BID OPENING DATE AND TIME

On: July 13, 2011 **AT: 10:30 A.M.**

BID NO.	PAGE	INVITATION AND BID ADVERTISED	BIDDER MUST COMPLETE BELOW
S2Z57620	1 OF 27		BIDDER AGREES TO COMPLY WITH ALL CONDITIONS OF THIS BID. UNSIGNED BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

This Invitation to Bid with your quotations must be received prior to the above cited bid opening date and time.

DEPARTMENT	DIVISION
VARIOUS	VARIOUS

AWARDED

DATE

FOR THE PROCUREMENT COMMISSIONER

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT
MUNICIPAL SERVICES BLDG.
1401 JFK BLVD, ROOM 170A
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102-1685

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FIRM

Federal EIN/Social Security Number

BUYER L. Kugel
W. Chan

TITLE OF BID: Wireless Messaging and Communication Information Services(Pager Service)

Commerce Department-Office of Economic Development (OEO)
Anti- Discrimination Policy
Executive Order 02-05 – Bidder Requirements

This Invitation to Bid is issued under the Anti-Discrimination Policy described in the Mayor's Executive Order, policy and guidelines as attached. Specific instructions must be adhered to, and forms completed. Bidders are advised to review the instructions carefully. Failure to comply may disqualify the bidder. The specified ranges represent the percentage of Minority, Woman and Disabled participation that should be attained by the Bidder.

Participation Ranges

M-BE:	BEST	to	EFFORTS
W-BE:	BEST	to	EFFORTS
DS-BE:	BEST	to	EFFORTS

Any and all questions about Executive Order 02-05 and bidder compliance should be directed to the Commerce Department Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) office at (215) 683-2000

BID QUESTIONS

All questions concerning this Invitation to Bid, including specifications and conditions, must be Presented prior to the bid opening date and time. Contact the Procurement Department, Public Information Center by calling **(215) 686-4721, 686-4720, or 686-4719** with questions.

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BID SECURITY See Conditions of Bidding	MASTER BID SECURITY		CERTIFIED CHECK SUBMITTED WITH BID	
	☐ YES	☐ NO	AMOUNT	CHECK NUMBER

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
ANTIDISCRIMINATION POLICY- MINORITY, WOMAN AND DISABLED OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES
FORMS, INSTRUCTIONS AND SPECIAL CONTRACT PROVISIONS
(SEALED BID CONTRACTS)

Under the authority of Executive Orders No. 02-05, as reauthorized, and 14-08, the City of Philadelphia has established an antidiscrimination policy ("Policy") relating to the participation of Minority (MBE), Woman (WBE) and Disabled (DSBE) Owned Business Enterprises in City contracts. Executive Order 14-08 disestablished the Minority Business Enterprise Council and transferred its administrative functions under Executive Order 02-05 to the Office of Economic Opportunity ("OEO").

The purpose of this Policy is to provide equal opportunity for all businesses and to assure that City funds are not used, directly or indirectly, to promote, reinforce or perpetuate discriminatory practices. The City is committed to fostering an environment in which all businesses are free to participate in business opportunities without the impediments of discrimination and participate in all City contracts on an equitable basis. In accordance with the contracting requirements of the City, the City's Policy is applicable to this Invitation and Bid (hereinafter, "Bid") .

The Office of Economic Opportunity has approved the following projected ranges of participation for this Bid which serve as a guide in determining each bidder's responsibility:

MBE BEST EFFORTS
WBE BEST EFFORTS
DSBE BEST EFFORTS

These ranges represent the percentage of MBE, WBE, DBE[1] and/or DSBE (collectively, "M/W/DSBE") participation that should be attained by M/W/DSBEs from business opportunities existing in the available market absent discrimination in the solicitation and selection of these businesses. These ranges are based upon an analysis of factors such as the size and scope of the contract and the availability of certified M/W/DSBEs to perform various elements of the contract. The submission of a Solicitation For Participation and Commitment Form and any supporting documentation (more fully discussed below) is an element of responsiveness to the Bid and failure to submit the required information will result in rejection of your bid.

Bidder hereby verifies that all forms, information and documentation submitted to the OEO are true and correct and is notified that the submission of false information by Bidder is subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. Section 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities. Bidder also acknowledges that if it is awarded a contract resulting from this Invitation and Bid, it is a felony in the third degree under 18 Pa.C.S. Section 4107.2(a)(4) if, in the course of this contract,

[1] "DBE" or "Disadvantaged Business Enterprise" means a socially and economically disadvantaged minority or woman owned business that is certified under 49 C.F.R. Part 26. If Bidder makes solicitation(s) and commitment(s) with a DBE, Bidder shall indicate which category, MBE or WBE, is submitted for credit.

it fraudulently obtains public moneys reserved for or allocated or available to minority business enterprises or women's business enterprises.

A. M/W/DSBE PARTICIPATION

1. MBE, WBE, DBE and DSBE shall refer to certified businesses so recognized by the City of Philadelphia through its OEO. Only the work or supply effort of firms that are certified as M/W/DSBEs by an OEO approved certifying agency[2] at the time of bid opening will be eligible to receive credit towards the participation ranges. In order to be counted, certified firms must successfully complete and submit to the OEO an application to be included in the OEO Registry which is a list of registered M/W/DSBEs maintained by the OEO and available online at www.phila.gov/oeo/directory.

