

**IFB Key**

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* Read the guidance for each section in blue. Delete these sections prior to issuing the IFB.

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**Invitation for Bid**

**[Insert Name of IFB]**

**[Insert Name of Division, Name of Department]**

**City of Jackson, Mississippi**

**IFB # XXXXXXX**

*The IFB # is set by the Purchasing Division*

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| **IFB SUMMARY:***Insert a 1-3 sentence summary of the good or service being purchased.* |
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| **NIGP CODE:**  | *Request the NIGP Code from the Purchasing Division. This number is required.*  |
| **IFB ISSUE DATE**  | [Insert Date] (Ex. May 30, 2023)  |
| **PROPOSAL DUE DATE**  | Bids will be accepted by the City of Jackson until [Insert Time on Insert Date] (Ex. 5:00 PM on May 30, 2023). Bids submitted after the deadline will **NOT** be considered.   |
| **PROPOSAL****SUBMISSION PROCESS** | You may submit your bids electronically through Central Bidding or in hardcopy form. For electronic submissions, bids may be submitted via Central Bidding: [https://www.centralauctionhouse.com/IFBc10376-city-of-jackson.html](https://www.centralauctionhouse.com/rfpc10376-city-of-jackson.html) Electronic submissions shall be the complete original (non-redacted) version of the bid including all attachments in a searchable format, preferably in Microsoft Word® or Portable Document Format (PDF®), and labeled accordingly.For hardcopies, bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope or box. The exterior of the sealed envelope or box shall be clearly labeled “[insert description]” and include the bidder’s business name. As required in MS Code § 31-3-21, all bids submitted for public or private projects where the bid is in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) shall contain on the outside or exterior of the envelope or container of such bid the contractor's current certificate of responsibility number. Please submit your signed bid: 1. By mail to Jackson City Clerk’s Office: P. O. Box 17, Jackson, MS 39205

-OR-1. By hand delivery to Jackson City Clerk’s Office/City Hall located at 219 South President Street, Jackson, MS 39201, (601) 960-1035.

**For additional instructions and details on the proposal submission process, consult Section 2.2 (“Submission Process”) of the IFB.**  |
| **DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS** | The deadline for questions is [insert date] at [insert time/time zone]. Questions and/or inquiries must be submitted in writing to [name and contact information]. The answers to all questions submitted by offerors will be made publicly available at [insert time] on [insert date] on [insert web url] on the City of Jackson Website. *Guidance: We recommend that you provide an email address to offerors and receive questions electronically. Any answers provided to questions asked by individual offerors* ***MUST*** *be later provided to* ***ALL*** *offerors in a publicly accessible place.*  |
| **IFB WEBSITE**  | Electronic copies of the IFB may be found at one of the following websites online: 1. City of Jackson: <https://www.jacksonms.gov/bid-opportunities>
2. State of Mississippi: <https://www.ms.gov/dfa/contract_bid_search/Bid>

If necessary, the bid package with specifications can also be secured from the Purchasing Division located at: Warren Hood Building, 200 S. President St., Room 604, Jackson, MS 39201, (601) 960-1025. |
| **OFFICIAL IFB CONTACT**  | For additional information regarding specifications, contact:  [Insert Name] [Insert Position] [Insert Division] [Insert Department] [Insert City Address] [Insert Email Address] [Insert Phone #] *The Official IFB Contact should be a designated person within the requesting department.* For additional questions on the IFB submission process or to request access to the digital bid templates, please contact**:**   The Purchasing Division Department of Finance & Administration Warren Hood Building 200 S. President St., Room 604 Jackson, MS 39201 (601) 960-1025  |
| **EQUAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY (EBO) DISCLOSURE AND REQUIREMENTS**  | The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in public contracting. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to selection, every Contractor, bidder or offeror shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan Application with the bid submission, in accordance with the provisions of the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Policy.Therefore, the City of Jackson requests that prospective vendors and contractors carefully examine their method of selecting subcontractors and suppliers to ensure that they are not either actively or passively, discriminating against MBEs and FBEs. As a bidder seeking to do business with the City of Jackson, you are expected to adhere to a policy of non-discrimination and to make the maximum practicable effort to ensure that historically underutilized firms are given an opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts financed in whole, or in part, with City funds. For more information on the City of Jackson's EBO Program, please contact the Office of Economic Development at 960-1055. Copies of the EBO Ordinance, EBO Plan Application, EBO Program, the MBE/FBE Directory and the MBE/FBE Certification Affidavit are available can be found online at: <https://www.jacksonms.gov/business-development/ebo-plan-application/> Copies of the EBO Ordinance and a copy of the EBO Program are also available through the Office of Economic Development: Equal Business Opportunity Division 200 South President StreetSecond Floor, Suite 223Jackson, MS 39201(601) 960-1055 |

