REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

DISTRICT MEDIAN MAINTENANCE – FY2020

SOUTH CORRIDOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM AREA (SCIP)

RFP # 2019-425

ONLY CITY CERTIFIED SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (SBE) MAY RESPOND

CHARLOTTE, NC

CITY OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 3, 2019
Checklist for submitting a Proposal:

Step 1-Read the document fully.

Step 2-If you plan on submitting a Proposal then email Form 1 in Section 6 to the email address listed on the sheet.

Steps 3-If you have any questions send them before the deadline listed in Section 2.1.

If you plan to submit a Proposal you must follow this checklist, and must include everything detailed below.

Proposal Copies - Please provide the specified number for each format
- 1 Copy on CD or flash drive
- 1 Copy marked “Original”
- 1 Copies marked “Copy”

Proposal Format - Proposals should be formatted as follows:
- Cover Letter per Section 4.1.1
- Proposed Solution per Section 4.1.2
- Section 6, Form 2, Addenda Receipt Confirmation
- Section 6, Form 3, Proposal Submission
- Section 6, Form 4, Pricing Worksheet
- Section 6, Form 5, MWSBE Utilization
- Section 6, Form 6, Service Provider Questionnaire
- Section 6, Form 7, Key Personnel
- Section 6, Form 8, Equipment
- Section 6, Form 9, Project References
- Section 6, Form 10, Company Employee’s Licensing and Certifications
- Section 6, Form 11, Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility
- Exceptions to any part of the RFP (If you take any exceptions to anything in this document list it in a category in your Proposal called “Exceptions” and offer an alternative solution).

The above items constitute all that must be included in the Proposal. If awarded a contract, you will be required to provide an insurance certificate that meets or exceeds the requirements set forth in Exhibit A, Section 28.

It is the Company’s responsibility to check www.ips.state.nc.us or the City’s Contract Opportunities Site for any addenda or changes to this Project. Search for bid # 2019-425 to find if any documents or changes have been posted.
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1. INTRODUCTION.

1.1. Objective.

The objective of this RFP is to solicit Proposals that will enable the City to determine which Company and Proposed Solution will best meet the City’s needs for median maintenance services for the South Corridor Infrastructure Program Area (SCIP) district within the City as identified herein. The City is seeking firms whose combination of experience and expertise will provide timely and cost-effective services to the City.

All work covered in this RFP shall be in accordance with and all materials shall conform to the requirements of the City of Charlotte-Landscape Management Division’s Landscape Construction Standards (included by reference).

1.2. Project Overview.

The Contractor shall provide all labor, equipment, supplies, and materials required to provide median maintenance service that consists of, but is not limited to, maintenance of turf, ornamental trees, shrubs, perennials, concrete dividers, curb and gutter expansion joints, concrete median tips, ditch banks, and mulch and riprap areas, mulch replacement, plant replacement, trash and debris removal, storm debris removal, and leaf removal.

A detailed Scope of Services is provided in Section 3 of this RFP as follows:

3.2. SCOPE OF SERVICES: SOUTH CORRIDOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM AREA (SCIP)

1.3. Definitions.

As used in this RFP, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

Acceptance: Refers to receipt and approval by the City of a Deliverable or Service in accordance with the acceptance process and criteria in the Contract.

Affiliates: Refers to all departments or units of the City and all other governmental units, boards, committees or municipalities for which the City processes data or performs services.

Biodegradable: Refers to the ability of an item to be decomposed by bacteria or other living organisms.

Charlotte Business Inclusion (CBI): Refers to the Charlotte Business Inclusion office of the City of Charlotte.

Charlotte Combined Statistical Area (CSA): Refers to the Charlotte-Gastonia-Salisbury Combined Statistical Area consisting of; (a) the North Carolina counties of Anson, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Stanly, and Union; and (b) the South Carolina counties of Chester, Lancaster, and York; a criteria used by Charlotte Business INClusion to determine eligibility to participate in the program.

City: Refers to the City of Charlotte, North Carolina.

City Project Manager: Refers to a specified City employee representing the City’s best interests in this Project.
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Company: During the solicitation process, refers to a company that has interest in providing the Services. After the solicitation process, refers to a company that has been selected by the City to provide the Services.

Company Project Manager: Refers to a specified Company employee representing the best interests of the Company for this Project.

Contract: Refers to a written agreement executed by the City and the Company for all or part of the Services.

Deliverables: Refers to all tasks, reports, information, designs, plans, and other items that the Company is required to deliver to the City in connection with the Contract.

Department: Refers to a department within the City of Charlotte.

Documentation: Refers to all written, electronic, or recorded works that describe the use, functions, features, or purpose of the Deliverables or Services or any component thereof, and which are provided to the City by the Company or its subcontractors, including without limitation all end user manuals, training manuals, guides, program listings, data models, flow charts, and logic diagrams.

Environmentally Preferable Products: Refers to products that have a lesser or reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing products that serve the same purpose. This comparison may consider raw materials acquisition, production, manufacturing, packaging, distribution, reuse, operation, maintenance, or disposal of the product.

Evaluation Committee: Refers to a City appointed committee that will evaluate Proposals and identify the Company(-ies) best meeting the needs of the City.

Minority Business Enterprise/MBE: Refers to a business enterprise that: (a) is certified by the State of North Carolina as a Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-128.4; (b) is at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned by one or more persons who are members of one of the following groups: African American or Black, Hispanic, Asian, Native American or American Indian; and (c) is headquartered in the Charlotte Combined Statistical Area.

MWSBE: Refers to SBEs, MBEs and WBEs, collectively.

MWSBE Goal: If an RFP or Contract has separate Subcontracting Goals for MBEs, WBEs, and/or SBEs, the term MWSBE is a shorthand way to refer collectively to all MBE, WBE, and SBE Goals set for the RFP. In some instances, the City may set one combined goal for MBEs, WBEs, and/or SBEs, in which event the term MWSBE Goal refers to that one, combined goal. In the latter instance, calculated as a percentage, the MWSBE Goal represents the total dollars spent with MBEs, WBEs, and SBEs as a portion of the total Proposal amount, including any contingency.

Post-Consumer Recycled Material: Refers to material and by-products which have served their intended end-use by a consumer and have been recovered or diverted from solid waste. It does not include those materials and by-products generated...
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Project: Refers to the City’s need for a company to provide Snow Removal Services for the City.

Proposal: Refers to the proposal submitted by a Company for the Services as outlined in this RFP.

Recyclability: Refers to products or materials that can be collected, separated or otherwise recovered from the solid waste stream for reuse, or used in the manufacture or assembly of another package or product, through an established recycling program. For products that are made of both recyclable and non-recyclable components, the recyclable claim should be adequately qualified to avoid consumer deception about which portions or components are recyclable.

Recycled Material: Refers to material and by-products which have been recovered or diverted from solid waste for the purpose of recycling. It does not include those materials and by-products generated from, and commonly reused within, an original manufacturing process.

Services: Refers to the Snow Removal Services as requested in this RFP.

Small Business Enterprise/SBE: Refers to a business enterprise that is certified by the City of Charlotte under Part E of the CBI Policy as meeting all of the requirements for SBE certification.

Specifications and Requirements: Refers to all definitions, descriptions, requirements, criteria, warranties, and performance standards relating to the Deliverables and Services that are set forth or referenced in: (i) this RFP, including any addenda; (ii) the Documentation; and (iii) any functional and/or technical specifications that are published or provided by the Company or its licensors or suppliers from time to time with respect to all or any part of the Deliverables or Services.

Subcontracting Goals: Refers to the SBE, MBE, WBE, and MWSBE Goals established by the City for an RFP and resulting Contract.

Trade Secrets: Information of the City or any of its suppliers, contractors or licensors: (a) that derives value from being secret; and (b) that the owner has taken reasonable steps to keep confidential. See N.C. Gen. Stat. § 66-152 et seq. Examples of trade secrets include information relating to proprietary software, new technology, new products or services, flow charts or diagrams that show how things work, manuals that tell how things work and business processes and procedures.

Women Business Enterprise (WBE): Refers to a business enterprise that: (a) is certified by the State of North Carolina as a Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-128.4; (b) is at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned by one or more persons who are female; and (e) is headquartered in the Charlotte Combined Statistical Area.

Work Product: Refers to the Deliverables and all other programs, algorithms, reports, information, designs, plans and other items developed by the
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Company in connection with this RFP, and all partial, intermediate or preliminary versions of any of the foregoing.

1.4. Accuracy of RFP and Related Documents.
Each Company must independently evaluate all information provided by the City. The City makes no representations or warranties regarding any information presented in this RFP, or otherwise made available during this procurement process, and assumes no responsibility for conclusions or interpretations derived from such information. In addition, the City will not be bound by or be responsible for any explanation or conclusions regarding this RFP or any related documents other than those provided by an addendum issued by the City. Companies may not rely on any oral statement by the City or its agents, advisors, or consultants.

If a Company identifies potential errors or omissions in this RFP or any other related documents, the Company should immediately notify the City of such potential discrepancy in writing. The City may issue a written addendum if the City determines clarification necessary. Each Company requesting an interpretation will be responsible for delivering such requests to the City's designated representative as directed in RFP Section 2.

1.5. City’s Rights and Options.
The City reserves the right, at the City’s sole discretion, to take any action affecting this RFP, this RFP process, or the Services or facilities subject to this RFP that would be in the best interests of the City, including:

1.5.1. To supplement, amend, substitute, or otherwise modify this RFP, including the schedule, or to cancel this RFP, at any time;

1.5.2. To require any Companies to supplement or clarify its Proposal or provide additional information relating to its Proposals;

1.5.3. To investigate the qualifications, experience, capabilities, and financial standing of each Company submitting a Proposal;

1.5.4. To waive any defect or irregularity in any Proposal received;

1.5.5. To reject any or all Proposals;

1.5.6. To share the Proposals with City employees and contractors in addition to the Evaluation Committee as deemed necessary by the City;

1.5.7. To award all, none, or any part of the Services and enter into Contracts with one or more of the responding Companies deemed by the City to be in the best interest of the City, which may be done with or without re-solicitation;

1.5.8. To discuss and negotiate with any Company(-ies) their Proposal terms and conditions, including but not limited to financial terms; and

1.5.9. To terminate discussions and negotiations with any Company at any time and for any reason.

1.6. Expense of Submittal Preparation.
The City accepts no liability, and Companies will have no actionable claims, for reimbursement of any costs or expenses incurred in participating in this solicitation process. This includes expenses and costs related to Proposal submission, submission of written questions, attendance at pre-proposal meetings or evaluation interviews, contract negotiations, or activities required for contract execution.
1.7. Proposal Conditions.
The following terms are applicable to this RFP and the Company’s Proposal.

1.7.1. RFP Not An Offer.
This RFP does not constitute an offer by the City. No binding contract, obligation to negotiate, or any other obligation shall be created on the part of the City unless the City and the Company execute a Contract. No recommendations or conclusions from this RFP process concerning the Company shall constitute a right (property or otherwise) under the Constitution of the United States or under the Constitution, case law, or statutory law of North Carolina.

1.7.2. Trade Secrets and Personal Identification Information
Definition.
Upon receipt by General Services, all materials submitted by a Company (including the Proposal) are considered public records except for (1) material that qualifies as “trade secret” information under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 66-152 et seq. (“Trade Secrets”) or (2) “personally identifiable information” protected by state or federal law, to include, but not be limited to, Social Security numbers, bank account numbers, and driver’s license numbers (“Personally Identifiable Information” or “PII”).

Instructions for Marking and Identifying Trade Secrets.
If any Proposal contains Trade Secrets or PII, such Trade Secrets and PII must specifically and clearly be identified in accordance with this Section 1.6.2 by clearly separating them from the rest of the Proposal. For hard copy documents, it must be submitted in a separate, sealed envelope, marked either “Personally Identifiable Information – Confidential” or “Trade Secret—Confidential and Proprietary Information.” For electronic submissions it must also be submitted on a separate CD or flash drive. In both hard copy or electronic format, the confidentiality caption stated above must appear on each page of the Trade Secret or PII materials.

Availability of Proposals to City Staff and Contractors.
By submitting a Proposal, each Company agrees that the City may reveal any Trade Secret materials and PII contained therein to all City staff and City officials involved in the selection process, and to any outside consultant or other third parties who serve on the Evaluation Committee or who are hired or appointed by the City to assist in the evaluation process.

Availability of Proposals via Public Records Requests.
Any person or entity (including competitors) may request Proposals submitted in response to an RFP. Only those portions of RFPs properly designated as Trade Secret or PII are not subject to disclosure. The public disclosure of the contents of a Proposal or other materials submitted by a Company is governed by N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 132 and 66-152, et seq.

When determining whether to mark materials as Trade Secret, please note the following:
- Entire Proposals may not be marked as Trade Secret
- Pricing may not be marked as Trade Secret

The City may disqualify and Company that designates its entire Proposal as a trade secret, or any portion thereof that clearly does not qualify under applicable law as a Trade Secret or PII. Each Company agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City and each of its officers, employees, and agents from all costs, damages, and
expenses incurred in connection with refusing to disclose any material that the Company has designated as a Trade Secret or PII. This includes an obligation on the part of the Company to defend any litigation brought by a party that has requested Proposals or other information that the Company has marked Trade Secret or PII.

1.7.3. Amendments to RFP.
If the City amends this RFP, addenda will be posted to the IPS website at www.ips.state.nc.us and the City’s Contract Opportunities Site. Companies are required to acknowledge receipt of each addendum by including the Addenda Receipt Confirmation Form (Section 6, Form 2) with their Proposals.

1.7.4. Proposal Terms Firm and Irreversible.
The signed Proposal shall be considered a firm offer on the part of the Company. The City reserves the right to negotiate price and other terms. All Proposal elements (including all statements, claims, declarations, prices, and specifications) shall be considered firm and irrevocable for purposes of future Contract negotiations unless specifically waived in writing by the City. The Company chosen for award should be prepared to have its Proposal and any relevant correspondence incorporated into the Contract, either in part or in its entirety, at the City's election.

1.7.5. Proposal Binding for 180 Days.
Section 6, Form 3 contains a statement to the effect that the Proposal is a firm offer for one-hundred-eighty (180) calendar day period from the date of the opening. This statement must be signed by an individual authorized to bind the Company. All prices quoted shall be firm and fixed for the full Contract period. The City shall have the option to accept subject to exception by Contract.

1.7.6. Charlotte Business INClusion Program.
Pursuant to Charlotte City Council’s adoption of the Charlotte Business INClusion (CBI) Policy, the CBI program promotes diversity, inclusion, and local business opportunities in the City’s contracting and procurement process for Minority, Women, and Small Business Enterprises (MWSBEs) with a significant business presence in the Charlotte Combined Statistical Area (CSA). The CBI Policy is posted at: www.charlottebusinessinclusion.com.