If bidder or bidder's subcontractor(s) is certified by an approved certifying agency, a copy of that certification should be furnished with the bid.

2. No bidder that seeks to meet the participation range(s) for participation by entering into subcontracts with any M/W/DSBE subcontractor shall be considered to meet the range(s) if the M/W/DSBE subcontractor does not perform a commercially acceptable function ("CAF"). A M/W/DSBE is considered to perform a CAF when it engages in meaningful work or supply effort that provides for a distinct element of the subcontract (as required by the work to be performed in accordance with the Bid), where the distinct element is worthy of the dollar amount of the subcontract and where the M/W/DSBE carries out its responsibilities by actually performing, managing and supervising the work involved; M/W/DSBE subcontractors must perform at least twenty percent (20%) of the cost of the subcontract (not including the cost of materials, equipment or supplies incident to the performance of the subcontract) with their own employees. The OEO may evaluate the amount of work subcontracted, industry practices and any other relevant factors in determining whether the M/W/DSBE is performing a CAF. If it is determined during the review of your Solicitation and Commitment Form that the work described on the Form does not constitute a CAF, your bid may be rejected. For example, a Bidder using an M/W/DSBE non-stocking supplier (i.e., a firm that does not manufacture or warehouse the materials or equipment of the general character described by the Bid specifications and required under the contract) to furnish equipment or materials will only receive credit towards the participation ranges for the fees or commissions charged, not the entire value of the equipment or materials furnished.

3. In order to maximize opportunities for as many businesses as possible, a firm that is certified in two or more categories (e.g. MBE and WBE and DSBE or WBE and DSBE) will only be credited toward one participation range as either an MBE or WBE or DSBE. The firm will not be credited toward more than one category. Bidders will note with their submission which category, MBE or WBE or DSBE, is submitted for credit.

4. An MBE/WBE/DSBE submitting as the prime bidder is required, like all other bidders, to submit a bid that is responsive to the Policy and will only receive credit toward the relevant participation ranges (e.g., MBE range or WBE range or DSBE range) for the amount of its own work or supply effort on this Bid. In addition, the participation of an M/W/DSBE partner, as part of a joint venture created for this bid, may be credited

[2] A list of "OEO approved certifying agencies" can be found at www.phila.gov/oeo

towards the participation ranges only to the extent of the M/W/DSBE partner's ownership interest in the joint venture in accordance with the following criteria:

- The MBE, WBE or DSBE partner(s) must be identified in the OEO Registry prior to contract award;
- The M/W/DSBE partner(s) must derive substantial benefit from the arrangement;
- The M/W/DSBE partner(s) must be substantially involved in all phases of the contract including planning, staffing and daily management;
- The business arrangement must be customary (i.e., each partner shares in the risk and profits of the joint venture commensurate with their ownership interest, contributes working capital and other resources, etc).

5. In listing participation commitments on the Solicitation for Participation and Commitment Form, bidders are required to list a detailed description of the work or supply effort, the dollar amount of the quotation, and percentage of the contract the participation represents. In calculating the percentage amount, bidders may apply the standard mathematical rules in rounding off numbers. The OEO reserves the right to request clarifying information in the event of an inconsistency or ambiguity in the Solicitation For Participation and Commitment Form.

B. RESPONSIVENESS

1. A Bid responsive to the Policy is one which contains documentary evidence of the M/W/DSBEs that have been solicited and that will be used by the Bidder on the contract, if awarded; where the Bid satisfies the M/W/DSBE participation ranges for that contract, the Bidder is rebuttably presumed not to have discriminated in its selection of contract participants.

2. Bidders must submit documentary evidence of MBEs, WBEs and DSBEs who have been solicited and with whom commitments have been made in response to the participation ranges included in this Bid. Failure to submit the Solicitation For Participation and Commitment Form will result in the rejection of the Bid as nonresponsive, although the City, at its sole discretion, may allow Bidders to submit or amend the Solicitation For Participation and Commitment Form at any time prior to award. The Solicitation For Participation and Commitment Form must contain the following information:

- Documentation of all solicitations (regardless of whether commitments resulted therefrom) as well as all commitments made on the enclosed document entitled "Solicitation For Participation and Commitment Form". Bidders should only make actual solicitations of M/W/DSBEs whose work or materials are within the scope of this Bid. Mass mailing of a general nature to M/W/DSBEs or similar methods will not be deemed solicitation, but rather will be treated as informational notification only. A reasonable period of time should be given to all solicited firms to ensure that they have sufficient time to adequately prepare their quotes/subproposals. The bidder's listing of a commitment with an M/W/DSBE constitutes a representation that the Bidder has made a legally binding commitment to contract with such firm, upon receipt of a contract award from the City.

• If the Bidder has entered into a joint venture with an MBE, WBE and/or DSBE partner, the bidder is also required to submit along with the Solicitation For Participation and Commitment Form, a document entitled “Joint Venture Eligibility Information Form,” available at OEO, for the City’s review and approval of the joint venture arrangement.

