

CONTRACT RESULTING FROM REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER ~~100XXXXX-21-V~~, Legal Counsel for the Redistricting Commission 10089753-21-V, Redistricting Support Services

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This Contract (Contract) is entered into by and between the City of San Diego, a municipal corporation (City), and the successful proposer to Request for Proposal (RFP) # ~~10089753-21-V~~, Redistricting Support Services ~~100XXXXX-21-V~~, Legal Counsel for the Redistricting Commission (Contractor).

RECITALS

On or about ~~4/26/2021~~ 7/22/2021, City issued an RFP to prospective proposers on services to be provided to the City. The RFP and any addenda and exhibits thereto are collectively referred to as the "RFP." The RFP is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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City has determined that Contractor has the expertise, experience, and personnel necessary to provide the services.

City wishes to retain Contractor to provide legal counsel services for the redistricting support services commission as further described in the Scope of Work, attached hereto as Exhibit B. (Services).

For good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is acknowledged, City and Contractor agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I
CONTRACTOR SERVICES**

1.1 Scope of Work. Contractor shall provide the Services to City as described in Exhibit B which is incorporated herein by reference. Contractor will submit all required forms and information described in Exhibit A to the Purchasing Agent before providing Services.

1.2 General Contract Terms and Provisions. This Contract incorporates by reference the General Contract Terms and Provisions, attached hereto as Exhibit C.

1.3 Contract Administrator. The City of San Diego 2020 Redistricting Commission (Commission) is the Contract Administrator for this Agreement. Contractor shall provide the Services under the direction of a designated representative of the Commission as follows:

Lora Fleming
City of San Diego Redistricting Commission Chief of Staff
202 C Street, MS 9A,
San Diego, CA 92101
(619) 510-7201
LJFleming@sandiego.gov

1.4 Industry Standards. Contractor agrees to perform the Services in accordance with the standards customarily adhered to by an experienced and competent law firm using the degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised by reputable attorneys practicing in the State of California. Where approval by the City, the Mayor or the Mayor's designee, or other City representative is required, this approval does not relieve Contractor of its responsibility to comply with all applicable laws and industry standards.

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1.5 Confidentiality. Contractor acknowledges that it has no authority to waive the attorney-client privilege on behalf of the City and agrees to conduct its activities relating to this matter in such a manner as to maintain the confidentiality of communications between Contractor and the City, including the City Attorney and any City official or employee. Contractor further agrees that it will not waive the attorney-client privilege with respect to documents or communications obtained or conducted in connection with this matter without the express written consent of the City. Furthermore, all services performed by Contractor, including but not limited to all drafts, data, information, correspondence, proposals, reports of any nature, estimates compiled or composed by Contractor are for the sole use of the City, its agents, and employees. Neither the documents nor their contents shall be released by Contractor to any third party without the prior written consent of the City. This provision does not apply to information that: (1) was publicly known, or otherwise known to Law Firm, at the time it was disclosed to Law Firm by the City; (2) subsequently becomes publicly known through no act or omission of Law Firm; or (3) otherwise becomes known to Law Firm other than through disclosure by the City.

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ARTICLE II DURATION OF CONTRACT

2.1 Term. This Contract shall be for a period of 1 (one) year beginning on the Effective Date. Unless otherwise terminated, this Contract shall be effective until completion of the Scope of Services. The term of this Contract shall not exceed five years unless approved by the City Council by ordinance.

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2.2 Effective Date. This Contract shall be effective on the date it is executed by the last Party to sign the Contract, and approved by the City Attorney in accordance with San Diego Charter Section 40.

ARTICLE III COMPENSATION

3.1 Amount of Compensation. City shall pay Contractor for performance of all Services rendered in accordance with this Contract in an amount not to exceed \$ _____.
(The not to exceed amount will be added in this final Contract prior to the final execution of the Contract by the City, with the Contractor's initials indicating acceptance.)

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Contractor must immediately inform the City when the cumulative value of work done under this Agreement exceeds eighty percent (80%) of the total compensation authorized in this paragraph, or when it reasonably appears to Contractor that the cumulative value of work done under this Agreement may exceed the total compensation authorized in this paragraph within forty-five (45) days. The City is not required to pay more than the maximum amount authorized.

ARTICLE IV WAGE REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Reserved.

ARTICLE V CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

5.1 Contract Documents. The following documents comprise the Contract between the City and Contractor: this Contract and all exhibits thereto, the RFP; the Notice of Award; and the City's written acceptance of exceptions or clarifications to the RFP, if any.