The City is committed to promoting opportunities for maximum participation of certified MWSBEs on City funded contracts at both the Prime and Subcontract level. For MWSBE participation to count towards a Goal, MWSBEs must meet both the certification and geographic requirements as detailed throughout this solicitation and in the CBI Policy.

The City intends to negotiate utilization of MWSBE(s). The Company is required to submit Section 6, Form 5 attached herein. Failure to submit this form with the Proposal shall render the Proposal non-responsive.

1.7.7. Subcontracting
The Company given contract award shall be the prime contractor and shall be solely responsible for contractual performance. In the event of a subcontracting relationship, the Company shall remain the prime contractor and will assume all responsibility for the performance of the Services that are supplied by all subcontractors. The City retains the right to approve all subcontractors.
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1.7.8. Equal Opportunity.
The City has an equal opportunity purchasing policy. The City seeks to ensure that all segments of the business community have access to supplying the goods and services needed by City programs. The City provides equal opportunity for all businesses and does not discriminate against any Companies regardless of race, color, religion, age, sex, and national origin or disability.

1.7.9. Use of City’s Name.
No advertising, sales promotion, or other materials of the Company or its agents or representatives may identify or reference the City in any manner absent the prior written consent of the City.

1.7.10. Withdrawal for Modification of Proposals.
Companies may change or withdraw a previously-submitted Proposal at any time prior to the Proposal due date. Only formal written requests addressed in the same manner as the Proposal and received by the City prior to the Proposal due date will be accepted. The request must be in a sealed envelope that is plainly marked “Modifications to Proposal.” No oral modifications will be allowed. If the Company complies with this Section, after the Proposal due date, the Proposal, will be withdrawn or corrected in accordance with the written request(s).

1.7.11. No Bribery.
In submitting a response to this RFP, each Company certifies that neither it, any of its affiliates or subcontractors, nor any employees of any of the foregoing has bribed, or attempted to bribe, an officer or employee of the City in connection with the Contract.

1.7.12. Exceptions to the RFP.
Other than exceptions that are stated in compliance with this Section and Section 4.1.4, each Proposal shall be deemed to agree to comply with all terms, conditions, specifications, and requirements of this RFP including the Sample Contract language included in Exhibit A. An “exception” is defined as the Company’s inability or unwillingness to meet a term, condition, specification, or requirement in the manner specified in the RFP including the Sample Contract language included as in Exhibit A. All exceptions taken must be identified and explained in writing in your Proposal and must specifically reference the relevant section(s) of this RFP. If the Company provides an alternate solution when taking an exception to a requirement, the benefits of this alternative solution and impact, if any, on any part of the remainder of the Company’s solution, must be described in detail.

1.7.13. Fair Trade Certifications.
By submitting a Proposal, the Company certifies that:

- The prices in its Proposal have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement with anyone, as to any matter relating to such prices for the purpose of restricting competition;
- Unless otherwise required by law, the prices quoted in its Proposal have not been knowingly disclosed by the Company and will not knowingly be so disclosed prior to the Proposal due date; and
- No attempt has been made or will be made by the Company to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit a Proposal for the purpose of restricting competition.
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1.7.14. Companies’ Obligation to Fully Inform Themselves.
Companies or their authorized representatives must fully inform themselves as to all conditions, requirements, and specifications of this RFP before submitting Proposals. Failure to do so will be at the Company’s own risk.

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Section 2
Procurement Process

2. PROCUREMENT PROCESS.
This Section 2 contains information about the procurement process for this Project.

The following chart shows the schedule of events for the conduct of this RFP. The key events and deadlines for this process are as follows, some of which are set forth in more detail in the Sections that follow:

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2.2. Intent to Propose.
Please acknowledge receipt of this RFP via email by Monday, October 21, 2019 using the Request for Proposals Acknowledgement Form located in Section 6, Form 1. Complete the form in its entirety advising the City of your firm’s intention to submit or not submit a Proposal. Email a copy of the completed and signed form to the email address below. The City strongly encourages Companies to submit this form prior to the Pre-Proposal conference but Companies shall not be precluded from submitting a Proposal if they fail to submit this form.

2.3. Interpretations and Addenda.
There are two (2) ways to ask questions about this RFP: (1) submit a question in writing to the Procurement Officer at the e-mail address listed below; or (2) ask a question at the Pre-Proposal Conference. Other than these permitted methods, Companies should refrain from contacting City staff prior to the Proposal deadline. The City is not bound by any statements, representations or clarifications regarding this RFP other than those provided in writing by the Procurement Officer.

Tammy Hamilton, Contracts Specialist
City of Charlotte
Department of General Services
701 Tuckaseegee Road
Charlotte, NC 28208
RFP # 2019-425
Email: thamilton@charlottenc.gov
When submitting questions, please reference the RFP page and topic number. In order for questions to be addressed at the Pre-Proposal Conference, they must be submitted by the time and date referenced in Section 2.1.

After the Pre-Proposal Conference, questions must be submitted in writing by the deadline stated in Section 2.1. In the case of questions not submitted by the deadline, the Procurement Officer will, based on the availability of time to research and communicate an answer, decide whether an answer can be given before the Proposal deadline. When responding to Company questions or issuing addenda to the RFP, the City will post the answer or information to the Internet at http://www.ips.state.nc.us and the City’s Contract Opportunities Site, referencing solicitation # 2019-425. Companies are required to acknowledge their receipt of each addenda by including in the Proposal a completed Addenda Receipt Confirmation Form (Section 6, Form 2).

2.4. Pre-Proposal Conference.
A Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference will be conducted on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Landscape Management Office, 701 Tuckaseegee Road, Charlotte, North Carolina 28208, Large Assembly Room.

While attendance at the Pre-Proposal Conference is not mandatory, all interested Companies are encouraged to attend. If special accommodations are required for attendance, please notify Tammy Hamilton in advance of the conference date and time identifying the special accommodations required.

2.5. Submission of Proposals.
Proposals must be in the format specified in Section 4 of this RFP. One (1) electronic copy on a CD or flash drive in a searchable format such as MS Word or Adobe Acrobat and one (1) original Proposal signed in blue ink by a company official authorized to make a legal and binding offer, plus one (1) copy shall be submitted to the address listed in Section 2.3 above by Wednesday, October 23, 2019 on or before but no later than 2 p.m. The original Proposal and each of the copy/ies shall be complete and unabridged, and shall not refer to any other copy of the signed and sealed original for any references, clarifications, or additional information.

When received, all Proposals and supporting materials, as well as correspondence relating to this RFP, shall become the property of the City. Proposals sent by fax or email will not be accepted.

Do not arrive at Landscape Management on the Proposal due date for the purposes of reviewing your competitors’ Proposals. The Proposals will not be read aloud or made available to inspect or copy until any trade secret issues have been resolved. All Proposals will be time-stamped upon receipt and held in a secure place until opening.

2.6. Correction of Errors.
The person signing the Proposal must initial erasures or other corrections in the Proposal. The Company further agrees that in the event of any obvious errors, the City reserves the right to waive such errors in its sole discretion. The City, however, has no obligation under any circumstances to waive such errors.

2.7. Evaluation.
As part of the evaluation process, the Evaluation Committee may engage in discussions with one or more Companies. Discussions might be held with individual Companies to determine in greater detail the Company’s qualifications, to explore with the Company the scope and nature of the required contractual Services, to learn the Company’s proposed method of performance
and the relative utility of alternative methods, and to facilitate arriving at a Contract that will be satisfactory to the City.

The City may in its discretion require one or more Companies to make presentations to the Evaluation Committee or appear before the City and/or its representatives for an interview. During such interview, the Company may be required to orally and otherwise present its Proposal and to respond in detail to any questions posed. Additional meetings may be held to clarify issues or to address comments, as the City deems appropriate. Companies will be notified in advance of the time and format of such meetings.

Since the City may choose to award a Contract without engaging in discussions or negotiations, the Proposals submitted shall state the Company's best offer for performing the Services described in this RFP.

As soon as practical after opening the Proposals, the name of the apparent successful Company will be submitted to the Council for final approval of award and the Procurement Officer will provide Contract documents to the Company. In the event the Council approval is not received within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days after opening of the Proposals, the Company may request that it be released from the Proposal.

2.9. Vendor Inclusion.
The City’s vendor management philosophy supports a fair, open, and inclusive process that offers the same access and information to all Companies. Although Companies are not required to be registered in the City’s vendor registration system prior to submitting a Proposal, in order to execute a contract with the City and receive payment from the City, all Companies must register with the City’s vendor registration system.

Your registration provides the City with baseline information for your company including location, contact and demographic information, as well as your areas of expertise with specific commodity and/or service descriptions. You will also have the opportunity to complete any applicable certifications if your company desires to establish itself as an SBE, MBE, or WBE. The link below will provide you with the opportunity to complete your registration on-line with the City.

http://charlottenc.gov/vendors

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3. SCOPE OF SERVICES - DISTRICT MEDIAN MAINTENANCE – FY2020
SOUTH CORRIDOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM AREA (SCIP).
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3.1. SBE Certification
Per Part A: Section 2.3 of the City’s Charlotte Business INClusion policy, the city has designated this project for SBE participation only. If your Company is not a City of Charlotte certified SBE Company, your proposal submission will be deemed non-responsive and will not be evaluated. The selected Company recommended for contract award must be certified by the City of Charlotte as a Small Business Enterprise by the proposal due date.

3.2. Scope of Services – South Corridor Infrastructure Program Area (SCIP).

CONTRACT PERIOD
The Contract period will begin March 1, 2020, and will extend for a period of 3 (three) years.

CONTRACT SCOPE OF SERVICES
The Contractor will provide median maintenance service that consists of, but is not limited to, maintenance of turf, ornamental trees, shrubs, perennials, concrete dividers, curb and gutter expansion joints, concrete median tips, ditch banks, and mulch and riprap areas. The work will also include mulch replacement, plant replacement, trash and debris removal, storm debris removal, and leaf removal.

See Median Maintenance Specifications for additional information.

LOCATION OF THE PROJECT
The Contractor shall provide all labor, equipment, supplies, and materials required to provide median maintenance services for the nine (9) locations within South Corridor Infrastructure Program Area. It is the intent of the City to award all of the locations to a single Contractor.

SOUTH CORRIDOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM AREA (SCIP): The geographical boundaries of this district contain locations within the South Corridor Infrastructure Program Area shown on Exhibit B – Contract Districts Map. The individual map and certain photograph(s) are shown on Exhibit C. Project locations are listed on the Itemized Proposal sheet(s).

LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS
By entering into this Contract, the Contractor agrees to an understanding of the current edition of the City of Charlotte-Landscape Management Division’s Landscape Construction Standards (included by reference) and to comply with the specifications and requirements described in this Contract.

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS
The Contractor shall comply with applicable laws regulating the practice of landscape contracting and pesticide applications as required by the NCLCLB and NCDA. The Contractor will be required to continuously have at least one full-time employee on staff with the required licenses throughout the entire term of the contract.

EQUIPMENT
The Contractor must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the City that the maintenance equipment to be used in the Work is in good working condition and suitable for performing the Work required. Trucks, mowing equipment, string trimmers, blowers, hand tools, pesticide sprayers, and other necessary equipment and supplies to perform the Work as outlined herein must be in the Contractor’s inventory or available by formal agreement at the time of Contract award. All vehicles must be identified with the contractor’s name.
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The use of bush hogs, flails, or sickle bars will not be allowed unless approved by the City’s Project Manager. Operate all work equipment in a safe manner so as not to create a hazard to the public. Keep wheels off travel ways during maintenance operations.

The City will conduct periodic inspections of maintenance equipment required to perform the Work. Blades are to be kept sharp, and blades showing excessive wear or damage are not to be used. All brakes on the mowing equipment are to be properly maintained and operative and all pulley and belt guards are to be in place. All mowing equipment must be equipped with shields or guards that preclude foreign objects from being thrown out from the cutting enclosures or exposed moving parts. Guards must be in place and in a down position while mowing.

Riding mowing equipment must be equipped with a slow moving vehicle sign, visible to traffic, as required by the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

TRAFFIC CONTROL
The Contractor must provide necessary warning devices and personnel for safety instructions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic within the Project area. These must be in accordance with the following:

- The current edition of the Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT) Work Area Traffic Control Handbook (WATCH) for City maintained streets.
  
  [Link](http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/Transportation/ROWUse/Documents/2006%20WATCH%20-%20Crane%20Rev.pdf)

  


  
  [Link](http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/)

During the performance of the Work, park on side streets and not on major thoroughfares. Parking on medians is prohibited.

No work may be performed on any City right-of-way that restricts traffic flow during the hours of 7:00 to 9:00 AM and 4:00 to 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

The Contractor is responsible for notifying the Department of Transportation (CDOT) Right of Way Management Section at [bkilgo@charlottenc.gov](mailto:bkilgo@charlottenc.gov) in accordance with Section 3 & 4 of the WATCH
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Handbook of any work in a thoroughfare, inside the Central Business District (CBD) or for total street closures.

PERSONNEL
The personnel listed in the Contractor’s organizational chart should be assigned to the Project until completion. The Contractor shall submit, for approval by the City, organizational charts and qualifications of personnel for any portions of the work subcontracted to other Contractors. No changes in the personnel of subcontracting Contractors shall be made without prior written approval by the City.

The City has the right to require any additional personnel that the City deems necessary to complete the Project. The City also has the right to require removal and replacement of any personnel deemed unsatisfactory by the City.

STAFFING REQUIREMENTS & IDENTIFICATION OF CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL
Provide sufficient work force and supervisory personnel to perform the specified services and to meet the requirements of the City. Personnel shall maintain a neat and clean appearance. Shirts must be worn at all times, clearly identifying the person and the name of their company.

All personnel must wear high visibility safety vests that meet ANSI standards while working in traffic areas.

The Contractor personnel must be reachable by phone or email in all situations and must respond within 24 hours.

The Contractor shall provide at least two (2) local telephone numbers that may be used to contact the Contractor or his authorized representative in the event of an Emergency after normal business hours.

In emergencies and certain other conditions deemed necessary by the Engineer, the Contractor may be directed to work on weekends or holidays. There will be no separate measurement or payment for work done under these directives other than those established in the Contract.

SUPERVISION
One competent individual will be available at all times to supervise the work. This individual shall be a full time employee of the Contractor. This individual shall be experienced in the type of work being performed and fully capable of managing, directing, and coordinating the work, reading and thoroughly understanding the contract, and receiving and carrying out directions from the City.

The competent individual must be reachable via cell phone or email during the Contract Period.

POINTS OF CONTACT AND NOTIFICATION
The City and Contractor shall cooperate with one another to fulfill their respective obligations under this Contract.

