution of the contract. The rejection of any proposal in whole or in part, at its discretion, will not render the City liable for incurring any cost or damage.

If at any time prior to the closing date the invited offeror decides not to provide a proposal, the City will appreciate that a letter to that effect be supplied to the City prior to the deadline.

### ACCEPTANCE AND REJECTION

This response submitted by the offeror to the City of Columbus will be accepted or rejected within a period of 180 days from due date. The City reserves the right to waive technicalities, and to cancel and renew the request on the required service. If more than one service, prices shall be quoted on the services requested. However, each service may be considered a separate offer and the City reserves the right to award a contract on each service separately or on all services as a whole or any combination thereof. Offerors whose proposal is made on an "All or None" basis must clearly state such fact in their written responses.

Each invitation for Bids, Request for Statements of Qualifications, and Request for Proposals issued by the City shall state that the Bid or Request may be cancelled and that any bid or proposal may be rejected in whole or in part when it is for good cause and in the best interests of the City.

### WITHDRAWAL OF RESPONSE PROPOSALS

Offerors may withdraw their responses at any time prior to the time specified in the advertisement as the closing time for the receipt of responses. However, no offeror shall withdraw or cancel a proposal for a period of 180 calendar days after said advertised closing time for the receipt of the proposals.

### SIGNATURE REQUIRED

The responses must be signed in ink. If the offeror is a firm or corporation, insert the corporate name followed by the signature of a person authorized to sign said response; if a partnership, indicate partnership name followed by the signature of one of the partners; if a sole proprietorship the signature of the owner is required. Where the person signing for a corporation is NOT an officer or Member of the Company, an affidavit or a resolution of

the Board of Directors showing the authority of that person to bind the corporation must be furnished.

### DEFAULT PROVISION

In case of default by the offeror or the contractor, the City of Columbus may procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the offeror or contractor responsible for any excess costs occasioned or incurred thereby.

### CONTRACT AND BOND

The offeror to whom an award is made will be required to execute a written contract with the City of Columbus, Ohio within ten days after receiving such contract for execution, and if specified in the legal notice, furnish a good and approved bond conditioned upon the faithful performance of the same. The proposal, contract, proposal bond, (if applicable), and performance bond (if applicable) shall be in the form herein specified.

If, at any time during the continuance of the Contract, any surety shall, in the opinion of the contracting agent of the City, become irresponsible, then said agent shall have the right to require additional and sufficient surety or sureties. The Contractor shall furnish the surety or sureties to the satisfaction of the said agent, within ten (10) days after notice. In default thereof the default provision herein shall apply.

### LIABILITY, INSURANCE, LICENSES AND PERMITS

Where offerors are required to enter or go onto City of Columbus property to deliver materials or perform work or services as a result of contract award, the offeror will assume full duty, obligation and expense of obtaining all necessary licenses, permits, and insurance when required. The offeror shall be liable for any damages or loss to the City occasioned by negligence of the offeror (or his agent) or any person the offeror has designated in the completion of his contract as a result of his response. Particular attention is directed to the statutory requirements of the State of Ohio relative to the licensing of corporation organized under the Laws of any other State.

### TAXES

The City, being a municipality, is tax exempt and will provide appropriate certificate upon request. Federal and/or State Taxes are not to be included in prices quoted. The successful offeror will be furnished an exemption certificate if needed.

### PRICING

Offerors are to quote firm or fixed prices for the duration of any contract, which may be a result of the proposal unless otherwise noted in the specifications. In case of discrepancy in computing the amount of the cost, the **UNIT PRICE** quoted will govern.

### DELIVERY

Time will be of the essence for any orders placed as a result of this response. Purchaser reserves the right to cancel such orders, or any part thereof, without obligations if delivery is not made within the time(s) specified. Delivery shall be made during normal working hours and to the destination shown on the proposal.

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### **CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS**

Contractor hereby certifies the following: that it is familiar with Ohio Revised Code ("O.R.C.") Section 3517.13; that all applicable parties listed in Division (I)(3) or (J)(3) of O.R.C. Section 3517.13 are in full compliance with Divisions (I)(1) and (J)(1) of that Section; that it is eligible for this contract under the law and will remain in compliance with O.R.C. Section 3517.13 for the duration of this contract and for one year thereafter.

### **QUALITY**

Unless otherwise stated by the offeror, the proposal will be considered as being in strict accordance with the specifications outlined in this RFP document.

### **SAMPLES**

Samples, when requested, must be furnished free of expense to the City and if not destroyed, will upon request be returned at the bidder's expense.

### **CHANGES AND ADDENDA TO RFP DOCUMENTS**

Each change or addenda issued in relation to this document will be published on the City's Vendor Services website no less than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled RFP due date. In addition, to the extent possible, notice will be e-mailed to each person registered as having interest in the commodities selected for this RFP. Total RFP inquiry or specific item cancellations may be issued later than that time specified above.

### **REPUDIATION OF AGREEMENT**

The liability of the City for repudiation of any agreement which might result from this request shall be limited to the difference between the market price at the time and place for tender of the service and the unpaid sales price together with any incidental damages, but less expenses paid in consequence of the breach by the City. The liability of the city shall not be measured by the profits or overhead of seller.