5.2 Contract Interpretation. The Contract Documents completely describe the Services to be provided. Contractor will provide any Services that may reasonably be inferred from the Contract Documents or from prevailing custom or trade usage as being required to produce the intended result whether or not specifically called for or identified in the Contract Documents. Words or phrases which have a well-known technical or construction industry or trade meaning and are used to describe Services will be interpreted in accordance with that meaning unless a definition has been provided in the Contract Documents.

5.3 Precedence. In resolving conflicts resulting from errors or discrepancies in any of the Contract Documents, the Parties will use the order of precedence as set forth below. The 1st document has the highest priority. Inconsistent provisions in the Contract Documents that address the same subject, are consistent, and have different degrees of specificity, are not in conflict and the more specific language will control. The order of precedence from highest to lowest is as follows:

- 1st Any properly executed written amendment to the Contract
- 2nd The Contract
- 3rd The RFP and the City's written acceptance of any exceptions or clarifications to the RFP, if any
- 4th Contractor's Pricing

5.4 Counterparts. This Contract may be executed in counterparts which, when taken together, shall constitute a single signed original as though all Parties had executed the same page.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Contract is executed by City and Contractor acting by and through their authorized officers.

CONTRACTOR

CITY OF SAN DIEGO
A Municipal Corporation

Proposer

BY: _____

Street Address

Print Name: _____

City

Director, Purchasing & Contracting Department

Date Signed

Telephone No.

E-Mail

BY:

Signature of
Proposer's Authorized
Representative

Print Name

Title

Date

Approved as to form this ____ day of

_____, 20____.
MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

BY: _____
Deputy City Attorney

**EXHIBIT A
PROPOSAL SUBMISSION AND REQUIREMENTS**

A. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

1. Timely Proposal Submittal. Proposals must be submitted as described herein to the Purchasing & Contracting Department (P&C).

1.1 Reserved.

1.2 Paper Proposals. The City will accept paper proposals in lieu of eProposals. Paper proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope to the Purchasing & Contracting Department (P&C) located at 1200 Third Avenue, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92101. The Solicitation Number and Closing Date must be referenced in the lower left-hand corner of the outside of the envelope. Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

1.3 Proposal Due Date. Proposals must be submitted prior to the Closing Date indicated on the eBidding System. E-mailed and/or faxed proposals will not be accepted.

1.4 Pre-Proposal Conference. No pre-proposal conference will be held for RFP.

1.4.1 Reserved.

1.5 Questions and Comments. Written questions and comments must be submitted electronically via the eBidding System no later than the date specified on the eBidding System. Only written communications relative to the procurement shall be considered. The City's eBidding System is the only acceptable method for submission of questions. All questions will be answered in writing. The City will distribute questions and answers without identification of the inquirer(s) to all proposers who are on record as having received this RFP, via its eBidding System. No oral communications can be relied upon for this RFP. Addenda will be issued addressing questions or comments that are determined by the City to cause a change to any part of this RFP.

1.6 Contact with City Staff. Unless otherwise authorized herein, proposers who are considering submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, or who submit a proposal in response to this RFP, are prohibited from communicating with City staff about this RFP from the date this RFP is issued until a contract is awarded.

2. Proposal Format and Organization. Unless electronically submitted, all proposals should be securely bound and must include the following completed and executed forms and information presented in the manner indicated below:

Tab A - Submission of Information and Forms.

2.1 Completed and signed Contract Signature Page. If any addenda are issued, the latest Addendum Contract Signature Page is required.

2.2 Exceptions requested by proposer, if any. The proposer must present written factual or legal justification for any exception requested to the Scope of Work, the Contract, or the Exhibits thereto. Any exceptions to the Contract that have not been accepted

by the City in writing are deemed rejected. The City, in its sole discretion, may accept some or all of proposer's exceptions, reject proposer's exceptions, and deem the proposal non-responsive, or award the Contract without proposer's proposed exceptions. The City will not consider exceptions addressed elsewhere in the proposal.

2.3 The Contractor Standards Pledge of Compliance Form.

2.4 Equal Opportunity Contracting forms including the Work Force Report and Contractors Certification of Pending Actions.

2.5 Reserved.

2.6 Reserved.

2.7 Reserved.

2.8 Additional Information as required in Exhibit B.

2.9 Reserved.

Tab B - Executive Summary and Responses to Specifications.

2.10 A title page.

2.11 A table of contents.

2.12 An executive summary, limited to one typewritten page, that provides a high-level description of the proposer's ability to meet the requirements of the RFP and the reasons the proposer believes itself to be best qualified to provide the identified services.