Notices shall be sent to the designated point of contact and shall be effective upon the date of receipt by the intended recipient, provided that any notice that is sent by telefax or electronic mail shall also be simultaneously sent by mail deposited with the U.S. Postal Service or by overnight courier. Each party may change its address for notification purposes by giving the other party written notice of the new address and the date upon which it shall become effective.
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City’s Point of Contact
The City shall designate a Project Manager who is authorized to act in the City’s behalf with respect to the Project, except as otherwise limited by this Contract. The City’s Project Manager is:

Kevin Jarvis, Contract Technician
City of Charlotte – Landscape Management
701 Tuckaseegee Road
Charlotte, NC 28208
Phone: 704-621-6607 Fax: 704-336-4444
Email: kjarvis@charlottenc.gov

WORKING HOURS
Routine operations will be restricted to daylight hours. Work may only be performed when visibility allows safe operations. Weekend work may be necessary at many locations. Emergency or non-routine work shall be performed as necessary with prior approval by City’s Project Manager. It may be necessary to pre-schedule certain types of work at many locations.

Application of chemicals is restricted to appropriate weather conditions in accordance with the product labeling.

Emergency or non-routine work will be performed as necessary with prior approval by the City’s Project Manager.

PROJECT LOCATION INSPECTIONS
The condition of each project location will be inspected on a continual basis and rated bi-weekly by Landscape Management using a rating sheet unique to each area. Each location will be evaluated on the following:

Turf Maintenance:
(i) Turf mowing;
(ii) Edging/trimming; and
(iii) Cleanup of grass, leaves, trash & debris.

Landscape Maintenance:
(iv) Ornamental trees, shrubs, and perennials maintenance,
(v) Mulch,
(vi) Insect, disease and weed control, and
(vii) Cleanup of leaves, trash and debris.

During the inspection, Landscape Management will note whether each maintenance component for each project location is satisfactory or unsatisfactory. Landscape Management will then refer to the bi-weekly fee on the Contractor’s Itemized Proposal for each location. Project locations that are found to be
unsatisfactory will be, by their corresponding bi-weekly dollar amount in the Contractor’s Itemized Proposal, deducted from the Contractor’s invoice for that serviced cycle. An unsatisfactory rating for any maintenance component of a project location will result in no payment for that location for that serviced cycle. **For Example:**

Median maintenance for the (PROJECT LOCATION)

Landscape Management’s inspection revealed that:

Service Cycle 1: The grass was not mowed and trimmed. **Unsatisfactory**

Service Cycle 2: Ground maintenance per specifications. **Satisfactory**

The Contractor’s unit price (from the Itemized Cost Proposal Sheet) was $60 per bi-weekly service cycle for this project location. A $60 amount would be deducted from the Contractor’s monthly invoice of $120 (2 services for the month). In some months, there will be 3 service cycles, depending on the service dates, not to exceed 26 service cycles for the year. Additionally, multiple unsatisfactory ratings for a project location occurring sequentially in a given month will result in multiple deductions.

**PROPERTY AND PLANT PROTECTION AND/OR REPLACEMENT**

The Contractor will be held responsible for all property and plant damage, including negligence in the course of performing the work. Any property or plants damaged during the course of the work shall be restored by the Contractor to a condition that is equivalent to the condition before the damage was done. This includes damage to City owned property, turf, shrubbery, trees, flowers, and other plant material. All repairs or replacements will need to be approved in advance by the City’s Landscape Management Division.

All damages must be reported immediately to the City’s Project Manager and all damaged items must be replaced or returned to their original condition within fourteen (14) calendar days or less. The City will determine whether or not the Contractor is qualified to make the required replacements. If the Contractor is not qualified to make the repair or replacement, the City will make them at the Contractor’s expense. Only City approved plant materials, or parts are to be used when making repairs. The City’s Project Manager will determine the locations, quantities, varieties, and approved sources of plant material. No plant replacements are to take place without prior approval from the City’s Project Manager.

**PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

**MEDIAN MAINTENANCE**

Median Maintenance cycles shall be completed in their entirety a MINIMUM of every fourteen (14) days. Once Median Maintenance cycles have begun they shall be continuous until the cycle is complete.

Services include all labor, materials, equipment, services, and supplies to perform median maintenance work at each project location listed on the Itemized Proposal. All work shall comply with current and proper horticultural practices. Specifications for each component of work are detailed below. Median maintenance includes:

1. Turf maintenance
2. Landscape maintenance
1. **TURF MAINTENANCE**

1.1 **Mowing**
Maintain all turf areas so they are neat and well groomed with no ruts or scalped areas. Turf areas are to be mowed and trimmed; curbs, bed lines, and walks edged; and obstacles trimmed around. Remove trash and debris before mowing.

Mow all turf areas throughout the year as necessary. Mow a MINIMUM of every fourteen (14) days throughout the growing season. Maintain turf height at four (4) inches. Once mowing cycle has begun, work must be continuous until cycle is complete. This may increase or decrease due to weather, holidays, or special requests by the LMCA.

Do not mow over fire ant mounds in turf areas.

1.2 **Edging**
Mechanically edge curbs and walks and remove excess edging material at each mowing cycle. Do not exceed a one (1) inch depth nor a one half (1/2) inch width when edging adjacent to surfaces where pedestrian traffic occurs. Edge bed lines to maintain a neat division between turf and bed areas.

1.3 **Cleanup of Grass, Leaves, Trash & Debris**
Remove and dispose of excessively long, clumping, or windrowing grass on the same day it was mowed. Remove any clippings, leaves and/or debris on paved areas, sidewalks, walkways, and curb and gutter on the same day as mowed. Curb & gutter are to be left free of grass, debris, rocks, car parts, etc. Do not blow clippings, leaves, or debris into storm drains, streets, or mulched beds.

Refer to Section 2.6 for Leaves, Trash and Debris Removal

2. **LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE**

2.1 **Ornamental Trees**
Prune trees as needed throughout the year, or whenever hazardous conditions exist. Maintain trees so that they remain FREE FROM suckers and water sprouts. Maintain all trees within the Project area in the natural shape and form for their particular species.

Prune limbs so that seven (7) feet above the ground remains clear of foliage. Remove low hanging, dead, or damaged limbs.

Trees shall be pruned as needed throughout the year in order to comply with Department of Transportation sight distance guidelines. The Landscape Management staff will notify the Contractor when these situations occur.

Prune evergreen trees, including but not limited to Foster Hollies and Nellie R Stevens Hollies, as needed throughout the year so that new growth does not exceed six (6) inches.

Do not top crape myrtles.

Remove all guying materials from trees as needed.
Remove all pruning debris on the same day as pruned.

2.2 **Shrubs**

Shrubs shall be pruned as needed throughout the year so that new growth does not exceed six (6) inches, so that inconsistent growth is removed, or so that they do not protrude into the roadway or sidewalk.

Where vehicular or pedestrian sight lines exist, shrubbery shall be maintained at a height no greater than thirty (30) inches so there are not any sight obstruction issues, permitting safe passage of vehicles and pedestrians.

Shrubs shall be pruned as needed throughout the year in order to comply with Department of Transportation sight distance guidelines. Landscape Management staff will notify the Contractor when these situations occur. Shrubs shall be pruned within seven (7) days of such a notification.

Remove broken, dead, or damaged branches and plants upon detection.

Prune flowering shrubs immediately after blooming so that later pruning will not remove the next season's flowers. Prune all roses between February 1\(^{st}\) and March 1\(^{st}\), just before first flush of spring.

Remove pruned material from site the same day pruned.

Fertilize ornamental shrubs at least one time a year with a balanced slow release material between February 1\(^{st}\) and March 1\(^{st}\) according to label rates. Acceptable fertilizer N-P-K ratios are 14-14-14 or approved equivalent. Additional fertilization may be necessary throughout the year to maintain plant health and color or improve nutrient deficiencies.

2.3 **Perennials**

Perennials include all ornamental grasses, liriope, day lilies, canna lilies, spring or summer flowering bulbs, or any herbaceous plant material. Maintain plant material so that it is actively growing with good color and vigor for the particular species. Remove all dead foliage, flowers, flower stalks, and plants as needed throughout the year.

Prune and remove clippings from all liriope once each winter/spring between January 1\(^{st}\) and March 1\(^{st}\). A neat clean cut that does not damage the crown area is required.

Fertilize perennials at least one time a year with a balanced slow release material between February 1\(^{st}\) and March 1\(^{st}\) according to label rates. Acceptable fertilizer N-P-K ratios are 14-14-14 or approved equivalent. Additional fertilization may be necessary throughout the year to maintain plant health and color or improve nutrient deficiencies.

2.4 **Mulching**

Mulching includes: areas around all existing trees, shrubs, and groundcover and all other areas that have existing mulch.

Mulch should be refreshed in its entirety the first year of the contract during the months of December/January/February. Throughout the entire contract period mulch shall be neatened, re-distributed, fluffed, or added as needed in order to maintain a consistent mulch.
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cover of four (4) inches around all trees and shrubs and a two (2) inch cover around perennials and herbaceous groundcover. Do not apply mulch in small open areas between or on top of closely planted spreading groundcover plants such as liriope, daylilies, or vines. A site investigation is mandatory to evaluate needs and type of mulch. Apply mulch that is clean and free of excess Greenwood and debris. Shredded pine bark, hardwood, or cypress mulches are the only acceptable types of mulch that can be used. Recycled yard waste, landfill mulch, leaves, or colored or dyed mulches are not acceptable. All mulch shall be free of any foreign materials and shall not have pieces larger than 2 inches.

Mulch depths are not to be exceeded. Do not pile mulch up around tree and shrub trunks. Taper mulch to ground level around shrub and tree trunks. No mulch volcanos. Mulch depths exceeding the specified depths herein will be removed by the contractor at the contractor’s expense. Keep mulch raked into beds and tree wells and out of turf, pavement, and curb and gutter areas throughout the year. Do not allow mulch to cover drainage grates, lights, or other structures. Remove piles of leaves and leaves covering plant material prior to mulching bed areas. Define and maintain sharp bed line edges between mulch and turf throughout the year.

Use soil as needed to fill and smooth all ruts, holes, or other damaged mulched areas within one (1) month of occurrence or detection.

All mulching shall comply with the most current Landscape Construction Standards.

When mulching, return each location to a condition free of excess mulch and debris the same day mulched.

2.5 Insect, Disease, and Weed Control

Use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) to control insects, diseases, and weeds. Scout for disease, insect, and mite pests on all plant material including trees, shrubbery, and perennials. Apply pesticides at each location as needed to control disease, insects, or mite pests each time Work is performed. This includes all pests that affect the plant material or may be hazardous to the general public. Treat fire ant mounds, yellow jackets, wasps, hornets or other nuisance pests upon detection with the appropriate chemical, in accordance with product labeling, without endangering workers or the public.

Maintain the entirety of mulched beds and the areas between plants and in ground cover areas so that they remain consistently WEED FREE. Control all weeds occurring within asphalt and concrete cracks, walks, and concrete medians as well as median tips, dividers, expansion joints, curbs and gutter; around rip-rap areas, guardrails, fence lines, or other such areas. Spray bands are not permitted around mulched areas, signs, post, guy wires, or any other structures in turf areas. Provide weed control as needed throughout the year. Leaching of chemicals into turf areas is not acceptable.

Ensure all chemical applications conform to NCDA pesticide laws and applicable federal laws. All chemicals and pesticides proposed for use require prior approval by Landscape Management.

Control all weeds and vines on trees, shrubbery, or perennials upon detection. Remove weeds from site the same day pulled.
2.6 **Leaves, Trash and Debris Removal**
Remove fallen leaves during each cycle from all grassed, shrub, and mulched areas throughout the year to maintain a well-groomed appearance. Do not allow large accumulations of leaves to remain.

Remove and dispose of all unauthorized signs, cigarette butts, glass, paper, sticks, limbs, trash and other debris hazards from all areas during each cycle throughout the year.

2.7 **Storm Debris**
Remove and dispose of all storm debris during each cycle. Certain situations may require an immediate response.

Upon detection, report major tree work to the City’s Project Manager.

2.8 **Vehicular Damage**
Upon detection, report damage of plant material to Landscape Management staff. After damage has been photographed and documented by Landscape Management staff, remove debris and damaged plant material as directed.

**Water Quality Regarding Landscaping/Mowing**
Contractors shall not allow large amounts of waste generated during landscaping or mowing activities to enter the municipal storm drain system (storm water pipes, catch basins, drainage ditches, and similar conveyances) where it may result in blockages or detrimental impacts to surface water quality. Reasonable efforts must be made to keep landscaping and mowing waste out of the storm drain system, and may necessitate collection and removal of waste from worksite. In no case should a contractor purposely direct landscaping or mowing waste into the storm drain system as a means of disposal. Also, contractors must follow proper pesticide and fertilizer application methods as prescribed by industry standards and on product labels. If such products are spilled, the contractor must respond promptly to collect and properly dispose of the spilled product and clean up the impacted area. Spills should also be reported by the contractor to appropriate environmental regulatory agencies in accordance with the law. The contractor must follow guidelines for handling yard waste described on the following website:  [http://charmeck.org/stormwater/Pages/default.aspx](http://charmeck.org/stormwater/Pages/default.aspx)

**COMPENSATION**

**Measurement**
There will be no measurement of all of the median maintenance items listed above (Sections 1-4).

**Payment**
The quantity of Work will be paid for bi-weekly at the Contract unit price for median maintenance that includes all the items listed above. Payment will be full compensation for all work, including but not limited to supervision, labor, transportation, fuels, lubricants, repair parts, equipment, and tools necessary for the performance and completion of the Work.

Contract unit price shall be rounded to the nearest dollar.

**END OF SCOPE OF SERVICES – DISTRICT MEDIAN MAINTENANCE – FY2020 (SCIP)**
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Project Definitions

3.3. Project Definitions.

1. **City** - Refers to contracting authority - The City of Charlotte, North Carolina.

2. **City Engineer** - Refers to the Key Business Executive of General Services.

3. **Contract** – Refers to the executed Contract Documents agreed between the City and the Contractor.

4. **Contract Documents** - Refers to the Project Manual for this Project, the Standard Provisions, the Project Special Provisions, the Specifications, the completed Itemized Proposal, the Execution of Proposal, any incorporated Exhibits and drawings, and all addenda and modifications issued by the City, and any other items specifically stipulated as being included in the Contract Documents.

5. **Contract Period** - Refers to the period from the Notice to Proceed that the specified number of calendar days has elapsed as specified in the Contract.

6. **Contract Sum** - Refers to the total amount of all subtotals.

7. **Change Order** - Refers to the written order to the Contractor signed by the City, issued after the execution of the Contract, authorizing a change or modification in the Work or an adjustment in the Contract Sum or Contract Period.

8. **Contractor** - Refers to the individual, firm or corporation undertaking the execution of the Work under the terms of the Contract and acting directly or through its agents or employees.

9. **Engineer** - Refers to the Director of General Services duly authorized by the City Manager, acting directly or through an assistant or other representative duly authorized, by whom all explanations and directions necessary for the satisfactory prosecution and completion of the work will be given on the City’s behalf.