### **CONTRACT MODIFICATION**

An agreement which may result from this request shall not be modified or altered by any subsequent course of performance between parties or by additional terms contained in any subsequent documents unless said additional or differing terms are incorporated by contract modification authorized to be entered into by ordinance.

### **APPLICABLE LAWS**

The Revised Code of the State of Ohio, the Charter of the City of Columbus, and all City ordinances insofar as they apply to the laws of competitive bidding, contracts, and purchases, are made a part hereof.

### **REMEDIES**

All claims, counterclaims, disputes and other matters in question between the City, its agents and employees, and the Contractor arising out of or relating to this agreement or its breach will be decided in a court of competent jurisdiction within the County of Franklin, State of Ohio.

### **OFFERORS TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Terms and conditions, submitted with this proposal, which are contrary to City Code or Charter shall be disregarded for the purpose of any subsequent contract. The successful offeror shall be notified as to which terms and conditions, if any, have been deleted or changed.

### **PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS**

The City of Columbus, as a political subdivision of the State of Ohio, is subject to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 149, known as

the Ohio Public Records Law. Consequently, the Offeror understands that ALL documents submitted in response to this RFP are considered public records and WILL be released when a public records request is made by news media, competitors, or other interested parties, in accordance with the law. If you contend that certain CLEARLY MARKED portions of your response constitute an exception to Ohio's public records law, you MUST submit your legal basis in support of that assertion with your response.

If a public records request is made for any portion of the documents that you have submitted and you have NOT clearly marked such documents as information constituting an exception to Ohio's public records law, your information will be released immediately.

If a public records request is made for such information and you HAVE clearly marked portions of your response as information constituting an exception to Ohio's public records law, AND you have submitted the legal basis supporting such claim, the City will release a redacted version of your information to the requestor and notify you that a request was made and that a redacted version of your response was released. Should the requestor indicate that the redacted version is not sufficient for their purposes, you then will be IMMEDIATELY responsible for obtaining an order from a Court of competent jurisdiction in Franklin County, Ohio enjoining release of your clearly marked information constituting an exception to Ohio's public records law.

If a public records request is made for such information and you HAVE clearly marked portions of your response as information constituting an exception to Ohio's public records law, but you have NOT submitted the legal basis supporting such claim, the City WILL RELEASE your information to the requestor and notify you that a request was made and that your response was released.

DO NOT mark your entire response/submittal as information constituting an exception to Ohio's public records law. If your entire response/submittal is so marked, the City of Columbus will not consider your offer.

### **COSTS INCURRED FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS**

The City is not liable for any cost associated with the preparation of the proposal or any other costs incurred by any offeror prior to the execution of the contract. The rejection of any proposal in whole or in part, at its discretion, will not render the City liable for incurring any cost or damage.

### **WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS**

If at any time prior to the closing date the invited offeror decides not to provide a proposal, the City will appreciate that a letter to that effect be supplied to the City prior to the deadline.

### **SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

Successful vendor shall at all times while performing duties, adhere to all rules of their particular industry, with regard to mandates by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and/or Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and any other regulation applicable to the circumstance.

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### **NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

Each respondent is required to submit with his proposal an affidavit stating that neither he nor his agents, nor any other party for it, has paid or agreed to pay, directly or indirectly, any person, firm or corporation any money or valuable consideration for assistance in procuring or attempting to procure the Contract herein referred to, and further agreeing that no such money or regard will be hereafter paid. This affidavit must be on the form required, titled "Non-Collusion Affidavit."

### **ADDITIONAL CONTRACT TERMS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS IN THE EVENT OF A CONTRACT**

**This section sets forth contract terms and the required contract documents that the successful offeror must execute following the award of the contract by the contracting authority.**

### **PUBLICATIONS**

The Contractor agrees to submit to the City's Contract Administrator all advertising, sales promotion, and other publicity matters relating to this Contract wherein the City's name is mentioned or language used from which the connection of the City's name therewith may, in the City's judgment, be inferred or implied. The Contractor further agrees not to publish, or use such advertising, sales promotion, or publicity matter without the prior written consent of the City except that may be required under law.

### **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE**

The City upon thirty days written notice may terminate this agreement at its convenience. The party providing goods or services shall be entitled compensation for goods provided or services rendered under the terms of this contract up to the date of notification of termination.

### **TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT**

If either the City or the Contractor violates any material term or condition of this Contract or fails to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Contract, then the aggrieved party shall give the other party written notice of such failure or violation. The responsible party shall give the other party written notice of such failure or violation. The responsible party will correct the violation or failure within thirty (30) calendar days or as otherwise mutually agreed. If the failure or violation is not corrected, this Contract may be terminated immediately by written notice from the aggrieved party to the other party. The option to terminate shall be the sole discretion of the aggrieved party. If it determined for any reason the failure to perform is without the defaulting party's control, fault, or negligence, the termination shall be deemed to be a Termination for Convenience.