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# **Scope of Work and Requirements**

## **Detailed description of goods and services**

*Add here a description of the goods and/or services that you are purchasing, with information on product type, service type, repair request, etc, and quantity requested (# of units, measurements).*

## **Award Terms**

*Guidance: Include the duration of the contract and the number/term of renewal options. You may also want to include the contract type expected (e.g., firm-fixed, cost-plus, not-to-exceed). If relevant, provide any additional information about whether multiple awards will be made.*

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| --- | --- |
| **Contract Duration:**  | Start Date: [Insert State Date] End Date: [Insert Date]  |
| **Renewal Options & Terms:**  |  |
| **Contract Type Expected:**  |  |
| **Project Budget:**  |  |

## **General Requirements**

### **Seller Qualifications**

### **Delivery Requirements**

### **Specific Requirements**

The Bid **must** meet or exceed the following requirements:

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| **CATEGORY**  | **REQUIREMENT(S)** |
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# **Submission Instructions**

## **Format**

1. You are required to **send one (1) original and six (6) copies** of all information being submitted. You are also required to sign your documents. This includes your bid form, completed EBO application, and any information you submit with your bid (research data sheets, booklets, pamphlets, etc.), or your bid may be considered non-responsive. Your bottom-line bid price must be submitted on the form provided by the city in the [Appendix](#_Appendix) section when noted unless otherwise instructed. If more than one complete bid is submitted per a delivery envelope, it will not be accepted as an official bid.
2. The complete bid pricing section must be returned if you submit a bid and any required/mandatory documents (example: bids having more than one bid section, parts, pages, or a checklist).
3. The instruction and specification sections should not be returned with your bid proposal forms. They are yours to keep.
4. Proposal forms must be legibly handwritten or typed. If not, they will be considered non-responsive. Errors or corrections must be crossed out and changes must be printed in ink or typewritten. All changes must be initiated in ink by the person signing the bid.
5. The unit price will always govern in determining the extended price or the total price. Therefore, please review your price carefully before submitting your bid. No bid shall be altered or amended after the specified time for bid opening or once delivered.
6. The manufacturer's name and model must be stated when required for each item. Any item without this information may not be considered.
7. Do not submit prices for more than one product, or the same product per item. This means only one product, one size, and price per bid form as specified in the package.
8. Alternate bids are not acceptable unless submitted in a separate sealed routing envelope, and in no way concealed in a delivery envelope. Alternate bids may be submitted but will not necessarily be accepted by the city. The city reserves the right to determine whether an alternative being offered is equivalent to and meets the standard or the specifications. All bids submitted must be on the bid proposal forms furnished by the city or copies thereof. Otherwise, it will not be considered.
9. Any bid received with limiting or conditional requirements will automatically be deemed non-responsive (example: all or none; all items must be ordered at the same time, specified amount to be ordered, no notation or other packaging pricing below the submitted price).
10. Facsimile-transmitted proposals or other documents are not acceptable.
11. All one-time awards must be valid for a minimum of 90 days from the bid opening date. All term bids must be valid for the duration of the terms defined in the proposal for each bid. Vendors may not withdraw a bid prior to the end of 90 days, or the stated terms of said bid. Vendors who do not comply with this requirement shall be considered non-responsive.