10. **General Services** - Refers to the City of Charlotte's General Services Key Business Unit.

11. **Itemized Proposal** - Refers to the Itemized Proposal form(s) which shall contain the pricing submitted by the Contractor to perform the Work provided for in this document.


13. **Landscape Management** - Refers to the Landscape Management Division of General Services.

14. **LMCA** - Refers to the Landscape Management Contract Administrator who shall be the duly authorized Engineer for this project and who will administer the Contract on the City’s behalf.

15. **NCDA** - Refers to The North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

16. **NCDAPB** – Refers to The North Carolina Department of Agriculture Pesticide Board.

17. **NCLCLB** - Refers to The North Carolina Landscape Contractors' Licensing Board.

18. **Project** - Refers to the total job of which the Work is to be performed.

19. **Proposal** - Refers to the completed and properly executed proposal to do the Work for the amount stipulated therein submitted in accordance with the Contract Documents.

20. **Proposer** - Refers to the individual, firm or corporation who submits a Proposal.

22. **Subcontractor** - Refers to a secondary contractor who performs some part of the prime Contractor's obligation under the Contract.

23. **Supplier** - Refers to the individual, firm or corporation who supplies materials or equipment for the Work, including that fabricated to a special design, but who does not perform labor at the site.

24. **Work** - Refers to the entire scope of the work to be performed at the Project site including labor, materials, equipment, transportation and such other facilities as necessary to fulfill all obligations under the Contract.

**END OF PROJECT DEFINITIONS**
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#### Rating Sheet

3.4. Rating Sheet – South Corridor Infrastructure Program Area (SCIP).

**CONTRACTOR:**

**CONTRACT NAME:** DISTRICT MEDIAN MAINTENANCE (SCIP) – FY2020

**PROJECT NAME:** SOUTH CORRIDOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM AREA

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*S = Satisfactory  U = Unsatisfactory

SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR

(PRINT NAME)

DATE
Section 4
Proposal Content and Format

4. PROPOSAL CONTENT AND FORMAT.

The City desires all Proposals to be identical in format in order to facilitate comparison. While the City’s format may represent departure from the Company’s preference, the City requires strict adherence to the format. The Proposal will be in the format described below:

A. Cover letter;
B. Proposed Solution;
C. The “Addenda Receipt Confirmation” set forth in Section 6, Form 2;
D. The “Proposal Submission” set forth in Section 6, Form 3;
E. The “Pricing Worksheet” set forth in Section 6, Form 4;
F. The “MWSBE Utilization” form set forth in Section 6, Form 5;
G. The “Service Provider Questionnaire” form set forth in Section 6, Form 6;
H. The “Key Personnel and Other Resources” set forth in Section 6, Form 7;
I. The “Equipment” set forth in Section 6, Form 8;
J. The “References” set forth in Section 6, Form 9;
K. The “Company Employee’s Licensing and Certifications” set forth in Section 6, Form 10;
L. The “Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters” set forth in Section 6, Form 11; and
M. Exceptions to the Remainder of the RFP, including the Sample Contract in Exhibit A.

The City encourages Proposals to be compatible with the City’s waste reduction goals and policies. Therefore, it is desired that all responses meet the following requirements:

- All Proposals be printed 8 1/2" x 11" format with all standard text no smaller than eleven (11) points;
- All copies be printed double-sided;
- All copies be printed on recycled paper (at least 30% post-consumer recovered material and at least 30% total recovered material);
- Unless necessary, all Proposal originals and copies should minimize or eliminate use of non-recyclable or non-reusable materials such as 3-ring binders, plastic report covers, plastic dividers, vinyl sleeves, and GBC binding. Glued materials, paper clips, and staples are acceptable; and
- Materials be submitted in a format that allows for easy removal and recycling.

Proposals must also include a CD or flash drive including the entire Proposal in a searchable format such as MS Word or Adobe Acrobat.

Companies are required to organize the information requested in this RFP in accordance with the format and instructions outlined above and detailed below. Failure to do so may result in the City, at its sole discretion, deeming the Proposal non-responsive. The Company, however, may reduce the repetition of identical information within several sections of the Proposal by making the appropriate cross-references to other sections of the Proposal. Appendices for certain technical or financial information may be used to facilitate Proposal preparation.

4.1 Proposal Content.

4.1.1. Contract Term.

The Proposal must include a letter of transmittal attesting to its accuracy, signed by an individual authorized to execute binding legal documents. The cover letter shall provide the name, address, telephone and facsimile numbers of the Company along with the name, title, address, email address, telephone and facsimile numbers of the executive that has the authority to contract with the City. The cover letter shall present the Company's understanding of the Project and a summary of the approach to perform the Services.
4.1.2. **Proposed Solution.**
Given the purpose of this Project and the City's goals as stated in this RFP, provide a creative solution to meet such goals. **For each component of the Project described in Section 3, state whether and how your Proposed Solution complies as well as any additional information requested.** If you wish to add supplemental information, it shall be labeled “Supplemental Information.”

4.1.3. **Required Forms.**
To be deemed responsive to this RFP, Companies must complete, in detail, all Proposal Forms listed in this Section 4, items numbered C through M.

4.1.4. **Exceptions to the RFP.**
Exceptions must be submitted in accordance with Section 1.6.12 of this RFP. If exceptions are not identified in your Proposal they may not be considered during Contract negotiation and could result in Proposal being rejected from further consideration. If legal counsel needs to review the Sample Contract prior to signature, reviews must be completed before your Proposal is submitted.

The City intends to enter into a City-drafted Contract with the successful Company that contains the terms and conditions set forth in Section 7 (“Sample Terms”). The number and extent of any exceptions and proposed additions to the Sample Terms will be one of the City’s evaluation criteria.

Accordingly, each Company must state specifically in its Proposal any exceptions to the Sample Terms, or any such exceptions will be waived. Any Company-proposed additional terms or conditions must also be included in the Proposal, and the City reserves the right to refuse consideration of any terms not so included. Any proposed changes to the Sample Terms after tentative contract award may constitute a material change to the Company’s Proposal and be grounds for revoking the award.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City reserves the right to modify the Sample Terms prior to or during contract negotiations if it is in the City’s best interest to do so.

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Section 5
Evaluation Criteria

5. PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA.
Proposals will be evaluated based on the Company's ability to meet the performance requirements of this RFP. This section provides a description of the evaluation criteria that will be used to evaluate the Proposals. To be deemed responsive, it is important for the Company to provide appropriate detail to demonstrate satisfaction of each criterion and compliance with the performance provisions outlined in this RFP. The Company’s Proposal will be the primary source of information used in the evaluation process. Proposals must contain information specifically related to the proposed Services and requested herein. Failure of any Company to submit information requested may result in the elimination of the Proposal from further evaluation.

Proposals will be assessed to determine the most comprehensive, competitive and best value solution for the City based on, but not limited to, the criteria below. The City reserves the right to modify the evaluation criteria or waive portions thereof. Proposals will be evaluated on the following major categories:

Contractors will not be considered unless the following minimum qualifications are met:
- Contractor and subcontractors must employ at least one (1) licensed NC Landscape Contractor to be responsible for the anticipated work as a result of this solicitation.
- Contractor and subcontractors must employ at least one (1) licensed NC Pesticide Applicator obtaining subclasses in Turf & Ornamentals and Right-of-Way.

Evaluation criteria are listed below in relative order of importance:

a. Qualifications and Experience of firm in successfully providing similar services for similar projects;
b. Qualifications and relevant experience of key team members;
c. Availability of key team members for this Project to include response time;
d. Available equipment resources to be used on this Project;
e. Pricing;
f. MWSBE inclusion efforts; and
g. Responsiveness, relevance and readability of Proposal package.

The City will appoint an evaluation committee whose responsibilities will include performing independent technical evaluations of each proposal and making selection recommendations based on the evaluation criteria provided above. Evaluations will focus on identifying the relative strengths, weaknesses, deficiencies and risks associated with each Proposal. City reserves the right to obtain clarification or additional information with any firm in regards to its Proposal.

The City reserves the sole right to select the most qualified firm(s) on basis of best overall value that is most advantageous to the City.

Firms who submit proposals will be notified of the selection results. Final recommendation of any selected firm is subject to the approval of City Council or City officials.

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6. REQUIRED FORMS.
REQUIRED FORM 1 - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

RFP # 2019-425

District Median Maintenance – FY2020 (SCIP)

The Company hereby certifies receipt of the Request for Proposals for the City of Charlotte, North Carolina RFP #2019-425, District Median Maintenance – FY2020 (SCIP). This form should be completed upon receipt of the City’s Request for Proposals and emailed in time for the City to receive it by or before September 25, 2019. Failure to submit this form by the designated date shall not preclude the Company from submitting a proposal. Please email the completed Request for Proposals Acknowledgement Form to the attention of:

Tammy Hamilton, Contracts Specialist
Department of General Services
Email: thamilton@charlottenc.gov

Date: _________________________

Authorized Signature:________________________________________________________

Title:__________________________________________________________________________

Company Name:________________________________________________________________

Contact Name: _________________________________________________________________

Contact E-mail address: __________________________________________________________

Please check the appropriate space below and provide the requested information:

_____ We plan to attend the Pre-Proposal Conference and plan on submitting a Proposal

Indicate number of attendees: In-Person ________

_____ We do not plan to attend the Pre-Proposal Conference but plan on submitting a Proposal

Reason:________________________________________________________________________

_____ We do not plan to attend the Pre-Proposal Conference and do not plan on submitting a Proposal

Reason:________________________________________________________________________
REQUIRED FORM 2 - ADDENDA RECEIPT CONFIRMATION

RFP # 2019-425

District Median Maintenance – FY2020 (SCIP)

Please acknowledge receipt of all addenda by including this form with your Proposal. All addenda will be posted to the NC IPS website at www.ips.state.nc.us and the City’s Contract Opportunities Site at http://charlottenc.gov/DoingBusiness/Pages/ContractOpportunities.aspx.

ADDENDUM #: DATE ADDENDUM

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DOWNLOAD FROM NC IPS:

I certify that this proposal complies with the Specifications and conditions issued by the City except as clearly marked in the attached copy.

__________________________________  ______________________
(Please Print Name)                 Date

__________________________________
Authorized Signature

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Title

__________________________________
Company Name
REQUIRED FORM 3 - PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

RFP # 2019-425
District Median Maintenance – FY2020 (SCIP)

This Proposal is submitted by:

Company Name: _________________________________________________

Representative (printed): ____________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip: ____________________________________________________

Email address: ____________________________________________________

Telephone: _______________________________________________________

Facsimile: _________________________________________________________

The representative signing above hereby certifies and agrees that the following information is correct:

1. In preparing its Proposal, the Company has considered all proposals submitted from qualified, potential subcontractors and suppliers, and has not engaged in or condoned prohibited discrimination.

2. For purposes of this Section, discrimination means discrimination in the solicitation, selection, or treatment of any subcontractor, vendor or supplier on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, age or disability or any otherwise unlawful form of discrimination. Without limiting the foregoing, discrimination also includes retaliating against any person or other entity for reporting any incident of discrimination.

3. Without limiting any other provision of the solicitation for proposals on this project, it is understood and agreed that, if this certification is false, such false certification will constitute grounds for the City to reject the Proposal submitted by the Company on this Project and to terminate any contract awarded based on such Proposal.

4. As a condition of contracting with the City, the Company agrees to maintain documentation sufficient to demonstrate that it has not discriminated in its solicitation or selection of subcontractors. The Company further agrees to promptly provide to the City all information and documentation that may be requested by the City from time to time regarding the solicitation and selection of subcontractors. Failure to maintain or failure to provide such information constitutes grounds for the City to reject the bid submitted by the Company or terminate any contract awarded on such proposal.

5. As part of its Proposal, the Company shall provide to the City a list of all instances within the past ten years where a complaint was filed or pending against the Company in a legal or administrative
Section 6

Required Forms

proceeding alleging that the Company discriminated against its subcontractors, vendors or suppliers, and a description of the status or resolution of that complaint, including any remedial action taken.

6. The information contained in this Proposal or any part thereof, including its Exhibits, Schedules, and other documents and instruments delivered or to be delivered to the City, is true, accurate, and complete. This Proposal includes all information necessary to ensure that the statements therein do not in whole or in part mislead the City as to any material facts.

7. None of Company’s or its subcontractors’ owners, employees, directors, or contractors will be in violation of the City’s Conflict of Interest Policy for City, Secondary and Other Employment Relationships (HR 13) if a Contract is awarded to the Company.

8. It is understood by the Company that the City reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals, to make awards on all items or on any items according to the best interest of the City, to waive formalities, technicalities, to recover and resolicit this RFP.

9. This Proposal is valid for one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days from the Proposal due date.

I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that my company was given the opportunity to provide exceptions to the Sample Contract as included herein as Exhibit A. As such, I have elected to do the following:

___ Include exceptions to the Sample Contract in the following section of my Proposal: ______

___ Not include any exceptions to the Sample Contract.

I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that my company was given the opportunity to indicate any Trade Secret materials or Personally Identifiable Information (“PII”) as detailed in Section 1.6.X. I understand that the City is legally obligated to provide my Proposal documents, excluding any appropriately marked Trade Secret information and PII, upon request by any member of the public. As such, my company has elected as follows:

___ The following section(s) of the of the Proposal are marked as Trade Secret or PII: ______

___ No portion of the Proposal is marked as Trade Secret or PII.

Representative (signed): ______________________________________________________
### REQUIRED FORM 4 – ITEMIZED PROPOSAL

**COMPANY NAME:**

**RFP NAME:** DISTRICT MEDIAN MAINTENANCE – FY2020

**RFP NUMBER:** 2019-425

**PROJECT NAME:** SOUTH CORRIDOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM AREA

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|           |             | (Includes planting strips on all 4 corners at the intersection of Archdale Dr. and South Blvd.; planting strips on Archdale between South Blvd. and Ingleside Dr.; all medians on Archdale from Cherry Crest Ln. to Old Reid Rd.; also includes 1 median on **Old Reid Rd.** at Archdale Dr.) | 26  | WK   |             |                           |            |                           |            |                           |
| 2        | SP - 1      | **Arrowood Signature Intersection**
|           |             | (Includes planting strips on Arrowood Rd. from England St./Old Pineville Rd. intersection to South Blvd. and one median tip at shopping center entrance; all 4 corners of the intersection of Arrowood Rd. and England St./Old Pineville Rd.; and 2 Corners on the Starbrook Dr. side of the intersection with South Blvd.) | 26  | WK   |             |                           |            |                           |            |                           |
| 3        | SP - 1      | **Dewitt Road Medians**
|           |             | (Medians on Dewitt Rd. from Clanton Road to Freeland Lane) | 26  | WK   |             |                           |            |                           |            |                           |
**REQUIRED FORM 4 – ITEMIZED PROPOSAL**

**COMPANY NAME:**

**RFP NAME:** DISTRICT MEDIAN MAINTENANCE – FY2020

**RFP NUMBER:** 2019-425

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<td><strong>Starmount Medians</strong> (Includes 3 medians on Starbrook Dr. at South Blvd., 1 median on Woodstream Dr. at Starbrook, 1 median on Thorncliff Dr. at Woodstream; and 1 median on Larkfield Ln. at South Blvd.)</td>
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RFP NUMBER:  **2019-425**

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<td><strong>Woodlawn Signature Intersection and Medians</strong> (includes medians, corners, and planting strips on Woodlawn Rd. from South Blvd. Intersection to Old Pineville Rd.)</td>
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**PROPOSAL TOTAL [3 (THREE) YEARS]**
REQUIRED FORM 5 – M/W/SBE UTILIZATION

RFP # 2019-425
District Median Maintenance – FY2020 (SCIP)

The City maintains a strong commitment to the inclusion of MWSBEs in the City’s contracting and procurement process when there are viable subcontracting opportunities.