3. If Bidder does not fully meet each of the range(s) for participation established for this Bid, Bidder must explain what efforts the bidder made to achieve the M/W/DSBE participation ranges. Bidder must demonstrate, through the submission of documentary evidence, that it took all necessary steps and made reasonable efforts to achieve the M/W/DSBE participation ranges, even if these efforts were not fully successful. OEO will evaluate the scope, intensity and appropriateness of these efforts to ascertain whether they could reasonably be expected to achieve M/W/DSBE participation commensurate with the ranges. Failure to submit the documentary evidence will result in rejection of the bid as nonresponsive, although the City, at its sole discretion, may allow bidders to submit or amend their evidentiary submission at any time prior to award. The submission shall contain and discuss, at a minimum, the following:

• Provide reasons for not committing with any M/W/DSBEs that submitted a quote/subproposal, regardless of whether the quote/subproposal was solicited by Bidder.

• Provide list of all certifying directories used to solicit participation for this Bid.

• Provide any additional evidence pertinent to Bidder's conduct relating to this Bid including sufficient evidence which demonstrates to the OEO that Bidder has not engaged in discriminatory practices in the solicitation of and commitment with contract participants. In describing Bidder's efforts to achieve participation within the ranges, Bidder may submit any corroborating documentation (e.g., copies of advertisements for participation).

The bidder's documentary evidence will be reviewed by the OEO to ascertain whether discrimination has occurred in the solicitation or selection of contract participants. The review will include consideration of the following:

• Whether the bidder's actions were motivated by considerations of race or gender or disability. The OEO may investigate the bidder's contracting activities and business practices on similar public and private sector contracts. For example, if bidder rejects any M/W/DSBE based on price, bidder must fully document its reasons for the rejection and also demonstrate that bidder subjects non-M/W/DSBEs to the same pricing standards. OEO will investigate whether there was any attempt at good faith negotiation of price.

• Whether M/W/DSBEs were treated equally as other businesses in the solicitation and commitment process. For example, the OEO will investigate whether M/W/DSBEs are given the same information, access to the plans and requirements of the contract

and given adequate amount of time to prepare a quote/subcontract as others who were solicited by bidder. The OEO will also investigate whether M/W/DSBEs were accorded the same level of outreach as non-M/W/DSBEs, for example whether bidder short listed M/W/DSBEs for participation or solicited M/W/DSBEs at any pre-bid meetings.

- Whether the bidder's contracting decisions were based upon policies which disparately affect M/W/DSBEs. OEO will ascertain whether bidder selected portions of work or material needs consistent with the capacity of available M/W/DSBE subcontractors and suppliers. OEO will consider whether bidder employed policies which facilitate the participation of M/W/DSBEs on City contracts such as segmentation of the contract or prompt payment practices.

4. After review of the bidder's submission and other information the OEO deems relevant to its evaluation, the OEO will make a written determination that will be forwarded to the awarding City Department.

- If the bid is determined nonresponsive by the OEO, the applicant will be notified and may file a written appeal with the OEO within forty-eight (48) hours of the date of notification. The decision of the OEO may be appealed in writing within forty-eight (48) hours of the date of the OEO's decision to the Chief Operating Officer of the Commerce Department or his/her designee whose decision shall be final.

C. RESPONSIBILITY

1. Upon award, the completed Solicitation For Participation and Commitment Form and accompanying documents regarding solicitation and commitments with MBEs, WBEs and DSBEs become part of the contract. M/W/DSBE percentage commitments are to be maintained throughout the term of the contract and shall apply to the total contract value (including amendments). Any change in commitment, including but not limited to substitutions for the listed firm(s), changes or reductions in the work and/or listed dollar/percentage amounts, must be pre-approved in writing by the OEO.

2. The Successful Bidder shall, within five (5) business days after receipt of a payment from the City for work performed under the contract, deliver to its M/W/DSBE subcontractors the proportionate share of such payment for work performed (including the supply of materials) by its M/W/DSBE subcontractors. In connection with payment of its M/W/DSBE subcontractors, the Successful Bidder agrees to fully comply with the City's payment reporting process which may include the use of electronic payment verification systems.

3. No privity of contract exists between the City and any M/W/DSBE subcontractor identified in any contract resulting from this Bid. The City does not intend to give or confer upon any such M/W/DSBE subcontractor(s) any legal rights or remedies in connection with the subcontracted services under Executive Orders 2-05 and 14-08 or by reason of any contract resulting from the Bid except such rights or remedies that the

M/W/DSBE subcontractor may seek as a private cause of action under any legally binding contract to which it may be a party.

4. If the OEO determines that the bidder has discriminated against a M/W/DSBE at any time during the term of the contract, the OEO may recommend to the Procurement Commissioner the imposition of sanctions on the Bidder including debarment of the bidder from submitting and/or participating in future City contracts for a period of up to three (3) years.

D. ACCESS TO INFORMATION

1. The OEO shall have the right to make site visits to the Bidder's place of business and/or job site and obtain documents, such as quotations, and information from any Bidder, subcontractor, supplier, manufacturer or contract participant that may be required in order to ascertain a Bidder's responsiveness and responsibility.