## **2.2 Bid Submission Instructions**

Vendors responding to this Invitation for Bid (IFB) shall submit their bids in either physical hardcopy or electronic form. **All bids (both electronic and physical hard copies) MUST be received no later than [Insert Time] Central Daylight Time, on [Insert Date].**

**Electronic Submission:**

If submitting an electronic copy, submit your documents through Central Bidding at the following site: [https://www.centralauctionhouse.com/IFBc10376-city-of-jackson.html](https://www.centralauctionhouse.com/rfpc10376-city-of-jackson.html). For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814 or 833-412-5717 (toll free).

Electronic submissions shall be the complete original (non-redacted) version of the bid including all attachments in a searchable format, preferably in Microsoft Word® or Portable Document Format (PDF®) labeled accordingly.

If the bid contains confidential or trade information, one (1) additional confidential or trade electronic copy of the complete bid, including all attachments shall be submitted in a searchable format, preferably in Microsoft Word® or Portable Document Format (PDF), shall be labeled CONFIDENTIAL, and shall redact the confidential or trade information only.

**Hardcopy Submission:**

All physical hard copies shall be submitted following the instructions in section 3.1. As required in MS Code § 31-3-21, all bids submitted for public or private projects where the bid is in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) shall contain on the outside or exterior of the envelope or container of such bid the contractor's current certificate of responsibility number. The bid number should be included outside of the envelope, which should be sent to the attention of. Please submit your signed bid:

1. **If by hand delivery:**

City of Jackson

Office of the Municipal Clerk

219 South President St.

Jackson, Mississippi 39201

1. **If by mail:**

City of Jackson

Office of the Municipal Clerk

P.O. Box 17

Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0017

# **Selection Criteria**

1. Bid openings will be conducted and open to the public. However, note, they will serve only for the opening, and reading of the price in no way determines an award.
2. The award will be made to the lowest price bid that meets all minimum requirements of the Invitation for Bid.
3. *[Add information here on how you will select the vendor based on price or best offer, for example: award will be made to the lowest priced bid that meets all minimum requirements of the Invitation for Bid].*

# **Terms and Conditions**

**ALL VENDORS ARE URGED TO READ AND UNDERSTAND THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS PRIOR TO SUBMITTING A BID.**

## **Disclaimer**

The City and its advisors have, to the best of their knowledge, represented information and data that are current and applicable to this IFB. The City is providing the information contained herein as a courtesy to the Offerors. The City and its advisors neither guarantee nor warranty that the information contained in this IFB or referenced documents is accurate and complete. The City and its advisors are not and will not be liable for omissions or errors contained in this IFB. It is the Service Offeror’s responsibility to use this information and verify the same during the proposal, negotiation, and contract implementation periods through its own due diligence.

## **Confidentiality**

The contents of responses/proposals to this IFB shall not be discussed or shared outside the submittal process with any other Offerors and/or potential Offerors regarding the services to be offered or fees associated with the operation or implementation of the services described in this IFB. Any violation of this Section shall result in the immediate disqualification of the offending Offeror’s proposal.

## **Proposal Guidelines And Instructions**

* + 1. **Errors in Bids**

The City will not be liable for any errors in Bids. Bids may be rejected as unresponsive if they are incomplete, are missing pages or information, or cannot be opened for any reason. The City may waive minor irregularities and request Offeror(s) cure such irregularity, but such waiver will not modify any remaining IFB requirements. A minor irregularity means that the defect is immaterial or inconsequential as to price, quantity, quality, or delivery when contrasted with the total costs or scope of the services being provided.

* + 1. **Bid Withdrawal Procedure**

Bids may be withdrawn up until the Submission Date. Any bid not so withdrawn shall, upon opening, constitute an irrevocable offer for a period of ninety (90) days to provide the services set forth in the bids or until one of the bids has been accepted and an agreement has been executed between the City and the successful Offeror.

* + 1. **Proposer Certifications**

By submitting a Bid, each Offeror certifies under penalty of perjury that:

1. Its submission is not the result of collusion or any other activity that would tend to influence the selection process directly or indirectly; and
2. The Offeror is able or will be able to comply with all requirements of this solicitation at the time of contract award; and
3. Offeror certifies all statements in the response are true; and
4. Neither Offeror, its employees, nor any affiliated firm providing the requested goods and services has any actual or potential conflict of interest with any City officers or employees relating to this solicitation.
	* 1. **Estimated Quantities**

If the solicitation results in an indefinite quantity, the goods and services requested by the City may be less than the maximum value of the Agreement and there is no guarantee, either expressed or implied, as to the actual quantity of goods and services that will be authorized under the Agreement.