Companies must submit this form with their proposal outlining any supplies and/or services to be provided by each City certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE), and/or City registered Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Woman Business Enterprise (WBE) for the Contract. If the Company is a City-registered MWSBE, note that on this form.

The City recommends you exhaust all efforts when identifying potential MWSBEs to participate on this RFP.

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Please indicate if your company is any of the following:

____ MBE  ____ WBE  ____ SBE  ____ None of the above

If your company has been certified with any of the agencies affiliated with the designations above, indicate which agency, the effective and expiration date of that certification below:

Agency Certifying: _______________ Effective Date: _______ Expiration Date: _______

Identify outreach efforts that were employed by the firm to maximize inclusion of MWSBEs to be submitted with the firm’s proposal (attach additional sheets if needed):

______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

Identify outreach efforts that will be employed by the firm to maximize inclusion during the contract period of the Project (attach additional sheets if needed):

______________________________________________________________________________
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List below all MWSBEs that you intend to subcontract to while performing the Services:

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<th>Subcontractor Name</th>
<th>District Median Location</th>
<th>Description of work or materials</th>
<th>Indicate either “M”, “S”, and/or “W”</th>
<th>City Vendor #</th>
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Representative (signed): ______________________________________________________

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Date     Representative Name
REQUIRED FORM 6 – SERVICE PROVIDER QUESTIONNAIRE

RFP # 2019-425

District Median Maintenance – FY2020 (SCIP)

Companies shall complete and submit the form below as part of their response to this RFP. Additional pages may be attached as needed to present the information requested.

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<td><strong>1.</strong> Company’s legal name</td>
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<td><strong>2.</strong> Company Location (indicate corporate headquarters and location that will be providing the Services).</td>
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<td><strong>3.</strong> How many years has your company been in business? How long has your company been providing the Services as described in Section 3?</td>
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<td><strong>4.</strong> List any projects or services terminated by a government entity. Please disclose the government entity that terminated and explain the reason for the termination.</td>
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<td><strong>5.</strong> List any litigation that your company has been involved with during the past two (2) years for Services similar to those in this RFP.</td>
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<td><strong>6.</strong> Besides the Project Manager and Site Superintendent, how many additional employees are available to provide the Services?</td>
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<td><strong>7.</strong> How many Company employees are available to provide the Services?</td>
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<td><strong>8.</strong> How long have these employees worked for this Company?</td>
<td>How many employees have been with Company 3 years or more? __________</td>
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<td>How many employees have been with Company less than 3 years? __________</td>
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<td><strong>9.</strong> Does your Company have the capability to self-perform all Services?</td>
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<td><strong>10.</strong> Have any of the Company Owner/Principals or Employees to be assigned to this project had a felony conviction within the past 15 years?</td>
<td>□ Yes</td>
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REQUIRED FORM 7 – KEY PERSONNEL AND OTHER RESOURCES

COMPANY NAME:  

RFP NAME: DISTRICT MEDIAN MAINTENANCE - FY2020 (SCIP)  

RFP NUMBER: 2019-425  

List the Project Manager and the Site Superintendent who will be assigned to this Project. Provide the information required for each.

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| Professional Certifications/Licenses  
(include Certification/License #) |                 |                 |
| Proposed Role/Function for Projects | Company Project Manager | Site Superintendent |
| Office Location (City, State) |                 |                 |
| Number of Years with Company |                 |                 |
| Number of Years of Relevant Experience |                 |                 |
| Availability to provide Services for this Project |                 |                 |

**Describe Relevant Experience, include list of Projects where the Key Personnel was responsible for the same role/function.**
REQUIRED FORM 7 – KEY PERSONNEL AND OTHER RESOURCES

COMPANY NAME:  

RFP NAME: DISTRICT MEDIAN MAINTENANCE - FY2020 (SCIP)

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List the full names of all employees (except Project Manager and Site Superintendent) whom you intend to assign to this Project. Describe their specific role/responsibility and availability for this Project. **DO NOT LEAVE THIS FORM BLANK. USE “N/A" IN EACH OF THE SECTIONS BELOW AND THE TABLE IF THEY ARE NOT APPLICABLE.**

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List the legal names of all **Subcontractors** whom you intend to use on this Project. Provide their specific role/responsibility and contact information. **DO NOT LEAVE THIS FORM BLANK. USE “N/A” IN EACH OF THE SECTIONS BELOW AND THE TABLE IF THEY ARE NOT APPLICABLE.**

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**REQUIRED FORM 8 - EQUIPMENT**

*(make copies and attach additional sheets as necessary)*

**COMPANY NAME:**

________________________________________________________________________

RFP NAME: **DISTRICT MEDIAN MAINTENANCE - FY2020 (SCIP)**

RFP NUMBER: **2019-425**

List all **equipment** you intend to use for this project. Include Equipment Type, Brand, Model number and Serial Number, indicating whether the equipment is owned by your company or to be leased. **DO NOT LEAVE THIS FORM BLANK. USE “N/A” IN EACH OF THE SECTIONS BELOW AND THE TABLE IF THEY ARE NOT APPLICABLE.**

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RFP NAME: DISTRICT MEDIAN MAINTENANCE - FY2020 (SCIP)

RFP NUMBER: 2019-425

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## REQUIRED FORM 10 – COMPANY EMPLOYEE’S LICENSING AND CERTIFICATIONS

**COMPANY NAME:**

**RFP NAME:** DISTRICT MEDIAN MAINTENANCE - FY202 (SCIP)

**RFP NUMBER:** 2019-425

The Company must have a full-time employee with each of the following license/certification listed below. The license/certification does not need to be held by the same individual.

1. **North Carolina Landscape Contractors’ Licensing Board**

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REQUIRED FORM 11 – CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

RFP # 2019-425

District Median Maintenance – FY2020 (SCIP)

The bidder, contractor, or subcontractor, as appropriate, certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that neither it nor any of its officers, directors, or managers who will be working under the Contract, or persons or entities holding a greater than 10% equity interest in it (collectively “Principals”):

1. Are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal or state department or agency in the United States;

2. Have within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state anti-trust or procurement statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

3. Are presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity, (federal, state or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph 2 of this certification; and

4. Have within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (federal, state or local) terminated for cause or default.

I understand that a false statement on this certification may be grounds for rejection of this proposal or termination of the award or in some instances, criminal prosecution.

☐ I hereby certify as stated above:

(Print Name) ________________________________  Signature ______________

Title ________________________________  Date ______________

☐ I am unable to certify to one or more the above statements. Attached is my explanation. [Check box if applicable]

(Print Name) ________________________________  Signature ______________

Title ________________________________  Date ______________
EXHIBIT A – SAMPLE CONTRACT

As used in this Section of the RFP, the term “Contract” shall refer to the agreement entered into between the City and the Company, and the term “Company” shall refer to the vendor that has been awarded a contract.
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE
District Median Maintenance – FY2020
(South Corridor Infrastructure Program Area)

THIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT (the “Contract”) is made and entered into as of this ______ day of ___________ 201_ (the “Effective Date”), by and between _______________, a corporation doing business in North Carolina (the "Company"), and the City of Charlotte, a North Carolina municipal corporation (the "City").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City issued a Request For Proposals (RFP # 2019-425) for District Median Maintenance - FY2020 (South Corridor Infrastructure Program Area) dated DATE1, YEAR. This Request for Proposals together with all attachments and addenda, is referred to herein as the “RFP”; and

WHEREAS, the City desires that the Company provide certain District Median Maintenance - FY2020 (South Corridor Infrastructure Program) (“Services”), and the Company desires to provide such Services; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Company have negotiated and agreed regarding the above-referenced Services and desire to reduce the terms and conditions of their agreement to this written form.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and in further consideration of the covenants and representations contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

CONTRACT

1. EXHIBITS. The Exhibits below are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Contract. With the exception of Exhibit C (Federal Contract Terms and Conditions), any conflict between language in an Exhibit or Appendix to this Contract and the main body of this Contract shall be resolved in favor of the main body of this Contract and any inconsistency between the Exhibits will be resolved in the order in which the Exhibits appear below. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Contract or any Exhibit to the contrary, in the event of a conflict between the language of Exhibit C and the main body of this Contract or any other Exhibit to this Contract, the language of Exhibit C shall prevail. Each reference to COMPANY NAME in the Exhibits and Appendices shall be deemed to mean the Company.

EXHIBIT A: PRICE SCHEDULE
EXHIBIT B: SCOPE OF SERVICES
EXHIBIT C: FEDERAL CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

2. DEFINITIONS. This section may include, but not be limited to, terms defined in Section 1 of the RFP.

3. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES.

3.1. The Company shall be responsible for providing the Services described in Exhibit B attached to this Contract and incorporated herein by reference. Without limiting the foregoing, the Company will perform the Services and meet the requirements as set forth in Exhibit B. However, the Company shall not be responsible for tasks specifically assigned to the City in this Contract or in Exhibit B.

3.2. The Company shall perform the Services on site at the City’s facility in Charlotte, North Carolina, except as mutually agreed upon in writing in specific instances by the City.
4. COMPENSATION.

4.1. TOTAL FEES AND CHARGES
The City agrees to pay the Company on a time and materials basis. The City agrees to pay the Company for the Services at the hourly rates set forth in Exhibit A, which shall remain firm for the duration of the Contract, and shall not exceed a pre-determined amount (the “Payment Cap”). The Payment Cap constitutes the maximum total fees and charges payable to the Company under this Contract including Expenses and will not be increased except by a written instrument duly executed by both parties.

4.2. EXPENSES. The Company shall not be entitled to charge the City for any travel, mileage, meals, materials or other costs or expenses associated with this Contract.

4.3. EMPLOYMENT TAXES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS. The Company represents and warrants that the employees provided by the Company to perform the Services are actual employees of the Company, and that the Company shall be responsible for providing all salary and other applicable benefits to each Company employee. The Company further represents, warrants and covenants that it will pay all withholding tax, social security, Medicare, unemployment tax, worker’s compensation and other payments and deductions that are required by law for each Company employee. The Company agrees that the Company employees are not employees of the City.

4.4. INVOICES. Each invoice sent by the Company shall detail all Services performed and delivered which are necessary to entitle the Company to the requested payment under the terms of this Contract. All invoices must include an invoice number and the City purchase order number for purchases made under this Contract. Purchase order numbers will be provided by the City. Invoices must be submitted with lines matching those on the City-provided purchase order.

The Company shall email all invoices to cocap@charlottenc.gov.

4.5. DUE DATE OF INVOICES. Payment of invoices shall be due within thirty (30) days after receipt of an accurate, undisputed properly submitted invoice by the City.

4.6. PRE-CONTRACT COSTS. The City shall not be charged for any Services or other work performed by the Company prior to the Effective Date of this Contract.

4.7. AUDIT. During the term of this Contract and for a period of one (1) year after termination of this Contract, the City shall have the right to audit, either itself or through an independent auditor, all books and records and facilities of the Company necessary to evaluate Company’s compliance with the terms and conditions of this Contract or the City’s payment obligations. The City shall pay its own expenses, relating to such audits, but shall not have to pay any expenses or additional costs of the Company. However, if non-compliance is found that would have cost the City in excess of $10,000 but for the audit, then the Company shall be required to reimburse the City for the cost of the audit.

5. RECORDS. [DELETE IF MILESTONE PLAN APPLIES – KEEP FOR T&M] The Company shall be responsible for keeping a record that accurately states the type of Service performed and the number of hours worked by the Company [REMOVE IF NOT APPLICABLE]. The City shall have the right to audit the Company’s invoices, expense reports and other documents relating to the Services performed under this Contract, and shall not be required to pay for Services which did not occur, or which occurred in breach of this Contract. The Company shall make such documents available for inspection and copying by the City in Charlotte, North Carolina between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, whenever requested by the City.

6. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. Time is of the essence in having the Company perform all Services and deliver all Deliverables within the time frames provided by this Contract and Exhibit B, including all completion dates, response times and resolution times (the “Completion Dates”). Except as
specifically stated in this Contract, there shall be no extensions of the Completion Dates. All references to days in this Contract (including the Exhibits) shall refer to calendar days rather than business days, unless this Contract provides otherwise for a specific situation.

7. **NON-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.** If the Charlotte City Council does not appropriate the funding needed by the City to make payments under this Contract for any given fiscal year, the City will not be obligated to pay amounts due beyond the end of the last fiscal year for which funds were appropriated. In such event, the City will promptly notify the Company of the non-appropriation and this Contract will be terminated at the end of the fiscal year for which the funds were appropriated. No act or omission by the City, which is attributable to non-appropriation of funds shall constitute a breach of or default under this Contract.

8. **COMPANY PROJECT MANAGER.** [ADJUST AS APPLICABLE, especially if you do not have Milestones or defined deliverables – delete mentions of Project if there is no implementation/as appropriate] The duties of the Company Project Manager include, but are not limited to:

8.1. Coordination of Project schedules and the Company’s resource assignment based upon the City’s requirements and schedule constraints;

8.2. Management of the overall Project by monitoring and reporting on the status of the Project and actual versus projected progress, and by consulting with the City’s Project Manager when deviations occur and by documenting all such deviations in accordance with agreed upon change control procedures;

8.3. Provision of consultation and advice to the City on matters related to Project implementation strategies, key decisions and approaches, and Project operational concerns/issues and acting as a conduit to the Company’s specialist resources that may be needed to supplement the Company’s normal implementation staff;

8.4. Acting as the Company’s point of contact for all aspects of contract administration, including invoicing for Services, and status reporting;

8.5. Facilitation of review meetings and conferences between the City and the Company’s executives when scheduled or requested by the City;

8.6. Communication among and between the City and the Company’s staff;

8.7. Promptly responding to the City Project Manager when consulted in writing or by E-mail with respect to Project deviations and necessary documentation;

8.8. Identifying and providing the City with timely written notice of all issues that may threaten the Company’s Services in the manner contemplated by the Contract (with “timely” meaning immediately after the Company becomes aware of them);

8.9. Ensuring that adequate quality assurance procedures are in place throughout the Contract; and

8.10. Meeting with other service providers working on City projects that relate to this effort as necessary to resolve problems and coordinate the Services.