2. Failure to cooperate with the OEO in its review may result in a recommendation to terminate the contract.

E. RECORDS AND REPORTS

1. The Successful Bidder shall maintain all books and records relating to its M/W/DSBE commitments (e.g. copies of quotations, subcontracts, joint venture agreement, correspondence, cancelled checks, invoices, telephone logs) for a period of at least three (3) years following acceptance of final payment. These records shall be made available for inspection by the OEO and/or other appropriate City officials. The Successful Bidder agrees to submit reports and other documentation to the OEO as deemed necessary by the OEO to ascertain the successful bidder's fulfillment of its M/W/DSBE commitments.

F. REMEDIES

1. The Successful Bidder's compliance with the requirements of Executive Orders 2-05 and 14-08, including the fulfillment of any M/W/DSBE commitments, is material to the contract. Any failure to comply with these requirements constitutes a substantial breach of the contract. It is further understood and agreed that in the event the City determines that the Successful Bidder hereunder has failed to comply with these requirements the City may, in addition to any other rights and remedies the City may have under the contract, any bond filed in connection therewith or at law or in equity, exercise one or more of the following remedies, as deemed applicable, which shall be deemed cumulative and concurrent:

a. Withhold payment(s) or any part thereof until corrective action is taken.

b. Terminate the contract, in whole or in part.

c. Suspend/Debar the Successful Bidder from proposing/bidding and/or participating in any future City contracts for a period of up to three (3) years.

d. Recover as liquidated damages, one percent of the total dollar amount of the contract for each one percent (or fraction thereof) of the commitment

shortfall. (NOTE: The “total dollar amount of the contract’’ shall include approved change orders, amendments and for requirements contracts shall be based on actual quantities ordered by the City. For Concessions, the “total dollar amount of the contract” shall mean the Concession Fee paid to the City.)

The remedies enumerated above are for the sole benefit of the City and City’s failure to enforce any provision or the City’s indulgence of any non-compliance with any provision hereunder, shall not operate as a waiver of any of the City’s rights in connection with any contract resulting from this Bid nor shall it give rise to actions by any third parties including identified M/W/DSBE subcontractors.

SOLICITATION FOR PARTICIPATION AND COMMITMENT FORM (Bid)

Minority (MBE), Women (WBE), and Disabled (DSBE) Business Enterprises

COMMERCE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (OEO)

Bid Number	*Name of Bidder*	*Date of Bid Opening*

List below ALL MBE/WBE/DSBEs that were solicited regardless of whether a commitment resulted therefrom. - Photocopy this form as necessary.

☐ MBE ☐ WBE ☐ DSBE	Work to be Performed	Date Solicited		Commitment Made		Give Reason(s) If No Commitment
Company Name		By Phone	By Mail	Yes *(If Yes, give date)*	NO	
Address						
Contact Person		Quote Received		Amount Committed To		
Telephone Number / Fax #		YES	NO	Dollar Amount $		
OEO CERTIFICATION #				Percent of Total Bid %		

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OEO CERTIFICATION #				Percent of Total Bid %		

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OEO CERTIFICATION #				Percent of Total Bid %		

(Rev. 11/2008/jss)

[1] M/W/DSBEs listed above must be certified by the OEO prior to bid submission date.
[2] Failure to give reason for no committment may result in rejection of your bid.

SECTION 1: GENERAL BID SUBMISSION

1.1 **TITLE: Wireless Messaging and Communication Information Services (Pager Service)**

1.2 **SCHEDULE NO: 158**

1.3 **CONTRACT TERM**: 09/01/2011 to 08/31/2012 ("Initial Term"), with an option to renew for up to three (3) additional one (1) year periods, ("the Renewal Term") exercisable, at the City's sole discretion, as of the expiration of the Initial Term or then current Renewal term. The City may, at its sole discretion, renew the contract for up to three (3) months at the beginning of each renewal period(s) (the "Additional Performance Period"), if a decision has been made not to renew the contract for an entire year.

1.3.1 The City shall exercise such sole option to renew the Contract Term by issuing a letter (the "Renewal Notice") notifying the Contractor that the Contract is renewed for the Renewal Term or Additional Performance Period (identified by commencement and termination dates) that is specified in the Renewal Notice. The Contract shall be deemed to be renewed for such Renewal Term or Additional Performance Period, and Contractor shall be obligated to perform all terms and conditions of the Contract throughout such Renewal Term or Additional Performance Period, as of the effective date indicated on the City's Renewal Notice, whether or not Contractor has agreed, verbally or in writing, to such renewal of the Contract term.

1.3.2 If an individual Performance Bond and/or Payment Bond is required under this Invitation and Bid, such bond(s) shall be and remain in full force and effect throughout the Initial Term, all Renewal Terms, any Additional Performance Period, and the period of any unexpired warranty provided or required under the Contract, without notice of Contract renewal by the City to the surety or the consent of the surety thereto. It is the sole responsibility of the Contractor to ensure that such bond(s) remain in full force and effect as provided in this Section, and failure to do so shall be an event of default pursuant to Section 19, Default, of the attached Terms and Conditions of Bidding and Contract.

