

**COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT**  
*Georgia's First Consolidated Government*



**FINANCE DEPARTMENT**  
**PURCHASING DIVISION**

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Date: January 12, 2021

<b>REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:</b>	Qualified firms are requested to submit proposals, subject to conditions and instructions as specified, for the furnishing of:
<b>RFP No. 21-0019</b>	<b>CONSOLIDATED PLAN, NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STRATEGY AREA PLAN, ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE</b>
<b>GENERAL SCOPE</b>	The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting proposals from qualified and experienced firms or individual consultants to carry out an involved planning process for the 2021-2026 Consolidated Plan, 2021-2026 Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area Plan, 2021 Annual Action Plan, and 2021 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. The updated 5-year Consolidated Plan must be pursuant to Title 24 Codified Federal Regulations, Part 91.
<b>DUE DATE</b>	<b>JANUARY 29, 2021 - 5:00 PM (EASTERN)</b>
<b>SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS</b>	Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Purchasing Division is suspending the receipt of hard copies of sealed responses until further notice. <b>Effective immediately, responses must be submitted via DemandStar. See Appendices A through D for information and instructions on how to register and submit a proposal through DemandStar.</b>
<b>ADDENDA</b>	The Purchasing Division will post addenda (if any) for this project at <a href="https://www.columbusga.gov/finance/purchasing/docs/opportunities/Bid_Opportunities.htm">https://www.columbusga.gov/finance/purchasing/docs/opportunities/Bid_Opportunities.htm</a> . It is the vendors' responsibility to periodically visit the web page for addenda, before the due date and prior to submitting a response.
<b>NO SUBMITTAL</b>	If you are not interested in this solicitation, please complete and return page 3.

**Andrea J. McCorvey,**  
**Purchasing Division Manager**



# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

## **E-Notification**

The City uses the Georgia Procurement Registry e-notification system. You must register with the Team Georgia Marketplace to receive future procurement notifications at <http://doas.ga.gov/state-purchasing/suppliers/getting-started-as-a-supplier>.

**If you have any questions or encounter any problems while registering, please contact the Team Georgia Marketplace Procurement Helpdesk:**

**Telephone: 404-657-6000**

**Fax: 404-657-8444**

**Email: [procurementhelp@doas.ga.gov](mailto:procurementhelp@doas.ga.gov)**

# STATEMENT OF "NO PROPOSAL SUBMISSION"

Notify the Purchasing Division if you do not intend to submit a Proposal:

Email: [BidOpportunities@ColumbusGa.org](mailto:BidOpportunities@ColumbusGa.org)

Fax: 706-225-3033

Attn: Della Lewis, CPPB, GCPA

Columbus Consolidated Government

Purchasing Division

P. O. Box 1340

We, the undersigned decline to submit a proposal for **RFP No. 21-0019** for **Consolidated Plan, Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area Plan, Annual Action Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice** for the following reason(s):

- ☐ Specifications are too "tight", i.e. geared towards one brand or manufacturer (explain below)
- ☐ There is insufficient time to respond.
- ☐ We do not offer this product and/or service.
- ☐ We are unable to meet specifications.
- ☐ We are unable to meet bond requirements.
- ☐ Specifications are unclear (explain below).
- ☐ We are unable to meet insurance requirements.
- ☐ Other (specify below)

Comments:

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COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

REPRESENTATIVE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSALS WILL BE EVALUATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES AS OUTLINED BELOW IN SECTIONS 3-110 OF THE PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE. ALL PROPOSALS WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.**

### **3-110 Competitive Sealed Proposals (Negotiations)**

#### **(1) Conditions for Use**

When the Purchasing Manager determines that the use of competitive sealed bidding for any procurement is either not practicable or not advantageous to the City, a contract may be entered into using the competitive sealed proposals (negotiation) method. In addition, the competitive sealed proposal process shall be used for the procurement of professional services, specialized equipment or supplies.

The competitive sealed proposal process may be used for procurements with an estimated total cost less than \$25,000, if deemed to be in the best interest of the City. If the total cost can be determined, the authority to approve such solicitations will be as prescribed by Article 3-104, Purchasing Limits. If, due to the required services, a total cost cannot be determined then the award recommendation will be approved by Council.

#### **A. Request for Proposals**

Proposals shall be solicited through Request for Proposals. The Purchasing Division shall establish the specifications with the using agency and set the date and time to receive proposals. The request for proposal shall include a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements for the service or item to be procured.

#### **B. Public Notice**

The public will be given adequate notice of the Request for Proposals, provided that, adequate notice shall mean at least fifteen (15) business days before the due date, which is stated in the Request. ***The City reserves the right to seek Request for Proposals in a shorter period, if necessary, as determined by the Purchasing Manager.***

Notice shall be published in a reasonable time before due date, contain a description of the procurement in general terms, as well as, the place and due date for proposals, and appear in a newspaper(s) of general circulation, specifically the City's legal organ. In addition to publication in newspapers, notice shall also be made by electronic means, including posting on the Internet and on the City's government access television channel.

Public Works construction projects shall be advertised in accordance with Georgia State Law.

The City reserves the right to mail or e-mail invitations directly to vendors under the following circumstances:

- Solicitations for Specialized Equipment/Supplies
- Solicitations for Specialized Services
- Re-bid of Solicitations where normal advertising procedures netted no responses.
- Whenever deemed necessary by the Purchasing Manager.

#### **C. Receipt of Proposals**

Proposals must be received by the deadline date established. No public opening will be held. No proposals shall be handled to permit disclosure of the identity of any offeror or the contents of

any proposal to competing offerors during the process of discussion. A register of proposals shall be prepared as part of the contract file, and shall contain the name of each offeror, the number of modifications received (if any), and a description sufficient to identify the item offered. The register of proposals shall be open for public inspection only after contract award.

**D. Evaluation Factors**

The Request for Proposals shall identify the relative importance of cost (when applicable) and other evaluation criteria.

**E. Evaluation Process**

An odd number of voting members of a Selection or Evaluation Committee shall evaluate all proposals received based upon the criteria stated in the Request for Proposals. Each voting Committee member shall grade each submitted proposal based upon the evaluation criteria.

**F. Discussion with Responsible Offerors and Revisions to Proposals**

As provided in the Request for Proposals, discussions (negotiations) may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award, to assure full understanding of and conformance to the solicitation requirements. All qualified, responsible offerors shall be given fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals, and such revisions may be permitted after submissions and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers. In conducting discussions, there shall be no disclosure of the identity of competing offerors or any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors. If only one proposal response is received, then the award recommendation shall be to the single offeror, if the offeror meets all requirements.

**G. Award**

After negotiations, the award recommendation must be presented to Columbus City Council for final approval. Award will be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the City, taking into consideration total cost (if determined) and all other evaluation factors set forth in the Request for Proposals.

After Council approval, a contract based on the negotiations (if negotiations were necessary) will be drawn and signed by all necessary parties. If Council does not approve the award, it may direct that further negotiations may take place with the recommended offeror, or that negotiations begin with the next most qualified offeror. Council may also exercise the option to reject all offers and instruct the Purchasing Manager to begin the procurement process again. The contract file shall contain the basis on which the award is made.

After contract award, the contract file, will be made public. Unsuccessful offerors will be afforded the opportunity to make an appointment with the Purchasing Division for a debriefing. After the award, the contract file and the unsuccessful proposals will become subject to disclosure under the Georgia Open Records Act.