9. **CITY PROJECT MANAGER.** The duties of the City Project Manager are to (i) ensure that the Company delivers all requirements and specifications in the Contract; (ii) coordinate the City’s resource assignment as required to fulfill the City’s obligations pursuant to the Contract; (iii) promptly respond to the Company Project Manager when consulted in writing or by E-mail with respect to project issues; and (iv) act as the City’s point of contact for all aspects of the Services including contract administration and coordination of communication with the City’s staff. The City shall be allowed to change staffing for the City Project Manager position on one (1) business days’ notice to the Company.

10. **PROGRESS REPORTS.** [REMOVE IF NO PROJECT PLAN OR IMPLEMENTATION] The Company shall prepare and submit to the City bi-weekly (or at such other times as may be agreed in Exhibit B) written progress reports, which accomplish each of the following:
10.1. Update the project schedule set forth in Exhibit B, indicating progress for each task and Deliverable.

10.2. Identify all information, personnel, equipment, facilities and resources of the City that will be required for the Company to perform the Services for the subsequent month.

10.3. Identify and report the status of all tasks and Deliverables that have fallen behind schedule.

10.4. Identify and summarize all risks and problems identified by the Company, which may affect the performance of the Services.

10.5. For each risk and problem, identify the action and person(s) responsible for mitigating the risk and resolving the problem.

10.6. For each risk and problem identified, state the impact on the project schedule.

11. DUTY OF COMPANY TO IDENTIFY AND REQUEST INFORMATION, PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES. The Company shall identify and request in writing from the City in a timely manner:

(i) all information reasonably required by the Company to perform each task comprising the Services,
(ii) the City’s personnel whose presence or assistance reasonably may be required by the Company to perform each task comprising the Services, and
(iii) any other equipment, facility or resource reasonably required by the Company to perform the Services. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not be entitled to request that the City provide information, personnel or facilities other than those that Exhibit B specifically requires the City to provide, unless the City can do so at no significant cost. The Company shall not be relieved of any failure to perform under this Contract by virtue of the City’s failure to provide any information, personnel, equipment, facilities or resources; (i) that the Company failed to identify and request in writing from the City pursuant to this Section; or (ii) that the City is not required to provide pursuant to this Contract. In the event the City fails to provide any information, personnel, facility or resource that it is required to provide under this Section, the Company shall notify the City in writing immediately in accordance with the notice provision of this Contract. Failure to do so shall constitute a waiver by Company of any claim or defense it may otherwise have based on the City’s failure to provide such information, personnel, facility or resource.

12. COMPANY PERSONNEL REMOVAL, REPLACEMENT, PROMOTION, ETC. The City will have the right to require the removal and replacement of any personnel of the Company or the Company’s subcontractors who are assigned to provide Services to the City based on experience, qualifications, performance, conduct, compatibility, and violation of City policy or any other reasonable grounds. The addition or promotion of any personnel to key positions within the Project must be approved by the City in writing. The Company will replace any personnel that leave the Project, including but not limited to Key Personnel, with persons having at least equivalent qualifications who are approved by the City in writing. As used in this Contract, the “personnel” includes all staff provided by the Company or its subcontractors, including but not limited to Key Personnel.

13. BACKGROUND CHECKS. Prior to starting work under this Contract, the Company is required to conduct a background check on each Company employee assigned to work under this Contract, and shall require its subcontractors (if any) to perform a background check on each of their employees assigned to work under this Contract (collectively, the “Background Checks”). Each Background Check must include: (i) the person’s criminal conviction record from the states and counties where the person lives or has lived in the past seven (7) years; and (ii) a reference check.

After starting work under this Contract, the Company is required to perform a Background Check for each new Company employee assigned to work under this Contract during that year, and shall require its subcontractors (if any) to do the same for each of their employees. If the Company undertakes a new project under this Contract, then prior to commencing performance of the project the Company shall perform a Background Check for each Company employee assigned to work on the project, and shall require its subcontractors (if any) to do the same for each of their employees.
If a person’s duties under this Contract fall within the categories described below, the Background Checks that the Company will be required to perform (and to have its subcontractors perform) shall also include the following additional investigation:

- If the job duties require driving: A motor vehicle records check.
- If the job duties include responsibility for initiating or affecting financial transactions: A credit history check.
- If job duties include entering a private household or interaction with children: A sexual offender registry check.

The Company must follow all State and Federal laws when conducting Background Checks, including but not limited to the Fair Credit Reporting Act requirements, and shall require its subcontractors to do the same.

The Company shall notify the City of any information discovered in the Background Checks that may be of potential concern for any reason.

The City may conduct its own background checks on principals of the Company as the City deems appropriate. By operation of the public records law, background checks conducted by the City are subject to public review upon request.

14. ACCEPTANCE OF TASKS AND DELIVERABLES AND MILESTONES. [DELETE REFERENCES TO MILESTONES FOR T&M]

Within a reasonable time after a particular Deliverable or Milestone has been completed (or such specific time as may be set forth in Exhibit B), the Company shall submit a written notice to the City’s Project Manager stating the Deliverable(s) or Milestone that have been met. This notice shall include a signature page for sign-off by the City Project Manager indicating acceptance of such Deliverable(s) or Milestone.

If the City Project Manager is not satisfied that the Deliverable(s) or Milestone has been met, a notice of rejection (a “Rejection Notice”) shall be submitted to the Company by the City Project Manager that specifies the nature and scope of the deficiencies that the City wants corrected. Upon receipt of a Rejection Notice, the Company shall: (i) act diligently and promptly to correct all deficiencies identified in the Rejection Notice, and (ii) immediately upon completing such corrections give the City a written, dated certification that all deficiencies have been corrected (the “Certification”). In the event the Company fails to correct all deficiencies identified in the Rejection Notice and provide a Certification within thirty (30) days after receipt of the Rejection Notice, the City shall be entitled to terminate this Contract for default without further obligation to the Company and without obligation to pay for the defective work.

Upon receipt of the corrected Deliverable(s) or Milestone, or a Certification, whichever is later, the above-described Acceptance procedure shall recommence. The City shall not be obligated to allow the Company to recommence curative action with respect to any deficiency previously identified in a Rejection Notice, or more than once for any given Deliverable or Milestone (and shall be entitled to terminate this Contract for default if the Company does not meet this time frame).

15. NON-EXCLUSIVITY.

The Company acknowledges that it is one of several providers of Professional Services to the City and the City does not represent that it is obligated to contract with the Company for any particular project.

16. EACH PARTY TO BEAR ITS OWN NEGOTIATION COSTS.

Each party shall bear its own cost of negotiating this Contract and developing the exhibits. The City shall not be charged for any Services or other work performed by the Company prior to the Effective Date.

17. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF COMPANY.

17.1. GENERAL WARRANTIES.

17.1.1. The Services shall satisfy all requirements set forth in this Contract, including but not
limited to the attached Exhibits;

17.1.2. The Company has taken and will continue to take sufficient precautions to ensure that it will not be prevented from performing all or part of its obligations under this Contract by virtue of interruptions in the computer systems used by the Company;

17.1.3. All Services performed by the Company and/or its subcontractors pursuant to this Contract shall meet the highest industry standards and shall be performed in a professional and workmanlike manner by staff with the necessary skills, experience and knowledge;

17.1.4. Neither the Services nor any Deliverables provided by the Company under this Contract will infringe or misappropriate any patent, copyright, trademark or trade secret rights of any third party;

17.1.5. The Company and each Company employee provided by the Company to the City shall have the qualifications, skills and experience necessary to perform the Services described or referenced in Exhibit B;

17.1.6. All information provided by the Company about each Company employee is accurate; and

17.1.7. Each Company employee is an employee of the Company, and the Company shall make all payments and withholdings required for by law for the Company for such employees.

17.2. ADDITIONAL WARRANTIES. The Company further represents and warrants that:

17.2.1. It is a legal entity and if incorporated, duly incorporated, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the state of its incorporation or licensing and is qualified to do business in North Carolina;

17.2.2. It has all the requisite corporate power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Contract;

17.2.3. The execution, delivery, and performance of this Contract have been duly authorized by the Company;

17.2.4. No approval, authorization or consent of any governmental or regulatory authority is required to be obtained or made by it in order for it to enter into and perform its obligations under this Contract;

17.2.5. In connection with its obligations under this Contract, it shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations and shall obtain all applicable permits and licenses; and

17.2.6. The performance of this Contract by the Company and each Company employee provided by the Company will not violate any contracts or agreements with third parties or any third party rights (including but not limited to non-compete agreements, non-disclosure agreements, patents, trademarks or intellectual property rights).

18. OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMPANY.

18.1. WORK ON CITY’S PREMISES. The Company and all its employees will, whenever on the City’s premises, obey all instructions and City policies that are provided with respect to performing Services on the City’s premises.

18.2. RESPECTFUL AND COURTEOUS BEHAVIOR. The Company shall assure that its employees interact with City employees and the public in a courteous, helpful and impartial manner. All employees of the Company in both field and office shall refrain from belligerent behavior and/or profanity. Correction of any such behavior and language shall be the
18.3. **REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED EQUIPMENT OR FACILITIES.** In the event that the Company causes damage to the City’s equipment or facilities, the Company shall, at its own expense, promptly repair or replace such damaged items to restore them to the same level of functionality that they possessed prior to the Company’s action.

18.4. **REGENERATION OF LOST OR DAMAGED DATA.** With respect to any data that the Company or any Company employees have negligently lost or negligently damaged, the Company shall, at its own expense, promptly replace or regenerate such data from the City's machine-readable supporting material, or obtain, at the Company's own expense, a new machine-readable copy of lost or damaged data from the City’s data sources.

18.5. **NC E-VERIFY REQUIREMENT.** The Company shall comply with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the North Carolina General Statutes, and shall require each of its subcontractors to do so as well.

18.6. **NC PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTS WITH COMPANIES THAT INVEST IN IRAN OR BOYCOTT ISRAEL.** Company certifies that: (i) it is not identified on the Final Divestment List or any other list of prohibited investments created by the NC State Treasurer pursuant to N.C.G.S. 147-86.58 (collectively, the “Treasurer’s IDA List”); (ii) it has not been designated by the NC State Treasurer pursuant to N.C.G.S. 147-86.81 as a company engaged in the boycott of Israel (such designation being referred to as the “Treasurer’s IB List”); and (iii) it will not take any action causing it to appear on the Treasurer’s IDA List or the Treasurer’s IB List during the term of this Contract. In signing this Contract Company further agrees, as an independent obligation, separate and apart from this Contract, to reimburse the City for any and all damages, costs and attorneys’ fees incurred by the City in connection with any claim that this Contract or any part thereof is void due to Company appearing on the Treasurer’s IDA List or the Treasurer’s IB List at any time before or during the term of this Contract.

19. **REMEDIES.**

19.1. **RIGHT TO COVER.** If the Company fails to meet any completion date or resolution time set forth in this Contract (including the Exhibits) or the Project Plan, the City may take any of the following actions with or without terminating this Contract, and in addition to and without limiting any other remedies it may have:

   a. Employ such means as it may deem advisable and appropriate to perform itself or obtain the Services from a third party until the matter is resolved and the Company is again able to resume performance under this Contract; and

   b. Deduct any and all expenses incurred by the City in obtaining or performing the Services from any money then due or to become due the Company and, should the City’s cost of obtaining or performing the services exceed the amount due the Company, collect the amount due from the Company.

19.2. **RIGHT TO WITHHOLD PAYMENT.** If the Company breaches any provision of this Contract, the City shall have a right to withhold all payments due to the Company until such breach has been fully cured.

19.3. **SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.** The Company agrees that monetary damages are not an adequate remedy for the Company’s failure to provide the Services or Deliverables as required by this Contract, nor could monetary damages be the equivalent of the performance of such obligation. Accordingly, the Company hereby consents to an order granting specific performance of such obligations of the Company in a court of competent jurisdiction within the State of North Carolina. The Company further consents to the City obtaining injunctive relief (including a temporary restraining order) to assure performance in the event the Company breaches this Contract.
19.4. SETOFF. Each party shall be entitled to setoff and deduct from any amounts owed to the other party pursuant to this Contract all damages and expenses incurred or reasonably anticipated as a result of the other party’s breach of this Contract.

19.5. OTHER REMEDIES. Upon breach of this Contract, each party may seek all legal and equitable remedies to which it is entitled. The remedies set forth herein shall be deemed cumulative and not exclusive and may be exercised successively or concurrently, in addition to any other available remedy.

20. TERM AND TERMINATION OF CONTRACT.

20.1. TERM. This Contract shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue in effect for three (3) years with the City having the unilateral right to renew for two (2) consecutive one (1) year terms.

20.2. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE. The City may terminate this Contract at any time without cause by giving thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Company. As soon as practicable after receipt of a written notice of termination without cause, the Company shall submit a statement to the City showing in detail the Services performed under this Contract through the date of termination. The foregoing payment obligation is contingent upon: (i) the Company having fully complied with Section 20.8; and (ii) the Company having provided the City with written documentation reasonably adequate to verify the number of hours of Services rendered through the termination date and the percentage of completion of each task.

20.3. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT BY EITHER PARTY. By giving written notice to the other party, either party may terminate this Contract upon the occurrence of one or more of the following events:

   a. The other party violates or fails to perform any covenant, provision, obligation, term or condition contained in this Contract, provided that, unless otherwise stated in this Contract, such failure or violation shall not be cause for termination if both of the following conditions are satisfied: (i) such default is reasonably susceptible to cure; and (ii) the other party cures such default within thirty (30) days of receipt of written notice of default from the non-defaulting party; or

   b. The other party attempts to assign, terminate or cancel this Contract contrary to the terms hereof; or

   c. The other party ceases to do business as a going concern, makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, admits in writing its inability to pay debts as they become due, files a petition in bankruptcy or has an involuntary bankruptcy petition filed against it (except in connection with a reorganization under which the business of such party is continued and performance of all its obligations under the Contract shall continue), or if a receiver, trustee or liquidator is appointed for it or any substantial part of other party’s assets or properties.

Any notice of default shall identify this Section of this Contract and shall state the party’s intent to terminate this Contract if the default is not cured within the specified period.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, upon termination of this Contract by the Company for default, the Company shall continue to perform the Services required by this Contract for the lesser of: (i) six (6) months after the date the City receives the Company’s written termination notice; or (ii) the date on which the City completes its transition to a new service provider.