2.13 Proposer's response to the RFP.

Tab C - Cost/Price Proposal (if applicable). Proposers shall submit a complete and detailed cost proposal inclusive of indirect costs to complete all tasks identified in the Scope of Work. A detailed cost breakdown shall be provided identifying: (1) number of staff hours and hourly rates for each professional and support/administrative staff person committed to this effort; (2) an estimate of all direct costs, such as materials and reproduction costs; and (3) an estimate of any subconsultant services. Proposers shall submit a cost proposal in the form and format described herein. Failure to provide cost(s) in the form and format requested may result in proposal being declared non-responsive and rejected.

3. Proposal Review. Proposers are responsible for carefully examining the RFP, this Contract, and all documents incorporated into the Contract by reference before submitting a proposal. If selected for award of contract, proposer shall be bound by same unless the City has accepted proposer's exceptions, if any, in writing.

4. Addenda. The City may issue addenda to this RFP as necessary. All addenda are incorporated into the Contract. The proposer is responsible for determining whether addenda were issued prior to a proposal submission. Failure to respond to or properly address addenda may result in rejection of a proposal.

5. Quantities. The estimated quantities provided by the City are not guaranteed. These quantities are listed for informational purposes only. Quantities vary depending on the demands of the City. Any variations from the estimated quantities shall not entitle the proposer to an adjustment in the unit price or any additional compensation.

6. Quality. Unless otherwise required, all goods furnished shall be new and the best of their kind.

6.1 Items Offered. Proposer shall state the applicable trade name, brand, catalog, manufacturer, and/or product number of the required good, if any, in the proposal.

6.2 Brand Names. Any reference to a specific brand name in a solicitation is illustrative only and describes a component best meeting the specific operational, design, performance, maintenance, quality, or reliability standards and requirements of the City. Proposer may offer an equivalent or equal in response to a brand name referenced (Proposed Equivalent). The City may consider the Proposed Equivalent after it is subjected to testing and evaluation which must be completed prior to the award of contract. If the proposer offers an item of a manufacturer or vendor other than that specified, the proposer must identify the maker, brand, quality, manufacturer number, product number, catalog number, or other trade designation. The City has complete discretion in determining if a Proposed Equivalent will satisfy its requirements. It is the proposer's responsibility to provide, at their expense, any product information, test data, or other information or documents the City requests to properly evaluate or demonstrate the acceptability of the Proposed Equivalent, including independent testing, evaluation at qualified test facilities, or destructive testing.

7. Modifications, Withdrawals, or Mistakes. Proposer is responsible for verifying all prices and extensions before submitting a proposal.

7.1 Modification or Withdrawal of Proposal Before Proposal Opening. Prior to the Closing Date, the proposer or proposer's authorized representative may modify or withdraw the proposal by providing written notice of the proposal modification or withdrawal to the City Contact via the eBidding System. E-mail or telephonic withdrawals or modifications are not permissible.

7.2 Proposal Modification or Withdrawal of Proposal After Proposal Opening. Any proposer who seeks to modify or withdraw a proposal because of the proposer's inadvertent computational error affecting the proposal price shall notify the City Contact identified on the eBidding System no later than three working days following the Closing Date. The proposer shall provide worksheets and such other information as may be required by the City to substantiate the claim of inadvertent error. Failure to do so may bar relief and allow the City recourse from the bid surety. The burden is upon the proposer to prove the inadvertent error. If, as a result of a proposal modification, the proposer is no longer the apparent successful proposer, the City will award to the newly established apparent successful proposer. The City's decision is final.

8. Incurred Expenses. The City is not responsible for any expenses incurred by proposers in participating in this solicitation process.

9. Public Records. By submitting a proposal, the proposer acknowledges that any information submitted in response to this RFP is a public record subject to disclosure unless the City determines that a specific exemption in the California Public Records Act (CPRA)

applies. If the proposer submits information clearly marked confidential or proprietary, the City may protect such information and treat it with confidentiality to the extent permitted by law. However, it will be the responsibility of the proposer to provide to the City the specific legal grounds on which the City can rely in withholding information requested under the CPRA should the City choose to withhold such information. General references to sections of the CPRA will not suffice. Rather, the proposer must provide a specific and detailed legal basis, including applicable case law, that clearly establishes the requested information is exempt from the disclosure under the CPRA. If the proposer does not provide a specific and detailed legal basis for requesting the City to withhold proposer's confidential or proprietary information at the time of proposal submittal, City will release the information as required by the CPRA and proposer will hold the City, its elected officials, officers, and employees harmless for release of this information. It will be the proposer's obligation to defend, at proposer's expense, any legal actions or challenges seeking to obtain from the City any information requested under the CPRA withheld by the City at the proposer's request. Furthermore, the proposer shall indemnify and hold harmless the City, its elected officials, officers, and employees from and against any claim or liability, and defend any action brought against the City, resulting from the City's refusal to release information requested under the CPRA which was withheld at proposer's request. Nothing in the Contract resulting from this proposal creates any obligation on the part of the City to notify the proposer or obtain the proposer's approval or consent before releasing information subject to disclosure under the CPRA.