If participation in the City's Master Performance Security Program is required under this Invitation and Bid, Contractor shall pay the required annual fee for such participation for each Renewal Term upon the issuance of the Renewal Notice.

1.4 **CONTRACT TYPE: REQUIREMENTS**

1.4.1 The following items are required in the operation of various City agencies as ordered. Exact quantities cannot now be determined but estimates thereof are listed herein. Quantities listed may be increased or decreased to meet the requirements of the City during the period of this contract. A minimum is not guaranteed. Purchase orders issued as a result of this bid will be for materials or services to be delivered generally on an as-needed basis. Successful bidders are cautioned not to deliver any materials or services without first being advised to do so by the ordering agency.

1.4.2 It is the intent of the Procurement Department to make an award for the period as stated above subject to the appropriation of funds in succeeding fiscal year/years by City Council. The City's fiscal year is from July 1st to June 30th inclusive.

Commodities or services on the bid to be ordered after the end of the fiscal year are subject to the issuance of purchase orders for the following fiscal years. The City is not liable for the award involving following fiscal years' funds until such orders are issued.

The successful bidder(s) obligation to deliver on such purchase orders shall not take effect until the orders are issued. To simplify the contract procedure, however, the successful vendor will be required to furnish a Performance Bond or Performance Security Fee to cover units awarded to him.

1.5 **METHODOLOGY OF ACQUISITION**: **Service** only.

1.6 **STATEMENT OF DIRECTION:**

It is the intent of the City of Philadelphia to make an award for **Wireless Messaging and Communication Information Services (Pager Service)** for the various City agencies and departments as specified herein during the contract period.

1.7 **BID SECURITY**

1.7.1 Bid security shall be based upon **cumulative bid amount per Section 5.**

All bids submitted with a total greater than $30,000.00 must be accompanied by the proper Bid Security.
Bidders already enrolled in the City's Master Bid Security Program for

July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012 are not required to provide Bid Security if their bid total is $500,000.00 or less (per paragraph 2 of "Terms and Conditions of Bidding and Contract").

The Master Bid Security Program allows bidders to qualify for bid security for individual bids submitted during the covered bidding period provided the individual bid total is $500,000.00 or less.

1.7.2 **Bids Opening July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012**
Bidders may qualify for the Master Bid Security Program described above for **July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012** by submitting a check in the amount of **$120.00** made payable to the City of Philadelphia. The check should be submitted, under separate cover, to the Bid Unit Supervisor at least one day prior to the first bid that the bidder wants covered under the program and is *non-refundable.*

Or if, and only if, the bidder chooses to submit the check for the Master Bid Security Program with their bid, the check **MUST** be in the form of a Certified, Treasurer's or Cashier's Check, Bank or United States Postal Money Order and is non-refundable.

1.7.3 If the bidder is not enrolled and does not intend to enroll; or if the total value of the bid submitted exceeds $500,000.00, the Master Bid Security Program is not applicable. Bidders instead MUST submit with their bid a refundable Certified, Treasurer's or Cashier's Check, Bank Money Order or United States Postal Money Order in the amount as specified in Paragraph 2 entitled "Bid Security", of the "Terms and Conditions of Bidding and Contract".

1.8 **BID INFORMATION**:

1.8.1 All information concerning this bid will be contained in this bid document as issued or amended.

1.8.2 Information provided verbally by any City official shall not be binding or relevant.

1.9 **BID SUBMISSION**:

1.9.1 Bid information must be submitted to the City of Philadelphia no later than the time and date for the bid opening.

1.9.2 Advertised sealed bids will be received and read publicly at 10:30 AM in Room #170A, 1st Floor, Municipal Services Building, 1401 JFK Boulevard.

1.9.3 Bid should be complete and include ALL information required as described in the various paragraphs of the bid specifications.

1.9.4 All pricing must be completed on the forms provided; be complete; and be in ink or typed.

1.9.5 The bid must be complete as to required bid signatures and corporate seal, and fully accept the terms and conditions contained in the bid.

1.9.6 **BID PROCESSING FEE:**
All bids submitted where the bid total is greater than $30,000 shall be accompanied by the proper Bid Processing Fee. The fee shall be in the form of a separate check or money order in accordance with Paragraph 3 of the "Terms and Conditions of Bidding and Contract."

LOCAL BUSINESS ENTITY:

1.9.7 In accordance with the City of Philadelphia's Regulations Relating to Local Bidding Preferences for Procurement Contracts, this bid may be subject to a 5% local bid preference. In order to determine eligibility to receive the 5% preference, if applicable, **bidder or subcontractor must be certified at the time of the bid opening and must submit with the bid the Local Business Entity Certification number** as issued by the Procurement Department for the prime contractor or the applicable subcontractor. If the prime relies upon its subcontractor's LBE status in order to be eligible for the preference, the name and certification number of the subcontractor **must** be submitted with the bid. **Failure to submit the prime's LBE certification number or the subcontractor's name and the LBE certification number with the bid will deem bidder ineligible for the 5% preference.**

Further, by submission of this bid, bidder makes the following certification in connection with the grant of any local bidding preference:
"I certify, that if awarded this contract on the basis of application of the LBE preference, my company or my subcontractor, throughout the entirety of this

contract, will perform the majority of the work under this contract within the geographic limits of the City of Philadelphia, and I will, or cause my subcontractor to, maintain within the City a majority of the inventory or equipment that will be used on this contract or the amount of inventory that is customary for this industry."