20.4. ADDITIONAL GROUNDS FOR DEFAULT TERMINATION BY THE CITY. By giving written notice to the Company, the City may also terminate this Contract upon the occurrence of one or more of the following events (which shall each constitute separate grounds for termination without a cure period and without the occurrence of any of the other events of
default previously listed):

a. Failure of the Company to complete a particular task by the completion date set forth in this Contract;

b. The Company makes or allows to be made any material written misrepresentation or provides any materially misleading written information in connection with this Contract, the Company’s Proposal, or any covenant, agreement, obligation, term or condition contained in this Contract; or

c. The Company takes or fails to take any action which constitutes grounds for immediate termination under the terms of this Contract, including but not limited to failure to obtain or maintain the insurance policies and endorsements as required by this Contract, or failure to provide the proof of insurance as required by this Contract.

20.5. NO SUSPENSION. In the event that the City disputes in good faith an allegation of default by the Company, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Contract, the Company agrees that it will not terminate this Contract or suspend or limit the Services or any warranties or repossess, disable or render unusable any software supplied by the Company, unless (i) the parties agree in writing, or (ii) an order of a court of competent jurisdiction determines otherwise.

20.6. CANCELLATION OF ORDERS AND SUBCONTRACTS. In the event this Contract is terminated by the City for any reason prior to the end of the term, the Company shall, upon termination, immediately discontinue all service in connection with this Contract and promptly cancel all existing orders and subcontracts, which are chargeable to this Contract. As soon as practicable after receipt of notice of termination, the Company shall submit a statement to the City showing in detail the Services performed under this Contract to the date of termination.

20.7. AUTHORITY TO TERMINATE. The following persons are authorized to terminate this Contract on behalf of the City: (i) the City Manager, any Assistant City Manager, or any designee of the City Manager; or (ii) the Department Director of the City Department responsible for administering this Contract.

20.8. OBLIGATIONS UPON EXPIRATION OR TERMINATION. Upon expiration or termination of this Contract, the Company shall promptly return to the City (i) all computer programs, files, documentation, media, related material and any other material and equipment that are owned by the City; (ii) all Deliverables that have been completed or that are in process as of the date of termination; and (iii) a written statement describing in detail all work performed with respect to Deliverables which are in process as of the date of termination. The expiration or termination of this Contract shall not relieve either party of its obligations regarding “Confidential Information,” as defined in this Contract.

20.9. NO EFFECT ON TAXES, FEES, CHARGES OR REPORTS. Any termination of this Contract shall not relieve the Company of the obligation to pay any fees, taxes or other charges then due to the City, nor relieve the Company of the obligation to file any daily, monthly, quarterly or annual reports covering the period to termination nor relieve the Company from any claim for damages previously accrued or then accruing against the Company.

20.10. OTHER REMEDIES. The remedies set forth in this Section and Section 19 shall be deemed cumulative and not exclusive, and may be exercised successively or concurrently, in addition to any other remedies available under this Contract or at law or in equity.

21. TRANSITION SERVICES UPON TERMINATION. Upon termination or expiration of this Contract, the Company shall cooperate with the City to assist with the orderly transfer of the Services provided by the Company to the City. Prior to termination or expiration of this Contract, the City may require the Company to perform and, if so required, the Company shall perform certain transition
services necessary to shift the Services of the Company to another provider or to the City itself as described below (the “Transition Services”). Transition Services may include but shall not be limited to the following:

- Working with the City to jointly develop a mutually agreed upon Transition Services Plan to facilitate the termination of the Services;
- Notifying all affected service providers and subcontractors of the Company;
- Performing the Transition Services;
- Answering questions regarding the Services on an as-needed basis; and
- Providing such other reasonable services needed to effectuate an orderly transition to a new service provider.

22. CHANGES. In the event changes to the Services (collectively “Changes”), become necessary or desirable to the parties, the parties shall follow the procedures set forth in this Section. A Change shall be effective only when documented by a written, dated agreement executed by both parties that expressly references and is attached to this Contract (a “Change Statement”). The Change Statement shall set forth in detail: (i) the Change requested, including all modifications of the duties of the parties; (ii) the reason for the proposed Change; and (iii) a detailed analysis of the impact of the Change on the results of the Services and time for completion of the Services, including the impact on all Milestones and delivery dates and any associated price.

In the event either party desires a Change, the Project Manager for such party shall submit to the other party’s Project Manager a proposed Change Statement. If the receiving party does not accept the Change Statement in writing within ten (10) days, the receiving party shall be deemed to have rejected the Change Statement. If the parties cannot reach agreement on a proposed Change, the Company shall nevertheless continue to render performance under this Contract in accordance with its (unchanged) terms and conditions.

Changes that involve or increase in the amounts payable by the City may require execution by the City Manager or a designee depending on the amount. Some increases may also require approval by Charlotte City Council.

23. CITY OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCT.

23.1. The parties agree that the City shall have exclusive ownership of all reports, documents, designs, ideas, materials, reports, concepts, plans, creative works, and other work product developed for or provided to the City in connection with this Contract, and all patent rights, copyrights, trade secret rights and other intellectual property rights relating thereto (collectively the “Intellectual Property”). The Company hereby assigns and transfers all rights in the Intellectual Property to the City. The Company further agrees to execute and deliver such assignments and other documents as the City may later require to perfect, maintain and enforce the City’s rights as sole owner of the Intellectual Property, including all rights under patent and copyright law. The Company hereby appoints the City as attorney in fact to execute all such assignments and instruments and agree that its appointment of the City as an attorney in fact is coupled with an interest and is irrevocable.

23.2. The City grants the Company a royalty-free, non-exclusive license to use and copy the Intellectual Property to the extent necessary to perform this Contract. The Company shall not be entitled to use the Intellectual Property for other purposes without the City’s prior written consent, and shall treat the Intellectual Property as “Confidential Information” pursuant to Section 27 of the Contract.

23.3. The Company will treat as Confidential Information under the Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Contract all data in connection with the Contract. City data processed by the Company shall remain the exclusive property of the City. The Company will not reproduce,
24. **RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES.** The relationship of the parties established by this Contract is solely that of independent contractors, and nothing contained in this Contract shall be construed to (i) give any party the power to direct or control the day-to-day administrative activities of the other; or (ii) constitute such parties as partners, joint venturers, co-owners or otherwise as participants in a joint or common undertaking; or (iii) make either party an agent of the other, or any Company employee an agent or employee of the City, for any purpose whatsoever. Neither party nor its agents or employees is the representative of the other for any purpose, and neither has power or authority to act as agent or employee to represent, to act for, bind, or otherwise create or assume any obligation on behalf of the other.

25. **INDEMNIFICATION.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Company shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the “Indemnities” (as defined below) from and against any and all “Charges” (as defined below) paid or incurred as a result of any claims, demands, lawsuits, actions, or proceedings: (i) alleging violation, misappropriation or infringement of any copyright, trademark, patent, trade secret or other proprietary rights with respect to the Services or any products or deliverables provided to the City pursuant to this Contract (“Infringement Claims”); (ii) seeking payment for labor or materials purchased or supplied by the Company or its subcontractors in connection with this Contract; (iii) arising from the Company’s failure to perform its obligations under this Contract, or from any act of negligence or willful misconduct by the Company or any of its agents, employees or subcontractors relating to this Contract, including but not limited to any liability caused by an accident or other occurrence resulting in bodily injury, death, sickness or disease to any person(s) or damage or destruction to any property, real or personal, tangible or intangible; or (iv) arising from any claim that the Company or an employee or subcontractor of the Company is an employee of the City, including but not limited to claims relating to worker’s compensation, failure to withhold taxes and the like. For purposes of this Section: (a) the term “Indemnities” means the City, any federal agency that funds all or part of this Contract, and each of the City’s and such federal agency’s officers, officials, employees, agents and independent contractors (excluding the Company); and (b) the term “Charges” means any and all losses, damages, costs, expenses (including reasonable attorneys’ fees), obligations, duties, fines, penalties, royalties, interest charges and other liabilities (including settlement amounts).

If an Infringement Claim occurs, the Company shall either: (i) procure for the City the right to continue using the affected product or service; or (ii) repair or replace the infringing product or service so that it becomes non-infringing, provided that the performance of the overall product(s) and service(s) provided to the City shall not be adversely affected by such replacement or modification. If the Company is unable to comply with the preceding sentence within thirty (30) days after the City is directed to cease use of a product or service, the Company shall promptly refund to the City all amounts paid under this Contract.

This Section 25 shall remain in force despite termination of this Contract (whether by expiration of the term or otherwise).

26. **SUBCONTRACTING.** Should the Company choose to subcontract, the Company shall be the prime contractor and shall remain fully responsible for performance of all obligations that it is required to perform under the Contract. Any subcontract entered into by Company shall name the City as a third party beneficiary.

27. **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.**

27.1. **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.** Confidential Information includes any information, not generally known in the relevant trade or industry, obtained from the City or its vendors or licensors or which falls within any of the following general categories:

27.1.1. **Trade secrets.** For purposes of this Contract, trade secrets consist of information of the City or any of its suppliers, contractors or licensors: (a) that derives value from being
secret; and (b) that the owner has taken reasonable steps to keep confidential. Examples of trade secrets include information relating to proprietary software, new technology, new products or services, flow charts or diagrams that show how things work, manuals that tell how things work and business processes and procedures.

27.1.2. Information of the City or its suppliers, contractors or licensors marked "Confidential" or "Proprietary."

27.1.3. Information relating to criminal investigations conducted by the City, and records of criminal intelligence information compiled by the City.

27.1.4. Information contained in the City’s personnel files, as defined by N.C. Gen. Stat. 160A-168. This consists of all information gathered and/or maintained by the City about employees, except for that information which is a matter of public record under North Carolina law.

27.1.5. Citizen or employee social security numbers collected by the City.

27.1.6. Computer security information of the City, including all security features of electronic data processing, or information technology systems, telecommunications networks and electronic security systems. This encompasses but is not limited to passwords and security standards, procedures, processes, configurations, software and codes.

27.1.7. Local tax records of the City that contains information about a taxpayer’s income or receipts.

27.1.8. Any attorney / City privileged information disclosed by either party.

27.1.9. Any data collected from a person applying for financial or other types of assistance, including but not limited to their income, bank accounts, savings accounts, etc.

27.1.10. The name or address of individual homeowners who, based on their income, have received a rehabilitation grant to repair their home.

27.1.11. Building plans of city-owned buildings or structures, as well as any detailed security plans.

27.1.12. Billing information of customers compiled and maintained in connection with the City providing utility services.

27.1.13. Other information that is exempt from disclosure under the North Carolina public records laws.

Categories stated in Sections 27.1.3 through 27.1.13 above constitute “Highly Restricted Information,” as well as Confidential Information. The Company acknowledges that certain Highly Restricted Information is subject to legal restrictions beyond those imposed by this Contract, and agrees that: (a) all provisions in this Contract applicable to Confidential Information shall apply to Highly Restricted Information; and (b) the Company will also comply with any more restrictive instructions or written policies that may be provided by the City from time to time to protect the confidentiality of Highly Restricted Information.

The parties acknowledge that in addition to information disclosed or revealed after the date of this Contract, the Confidential Information shall include information disclosed or revealed within one (1) year prior to the date of this Contract.

27.2. RESTRICTIONS. The Company shall keep the Confidential Information in the strictest confidence, in the manner set forth below:

27.2.1. It shall not copy, modify, enhance, compile or assemble (or reverse compile or disassemble), or reverse engineer Confidential Information.
27.2.2. It shall not, directly or indirectly, disclose, divulge, reveal, report or transfer Confidential Information of the other to any third party or to any individual employed by the Company, other than an employee, agent, subcontractor or vendor of the City or Company who: (i) has a need to know such Confidential Information, and (ii) has executed a confidentiality agreement incorporating substantially the form of this Section of the Contract and containing all protections set forth herein.

27.2.3. It shall not use any Confidential Information of the City for its own benefit or for the benefit of a third party, except to the extent such use is authorized by this Contract or other written agreements between the parties hereto, or is for the purpose for which such Confidential Information is being disclosed.

27.2.4. It shall not remove any proprietary legends or notices, including copyright notices, appearing on or in the Confidential Information of the other.

27.2.5. The Company shall use its best efforts to enforce the proprietary rights of the City and the City’s vendors, licensors and suppliers (including but not limited to seeking injunctive relief where reasonably necessary) against any person who has possession of or discloses Confidential Information in a manner not permitted by this Contract.

27.2.6. In the event that any demand is made in litigation, arbitration or any other proceeding for disclosure of Confidential Information, the Company shall assert this Contract as a ground for refusing the demand and, if necessary, shall seek a protective order or other appropriate relief to prevent or restrict and protect any disclosure of Confidential Information.

27.2.7. All materials which constitute, reveal or derive from Confidential Information shall be kept confidential to the extent disclosure of such materials would reveal Confidential Information, and unless otherwise agreed, all such materials shall be returned to the City or destroyed upon satisfaction of the purpose of the disclosure of such information.

27.3. EXCEPTIONS. The parties agree that the Company shall have no obligation with respect to any Confidential Information which the Company can establish:

27.3.1. Was already known to the Company prior to being disclosed by the disclosing party;

27.3.2. Was or becomes publicly known through no wrongful act of the Company;

27.3.3. Was rightfully obtained by the Company from a third party without similar restriction and without breach hereof;

27.3.4. Was used or disclosed by the Company with the prior written authorization of the City;

27.3.5. Was disclosed pursuant to the requirement or request of a governmental agency, which disclosure cannot be made in confidence, provided that, in such instance, the Company shall first give to the City notice of such requirement or request;

27.3.6. Was disclosed pursuant to the order of a court of competent jurisdiction or a lawfully issued subpoena, provided that the Company shall take use its best efforts to obtain an agreement or protective order providing that, to the greatest possible extent possible, this Contract will be applicable to all disclosures under the court order or subpoena.

27.4. UNINTENTIONAL DISCLOSURE. Notwithstanding anything contained herein in to the contrary, in the event that the Company is unintentionally exposed to any Confidential Information of the City, the Company agrees that it shall not, directly or indirectly, disclose, divulge, reveal, report or transfer such Confidential Information to any person or entity or use such Confidential Information for any purpose whatsoever.

27.5. REMEDIES. The Company acknowledges that the unauthorized disclosure of the Confidential
Information of the City will diminish the value of the proprietary interests therein. Accordingly, it is agreed that if the Company breaches its obligations hereunder, the City shall be entitled to equitable relief to protect its interests, including but not limited to injunctive relief, as well as monetary damages.

28. INSURANCE.

28.1. TYPES OF INSURANCE. The Company shall obtain and maintain during the life of this Contract, with an insurance company rated not less than “A” by A.M. Best, authorized to do business in the State of North Carolina, acceptable to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Risk Management Division the following insurance:

28.1.1. Automobile Liability - Bodily injury and property damage liability covering all owned, non-owned and hired automobiles for limits of not less than $1,000,000 bodily injury each person, each accident and $1,000,000 property damage, or $1,000,000 combined single limit - bodily injury and property damage.