## **DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR NEED CLARIFICATION ABOUT THIS SOLICITATION?**

**COMMUNICATION CONCERNING ANY SOLICITATION CURRENTLY ADVERTISED MUST TAKE PLACE IN WRITTEN FORM AND ADDRESSED TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION.**

ALL QUESTIONS OR CLARIFICATIONS CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING. THE CITY WILL NOT ORALLY OR TELEPHONICALLY ADDRESS ANY QUESTION OR CLARIFICATION REGARDING BID/PROPOSAL SPECIFICATIONS. IF A VENDOR VISITS OR CALLS THE PURCHASING DIVISION WITH SUCH QUESTIONS, HE OR SHE WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO SUBMIT THE QUESTIONS IN WRITING.

**ALL CONTACT CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION SHALL BE MADE THROUGH THE PURCHASING DIVISION.** BIDDERS SHALL NOT CONTACT CITY EMPLOYEES, DEPARTMENT HEADS, USING AGENCIES, EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS OR ELECTED OFFICIALS WITH QUESTIONS OR ANY OTHER CONCERNS ABOUT THE SOLICITATION. QUESTIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, OR CONCERNS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION IN WRITING. IF IT IS NECESSARY THAT A TECHNICAL QUESTION NEEDS ADDRESSING, THE PURCHASING DIVISION WILL FORWARD SUCH TO THE USING AGENCY, WHO WILL SUBMIT A WRITTEN RESPONSE.

THE PURCHASING DIVISION WILL FORWARD WRITTEN RESPONSES TO THE RESPECTIVE BIDDER OR IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO REVISE ANY PART OF THIS SOLICITATION, A WRITTEN ADDENDUM WILL BE ISSUED TO ALL BIDDERS.

THE CITY IS NOT BOUND BY ANY ORAL REPRESENTATIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, OR CHANGES MADE TO THE WRITTEN SPECIFICATIONS BY CITY EMPLOYEES, UNLESS SUCH CLARIFICATION OR CHANGE IS PROVIDED TO THE BIDDERS IN A WRITTEN ADDENDUM FROM THE PURCHASING MANAGER.

BIDDERS ARE INSTRUCTED TO USE THE ENCLOSED "QUESTION/CLARIFICATION FORM" TO FAX OR EMAIL QUESTION.

**ANY REQUEST, AFTER A SOLICITATION HAS CLOSED AND PENDING AWARD MUST ALSO BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION.**

# QUESTION/CLARIFICATION FORM

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To: Della Lewis, Buyer Specialist  
Email [BidOpportunities@ColumbusGA.org](mailto:BidOpportunities@ColumbusGA.org) or  
Fax (706) 225-3033

Re: Consolidated Plan, Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area Plan, Annual Action Plan and  
Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice – RFP No. 21-0019

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**Questions and requests for clarification must be submitted at least five (5) business days before the due date:**

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# **COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Consolidated Plan, Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area Plan, Annual Action Plan  
and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice - RFP No. 21-0019

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting proposals from qualified and experienced firms or individual consultants to carry out an involved planning process for the 2021-2026 Consolidated Plan, 2021-2026 Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area Plan, 2021 Annual Action Plan, and 2021 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. The updated 5-year Consolidated Plan must be pursuant to Title 24 Codified Federal Regulations, Part 91.

## **A. PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL DATE:**

**PROPOSALS ARE DUE: JANUARY 29, 2021 NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM (Eastern). *Submit one electronic response via DemandStar.***

**After award of Contract by Columbus City Council, awarded vendor will be notified to provide two (2) identical hard copies of submitted proposal with original signatures.**

The City shall not be held liable for any expenses incurred by the respondent in preparing and submitting the proposal and/or attendance at any interviews, final contract negotiations or applicable site visits. **The City reserves the right to award this project or to reject any and all proposals; whichever is in the best interest of the City.**

## **B. RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS:**

Unless otherwise stated in the technical specifications of the RFP, the City will accept one, and only one, proposal per Offeror. In the event a team of firms is entering into a joint venture to respond to the RFP, one firm shall be named the prime contractor and the proposal shall be submitted in the name of the prime contractor. All correspondence concerning the RFP will be between the City and prime contractor.

## **C. SUBCONTRACTING:**

Should the offeror intend to subcontract all or any part of the work specified, names and address of subcontractors must be provided in proposal response. The offeror shall be responsible for subcontractors' full compliance with the requirements of the RFP specifications. If awarded the contract, payments will only be made to the offerors submitting the proposal. The Columbus Consolidated Government will not be responsible for payments to subcontractors.

## **D. QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RFP:**

Communication concerning any solicitation currently advertised must take place in writing and addressed to the Purchasing Division. See page titled "Do You Have Questions ..." within this proposal package. **Questions and Requests for Clarification will be received until five business days prior to the proposal due date.**

## **E. PUBLIC INFORMATION:**

All information and materials submitted will become the property of the Columbus Consolidated Government, Columbus, Georgia; and shall be subject to the provisions of the Georgia public records law. If awarded the contract, the proposal submission, in its entirety, will be included as part of the contract documents and filed, as public record, with the Clerk of Council.



**F. ADDENDA:**

The proposer shall include acknowledgment of receipt of addenda (if any) in their sealed proposal. The proposer should include an initialed copy of each addendum in the proposal package. It is the proposer's responsibility to contact the City for copies of addenda if they receive the proposal document from any other source other than the City.

**G. CONTRACT:**

Each proposal is received with the understanding that an acceptance in writing by the City of the offer to furnish any or all of the services and materials described shall constitute a contract between the proposer and the City. This contract shall bind the proposers to furnish and deliver the services and materials quoted, at the prices stated and in accordance with the condition of said accepted proposal.

It is agreed that the successful respondent will not assign, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of the contract or its right, title or interest in or to the same, or any part thereof, without previous consent of the City and any sureties.

**H. NON-COLLUSION:**

Proposer declares that the proposal is not made in connection with any other proposer submitting a proposal for the same commodity or commodities, and that the proposal is bona fide and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud.

**I. INDEMNITY:**

The successful respondent agrees, by entering into this contract, to defend, indemnify and hold City harmless from any and all causes of action or claims of damages arising out of or under this contract.

**J. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CLAUSE:**

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (minority or women owned businesses) will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin in consideration for an award. It is the policy of the City that disadvantaged business enterprises and minority business enterprises have an opportunity to participate at all levels of contracting in the performance of City contracts to the extent practical and consistent with the efficient performance of the contract.

**K. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM - NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE:**

The City has an Affirmative Action Program in connection with Equal Employment Opportunities. The successful vendor will comply with all Federal and State requirements concerning fair employment and employment of the handicapped, and concerning the treatment of all employees, and will not discriminate between or among them by reason of race, color, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin or physical handicap.

**L. SPECIFICATION DESCRIPTIONS:**

The specifications detailed herein represent the quality of equipment, goods or services required by the City. Whenever in this invitation any particular process, service or equipment is indicated or specified by patent, proprietary or brand name of manufacturer/developer/inventor, such wording will be deemed to be used for the purpose of facilitating descriptions of the process, service or equipment desired by the City. It is not meant to eliminate offerors or restrict competition in any RFP process. Proposals that are equivalent or surpass stated specifications will be considered. Determination of equivalency shall rest solely with the City.

**M. TAXES:**

The City is exempt from State Retail Tax and Federal Excise Tax. Tax Exemption No. GA Code Sec. 48-8-3. Federal ID No. 58-1097948.

**N. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:**

Per Ordinance No. 93-55, in compliance with Federal and State Drug Free Workplace Acts, the Council of Columbus, Georgia adopted a drug free Workplace Policy. Consequently, any vendor providing goods or services to Columbus Consolidated Government must comply with all applicable Federal and State Drug Free Workplace Acts.