* + 1. **No Commitment**

Neither the submission of a Bid nor the City’s receipt of Bid materials confers any right to the Offeror nor any obligation on the City. This IFB does not commit the City to award a contract, nor will the City defray any costs incurred in preparing Bids or participating in any presentations or negotiations.

* + 1. **Reservation of the Rights of the City**

The award of this project is subject to the availability of funding. The City reserves the right to request clarification of information submitted and to request additional information from one (1) or more Offerors. The City of Jackson reserves the right to reject all Bids where the Offeror takes exception to the terms and conditions of the IFB and/or fails to meet the terms and conditions and/or in any way attempts to limit the rights of the City of Jackson in any required contractual term(s) and provision(s) set forth in this IFB.

The City of Jackson reserves the right to amend the contents of this IFB by Addendum as it deems necessary. It is the responding Service Provider’s/Offeror’s sole responsibility to monitor the City of Jackson’s website for amendments to this IFB to ensure that their response is pursuant to the amended IFB, if applicable.

The City reserves the right to negotiate the Contract for the project with the next most qualified Offeror if the first choice does not agree to the terms of a Contract after submission of the Contract to the Service Provider. The City reserves the right to negotiate all elements of work that comprise the selected proposal.

The City reserves the right, after opening the Bids, or at any other point during the selection process, to reject any or all Bids, modify or postpone the proposed project, evaluate any alternatives offered, or accept the proposal that, in the City's sole judgment, is in its best interests.

The City reserves the right to terminate the Contract if the selected Offeror fails to begin to perform the work described herein within ten (10) days after the City gives the selected Offeror a written notice to proceed.

* + 1. **Selection**

At any time in the evaluation process, the City may request clarifications from Offerors.

* + 1. **Determination of Responsiveness**

A responsive proposal conforms to the instructions set forth in this solicitation and any modifications to it. Non-responsive proposals will be rejected. The City, in its sole discretion, may waive nonconsequential deviations if the deviations cannot have provided an advantage over other Offerors.

* + 1. **Determination of Responsibility**

The City will make a determination of the responsibility of any Offeror under consideration for award, taking into consideration matters such as the Offeror’s compliance with public policy and laws, past performance, fiscal responsibility, financial and technical resources, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily carry out its responsibilities. The City will notify any Offeror in writing what was found non-responsive and allow the finding to be contested.

## **Contract Award**

* + 1. **Contract Negotiations**

Once a decision has been made to award a contract to one or more Offerors, the City will post a Notice of Intent to Award. Contract negotiations are neither an offer nor an implicit guarantee that a contract will be executed. The award, if made, will be to the responsive, responsible Offeror offering the overall best value to the City for the services and goods described in this solicitation, or as applicable, for a specific portion of the services and goods described. Any agreement reached will be memorialized in a formal agreement.

* + 1. **Work is Not Authorized Until Agreement is Approved**

After the Agreement has been approved by the City Council and all parties have signed, the City will notify the Offeror and performance may proceed. Prior to City execution of the Agreement, no City employee may authorize work. Any work performed prior to that time may be uncompensated.

## **Protests**

Protests that do not comply with the protest procedures outlined below will be rejected.

* + 1. **Protest Format, Eligibility and Address**
	1. Protests or objections may be filed regarding the contract award.
	2. The City will only review protests submitted by an interested party, defined as an actual or prospective offeror whose direct economic interest could be affected by the City’s conduct of the solicitation.
	3. Submit protests to the City via email to [Insert Name], [Insert Title], [Insert Department] at [Insert Email].
	4. Issues related to the protest will be reviewed by the City Legal Department.
		1. **Protest Deadlines**

Submit protests of the contract award with any supplemental materials by [Insert time] CST on [Insert date]. The date of filing is the date the City receives the protest unless received after 5 p.m. CST, or on any day other than a Business Day, in which case, the date of filing will be the next Business Day.