Prime or subcontractor's LBE Certification Number_____

If applicable:
Subcontractor's Name_____

NOTE: If you wish to apply for Local Business Entity (LBE) certification, go to <u>www.phila.gov/bids</u>. Please provide sufficient time prior to bidding for processing of the LBE application.

1.9.8 **BID QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS**

In preparing the bid response, should any bidder need clarification on the bid requirements, identify a discrepancy in the specifications, determine that a specified product has been discontinued or an alternate procedure is advised, etc.; then the bidder is STRONGLY encouraged to bring these issues to the attention of the Procurement Department's Public Information Unit prior to the bid opening by calling (215) 686-4720 or 4721, or by faxing (215) 686-4716. **Questions, whether phoned or faxed, should be received no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the scheduled opening date of the bid. The City reserves the right to only respond to those questions submitted prior to the stated deadline.** If it is in the City's best interest to do so, the bid MAY be amended to reflect the proposed changes/modifications. **Exceptions taken DO NOT obligate the City to change the specifications. The City of Philadelphia, Procurement Department will notify all bidders in writing, by addendum duly issued, of any interpretations/changes made to specifications or instructions. The City will not accept responsibility for oral instructions, suggestions or changes by any City agency.**

Otherwise the successful bidder will have to provide the product or service exactly as defined in this bid, and in accordance with the specifications and requirements as listed in this Invitation and Bid.

1.9.9 **CONTACT PERSON(S):**

PRE-AWARD:
Indicate below to whom in your firm questions concerning this Invitation and Bid should be directed:

Name:_____

Address:_____

City/State/ZC:_____

Telephone No.(_____)_____ Ext.:_____

Fax No.(_____)_____

E-mail address_____

State Company Web Site Address:_____

POST-AWARD:
Indicate below to whom in your firm questions concerning the Contract resulting from this Invitation and Bid should be directed:

Name:_____

Address:_____

City/State/ZC:_____

Telephone No.(_____)_____ Ext.:_____

Fax No.(_____)_____

E-mail address_____

1.9.10 **ALTERNATES SUBMITTED:**

If an alternate to any item is offered, bidder must follow instructions in Paragraph 4 of "Terms and Conditions of Bidding and Contract". State the brand name and the model number of each alternate offered. Detailed technical information on the alternate should accompany the bid.

Failure to state alternates will obligate bidder to provide material and/or service specified in the bid.

Any other product information submitted by bidder in connection with this bid is for purposes of product description, information and specification only. Bidder agrees that any additional terms or conditions contained therein, including, but not limited to, disclaimers or limitations of liability, do not become part of the bid.

1.9.10.1 Alternant Product References

1. Products from other manufacturers shall be subjects of field testing to determine if they operate to the satisfaction of the City.

2. Products must be submitted for testing no later than two weeks prior to bid opening. Contact: Robert Burger, Division of Technology, Communications Unit (215) 686-3951

3. The decision of the City is final

1.10 **BIDDER QUALIFICATION:**

1.10.1 All bidders must be a bona fide manufacturer of, or dealer in, the article or service specified within the bid. To demonstrate this, bidders should submit the following reference information with their bid. References provided should be pertinent to the commodity or service requested in this Invitation and Bid; and demonstrate the bidder's ability to perform on a contract of this size and scope.

Please note that reference information in each section must be completed. Failure to submit this information may result in the bidder's disqualification.

SECTION 1:

Customer References other than an employee or department of the City of Philadelphia, (excluding suppliers or financial institutions).

	A.	B.	C
Firm Name:	_____	_____	_____
Address:	_____	_____	_____
Contact:	_____	_____	_____
Phone #:	_____	_____	_____
Type Work:	_____	_____	_____
Years dealing w/your firm:	_____	_____	_____

SECTION 2:

Previous purchase order(s)/contract(s) with the City; (State "None" if applicable)

P.O./Contract Number:	_____	_____	_____
Department:	_____	_____	_____
Contact Name:	_____	_____	_____
Phone #:	_____	_____	_____
Item(s):	_____	_____	_____

NOTE: Do not provide the name and phone number of a Procurement Department Buyer in this section. Contact name(s) and phone number(s) must be from a City ordering department.

SECTION 2: SPECIFICATIONS

2.1 Successful vendor shall be required to supply the City of Philadelphia's Agencies/ Departments with **Wireless Messaging & Communication Information Services (Pager Service)** as listed in Sections 2 and 5 of this Invitation and Bid.

2.2 **GENERAL**

This specification requires the successful vendor to provide the City with paging instruments, paging services, and other advanced messaging services, whether or not herein mentioned, necessary to operate those instruments. In addition, instruments to be furnished shall have numeric or two-way messaging capability.

2.2.1 **INSTRUCTIONS**

2.2.1.1 Instructions as set forth in the following paragraphs are addressed to the paging service companies. It is understood that all services mentioned in the specification shall be provided as part of this contract.