**O. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL LAWS:**

All respondents will comply with all Federal, State and Local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations relative to conducting business in Columbus, Georgia and performing the prescribed service. Ignorance on the part of the respondent shall not, in any way, relieve the respondent from responsibility for compliance with said laws and regulations or any of the provisions of these documents.

**P. PROVISIONS OF THE PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE:**

The provisions of the Procurement Ordinance for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia as adopted and amended by Council shall apply to all invitations to respond to Requests for Proposals and is specifically incorporated herein by this reference. A copy of the ordinance is on file in the Purchasing Division.

**Q. INSURANCE:**

All respondents shall maintain, and if requested, show proof of insurance applicable for services described in these specifications.

**R. HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT:**

The successful respondent hereby agrees to indemnify, hold free and harmless Columbus Consolidated Government (The City), its agents, servants, employees, officers, directors and elected officials or any other person(s) against any loss or expense including attorney fees, by reason of any liability imposed by law upon the City, except in cases of the City's sole negligence, sustained by any person(s) on account of bodily injury or property damage arising out of or in the consequence of this agreement.

**S. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT:**

1. **Default:** If the contractor refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this contract with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this contract, or any extension thereof, otherwise fails to timely satisfy the contract provisions, or commits any other substantial breach of this contract, the Purchasing Division Director may notify the contractor in writing of the delay or nonperformance and if not cured within **ten (10) days** or any longer time specified in writing by the Purchasing Division Director, such director may terminate the contractor's right to proceed with the contract or such part of the contract as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform.

In the event of termination in whole or in part the Purchasing Division Director may procure similar supplies or services, from other sources, in a manner and upon terms deemed appropriate by the Purchasing Division Director. The contractor will continue performance of the contract to the extent it is not terminated and will be liable for excess costs incurred in procuring similar goods or services.

2. **Compensation:** Payment for completed supplies or services delivered and accepted by the City will be at the contract price. The City may withhold from amounts due the contractor such sums as the Purchasing Director deems to be necessary to protect the City against loss because of outstanding liens or claims of former lien holders and to reimburse the City for the excess costs incurred in procuring similar goods and services.
3. **Excuse for Nonperformance or Delayed Performance.** Except with respect to defaults of subcontractors, the contractor shall not be in default by reason of any failure in performance of this contract in accordance with its terms (including any failure by the contractor to make progress in the prosecution of the work hereunder which endangers such performance) if the contractor has notified the Purchasing Division Director within 15 days after the cause of the delay and the failure arises out of causes such as: acts of God; acts of public enemy; acts of the City and any other governmental entity in its sovereign or contractual capacity; fires; floods; epidemics; quarantine restrictions; strikes or other labor disputes; freight embargoes; or unusually severe weather, If the failure to perform is caused by the failure of a subcontractor to perform or to make progress, and if such failure arises out of causes similar to those set forth above, the contractor shall not be deemed to be in default, unless the supplies or services to be furnished by the subcontractor was reasonably obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the contractor to meet the contract requirements.

Upon request of the contractor, the Purchasing Division Director shall ascertain the facts and extent of such failure, and, if such director determines that any failure to perform was occasioned by anyone or more of the excusable causes, and that, but for the excusable cause, the contractor's progress and performance would have met the terms of the contract, the delivery schedule shall be revised accordingly.

**T. TIME FOR CONSIDERATION:**

Due to the evaluation process, proposals must remain in effect for at least **120 days** after date of receipt.

**U. CONTRACT AWARD:**

Award of this contract will be made in the best interest of the City.

**V. REQUEST FOR EVALUATION RESULTS:**

Per the City's Procurement Ordinance, evaluation results cannot be divulged until after the award of the contract. After contract award, proponents desiring to review documents relevant to the RFP evaluation results will be afforded an opportunity by appointment only.

**W. GOVERNING LAW:**

The parties agree that this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of Georgia, both as to interpretations and performance.

**X. FINAL CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:**

It is understood that the final contract shall include the following: **1)** The RFP; **2)** Addenda; **3)** Awarded Vendors(s) response; **4)** Awarded Vendor(s) Clarifications; **5)** Negotiated Components; and **6)** Awarded Vendor(s) Business Requirements.

**Y. PAYMENT DEDUCTIONS:**

The City reserves the right to deduct, from payments to awarded vendor(s), any amount owed to the City for various fees, to include, but not limited to: False Alarm fees, Ambulance fees, Occupation License Fees, Landfill fees, etc.

**Z. PAYMENT TERMS:**

The City's standard payment term is usually net 30 days, after successful receipt of goods or services. Payment may take longer if invoice is not properly documented or not easily identifiable, goods/services are not acceptable, or invoice is in dispute.

**NOTICE TO VENDORS**

**Sec. 2-3.05. - Submitting bids to Consolidated Government, etc.—By mayor or councilmembers.**

Neither the mayor nor any member of the Columbus Council shall submit any bid to the consolidated government, nor shall the mayor or any member of the Columbus Council own or have a substantial pecuniary interest in any business that submits a bid to the consolidated government. (Ord. No. 92-60, 6-23-92)

**Sec. 2-3.06. - Same—By members of boards, authorities, commissions.**

No member of any board or authority or commission or other independent or subordinate entity of the consolidated government shall submit any bid to the consolidated government or have a substantial pecuniary interest in any business that submits a bid to the consolidated government if such bid pertains to the board or authority or commission on which such person holds such membership. (Ord. No. 92-61, 6-23-92)

# **CONSOLIDATED PLAN, NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STRATEGY AREA PLAN, ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE RFP NO. 21-0019**

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting proposals from qualified and experienced firms or individual consultants to carry out an involved planning process for the 2021-2026 Consolidated Plan, 2021-2026 Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area Plan, 2021 Annual Action Plan, and 2021 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. The updated 5-year Consolidated Plan must be pursuant to Title 24 Codified Federal Regulations, Part 91.

The Columbus Consolidated Government intends to use the next 5-year consolidated planning process as the framework for a means to provide a decent housing, a suitable living environment and expand economic activities. The scope of work requested will focus on expanding efforts to revitalize neighborhoods and provide housing opportunity through analysis of community housing market needs housing stock and socioeconomic trends while also identifying target housing and economic development areas. The plan should also take into consideration the continued impact of ongoing activities as it relates to existing neighborhoods and housing needs.

## **II. PROJECT DELIVERABLES**

### **1.) 2021-2026 Consolidated Plan**

The selected consultant will work with City staff on the development of the 2021-2026 Consolidated Plan, pursuant to 24 CFR Part 91 and the IDIS Consolidated Plan Template. The 2021-2026 Consolidated Plan must be submitted to the HUD no later than **May 12, 2021**. The period of this Consolidated Plan is July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2026. The Consolidated Plan must meet all federal regulations and follow the HUD guidance for the eCon Planning Suite, including but not limited to 24 CFR Part 91, and HUD CPD Notice 12-009, Consolidated in IDIS Desk Guide, etc.

### **2.) 2021-2026 Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) Plan**

The NRSA Plan is adopted and submitted along with the consolidated plan to HUD in accordance with 24 CFR 91.315(g) of the Consolidated Plan regulations. This regulation authorizes jurisdictions to adopt and implement NRSA Plans.