**FAILURE TO FILE BY THE RELEVANT DEADLINE CONSTITUTES A WAIVER OF ANY PROTEST ON THOSE GROUNDS. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS FILED AFTER THE RELEVANT DEADLINE SHALL BE REJECTED BY THE CITY.**

* + 1. **Protest Contents**

The letter of protest must include all the following elements:

1. Detailed grounds for the protest, fully supported with technical data, test results, documentary evidence, names of witnesses, and other pertinent information related to the subject being protested; and
2. The law, rule, regulation, ordinance, provision, or policy upon which the protest is based, with an explanation of the violation.
	* 1. **Reply to Protest**

The City will send a written response to the protesting party and to any other party named in the protest within a reasonable time.

* + 1. **No Stay of Procurement Action During Protest**

Nothing in these protest requirements will prevent the City from proceeding with negotiations or awarding a purchase order or contract while a protest is pending.

## **Public Records**

* + 1. **General**
1. All bids, protests, and information submitted in response to this solicitation will become the property of the City and will be considered public records. As such, they may be subject to public review.
2. Any contract arising from this IFB will be a public record.
3. Submission of any materials in response to this IFB constitutes:
	1. Consent to the City’s release of such materials under the Public Records Act without notice to the person or entity submitting the materials; and
	2. Waiver of all claims against the City and/or its officers, agents, or employees that the City has violated an Offeror's right to privacy, disclosed trade secrets, or caused any damage by allowing the bid or materials to be inspected; and
	3. Agreement to indemnify and hold harmless the City for release of such information under the Public Records Act; and
	4. Acknowledgement that the City will not assert any privileges that may exist on behalf of the person or entity submitting the materials.
		1. **Confidential Information**
4. The City is not seeking proprietary information and will not assert any privileges that may exist on behalf of the Offeror. Offerors are responsible for asserting any applicable privileges or reasons why a document should not be produced in response to a public record request.
5. If submitting information protected from disclosure as a trade secret or any other basis, identify each page of such material subject to protection as “CONFIDENTIAL.” If the requested material has been designated as confidential, the City will attempt to inform the Offeror of the public records request in a timely manner to permit assertion of any applicable privileges.
6. Failure to seek a court order protecting information from disclosure within ten days of the City’s notice of a request to the Offeror will be deemed agreement to disclosure of the information and the Offeror agrees to indemnify and hold the City harmless for release of such information.
7. Requests to treat an entire bid as confidential will be rejected. Any such request will be deemed an agreement to the City for disclosure of the entire bid. In such an event, the Offeror agrees to indemnify and hold the City harmless for release of any information requested.
8. Trade secrets will only be considered confidential if claimed to be a trade secret when submitted to the City, marked as confidential, and compliant with state and federal rules and regulations.

## **Special Provisions**

* + 1. **Breach**

Conditions and circumstances that shall constitute a material breach by the Offeror shall include but not be limited to the following:

1. [Insert Condition 1]
2. [Insert Condition 2]
3. [Insert Condition 3]
	* 1. **OSHA Compliance**

The Offeror agrees to comply with conditions of the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Acts of 1970 (OSHA), as may be amended, and the standards and regulations issued there under and certifies that all services under this Contract will conform to and comply with said standards and regulations. The Contractor further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the purchaser from all damages assessed against the City because of the Contractor’s failure to comply with the acts and standards there under and for the failure of the services furnished under this Contract to so comply.

* + 1. **Mississippi Employment Protection Act**

Service Provider shall comply with the provisions of the Mississippi Employment Protection Act, Miss. Code § 71-11-3 (1972, as amended) in the hiring of personnel.

* + 1. **Audit**

The Service Provider shall maintain full and complete accounting records, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, reflecting the Service Provider’s work on this Contract. The City may require an audit of such books and records at any reasonable time. Such audit will be conducted by City staff or by a certified public accounting firm with experience in auditing public service companies selected by the City.

Upon request, the Service Provider shall permit the City to inspect and audit all pertinent books and records of the Service Provider, any subcontractor, or any other person or entity that performed work in connection with or related to this Contract, at all times deemed necessary by the City, including up to six years after the final payment or release of withheld amounts has been made under this Contract. Such inspection and audit shall occur in the City of Jackson or other such reasonable location as the City selects. The Service Provider shall supply the City with, or shall permit the City to make, a copy of any books and records and any portion thereof. The Service Provider shall ensure that such inspection, audit, and copying right of the City is a condition of any subcontract, agreement, or other arrangement under which any other person or entity is permitted to perform work under this Contract.