28.1.2. Commercial General Liability - Bodily injury and property damage liability as shall protect the Company and any subcontractor performing Services under this Contract, from claims of bodily injury or property damage which arise from performance of this Contract, whether such operations are performed by the Company, any subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by either. The amounts of such insurance shall not be less than $1,000,000 bodily injury each occurrence/aggregate and $1,000,000 property damage each occurrence/aggregate, or $1,000,000 bodily injury and property damage combined single limits each occurrence/aggregate. This insurance shall include coverage for products, operations, personal and advertising injury, and contractual liability, assumed under the indemnity provision of this Contract.

28.1.3. Workers’ Compensation and Employers Liability - meeting the statutory requirements of the State of North Carolina, $500,000 per accident limit, $500,000 disease per policy limit, $500,000 disease each employee limit.

The Company shall not commence any Services in connection with this Contract until it has obtained all of the foregoing types of insurance and such insurance has been approved by the City. The Company shall not allow any subcontractor to commence Services on its subcontract until all similar insurance required of the subcontractor has been obtained and approved.

28.2. OTHER INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.

28.2.1. The City shall be exempt from, and in no way liable for any sums of money, which may represent a deductible in any insurance policy. The payment of such deductible shall be the sole responsibility of the Company and/or subcontractor providing such insurance.

28.2.2. The City of Charlotte shall be named as an additional insured for operations or services rendered under the general liability coverage. The Company’s insurance shall be primary of any self-funding and/or insurance otherwise carried by the City for all loss or damages arising from the Company’s operations under this agreement.

28.2.3. Certificates of such insurance will be furnished to the City and shall contain the provision that the City be given thirty (30) days’ written notice of any intent to amend coverage reductions or material changes or terminate by either the insured or the insuring Company.

28.2.4. Should any or all of the required insurance coverage be self-funded/self-insured, a copy of the Certificate of Self-Insurance or other documentation from the North Carolina Department of Insurance shall be furnished to the City.
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28.2.5. If any part of the Services under this Contract is sublet, the subcontractor shall be required to meet all insurance requirements as listed above. However, this will in no way relieve the Company from meeting all insurance requirements or otherwise being responsible for the subcontractor.

29. COMMERCIAL NON-DISCRIMINATION. As a condition of entering into this Contract, the Company represents and warrants that it will fully comply with the City's Commercial Non-Discrimination Policy, as described in Section 2, Article V of the Charlotte City Code, and consents to be bound by the award of any arbitration conducted thereunder. As part of such compliance, the Company shall not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, religion, national origin, ethnicity, age or disability in the solicitation, selection, hiring, or treatment of subcontractors, vendors or suppliers in connection with a City contract or contract solicitation process, nor shall the Company retaliate against any person or entity for reporting instances of such discrimination. The Company shall provide equal opportunity for subcontractors, vendors and suppliers to participate in all of its subcontracting and supply opportunities on City contracts, provided that nothing contained in this clause shall prohibit or limit otherwise lawful efforts to remedy the effects of marketplace discrimination that has occurred or is occurring in the marketplace. The Company understands and agrees that a violation of this clause shall be considered a material breach of this Contract and may result in termination of this Contract, disqualification of the Company from participating in City contracts or other sanctions.

As a condition of entering into this Contract, the Company agrees to: (a) promptly provide to the City in a format specified by the City all information and documentation that may be requested by the City from time to time regarding the solicitation, selection, treatment and payment of subcontractors in connection with this Contract; and (b) if requested, provide to the City within sixty days after the request a truthful and complete list of the names of all subcontractors, vendors, and suppliers that the Company has used on City contracts in the past five years, including the total dollar amount paid by the Company on each subcontract or supply contract. The Company further agrees to fully cooperate in any investigation conducted by the City pursuant to the City’s Non-Discrimination Policy, to provide any documents relevant to such investigation that are requested by the City, and to be bound by the award of any arbitration conducted under such Policy.

The Company agrees to provide to the City from time to time on the City’s request, payment affidavits detailing the amounts paid by the Company to subcontractors and suppliers in connection with this Contract within a certain period of time. Such affidavits shall be in the format specified by the City from time to time.

The Company understands and agrees that violation of this Commercial Non-Discrimination provision shall be considered a material breach of this Contract and may result in contract termination, disqualification of the Company from participating in City contracts and other sanctions.

30. NOTICES AND PRINCIPAL CONTACTS. Any notice, consent or other communication required or contemplated by this Contract shall be in writing, and shall be delivered in person, by U.S. mail, by overnight courier, by electronic mail to the intended recipient at the address set forth below:

For the Company: ____________________________

For the City: City of Charlotte
Department of General Services
600 East Fourth Street, CMGC
Charlotte, NC 28202-2850

PHONE: ____________________________
FAX: ____________________________
E-MAIL: ____________________________

PHONE: ____________________________
FAX: ____________________________
E-MAIL: ____________________________
Notice shall be effective upon the date of receipt by the intended recipient; provided that any notice, which is sent by electronic mail, shall also be simultaneously sent by mail deposited with the U.S. Postal Service or by overnight courier. Each party may change its address for notification purposes by giving the other party written notice of the new address and the date upon which it shall become effective.

31. MISCELLANEOUS.

31.1. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Contract is the entire agreement between the parties with respect to its subject matter, and there are no other representations, understandings, or agreements between the parties with respect to such subject matter. This Contract supersedes all prior agreements, negotiations, representations and proposals, written or oral.

31.2. AMENDMENT. No amendment or change to this Contract shall be valid unless in writing and signed by both parties to this Contract.

31.3. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION. The parties acknowledge that this Contract is made and entered into in Charlotte, North Carolina, and will be performed in Charlotte, North Carolina. The parties further acknowledge and agree that North Carolina law shall govern all the rights, obligations, duties and liabilities of the parties under this Contract, and that North Carolina law shall govern interpretation and enforcement of this Contract and any other matters relating to this Contract (all without regard to North Carolina conflicts of law principles). The parties further agree that any and all legal actions or proceedings relating to this Contract shall be brought in a state or federal court sitting in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. By the execution of this Contract, the parties submit to the jurisdiction of said courts and hereby irrevocably waive any and all objections, which they may have with respect to venue in any court sitting in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

31.4. BINDING NATURE AND ASSIGNMENT. This Contract shall bind the parties and their successors and permitted assigns. Neither party may assign any of the rights and obligations thereunder without the prior written consent of the other. Any assignment attempted without the written consent of the other party shall be void.

31.5. CITY NOT LIABLE FOR DELAYS. It is agreed that the City shall not be liable to the Company, its agents or representatives or any subcontractor for or on account of any stoppages or delay in the performance of any obligations of the City or any other party hereunder caused by injunction or other legal or equitable proceedings or on account of any other delay for any cause beyond the City’s reasonable control. The City shall not be liable under any circumstances for lost profits or any other consequential, special or indirect damages.

31.6. FORCE MAJEURE.

31.6.1. The Company shall be not liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations pursuant to this Contract (and such failure or delay shall not be deemed a default of this Contract or grounds for termination hereunder if all of the following conditions are satisfied: (i) if such failure or delay: (a) could not have been prevented by reasonable precaution, and (b) cannot reasonably be circumvented by the non-performing party through the use of alternate sources, work-around plans, or other
Section 31.6.2. Upon the occurrence of an event which satisfies all of the conditions set forth above (a “Force Majeure Event”) the Company shall be excused from any further performance of those of its obligations pursuant to this Contract affected by the Force Majeure Event for as long as (a) such Force Majeure Event continues and (b) the Company continues to use commercially reasonable efforts to recommence performance whenever and to whatever extent possible without delay.

31.6.3. Upon the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event, the Company shall immediately notify the City by telephone (to be confirmed by written notice within two (2) days of the inception of the failure or delay) of the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event and shall describe in reasonable detail the nature of the Force Majeure Event. If any Force Majeure Event prevents the Company from performing its obligations for more than five (5) days, the City may terminate this Contract.

31.6.4. Strikes, slow-downs, walkouts, lockouts, and individual disputes are not excused under this provision.

31.7. SEVERABILITY. The invalidity of one or more of the phrases, sentences, clauses or sections contained in this Contract shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of the Contract so long as the material purposes of the Contract can be determined and effectuated. If any provision of this Contract is held to be unenforceable, then both parties shall be relieved of all obligations arising under such provision, but only to the extent that such provision is unenforceable, and this Contract shall be deemed amended by modifying such provision to the extent necessary to make it enforceable while preserving its intent.

31.8. NO PUBLICITY. No advertising, sales promotion or other materials of the Company or its agents or representations may identify or reference this Contract or the City in any manner absent the written consent of the City.

31.9. APPROVALS. All approvals or consents required under this Contract must be in writing.

31.10. WAIVER. No delay or omission by either party to exercise any right or power it has under this Contract shall impair or be construed as a waiver of such right or power. A waiver by either party of any covenant or breach of this Contract shall not be constitute or operate as a waiver of any succeeding breach of that covenant or of any other covenant. No waiver of any provision of this Contract shall be effective unless in writing and signed by the party waiving the rights.

31.11. SURVIVAL OF PROVISIONS. The following sections of this Contract shall survive the termination hereof:

Section 4.3 “Employment Taxes and Employee Benefits”
Section 17 “Representations and Warranties of Company”
Section 20 “Term and Termination of Contract”
Section 23 “City Ownership of Work Product”
Section 25 “Indemnification”
Section 27 “Confidential Information”
Section 28 “Insurance”
Section 30 “Notices and Principal Contacts”
Section 31 “Miscellaneous”

31.12. CHANGE IN CONTROL. In the event of a change in “Control” of the Company (as defined below), the City shall have the option of terminating this Contract by written notice to the Company. The Company shall notify the City within ten (10) days of the occurrence of a change.
in control. As used in this Contract, the term “Control” shall mean the possession, direct or indirect, of either (i) the ownership of or ability to direct the voting of, as the case may be fifty-one percent (51%) or more of the equity interests, value or voting power in the Company or (ii) the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of the Company whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.

31.13. DRAFTER’S PROTECTION. Each of the Parties has agreed to the use of the particular language of the provisions of this Contract and any questions of doubtful interpretation shall not be resolved by any rule or interpretation against the drafters, but rather in accordance with the fair meaning thereof, having due regard to the benefits and rights intended to be conferred upon the Parties hereto and the limitations and restrictions upon such rights and benefits intended to be provided.

31.14. FAMILIARITY AND COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND ORDINANCES. The Company agrees to make itself aware of and comply with all local, state and federal ordinances, statutes, laws, rules and regulations applicable to the Services. The Company further agrees that it will at all times during the term of this Contract be in compliance with all applicable federal, state and/or local laws regarding employment practices. Such laws will include, but shall not be limited to, workers' compensation, the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and all OSHA regulations applicable to the Services.

31.15. CONFLICT OF INTEREST. The Company covenants that its officers, employees and shareholders have no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of Services required to be performed under the Contract.

31.16. NO BRIBERY. The Company certifies that neither it, any of its affiliates or subcontractors, nor any employees of any of the foregoing has bribed or attempted to bribe an officer or employee of the City in connection with the Contract.

31.17. HARASSMENT. The Company agrees to make itself aware of and comply with the City's Harassment Policy. The City will not tolerate or condone acts of harassment based upon race, sex, religion, national origin, color, age, or disability. Violators of this policy will be subject to termination.

31.18. TRAVEL UPGRADES. The City has no obligation to reimburse the Company for any travel or other expenses incurred in connection with this Contract.

31.19. TAXES. Except as specifically stated elsewhere in this Contract, the Company shall collect all applicable federal, state and local taxes which may be chargeable against the performance of the Services, and remit such taxes to the relevant taxing authority. The Company consents to and authorizes the City to collect any and all delinquent taxes and related interest, fines, or penalties of the Company by reducing any payment, whether monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually, or otherwise, made by the City to the Company pursuant to this Contract for an amount equal to any and all taxes and related interest, fines, or penalties owed by the Company to the City. The Company hereby waives any requirements for notice under North Carolina law for each and every instance that the City collects delinquent taxes pursuant to this paragraph. This paragraph shall not be construed to prevent the Company from filing an appeal of the assessment of the delinquent tax if such appeal is within the time prescribed by law.

31.20. COUNTERPARTS. This Contract may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which taken together shall constitute one single agreement between the parties.

31.21. PRE-AUDIT. No pre-audit certificate is required under N.C. Gen. Stat. 159-28(a) because this Contract is for an indefinite quantity with no minimum purchase requirement. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, this Contract does not require the City to purchase a
single product or service, and a decision by the City to not make any purchase hereunder will violate neither this Contract nor any implied duty of good faith and fair dealing. The City has no financial obligation under this Contract absent the City’s execution of a valid and binding purchase order or contract addendum containing a pre-audit certificate.”

[Signature Page Follows]
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and in acknowledgement that the parties hereto have read and understood each and every provision hereof, the parties have caused this Contract to be executed as of the date first written above.

[INSERT COMPANY NAME]

BY: ________________________________
(signature)

PRINT NAME: ________________________

TITLE: ______________________________

DATE: ______________________________

CITY OF CHARLOTTE:
INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

BY: ________________________________
(signature)

PRINT NAME: ________________________

TITLE: ______________________________

DATE: ______________________________

CITY OF CHARLOTTE:
CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE/OFFICE/DEPARTMENT/DIVISION

BY: ________________________________
(signature)

PRINT NAME: ________________________

TITLE: ______________________________

DATE: ______________________________

[DELETE THE PRE-AUDIT SIGNATURE LINE IF CONTRACT IS NOT ENCUMBERED]

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

BY: ________________________________
(signature)

DATE: ______________________________
EXHIBIT A – PRICING SHEET

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EXHIBIT B – SCOPE OF SERVICES

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EXHIBIT C – RATING SHEET

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EXHIBIT B – CONTRACT DISTRICTS MAP

CONTRACT DISTRICTS MAP BOUNDARIES
OF ALL 14 MEDIAN CONTRACTS:

More specifically: South Corridor Infrastructure Program Area (SCIP)

ARE POSTED AT http://charlottenc.gov/epmcontracts

(see next page for map)
EXHIBIT C – INDIVIDUAL MAP AND PHOTOGRAPHS – SCIP
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INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT MAP - SCIP

SCIP – LOCATION #1:
Archdale Signature Intersection and Medians

SCIP – LOCATION #2:
Arrowood Signature Intersection

SCIP – LOCATION #5:
Sharon Road West Intersection

SCIP – LOCATION #6:
3030 South Blvd.

SCIP – LOCATION #8:
Tyvola Signature Intersection and Medians

SCIP – LOCATION #9:
Woodlawn Signature Intersection and Medians

(see next pages for map and photographs)
Section 8
Map and Photographs - SCIP

SCIP Location #8
South Blvd. Medians and ROW Planting strips around property on 3030 South Blvd.
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