### **3.) 2021 Annual Action Plan (AAP)**

As part of the Consolidated Plan, the Community Reinvestment Department will have to prepare a 1st Year Annual Action Plan to be submitted at the time the new 5-year Consolidated Plan is submitted. The goal and purpose of the AAP is to articulate the funding decisions for projects and activities that are expected to be implemented and funded with CDBG and HOME funding throughout the duration of the Consolidated Plan. There are five AAPs that will be administered under the 2021-2026 Consolidated Plan. The 2021 AAP must be developed in accordance with 24 CFR 91.220 and other HUD requirements and guidance.

#### **4.) 2021 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI)**

The Columbus Consolidated Government will have to provide a summary of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing in Columbus, Georgia. Upon the compilation of all data, the successful firm will analyze the data and report findings to the Community Reinvestment Department. These impediments are not just dealing with programs funded through federal funds, but impediments to all housing activities within the City. The Consultant will develop the AI in accordance with 24 CFR 91, the HUD Fair Housing Guide, and other HUD guidance

### **III. SCOPE OF SERVICES**

The selected consultant will be responsible for assisting the Community Reinvestment Department staff with the development of the 2021-2026 Consolidated Plan, 2021-2026 Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area Plan, 2021 AAP, and the 2021 AI, including all narratives, data tables, and other plan elements. All project deliverables must be prepared and meet federal regulations and guidance provided by HUD. The specific requirements for the Consolidated Plan can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 24, Section 91, et. seq. (24 CFR 91) and guidance for preparing a Consolidated Plan submission can be found at: [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/conplan/](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/conplan/)

The planning process shall be led by the consultant, with assistance from City staff and include but is not limited to the following:

1. Design and implementation of a Citizen Participation Plan and Process
  - A. To include an update to the Columbus Consolidated Government's Citizen Participation Plan
2. Community Profile
3. Housing and Homeless Needs Assessment
4. Non-Housing Community Development Needs Assessment
5. Housing Market Analysis
6. Strategy to Alleviate Chronic Homelessness
7. Special Population Needs
8. Public and Assisted Housing Needs
9. Lead Paint Hazard Reduction Strategy
10. Community Development Needs
  - A. Housing
  - B. Neighborhood Development
  - C. Economic Development
11. 5-Year Strategic Community Development Plan
  - A. To include how land banking as a city-wide housing strategy
  - B. To include how CDBG-CV (Coronavirus) funds can be used to for economic recovery
12. Identification of target housing and economic development areas.
13. 1-Year Action Plan, HUD PY 2020/ City FY 2021
14. 2021-2026 Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area
15. Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice
16. Required HOME Sections for Consolidated Plan & Annual Action Plan
17. Make one (1) presentation to the City Council
18. Plan and coordinate public meetings/hearings associated with project deliverables
19. Any other items necessary to meet HUD requirements for a Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, NRSA and Analysis of Impediments.

## **Data Collection, Research, and Analysis**

The consultant will be expected to utilize data collection, research and analysis to understand and communicate the demographic, economic, and housing conditions of the community for each of the project deliverables, as applicable. The consultant must use data from a variety of sources and present it in the tables required by the eCon Planning Suite required by HUD. Additional tabulations and maps needed to assess and present a comprehensive assessment of community needs and market conditions must also be included. When appropriate, comparisons with national and state data that assists in developing the recommended projects and activities in all project deliverables should be included. The consultant should provide a summary of all data used in the various plan deliverables. As part of the project scope, the selected consultant must review and consider the following in the development of the project deliverables:

- Past and present CDBG plans, including past Consolidated Plans, AAPs, Housing Needs Assessments, and AIs
- Other City Plans and Projects, including the Comprehensive Plan, Tax Allocation Districts (TAD) Plans, Opportunity Zones, Enterprise Zones, Neighborhood and Area Plans
- Information on past and current Community Development programs, policies and related materials, including but not limited to residential rehabilitation, purchase assistance, parks projects, etc.
- Copies of Zoning, Subdivision and other land use regulations

## **Community Outreach and Public Hearings**

- The consultant will be required to plan and coordinate all public meetings and public hearings associated with all project deliverables
- The consultant will be responsible for conducting meaningful community outreach and engagement, as required by HUD, with stakeholders for all project deliverables, including outreach to and engagement with citizens, city staff members from various departments, the Housing Authority of Columbus Georgia, nonprofit and other agencies, neighborhood leaders, elected officials, etc.
- Regular (weekly, bi-weekly) meetings with City staff expected for the duration of the project

## **Goal Development and Strategic Planning Outcomes**

The consultant will be responsible for establishing the strategic vision of the Consolidated Plan, NRSA Plan, AAP, and AI based on data collection, research, and analysis, and public feedback. Additionally, the consultant will be responsible for developing the following for all project deliverables:

- Development and definition of goals to address community needs and gaps
- Development and definition of projects and activities to meet the needs of the community
- Priorities for the allocation of funding resources
- Define the City's Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) geographic boundaries and establish priorities for the plan

In addition to defining the geographic boundaries and establishing priorities for the NRSA, as part of the Consolidated Plan and the NRSA Plan Development, the consultant will also be responsible for recommending target neighborhoods within the NRSA for AAPs under the 2021-2026 Consolidated Plan.

## **Additional Requirements**

- All deliverables, processes, and planning methods must be developed in accordance with HUD rules and regulations
- The consultant will be responsible for preparing in final form and submitting electronically to HUD all forms and tables in the eCon planning Suite instructions after City review and authorization
- The Consultant will be responsible for making any revisions required by HUD after submission.
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- The consultant will be responsible for all trouble shooting with HUD relative to using the IDIS/eCon Planning Suite Software
- The consultant must respond to all requests from city staff in a timely manner
- All project deliverables must be consistent in the overall vision, goals, and objectives and reflect the AI

## **IV. PROPOSED PROJECT SCHEDULE** *(Subject to change)*

January 22, 2021	Deadline to receive questions about RFP
January 29, 2021	Proposals Due
March 1, 2021	Vendor Notification of Award
April 27, 2021	Complete Findings submitted to the City
May 12, 2021	City submits findings to HUD

## **V. INDEMNITY CLAUSE**

The Contractor covenants to save, defend, hold harmless, and indemnify the City, and all of its officers, departments, agencies, agents, and employees (collectively the "City") from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, injuries, fines, penalties, costs (including court costs and attorney's fees), charges, liability, or exposure, however caused, resulting from, arising out of, or in any way connected with the Contractor's intentional, negligent, or grossly negligent acts or omissions in performance or nonperformance of its work called for by the Contract Documents.

## **VI. INSURANCE**

The vendors shall be required, at their own expense, to furnish to the City of Columbus Purchasing Division, evidence showing the insurance coverage to be in force throughout the term of the contract. Insurance requirements are listed on the attached **Insurance Checklist (Form 5)**. **The limits shown are minimum limits. Vendor shall indicate the actual limit they will provide for each insurance requirement. The bidder shall complete the Insurance Checklist and include with bid response. Certificate of Insurance is acceptable.** The Insurance Checklist will indicate to the City, the bidder's ability and agreement to provide the required insurance, in the event of contract award.

The successful candidate shall provide the required Certificates of Insurance within **10 business days** after award notification. The Certificates of Insurance will name Columbus Consolidated Government as an additional insured, **as well as, list the applicable project or annual contract name, and/or Solicitation name and number.** The Certificate of Insurance will be included with the contract documents prior to signing.



## VII. E-VERIFY

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, a public employer shall not enter into a contract for the performance of services unless the contractor registers and participates in the federal work authorization program. If a supplier is providing services under a contract with a total compensation amount of \$2,500 or greater, (even if such services will be performed outside of the State of Georgia), DOAS requires a notarized affidavit from the supplier attesting to the following:

(A) The affiant has registered with, is authorized to use, and uses the federal work authorization program;

(B) The user identification number and date of authorization for the affiant;

(C) The affiant will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period; and

(D) The affiant will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with subcontractors who present an affidavit to the contractor with the same information required by subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of this paragraph.