* + 1. **Contract Rights**

The parties reserve the right to amend this Contract from time to time by mutual agreement in writing. Rights under this Contract are cumulative and in addition to rights existing at common law. Payment by the City and performance by the Service Provider do not waive their contract rights.

Failure by either party on any occasion to exercise a contract right shall not forfeit or waive the right to exercise the right on another occasion. The use of one remedy does not exclude or waive the right to use another.

* + 1. **Interpretation**

This Contract shall be interpreted as a whole and to carry out its purposes. This Contract is an integrated document and contains all the promises of the parties; no earlier oral understandings modify its provisions. No oral promises, oral obligations, or oral agreements whatsoever, made at any time, shall become a part of this Contract.

* + 1. **Law and Venue**

The laws of the State of Mississippi and Ordinances of the City shall govern the validity, construction, and effect of this Contract. The venue for any claims, litigation, or causes of action between the parties shall be in a court of appropriate jurisdiction of the State of Mississippi for the First Judicial District of Hinds County.

* + 1. **Notices**

All official notices or approvals shall be in writing. Unless otherwise directed, notices shall be delivered by messenger or by certified or registered mail (return receipt requested) to the parties at the following respective addresses (Service Provider, please provide the City with a designated contact person):

City of Jackson

Attn: Mayor

219 South President Street

Jackson, Mississippi 39201

Phone: (601) 960-1084

Also:

[Insert Department Name]

Attn: [Insert Department Director]

[Insert Street Address]

Jackson, Mississippi 39201

Phone: [Insert Phone Number]

Either party may from time to time designate a new address for notices. Unless a return receipt or other document establishes otherwise, a notice sent by U.S. Mail shall be presumed to be received the second business day after its mailing.

* + 1. **Severability**

Should any term, provision, condition, or other portion of this Contract or its application be held to be inoperative, invalid, or unenforceable, and the remainder of the Contract still fulfills its purposes, the remainder of this Contract or its application in other circumstances shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in force and effect.

* + 1. **No Personal Liability**

No officer, agent, or authorized employee of the City shall be personally responsible for any liability arising under this Contract, whether expressed or implied, nor for any statement or representation made herein or in any connection with this Contract.

* + 1. **Disputes**

Except for the right of either party to apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for an injunction or other equitable relief or for the collection of an account stated, any controversy, claim or dispute related to this Agreement the parties agree that before either party shall pursue any legal action against the other, they will submit the dispute or claim to mediation. The non-binding mediation shall be requested by one party sending written notice by certified mail or nationally recognized overnight courier to the other party. The parties shall then select a mediator from the Mississippi Bar Association’s panel of mediators. If the parties are unable to agree on a mediator, then a judge in a court of competent jurisdiction for that particular type of dispute (Circuit or Chancery) in Hinds County shall appoint a mediator from the Mississippi Bar Association’s panel of mediators. The mediation shall take place within thirty (30) days after a mediator is selected or appointed, at a place designated by the mediator. Each party shall pay a proportionate share of the fees associated with the mediation including the fees of the mediator. If one party refuses to mediate when requested to do so, or fails to respond to a written request for mediation within ten (10) days of the date of the request, then the other party may consider this mediation provision waived, and proceed with the filing of a lawsuit.

* + 1. **Termination for Cause**

If, through any cause, the Service Provider shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement, or if the Service Provider shall violate any of the terms of this Agreement, the city of Jackson shall thereupon have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the other party of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least thirty (30) days before the effective date of such termination. In that event, all personal property, cash, or other assets which, if the Service Provider had been completed, would have been required to be furnished to the City or were purchased with funds furnished to the Service Provider under this Agreement and all finished or unfinished documents, reports or other materials prepared by the Service Provider under this Agreement shall at the option of the City become its property, and the Service Provider shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents and other materials.