10. Right to Audit. The City Auditor may access proposer's records as described in San Diego Charter section 39.2 to confirm contract compliance.

B. PRICING

1. Fixed Price. All prices shall be firm, fixed, fully burdened, FOB destination, and include any applicable delivery or freight charges, and any other costs required to provide the requirements as specified in this RFP. The lowest total estimated contract price of all the proposals that meet the requirements of this RFP will receive the maximum assigned points to this category as set forth in this RFP. The other price schedules will be scored based on how much higher their total estimated contract prices compare with the lowest:

$$(1 - \frac{\text{(contract price - lowest price)}}{\text{lowest price}}) \times \text{maximum points} = \text{points received}$$

For example, if the lowest total estimated contract price of all proposals is \$100, that proposal would receive the maximum allowable points for the price category. If the total estimated contract price of another proposal is \$105 and the maximum allowable points is 60 points, then that proposal would receive $(1 - ((105 - 100) / 100) \times 60 = 57$ points, or 95% of the maximum points. The lowest score a proposal can receive for this category is zero points (the score cannot be a negative number). The City will perform this calculation for each Proposal.

2. Taxes and Fees. Taxes and applicable local, state, and federal regulatory fees should not be included in the price proposal. Applicable taxes and regulatory fees will be added to the net amount invoiced. The City is liable for state, city, and county sales taxes but is exempt from Federal Excise Tax and will furnish exemption certificates upon request. All or any portion of the City sales tax returned to the City will be considered in the evaluation of proposals.

3. Escalation. An escalation factor is not allowed unless called for in this RFP. If escalation is allowed, proposer must notify the City in writing in the event of a decline in market price(s) below the proposal price. At that time, the City will make an adjustment in the Contract or may elect to re-solicit.

4. Unit Price. Unless the proposer clearly indicates that the price is based on consideration of being awarded the entire lot and that an adjustment to the price was made based on receiving the entire proposal, any difference between the unit price correctly extended and the total price shown for all items shall be offered shall be resolved in favor of the unit price.

C. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

1. Award. The City shall evaluate each responsive proposal to determine which proposal offers the City the best value consistent with the evaluation criteria set forth herein. The proposer offering the lowest overall price will not necessarily be awarded a contract.

2. Sustainable Materials. Consistent with Council Policy 100-14, the City encourages use of readily recyclable submittal materials that contain post-consumer recycled content.

3. Evaluation Process.

3.1 Process for Award. A City-designated evaluation committee (Evaluation Committee) will evaluate and score all responsive proposals. The Evaluation Committee may require proposer to provide additional written or oral information to clarify responses. Upon completion of the evaluation process, the Evaluation Committee will recommend to the Purchasing Agent that award be made to the proposer with the highest scoring proposal.

3.2 ~~Optional Interview/Oral Presentation.~~ ~~The City may require proposers to interview and/or make an oral presentation.~~ **Reserved.**

3.3 Mandatory Interview/Oral Presentation. The City will require only the top three (3) proposers with the highest scoring proposal to interview and/or make an oral presentation. Interviews and/or oral presentations will be made to the Evaluation Committee in order to clarify the proposals and to answer any questions. The interviews and/or oral presentations will be scored as part of the selection process. The City will complete all reference checks prior to any oral interview. Additionally, the Evaluation Committee may require proposer's key personnel to interview. Interviews may be by telephone and/or in person. Multiple interviews may be required. Proposers are required to complete their oral presentation and/or interviews within seven (7) workdays after the City's request. Proposers should be prepared to discuss and substantiate any of the areas of the proposal submitted, as well as proposer's qualifications to furnish the subject goods and services. Proposer is responsible for any costs incurred for the oral presentation and interview of the key personnel.