Additional information regarding the State's E-Verify requirements can be found at: <http://www.audits.ga.gov/NALGAD/IllegalImmigrationReformandEnforcementAct.html>. **A completed, notarized E-Verify Affidavit must be included with sealed proposal; failure to do so will render the firm's or individual's proposal non-responsive and ineligible for award consideration.**

## VIII PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Purchasing Division is suspending the receipt of hard copies of sealed responses and public solicitation openings until further notice. **Effective immediately, responses must be submitted via DemandStar. See Appendices A through D for information and instructions on how to register and submit proposals through DemandStar.**

**Firms should submit proposals that address each of the sections specified below. *With the exception of the E-Verify affidavit and the form titled "Communication Concerning This Solicitation" (Form 2),* the City reserves the right to request any omitted information. Firms shall be notified, in writing, and shall have two (2) days, after notification, to submit the omitted information. If the omitted information is not received within two (2) days, the firm shall be deemed non-responsive and the proposal will not receive further consideration.**

### Section 1: Transmittal Letter

Transmittal letter shall introduce the applicant/business, describe the ownership, include complete address, phone and fax numbers (if applicable), and **include the name and email address of contact person(s) during this proposal process.** Include a statement to the effect that the proposal is binding for at least 120 days from the proposal date. **An authorized agent of the business must sign the transmittal letter.**

### Section 2: E-Verify Affidavit (*Form 1*)

**A properly completed, notarized E-Verify Affidavit must be included with sealed proposal; failure to do so will render the firm's proposal non-responsive and ineligible for further consideration.** Additional information regarding the State's E-Verify requirements can be found at: <http://www.audits.ga.gov/NALGAD/IllegalImmigrationReformandEnforcementAct.html>

**Section 3: Addenda Acknowledgement**

Acknowledge receipt for all addenda (if any). Addenda will be posted at: [https://www.columbusga.gov/finance/purchasing/docs/opportunities/Bid\\_Opportunities.htm](https://www.columbusga.gov/finance/purchasing/docs/opportunities/Bid_Opportunities.htm). It is the vendors' responsibility to periodically visit the web page for addenda, before the due date and before submitting a proposal.

**Section 4: Communication Concerning This Solicitation**

Complete the form titled *Communication Concerning This Solicitation (Form 2)*

**Section 5: Exceptions to RFP**

- A. List **ANY AND ALL** exceptions to the RFP specifications in this section of proposal submission.

Exceptions listed in other areas of the vendor's submission will not be considered. All exceptions will be vetted during the RFP process, and if found unacceptable, the vendor's proposal will be rejected and no longer considered for award.

Exceptions shall be considered by the Evaluation Committee. The vendor's proposal may not receive further consideration if exceptions are not acceptable and/or cannot be clarified to the Committee's satisfaction. Vendor's shall be notified in writing if exceptions are not acceptable.

**PLEASE NOTE: EXCEPTIONS TO THE RFP GENERAL PROVISIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED, AND IF SUBMITTED WILL AUTOMATICALLY RENDER THE RESPONSE NON-RESPONSIVE.**

- B. **VENDOR AGREEMENT/CONTRACT FORM:** Exceptions also include the terms of any contract or other agreements which the vendor or any subcontractors will require to be executed by the City.
- C. If there are no exceptions, vendor must include a statement for this Section stating the following: No Exceptions.

**Section 6: Qualifications**

- A. Provide a statement of qualifications that includes the firm's professional credentials and include the number of years the company has been in business under its present company/trade name.
- B. Identify the major principals of the firm.
- C. Provide the names and resumes of all professional personnel in the firm who would be expected to actually perform the services on this contract.
- D. Include an explanation of how the firm is organized and how its resources will be allocated for the contract.
- E. Provide a list of all sub-consultants (if any) to be assigned to the contract. Columbus Consolidated Government reserves the right to approve all sub-consultants used on the contract.
- F. Indicate whether your firm or sub-consultants (if any) have been involved in any litigation/claims.
- G. Indicate if any local, county, state and/or federal agency has ever debarred your firm or sub-consultants (if any).

**Section 7: Experience with Similar Projects**

- A. Describe the firm's experience on similar projects.
- B. Provide a list of the last five (5) municipal clients for whom you have provided similar services (*Form 3*).

**Section 8: Understanding and Approach**

- A. Describe the firm's understanding of the scope of services
- B. Describe the firm's proposed approach and special considerations of concerns related to the project.
- C. Provide a proposed service plan in accordance with the scope of services and the specifications. The service plan shall include a project schedule, and measures that the firm will take to stay on schedule.

**Section 9: Cost Proposal** (*subject to negotiations*)

Provide an itemized proposal that includes the tasks listed in Item III, Scope of Services, as well as any other unlisted tasks that are necessary to provide each deliverable:

- A. 2021-2026 Consolidated Plan
- B. 2021-2026 Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) Plan
- C. 2021 Annual Action Plan (AAP)
- D. 2021 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI)

**Section 10: Contract Signature Page**

Complete *Form 4*. City officials will sign the copies after Columbus Council approves the contract award with the successful firm (*see note below*). Per the General Provisions, Page 11, Item X, the final contract shall include the following: 1) The RFP; 2) Addenda; 3) Awarded Vendor(s) response; 4) Awarded Vendor(s) Clarifications; 5) Negotiated Components; and 6) Awarded Vendor(s) Business Requirements.

*Please note: After award of contract by Columbus Council, awarded vendor will be notified to provide two (2) identical hard copies of submitted proposal with original signatures.*

**Section 11: Proof of Insurance**

Provide Insurance Checklist (*Form 5*) or Certificate of Insurance.

**Section 12: Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification**

Complete and return **Page 1** of the Form W-9, which is available at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>

**Section 13: Business License (Occupation License)**

Provide a current copy of the Business License (Occupation License) that is required to conduct business at your location.

If awarded the contract, the successful vendor must obtain a business license from the City of Columbus. However, if the business is located in Georgia and has proof of being properly licensed by a municipality in Georgia, and paid applicable occupation taxes in that city, the contractor will not be required to pay occupation taxes in Columbus, Georgia.

If you have questions regarding this requirement, please contact Yvonne Ivey, Revenue Division Manager, at telephone 706-225-3091.

## IX. **RFP EVALUATION**

Each submittal will be evaluated to determine the ability of each offeror to provide the required services. The following weighted criteria will be used to evaluate proposals:

<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>WEIGHT</b>
A. Qualifications	40%
B. Proposed Approach to the Project	25%
C. Experience with Similar Projects	20%
D. Client Work History	10%
E. Cost Proposal ( <i>subject to negotiations</i> )	5%

Each of the above criteria (A - E) will be given a rating, of 1 through 100, by each member of the Evaluation Committee. The ratings are as follows:

<b>RATING</b>	
1-20	Poor
21-40	Fair
41-60	Good
61-80	Excellent
81-100	Superior

After the review and rating of proposal (s) by the evaluation committee, individual scores will be averaged and ranked. Offerors will be ranked in descending order of numerical predominance.