Notwithstanding the above, the Service Provider shall not be relieved of liability to the City for damages sustained by the City by virtue of any breach of this Agreement by the Service Provider, and the City may withhold any payments to the Service Provider for the purpose of off set until such time as the exact amount of damages due to the City from the Service Provider is determined.

This section shall apply to all representatives, third parties, and/or consultants/Contractors selected or employed by the Service Provider.

* + 1. **Termination for Convenience**

The City may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving written notice to the Service Provider of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least thirty (30) days before the effective date of such termination. In that event, all finished or unfinished documents and other materials as described in the Termination for Cause clause, at the option of the City become its property. If the Contract is terminated by the City as provided herein, the Service Provider will be paid an amount which bears the same ratio to the total services of the Service Provider covered by the Contract, less payments of compensation previously made.

This contract may be terminated in whole or in part by the City upon written notice to Service Provider, if Service Provider should become the subject of bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon the execution by Service Provider of an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. In the event of such termination, Service Provider shall be entitled to recover just and equitable compensation for satisfactory work performed under this contract, but in no case shall said compensation exceed the total contract price.

* + 1. **Force Majeure**

This section applies in the event either party becomes unable to perform its obligations under this Contract because of a Force Majeure Event. A Force Majeure Event is an external event that is beyond the control of the party or its agents that severely compromises the party’s ability to perform its obligations under the Contract. Such events may include, but are not limited to, a natural or man-made disaster, an act of war or terrorism, or a related action or decree of a superior governmental body, which prevents the party from performing all its obligations under the Contract.

Should either party suffer from a Force Majeure Event, such party shall provide the other party with written notice as soon as practical and shall act with speed and diligence to mitigate any potential damage that may result from the event and resume performance of all its obligations under the Contract as soon as reasonably possible. When notice has been properly provided, the obligations of both parties shall be suspended to the extent that and for the period that the Force Majeure Event prevents the party from resuming performance of all its obligations under the Contract.

* + 1. **Approval**

It is understood that the Agreement requires approval by the Governing Authority for the City and if the Agreement is not approved by the Governing Authority, it is void and no payment shall be made hereunder.

* + 1. **Availability of Funds**

It is expressly understood and agreed that the obligation of the city of Jackson to proceed under this Agreement is conditioned upon the appropriation of funds by the City Council and the receipt of funds. If the funds anticipated for the continuing fulfillment of the Agreement are, at any time, not forthcoming or insufficient, either through the failure of the city of Jackson to provide funds or of the City Council to appropriate funds or the discontinuance or material alteration of the program under which funds were provided or if funds are not otherwise available to the City of Jackson, the City shall have the right upon ten (10) working days written notice to the Service Provider to terminate this Agreement without damage, penalty, cost or expenses to the City of any kind whatsoever, other than payment for legal services rendered prior to receiving written notice. The effective date of termination shall be as specified in the notice of termination.

## **Insurance And Indemnity**

*Guidance: If you are unsure of what insurance requirements may be applicable to your respective IFB, reach out to your appointed contact within the City Attorney’s Office for direction.*

* + 1. **Insurance Terms and Conditions**

[Insert Requirements (if applicable)]

* + 1. **Indemnity**

To the extent permitted by law, the Contractor shall protect, defend, indemnify and hold the City harmless from and against all claims, demands, damages, costs, actions and causes of actions, liabilities, fines, penalties, judgments, expenses and attorney fees, resulting from the injury or death of any person or the damage to or destruction of property, or the infringement of any patent, copyright, or trademark, or trade secret arising out of the work performed or goods and costs of every kind and nature whatsoever as a result of the negligence or willful misconduct or breach by the Contractor, to the extent the loss was not otherwise contributed to by the act or negligence of the City including court costs and attorney’s fees, arising out of or caused by the Contractor and its employees, agents, officers, contractors, and/or subcontractors provided under this Contract, or the Contractor’s violation of any law, ordinance or regulation, contract provision or term, or condition of regulatory authorization or permit, except for damages resulting from the sole gross negligence of the City.

## **Delivery and other Costs**

This order is to be delivered F.O.B., prepaid, and allowed, in Jackson, Mississippi, within the number of days stated after receipt of our purchase order. Note that all costs must be included in the bid price.” No additional cost can be attached to a bid order.