3.4 Discussions/Negotiations. The City has the right to accept the proposal that serves the best interest of the City, as submitted, without discussion or negotiation. Contractors should, therefore, not rely on having a chance to discuss, negotiate, and adjust their proposals. The City may negotiate the terms of a contract with the winning proposer based on the RFP and the proposer's proposal, or award the contract without further negotiation.

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3.5 Inspection. The City reserves the right to inspect the proposer’s equipment and facilities to determine if the proposer is capable of fulfilling this Contract. Inspection will include, but not limited to, survey of proposer’s physical assets and financial capability. Proposer, by signing the proposal agrees to the City’s right of access to physical assets and financial records for the sole purpose of determining proposer’s capability to perform the Contract. Should the City conduct this inspection, the City reserves the right to disqualify a proposer who does not, in the City’s judgment, exhibit the sufficient physical and financial resources to perform this Contract.

3.6 Evaluation Criteria. The following elements represent the evaluation criteria that will be considered during the evaluation process:

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	MAXIMUM EVALUATION POINTS
A. Responsiveness to the RFP.	15
1. Requested information included and thoroughness of response	
2. Understanding of the project and ability to deliver as exhibited in the Executive Summary.	
3. Creativity of proposed project approach	
4. Clarity and brevity of the response.	
B. Staffing Plan.	20
1. Qualifications of personnel adequate for requirement	
2. Provision for the required disciplines	
3. Clearly defined Roles/Responsibilities of key personnel	
C. Firm's Capability to provide the services and expertise and Past Performance.	35
1. Relevant experience of the Firm and subcontractors	
2. Previous relationship of firm and subcontractors on similar projects	
3. Background of the Firm and subcontractors including (Discipline) qualifications	
4. Other pertinent experience	
5. Location in the general geographical area of the project and knowledge of the locality of the Project	
6. Past/Prior Performance	
7. Capacity/Capability to meet The City of San Diego needs in a -timely manner	
8. Reference checks	
9. Use of/compatibility with ESRI ArcGIS software and redistricting tools	
D. Cost.	20
E. Mandatory Demonstration/Presentation.	10
1. Thoroughness and Clarity of Presentation	
SUB TOTAL MAXIMUM EVALUATION POINTS:	100

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	MAXIMUM EVALUATION POINTS
F. Participation by Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE) or Emerging Local Business Enterprise (ELBE) Firms*	<u>12</u>
FINAL MAXIMUM EVALUATION POINTS INCLUDING SLBE/ELBE:	<u>112</u>

*The City shall apply a maximum of an additional 12 percentage points to the proposer's final score for SLBE OR ELBE participation. Refer to Equal Opportunity Contracting Form, Section V.

D. ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD

1. Award of Contract. The City will inform all proposers of its intent to award a Contract in writing.

2. Obtaining Proposal Results. No solicitation results can be obtained until the City announces the proposal or proposals best meeting the City's requirements. Proposal results may be obtained by: (1) e-mailing a request to the City Contact identified on the eBidding System or (2) visiting the P&C eBidding System to review the proposal results. To ensure an accurate response, requests should reference the Solicitation Number. Proposal results will not be released over the phone.

3. Multiple Awards. City may award more than one contract by awarding separate items or groups of items to various proposers. Awards will be made for items, or combinations of items, which result in the lowest aggregate price and/or best meet the City's requirements. The additional administrative costs associated with awarding more than one Contract will be considered in the determination.

E. PROTESTS. The City's protest procedures are codified in Chapter 2, Article 2, Division 30 of the San Diego Municipal Code (SDMC). These procedures provide unsuccessful proposers with the opportunity to challenge the City's determination on legal and factual grounds. The City will not consider or otherwise act upon an untimely protest.

F. SUBMITTALS REQUIRED UPON NOTICE OF AWARD. The successful proposer is required to submit the following documents to P&C **within ten (10) business days** from the date on the Notice to Proceed letter:

1. Insurance Documents. Evidence of all required insurance, including all required endorsements, as specified in Article VII of the General Contract Terms and Provisions.

2. Taxpayer Identification Number. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations require the City to have the correct name, address, and Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) or Social Security Number (SSN) on file for businesses or persons who provide goods or services to the City. This information is necessary to complete Form 1099 at the end of each tax year. To comply with IRS regulations, the City requires each Contractor to provide a Form W-9 prior to the award of a Contract.

3. Business Tax Certificate. Unless the City Treasurer determines a business is exempt, all businesses that contract with the City must have a current business tax certificate.

4. Reserved.

5. Reserved.

The City may find the proposer to be non-responsive and award the Contract to the next highest scoring responsible and responsive proposer if the apparent successful proposer fails to timely provide the required information or documents.