**E-VERIFY AFFIDAVIT**

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services on behalf of ***Columbus Consolidated Government*** has registered with, is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91. Furthermore, the undersigned contractor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period and the undersigned contractor will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with subcontractors who present an affidavit to the contractor with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b). Contractor hereby attests that its federal work authorization user identification number and date of authorization are as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company ID Number (*numerical, 4-7 digits*)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Authorization

**\*\*See <https://e-verify.uscis.gov/emp/vislogin.aspx?JS=YES> to access your E-Verify Company Identification Number.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Contractor

**Consolidated Plan, Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area Plan, Annual Action Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice – RFP No. 21-0019**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Project

**Columbus Consolidated Government**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Public Employer

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_, 20\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (city), \_\_\_\_\_ (state).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

*Subscribed and sworn before me on this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**NOTARY PUBLIC**

*My Commission Expires:*

**A properly completed, notarized E-Verify Affidavit must be included with sealed proposal; failure to do so will render the firm's proposal non-responsive and ineligible for further consideration.**

## COMMUNICATION CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION

**THIS PAGE MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED WITH THE VENDOR'S BID/PROPOSAL. FAILURE TO INCLUDE THIS FORM WILL AUTOMATICALLY RENDER VENDOR'S RESPONSE NON-RESPONSIVE.**

ALL QUESTIONS OR CLARIFICATIONS CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING. THE CITY WILL NOT ORALLY OR TELEPHONICALLY ADDRESS ANY QUESTION OR CLARIFICATION REGARDING BID/PROPOSAL SPECIFICATIONS. IF A VENDOR VISITS OR CALLS THE PURCHASING DIVISION WITH SUCH QUESTIONS, HE OR SHE WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO SUBMIT THE QUESTIONS IN WRITING.

**ALL CONTACT CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION SHALL BE MADE THROUGH THE PURCHASING DIVISION.** BIDDERS SHALL NOT CONTACT CITY EMPLOYEES, DEPARTMENT HEADS, USING AGENCIES, EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS, INCLUDING NON-CCG EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTED PERSONNEL ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT (I.E. ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, CONSULTANTS), OR ELECTED OFFICIALS WITH QUESTIONS OR ANY OTHER CONCERNS ABOUT THE SOLICITATION. QUESTIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, OR CONCERNS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION IN WRITING. IF IT IS NECESSARY THAT A TECHNICAL QUESTION NEEDS ADDRESSING, THE PURCHASING DIVISION WILL FORWARD SUCH TO THE USING AGENCY, WHO WILL SUBMIT A WRITTEN RESPONSE.

THE PURCHASING DIVISION WILL FORWARD WRITTEN RESPONSES TO THE RESPECTIVE BIDDER. IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO REVISE ANY PART OF THIS SOLICITATION, A WRITTEN ADDENDUM WILL BE ISSUED TO ALL BIDDERS.

THE CITY IS NOT BOUND BY ANY ORAL REPRESENTATIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, OR CHANGES MADE TO THE WRITTEN SPECIFICATIONS BY CITY EMPLOYEES, UNLESS SUCH CLARIFICATION OR CHANGE IS PROVIDED TO THE BIDDERS IN A WRITTEN ADDENDUM FROM THE PURCHASING MANAGER.

BIDDERS ARE INSTRUCTED TO USE THE ENCLOSED "QUESTION/CLARIFICATION FORM" TO FAX OR EMAIL QUESTION. **QUESTIONS AND REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE THE DUE DATE.**

ANY REQUEST/CONCERN/PROTEST, AFTER A SOLICITATION HAS CLOSED AND PENDING AWARD, MUST ALSO BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION.

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**I agree to forward all communication about this solicitation, in writing, to the Purchasing Division. I understand that communication with other persons, other than the Purchasing Division, will render my Bid/Proposal response non-responsive and I will no longer be considered in the solicitation process.**

**Vendor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name of Authorized Agent:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Authorized Agent:** \_\_\_\_\_

CLIENT WORK HISTORY

Consolidated Plan, Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area Plan, Annual Action Plan and  
Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice – RFP No. 21-0019

List the last five (5) municipal clients for whom you have provided similar services.

Client Name: _____		Contact: _____	
Contract Value: \$ _____		Contract Begin Date: _____	
Contract End Date: _____			
Address: _____		Telephone Number: _____	
		E-Mail Address: _____	
Description of Services Provided: _____			

Client Name: _____		Contact: _____	
Contract Value: \$ _____		Contract Begin Date: _____	
Contract End Date: _____			
Address: _____		Telephone Number: _____	
		E-Mail Address: _____	
Description of Services Provided: _____			

Client Name: _____		Contact: _____	
Contract Value: \$ _____		Contract Begin Date: _____	
Contract End Date: _____			
Address: _____		Telephone Number: _____	
		E-Mail Address: _____	
Description of Services Provided: _____			

Client Name: _____		Contact: _____	
Contract Value: \$ _____		Contract Begin Date: _____	
Contract End Date: _____			
Address: _____		Telephone Number: _____	
		E-Mail Address: _____	
Description of Services Provided: _____			

Client Name: _____		Contact: _____	
Contract Value: \$ _____		Contract Begin Date: _____	
Contract End Date: _____			
Address: _____		Telephone Number: _____	
		Email Address: _____	
Description of Services Provided: _____			

**CONTRACT SIGNATURE PAGE**

**Consolidated Plan, Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area Plan, Annual Action Plan and  
Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice  
RFP No. 21-0019**

**THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY DECLARES THAT HE HAS/THEY HAVE CAREFULLY EXAMINED THE SPECIFICATIONS HEREIN REFERRED TO AND WILL PROVIDE ALL EQUIPMENT, TERMS AND SERVICES TO THE CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness as to the signing of the contract

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Representative      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness as to the signing of the contract

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name and Title of Signatory

*Corporate seal (if applicable)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

***Company Ordering Address***

***Company Payment Address***

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA**

Accepted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Isaiah Hugley, City Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clifton C. Fay, City Attorney

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council



**INSURANCE CHECKLIST**

**Consolidated Plan, Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area Plan, Annual Action Plan and Analysis  
of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice  
RFP No. 21-0019**

**CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE MUST SHOW ALL COVERAGE  
AND ENDORSEMENTS INDICATED BY "X"**

CSL = Combined Single Limit; BI = Bodily Injury; PD=Property Damage

<b>Required Coverage(s)</b>		<b>Limits (Figures denote minimums)</b>	<b>Bidders Limits/Response</b>
<b>X</b>	1. Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability	<b>STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS</b>	
	<b>Comprehensive General Liability</b>		
<b>X</b>	2. General Liability Premises/Operations	\$1 Million CSL BI/PD each occurrence, \$1 Million annual aggregate	
	3. Independent Contractors and Sub - Contractors	\$1 Million CSL BI/PD each occurrence, \$1 Million annual aggregate	
	4. Products Liability	\$1 Million CSL BI/PD each occurrence, \$1 Million annual aggregate	
	5. Completed Operations	\$1 Million CSL BI/PD each occurrence, \$1 Million annual aggregate	
<b>X</b>	6. Contractual Liability (Must be shown on Certificate)	\$ 1 Million CSL BI/PD each occurrence, \$1 Million annual aggregate	
	<b>Automobile Liability</b>		
<b>X</b>	7. *Owned/Hired/Non-Owned Vehicles/ Employer non ownership	\$1 Million BI/PD each Accident, Uninsured Motorist	
	<b>Others</b>		
<b>X</b>	8. Miscellaneous Errors and Omissions	\$1 Million per occurrence/claim	
	9. Umbrella/Excess Liability	\$1 Million Bodily Injury, Property Damage and Personal Injury	
	10. Personal and Advertising Injury Liability	\$1 Million each offense, \$1 Million annual aggregate	
<b>X</b>	11. Professional Liability	\$1 Million per occurrence/claim	
	12. Architects and Engineers	\$1 Million per occurrence/claim	
	13. Asbestos Removal Liability	\$2 Million per occurrence/claim	
	14. Medical Malpractice	\$1 Million per occurrence/claim	
	15. Medical Professional Liability	\$1 Million per occurrence/claim	
	16. Dishonesty Bond		