2.2.1.2 Bidders shall note that the award for the provision of both pagers and (paging and advanced messaging) services will be made to a single bidder.

2.2.1.3 Under this contract, the City will not purchase any paging equipment (pager). The acquisition cost shall be the equipment usage charge to include damage and loss insurance costs, which themselves shall be parts of, and included in, the various service charges listed in Section 5.

2.2.2 **SERVICE AREAS**

City's paging operation shall be divided into the following two (2) areas:

2.2.2.1 **LOCAL COVERAGE**

Local coverage is an area in which pages made within the area are charged at local rates. Bidders are required to include during the term of the contract in the Local Coverage the following cities and townships and their surrounding areas:

Philadelphia…Harrisburg…Scranton…Allentown…Trenton… Atlantic City…Cape May…Dover…Wilmington.

2.2.2.2 **NATIONWIDE COVERAGE**

Nationwide coverage is an area covered by all 50 United States and local area stated (See para. #2.2.2.1)

2.2.3 **COVERAGE**

2.2.3.1 Paging coverage is one of the main requirements in this bid. Bidder's paging system and his/her service providing partners shall be capable of providing satisfactory coverage over all areas herein defined. Exceptions will not be accepted.

2.2.3.2 Acceptable level of coverage shall be that paging can be successfully completed in 95% of the time and 95% of the locations within the coverage area. Bidders shall submit with their bid documentation, coverage maps demonstrating the level of coverage of their system.

2.3 PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS

2.3.1 **SCOPE OF PRODUCTS**

2.3.1.1 The successful vendor shall furnish and deliver various quantities of the two types of pagers on an as-required basis to operate in the paging network and related services available in the Philadelphia area, its vicinities, and nationwide.

2.3.1.2 Geographical restriction of the pager operation shall be provided, if requested by the City.

2.3.2 **GENERAL CONDITIONS OF PRODUCTS**

All pagers to be furnished to the City shall be newly manufactured and shall be delivered by the vendor to locations as ordered and specified by the individual departments and/or agencies of the City government.

2.3.3 **PRODUCTS**

The City intends to procure services for two (2) types of paging instruments (to be supplied by the vendor) in this contract for Citywide use:

(1) Digital numeric pagers

(2) Digital 2-way device Type II

2.3.3.1 **MANUAL AND INSTRUCTIONS**

The successful vendor shall be responsible for providing the city with appropriate User's Manual necessary for effective operation of the equipment furnished.

2.3.3.2 **CODES AND STANDARDS**

All equipment furnished under this contract shall be in accordance with the applicable codes of recognized national societies and regulatory bodies to include, but not limited to, EIA and FCC, and be in accordance with all local codes and ordinances.

2.3.3.3 **EXCHANGES**

The successful vendor shall exchange the acquired equipment within 48 hours following the request by the Division of Technology, Communications Unit for any reasons such as the equipment in operation is out of order, or its operation may not be satisfactory, etc.

2.3.4 **GENERAL TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS**

The two (2) types of pagers and services to be acquired by the City from the bidder shall meet the following common technical requirements:

1. Instruments shall meet all applicable codes and standards such as CTIA, EIA, FCC, and or PUC.

2. Instruments shall be capable of operating on paging or PCS band, if necessary, to provide complete and continuous operation over the Local and Nationwide Coverage areas.

3. Group Messaging: The capability of sending a group message to many different numeric and word pages simultaneously shall be available.

4. Each type of pager shall be capable of providing the services as indicted below:

Messaging Services	Numeric Pager	2-way Device
Able to receive Numeric messages	**Yes**	**Yes**
Able to receive Word Messages		**Yes**
Able to receive an e-mail or a Web launched messages		**Yes**
PC Dispatched Software available		**Yes**
Operator Dispatch		**Yes**
Able to use Pre-Programmed Replies		**Yes**
Able to send a message to another pager, to an e-mail address or to a digital PCS phone		**Yes**
Able to automatically receive periodic information important to the user		**Yes**
Able to request information on demand thru software applications		**Yes**
Voice mail	**Yes**	**Yes**
Local Phone Number	**Yes**	**Yes**
Toll Free 800 Number	**Yes**	**Yes**
Loss Protection	**Yes**	**Yes**
Local Coverage	**Yes**	**Yes**
Nationwide Coverage	**Yes**	**Yes**

2.3.5 **SPECIFIC PARTICULAR TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS**

In addition to the general technical requirements listed above, each type of equipment shall also meet the following particular technical requirements:

(1) **Numeric pager package shall include:**

a. Pager with top-mount easy-to-read backlit display, silent vibration, selectable musical alerts, holds up to 30 messages, low battery alert, saves messages when off and when changing the battery, shows time and date, locks important messages against deletion.

b. One set of batteries AA/AAA.

c. Removable belt clip

(2) **Type II:**

a. 2-way device with full 2-way messaging, 4.5 MB total memory, 9 line display, PC compatible and upgradeable, desktop synchronization, lighted QWERTY keyboard.

b. One rechargeable battery.

c. One desktop charging unit.