## **Employee Bidding**

Bidding by City employees is prohibited. It is hereby declared unlawful for any city official to bid on, sell, or offer for sale, any merchandise services, equipment or material, or similar commodity to the City of Jackson during the tenure of his or her employment, or for the period prescribed by law thereafter, or to have any interest in the selling of the same to the City of Jackson. (§ 25-4-105) (Miss Code 1972 as amended).

## **Taxes**

Sales tax and federal excise tax are not to be included in any bid price. The City of Jackson assumes no tax liability.

# **5. Other Requirements**

*Guidance: Include any other requirements that may need to be included in the terms and conditions sections. Please reach out to your appointed contact within the City Attorney’s Office for direction. Examples include hiring preference; subcontracting requirements; assignment; delegation of duties.*

# **6. Appendix**

## **Proposal Form**

***[PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION IN ITS ENTIRETY]***

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| **PROPOSAL FORM** |
| **DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS:** | Submit one (1) original and six (6) copies of your BID Package |
| **MAILING ADDRESS:** | To the City Clerk's Office of JacksonPost Office Box 17Jackson, MS 39205 |
| **DELIVERY ADDRESS:** | To the City Clerk's Office of Jackson219 S. President StreetJackson, MS 39201 |
| **ELETRONIC DELIVERY:** | [https://www.centralauctionhouse.com/IFBc10376-city-of-jackson.html](https://www.centralauctionhouse.com/rfpc10376-city-of-jackson.html). |
| **NOTE THE FOLLOWING ON THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR ENVELOPE:** | BID No. [fill in the BID #]; to be opened [add date of the opening] |

In accordance with your Notice of [insert the date of the notice here], BID as follows:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **ITEM** | **DESCRIPTION** | **GRAND TOTAL** |
|  |   | $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  |  | $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  |  | $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  |  | $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

1. Cost breakdown for each section in the BID must be submitted with this Grand Total price sheet.
2. The above will comply with the specifications included in the Notice to Dealers, with any and all exceptions noted in a separate document.
3. The BID is valid for 90 days after bid opening, to make an award or this BID is good for the term of the BID stated, if a term bid. If BID is good for longer than 90 days for an award, then state how long this BID is good for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. The above will be delivered F.O.B., prepaid, and allowed, Jackson, Mississippi, within \_\_\_\_\_\_ days after receipt of your purchase order.
5. Sales tax and federal excise tax are not to be included in above price.
6. The City of Jackson assumes no tax liability.

## **Proposer Contact Information Form**

**Proposer General Information:**

*Guidance: Include in this section any basic information you want to collect about the offeror. Information in this section is not intended to be scored.*

*Additional relevant categories your jurisdiction may want to include:*

* *Certification status (e.g., small, minority-owned, women-owned, etc.)*
* *Type of legal entity*
* *FEIN number*
* *Company website*
* *How did you learn about this opportunity?*
* *Specific services applying for (if multiple service area categories listed in IFB)*
* *Specific regions served (if multiple service regions listed in IFB)*

[Insert Name of BID]

[Insert Division, Insert Department]

BID #: [XXXXX]

**[PLEASE TYPE IN OR PRINT THE FORM BELOW]:**

**Legal Company Name:**

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| (Proposer to include response here)  |

**Proposer Headquarters Address: (Street, City, State and Zip Code):**

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| (Proposer to include response here)  |

**Authorized Company Representative:**

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| (Proposer to include response here)  |

**Proposer Contact Information (Email and Phone):**

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| (Proposer to include response here)  |

**State of Incorporation (Ex. Mississippi):**

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| (Proposer to include response here)  |

**Signature of Person Submitting Proposal:**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024**

The City of Jackson, Mississippi, (“City of Jackson”), is committed to cultivating and ensuring the quality of life of its citizens, through various programs, employment, initiatives, and assistance. The City of Jackson encourages all persons, corporations, and/or entities doing business in Jackson, to participate in and/or institute similar measures for the City of Jackson residents.

\*\*The (EBO) Application below form must be completed by all vendors and returned with all Proposals. The EBO staff is available at (601) 960-1055 to assist you with any questions you may have in preparing the EBO Application.