Required Coverage(s)		Limits (Figures denote minimums)	Bidders Limits/Response
	17. Builder's Risk	Provide Coverage in the full amount of contract	
	18. XCU (Explosive, Collapse, Underground) Coverage		
	19. USL&H (Long Shore Harbor Worker's Compensation Act)		
	20. Contractor Pollution Liability	\$2 Million per occurrence/claim	
	21. Environmental Impairment Liability	\$2 Million per occurrence/claim	
X	22. Carrier Rating shall be Best's Rating of A-VII or its equivalents		
X	23. Notice of Cancellation, non-renewal or material change in coverage shall be provided to City at least 30 days prior to action.		
X	24. The City shall be named Additional Insured on all policies		
X	25. Certificate of Insurance shall show Bid Number and Bid Title		
	26. Pollution:	\$2 Million per occurrence/claim	

\*If offeror's employees will be using their privately owned vehicles while working on this contract and are privately insured, please state that fact in the **Bidders Limits/Response** column of the insurance checklist.

**BIDDER'S STATEMENT:**

If awarded the contract, I will comply with contract insurance requirements.

BIDDER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

## DEMANDSTAR SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Purchasing Division is suspending the receipt of hard copies of sealed responses and public solicitation openings until further notice. **Effective immediately, responses must be submitted via DemandStar. See Appendices B, C & D for Submission Requirements Checklist, Registering for DemandStar and Responding to an Electronic Bid in DemandStar.**

There is no cost to submit responses electronically through DemandStar; you will only incur a fee if you opt to receive e-notifications directly from DemandStar. You must select "Columbus Consolidated Government" as your free agency (see registration instructions). Solicitations may be accessed thru the DemandStar link that is posted at

[https://www.columbusga.gov/finance/purchasing/docs/opportunities/Bid\\_Opportunities.htm](https://www.columbusga.gov/finance/purchasing/docs/opportunities/Bid_Opportunities.htm).

Per Georgia HB489, the Purchasing Division will continue to post solicitations on the Georgia Procurement Registry. To receive future procurement notifications, you must register with the Team Georgia Marketplace at <http://doas.ga.gov/state-purchasing/suppliers/getting-started-as-a-supplier>.

Excluding responses to Requests for Proposals (RFP), a tabulation of responses will be available on DemandStar shortly after the solicitation closes. The Purchasing Division will also continue to post tabulations at

[https://www.columbusga.gov/finance/purchasing/docs/tabulations/bid\\_tabulations.htm](https://www.columbusga.gov/finance/purchasing/docs/tabulations/bid_tabulations.htm).

**Failure to submit electronic responses, via DemandStar, will result in the rejection of your response. Submittals received via U.S. Postal Service, FedEx, UPS, etc., will be returned unopened at the expense of the sender. The Purchasing Division will not accept hand-delivered submittals and will immediately discard any submittal left in the reception area of the Finance Department.**

The Purchasing Division sincerely appreciates your cooperation during these unprecedented times.

## APPENDIX B

### **ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST**

Consolidated Plan, Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area Plan, Annual Action Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice - RFP No. 21-0019

#### **Submit your electronic response as instructed below:**

1. Vendors shall submit **only** the required documents listed using the “**Bidder Response ALL Documents**” function. **The City will not consider any information submitted as “Supplemental Documents”.**
2. **Zip files with multiple files are not acceptable**; vendors shall submit one PDF file of their submittal.
3. Due to file size limitations, please **do not resend the City’s full specifications** as this information is already on file.
4. **In the event DemandStar requires a dollar value for your submittal, enter “0”.**

- ☐ 1. Transmittal Letter
- ☐ 2. E-Verify Affidavit (*Form 1*)
- ☐ 3. Addenda Acknowledgement (if any)
- ☐ 4. Communication Concerning this Solicitation (*Form 2*)
- ☐ 5. Exceptions to RFP
- ☐ 6. Qualifications
- ☐ 7. Experience with Similar Projects (*including Form 3*)
- ☐ 8. Understanding and Approach
- ☐ 9. Cost Proposal
- ☐ 10. Contract Signature Page (*Form 4*)
- ☐ 11. Insurance Checklist (*Form 5*) or Certificate of Insurance
- ☐ 12. **Page 1** of Form W-9 (<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>)
- ☐ 13. Business License (Occupation License)

***Please note: After award of contract by Columbus City Council, awarded vendor will be notified to provide two (2) identical hard copies of submitted proposal with original signatures.***

## APPENDIX C

# Registering for DemandStar



We are pleased to announce our membership in the DemandStar network. DemandStar is an online marketplace that connects our suppliers directly to the bids, quotes and RFPs that matter to them.

DemandStar is open and accessible to all businesses and provides instant access to our solicitations. By registering for your complimentary DemandStar account, you will receive:

- **Instant** access to bids, quotes and RFPs
- **Automatic** notifications, right to you inbox, of bids that match the commodity codes you select
- The ability to **quickly view** the contractual terms and scope of work
- All the **forms and documents** you need in one place
- Access to **more government bids** in neighboring cities, counties and states

**It's EASY!** Get started with these 3 easy steps!

## 1 REGISTER

Go to:

<https://www.demandstar.com/registration>

### Create an Account with DemandStar

You are one step away from picking your free government agency

Email Address

Your email address here

Company Name

Your company name here

☐ I accept the DemandStar [Terms of Use](#) and [Privacy Policy](#)

Next



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2 CHOOSE YOUR FREE AGENCY

Type in the name of the government agency you'd like to add, for example "City of Metropolis" in the Search Box

3 CHECK OUT

Check out with your **FREE AGENCY** Registration by clicking "Skip for now" on the page where it gives you options to add additional counties and States

←

Choose Your Free Agency

Receive full access to the government agency of your choice and receive advance notifications of new opportunities.

City of Metropolis

Narrow down your search by selecting a state and county.

State

County

Select State

Select County

☐

City of Metropolis – Board of Commissioners

☐

City of Metropolis Purchasing

☒

Metropolis Technical College

You have chosen **Metropolis Technical College** as your free agency. Add additional government agencies below for \$25 per County, Statewide and National subscriptions available.

My Subscriptions [0]

Nation (0)

States (0)

Counties (0)

		Your Current Rate
Total	(0 subscriptions)	\$0/year

Proceed to Checkout

Skip for Now

SIGN UP

Visit [www.demandstar.com](http://www.demandstar.com)



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## APPENDIX D

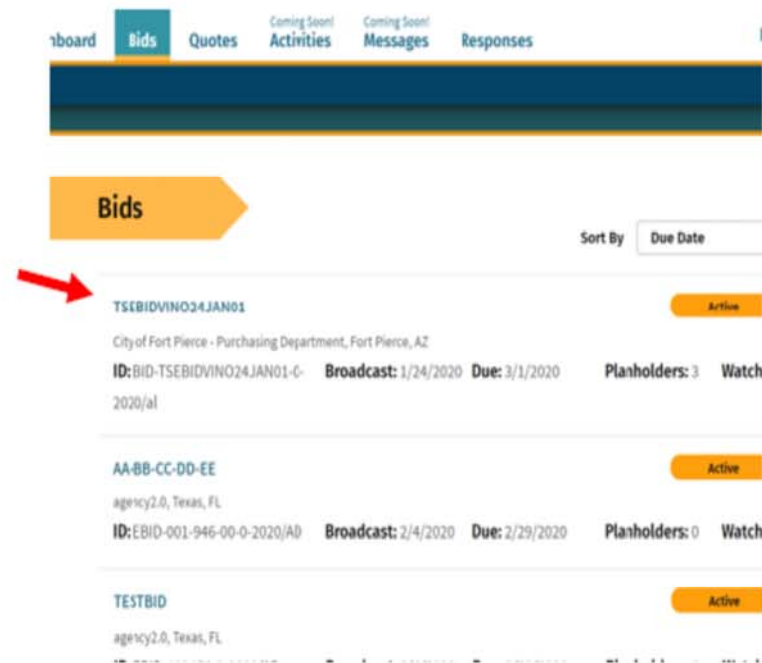
# Responding to an Electronic Bid

5 Step Instructions

# Step 1

Many governments are moving toward requiring bid responses electronically. Here are the steps to respond to a bid Electronically.