### **APPLICABLE LAW, REMEDIES**

This agreement shall be governed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio. All claims, counterclaims, disputes and other matters in question between the City, its agents and employees, and the Contractor arising out of or relating to this agreement or its breach will be decided in a court of competent jurisdiction within the County of Franklin, State of Ohio. The remedies provided for in this Contract shall not be exclusive but are in addition to all other remedies available under law.

### **ASSIGNMENT**

This agreement may not be assigned or otherwise transferred to others by the contractor without the prior written consent of the City.

### **SAVE HARMLESS**

Contractor shall protect, indemnify and save the City harmless from and against any damage, cost, or liability, including reasonable attorneys' fees resulting from claim, by third parties for any or all injuries to persons or damage to property arising from the acts or omissions of the Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or Subcontractors in providing goods or services under the terms and conditions of this contract.

### **Public Records**

Contractor acknowledges that the City is subject to O.R.C.149.43, the State of Ohio Public Records Law.

### **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS**

The Contractor shall perform its duties as an independent contractor and not as an employee. Neither the contractor nor any agent or employee of the contractor shall be or shall be deemed to be an agent or employee of the City of Columbus. The Contractor shall pay when due all required employment taxes and income tax on any monies paid pursuant to the contract. Contractor shall acknowledge that the contractor and its employees are not entitled to unemployment insurance benefits unless the contractor or a third party provides such coverage and that the City does not apply for or otherwise provide such coverage. Contractor shall have no authorization, express or implied, to bind the City to any agreements, liability, or understanding except as expressly set forth in the contract. Contractor shall provide and keep in force worker's compensation (and show proof of such insurance) and unemployment compensation insurance in the amounts required by law, and shall be solely responsible for the acts of the contractor, its employees and agents.

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**IN THE EVENT OF A CONTRACT (continued)**

**PROTECTION OF CITY'S CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

The contractor shall acknowledge that some of the material and information which may come into its possession or knowledge in connection with the contract or its performance, may consist of confidential information, the disclosure of which to, or use by, third parties could be damaging. Therefore, access to information concerning individual recipients of the City's services to individual clients, among other items, shall not be granted except as authorized by law or agency rule. The contractor shall agree to hold all such information in strictest confidence, not to make use thereof for other than the performance of the contract, to release it only to authorized employees or subcontractors requiring such information, and not to release or disclose it to any other party. The contractor shall agree to release such information or material only to subcontractors who have signed a written agreement expressly prohibiting disclosure. The contractor shall further agree to either destroy or return all such information at the end of the term of the contract.

This section does not impose any obligation on the contractor if the information is: (1) publicly known at the time of disclosure; (2) already known to the receiving party at the time it is furnished to the contractor; (3) furnished by the City to others without restrictions on its use or disclosure; or (4) independently developed by the receiving party without use of the proprietary information.

**WITHHOLDING OF CITY INCOME TAX**

Pursuant to Section 362 Columbus City Codes, 1959: "Said Contractor hereby further agrees to withhold all City income tax assessment due or payable under the provisions of Chapter 362, Columbus City Codes for wages, salaries and commissions paid to its employees and further agrees that any of its subcontractors shall be required to agree to withhold any such City income tax assessments due under said chapters for services performed under this Contract."

**WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE**

The contractor shall take out and maintain, during the life of the contract, adequate worker's compensation insurance for all his employees employed at the site of the project and, in case any work is sublet, the contractor shall require the subcontractor similarly to provide worker's compensation insurance for the latter's employees, unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by the contractor. The contractor shall furnish three (3) copies of the worker's compensation certificate showing that the contractor has paid his industrial insurance premium.

**AUTHORITY TO BIND**

The signatories to this Contract represent that they have the authority to bind themselves and their respective organizations to this Contract.

**LIABILITY INSURANCE**

The contractor shall take out and maintain during the life of the contract, such liability (bodily injury and property damage) Insurance as shall protect it from claims from damages for personal injury, including accidental death, as well as from claims for property damage which may arise from operations under the contract, whether such operation be by itself or any subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them. Such insurance policy shall include the City as additional insured. The contractor shall maintain coverage of the types and in the amounts specified below. Proof of such insurance coverage shall be evidenced by submitting a certificate of insurance. A contractor's "umbrella" type policy with limits specified below may be submitted for this requirement with the City as additional insured.

The amount of such insurance shall be as follows:

**Bodily Injury Liability:**

|               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| Each Person   | \$1,000,000.00 |
| Each Accident | 1,000,000.00   |

**Property Damage Liability:**

|               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| Each Person   | \$1,000,000.00 |
| All Accidents | 1,000,000.00   |

Such insurance shall remain in full force and effect during the life of the contract.

Insurance may not be changed or cancelled unless the insured notifies the City in writing not less than thirty days prior to such change or cancellation. If any part of the contract is sublet, the contractor is responsible for the part sublet being adequately covered by insurance hereinabove described.

Contractor assumes all risk of loss and damage to the equipment provided unless loss or damage occurs at the time the operator and equipment are being operated for the purpose designated by the City and such loss or damages is caused by an act of the City or its employee which constitutes gross negligence or wanton misconduct