- Click on the solicitation name





## Step 2

Once you are in the solicitation, you will see the Bid Details page that is standard for all solicitations

- When you are ready to submit your bid, click on "Submit E-Bid Proposal"

TESTBID

Active

### Bid Details

Agency Name	Agency A
Bid Number	AGENCY A
Bid ID	880-12345678-000000
Bid Type	880-1-8-0
Broadcast Date	12/08/2022 2:45:41 PM Eastern
Fiscal Year	2022
Due	12/28/2022 11:59 PM Eastern
Bid Status Text	BID OPEN

### Scope of Work

1234567890

### Documents

Filename	Type	Date Modified	Status
1234	12345678	12/08/2022	Complete

### Distribution Info

Bid Bond	None
Plan (Maximum)	None
E-bidding	Enabled
Distributed By	System/Owner
Distribution Method	Download and Mail
Distribution Options	Bidder has 15 minutes to download and mail
Project Estimated Budget	\$100,000.00
Distribution Notes	None

### Publications

View Log(s)...

### Pre-Bid Conference

1234567890

### Commodity Code

000-000-000

Submit E-Bid Proposal

## Step 3

Enter information requested page-by-page and you can see what will come next via the menu bar on the left under “E-Bid Progress”

**Enter “0” as your bid (proposal) amount.**

(As cost proposals remain confidential until after contract award (if any), Columbus Consolidated Government will not consider proposed costs, fees, revenues, etc., that are entered directly into DemandStar.)

**Bid Details**

Agency Name: agency2.0  
Bid Number: EBID-123456-Q-2020/AD  
Bid Due Date: 02/29/2020 (PST)  
Bid Opening: 23 days, 04 hours, 23 minutes, 54 seconds Remaining  
Bid Name: TESTBID

**E-Bid Progress**

- Contact Information
- Documents Upload
- Review Bid

**E-Bid Response**

**Contact Information**

Company Name: Calgon Carbon Corporation

Address 1: P. O. Box 717

Address 2: (optional)

City: Pittsburgh

Country: United States of Ame... State/Province: Pennsylvania

County: Select... Postal Code: 15230-0717

Phone Number: 4127876810 Extension: (optional)

Bid Amount: 127,000 Alternate Bid Amount: (optional)

Notes: For the full 6 month contract

**Next**

## Step 4

After you click NEXT on the Contract Information page, you will be directed to enter the documents required.

Create one (1) file containing only the required documents listed on the "Electronic Proposal Submission Checklist" page of the specifications and upload using the "Bidder Response ALL Documents" function.

### IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. The City will not consider any information submitted as "Supplemental Documents".
2. Zip files with multiple files are not acceptable; vendors shall submit one PDF file of their submittal.
3. Due to file size limitations, please **do not resend the City's full specifications** as this information is already on file.

**BEST PRACTICE TIP:** In some instances, multiple addenda may be issued for a solicitation. To avoid having to reupload your submittal multiple times, it is **recommended** that vendors upload within five (5) business days of the due date. The City posts all documents, to include addenda, on its Procurement Opportunities page at [https://www.columbusga.gov/finance/purchasing/docs/opportunities/Bid\\_Opportunities.htm](https://www.columbusga.gov/finance/purchasing/docs/opportunities/Bid_Opportunities.htm)

The screenshot displays the DEMANDSTAR E-Bid Response interface. On the left, the 'Bid Details' section shows information for Agency Name (agency001), Bid Number (0001-00000-0-0000-00), Bid Due Date (01/01/2020 (PST)), Bid Opening (01 days, 00 hours, 00 minutes, 00 seconds Remaining), and Bid Name (000000). Below this is the 'E-Bid Progress' section with steps: Contract Information, Documents Upload, and Review Bid. The main area is titled 'E-Bid Response' and contains a 'Required Documents' section with a list of 'Agency Accepted File Formats' including Adobe Acrobat (.PDF), AutoCAD Drawing (.DWG), PDF Image (.PDF), Microsoft Word (.DOC), Microsoft Word (.DOCX), Plain Text (.TXT), Rich Text Format (.RTF), WordPerfect (.WP6), AutoCAD Drawing Template (.DWT), GIF Image (.GIF), Microsoft Excel (.XLS), Microsoft PowerPoint (.PPT), Microsoft Word (.DOC), Plain Text (.TXT), PDF Image (.PDF), and ZIP Compressed Archive (.ZIP). Below this is a table for 'Required Document' (Service Doc agency001), 'Submission Option' (None or Upload a File), and 'Uploaded Document'. At the bottom, there is a 'Supplemental Documents' section with a warning: 'You can upload additional documents but...'. A green arrow labeled 'UPLOAD COMPLETE FILE' points to the 'Upload a File' button. A red arrow labeled 'DO NOT USE SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS' points to the 'Supplemental Documents' section.

## Step 5

Review Your E-Bid Response, and if everything is correct, then press “Submit Response”

You are done! And the government to which you’ve submitted this will download your responses and documents and see the day and time upon which you submitted your proposal.

The screenshot displays the DEMANDSTAR web application interface for reviewing an e-bid response. The top navigation bar includes links for Dashboard, Bids, Quotes, Activities, Messages, and Responses. The user is logged in as Robyn Gallardi.

The main content area is titled "Review Your E-Bid Response" and is divided into several sections:

- Bid Details:**
  - Agency Name: Agency L.R.
  - Bid Number: 12345678-9-101112
  - Bid Due Date: 12/15/2019 (PMT)
  - Bid Opening: 11 days, 04 hours, 33 minutes, 47 seconds Remaining
  - Bid Name: 1237810
- E-Bid Progress:**
  - Contact Information
  - Documents Upload
  - Review Bid
- Contact Info:**
  - Company Name: Calgon Carbon Corporation
  - Address 1: P.O. Box 717
  - Address 2:
  - City: Pittsburgh
  - State: Pennsylvania
  - Country: United States of America
  - Postal Code: 15203-0717
  - Phone Number: 4127876810
  - Fax:
  - Bid Amount: \$127,800.00
  - Alternate Bid Amount:
  - Notes: For the full 6 month term
- Agency Required Documents:**
  - Service Doc agency (2) (Electronic/Online)
- Supplemental Documents:**
  - Reference (Electronic/Online)

Below these sections, there is a list of steps to follow after clicking "Submit Response":

1. The user will verify that their response is complete as entered.
2. The user will see a confirmation page with their performance.
3. The user will receive a confirmation email indicating a bid.
4. The user may track their response submission under the file.

A red arrow points to the "Submit Response" button at the bottom right of the page.