2.3.6 **ACCEPTED PRODUCT REFERENCE**

1. Products shall meet all necessary general and specific technical requirements outlined above.

2. Products manufactured by Motorola have been determined to be acceptable.

2.4 **SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

2.4.1 **PAGING SYSTEM**

The successful vendor shall provide a completely operational digital paging system including all digital paging instruments, accessories, and incidental items.

The inadvertent omission of an essential item shall not alleviate the contractor's responsibility to provide that item.

2.4.2 **ACTIVATION SERVICE**

The successful vendor shall provide free of charge, the activation service for all digital paging instruments offered to and requested by the City to efficiently operate on his/her network system.

2.4.3 **ACCESS SERVICE**

The successful vendor shall provide this service to ensure the system availability for the operation of the City's digital paging instruments acquired through the contract. The monthly access charge shall be provided as Unit Price in Section 5, "Pricing."

2.4.4 **TERMINATION SERVICE**

There may be instances that the digital paging instruments must be returned to the contractor. The termination of use of such instruments shall not be subject of any charge by the contractor to the City.

2.4.5 **VOICE MAIL**

The successful vendor's network system shall provide this feature as an integral part of normal operation, without separate charge to the City.

2.5 CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

2.5.1 The successful vendor shall provide the City with the following services:

- System Failure
- Liaison Persons
- Telephone Number Issuance

2.5.2 **SYSTEM FAILURE**

The successful vendor shall provide twenty-four (24) hour maintenance and prompt restoration of service. A high degree of diagnostic capability must be available to repair the malfunction in the shortest possible time.

Along with the diagnostic capability shall be highly trained staff to interpret the diagnostic findings and produce minimal down time. The successful vendor shall notify the Communications Manager of any system failure.

Vendor Note:

Whenever the title "Deputy" is used throughout this document, it will mean the Deputy Chief Information Officer, Operations and Communications, Division of Technology, 1234 Market Street, 18th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107 (215) 686-4444 or his/her authorized representative.

2.5.3 **CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

2.5.3.1 Awarded vendor shall be required to supply the City of Philadelphia with an Account Representative who will handle various problems that arise in the performance of this contract Assigned Representative shall be required to coordinate all accounts and shall be the liaison between the City of Philadelphia's Procurement Agency and the vendor of record.

2.5.3.2 The successful bidder shall provide a dedicated telephone line for customer service requests or repair problems. The successful bidder's personnel shall follow an approved written procedure when answering service requests or repair problems. All service requests or repair problems shall be taken in a courteous manner with a minimum of delay and shall properly identify the exact location and nature of each pager service requests or repair problem.

TELEPHONE NO.:_____

2.5.3.3 Services shall be provided by office personnel Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. All other times, an attended telephone answering service may be used instead of office personnel. This service shall provide the same level of service for answering calls as office personnel. Voice mail is acceptable as a substitute for the attended service.

NAME OF VENDOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: _____
TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____
MOBILE NUMBER: _____
PAGER NUMBER: _____
FAX NUMBER: _____
E-MAIL: _____

2.5.4 **PAGER NUMBER ISSUANCE**

The successful vendor shall issue only pager numbers from the City of Philadelphia's exchange for all digital pagers furnished, so that a desk telephone restricted to dial only locations within the City of Philadelphia limit can reach those pagers directly without assistance from the City's operators. Use of toll free 800 numbers for nationwide pagers are acceptable.

2.6 **PRICING**

In Section 5, "Pricing", bidder shall state their **fixed flat Monthly unit price per each pager**. The quantities stated are only representative of the estimated amount of pagers that will be required by the various City Agencies.

2.6.1 The City will not purchase any paging instruments, and instruments' usage charges and other necessary and incidental charges shall be taken into account in figuring out the bid pricing. **It is the bidders' responsibility to include all charges, costs, taxes, surcharges and government fees as an integral part of a single price in Section 5.**

Note: It is estimate that ten (10) digital numeric pagers and eight (8) digital 2-way device type II will be lost, stolen, and/or damaged during a twelve(12) month period. Vendor is to factor this in the cost of service when placing a bid for itema listed in Section 5.

2.7 Bidders may be required to successfully demonstrate the equipment to the Procurement Department upon request by the City. Failure to successfully demonstrate the equipment will disqualify the bid.

28 **WARRANTY**:

All equipment delivered under this contract must be warranted for the life of the contract against equipment failure. During the period, the vendor shall provide repair and replacement for any item found defective, at no charge to the City.

2.9 **DELIVERY LOCATIONS**:

Vendor shall be notified of various delivery locations by using agencies.

BIDDER TO COMPLETE SECTION 5, "TYPE OF TRANSPORT".

SECTION 3: BID EVALUATION AND AWARD

3.1 **EVALUATION:**

3.1.1 Bids will be evaluated by the Procurement Department.

3.1.2 Bids will be evaluated for responsiveness to the bid specifications and for responsibility of the bidders.

3.1.3 Bids which are determined to be non-responsive for reasons of:

(i) improper bid security
(ii) improper bid execution
(iii) incompleteness
(iv) offering counter terms and conditions
(v) improper or incomplete execution of OEO documents (if applicable)

may be disqualified by the City without notice to the bidder. The decision of the City is final.

3.1.4 Bidders whose bids are determined to be non-responsible for reasons of bidder qualification shall be notified by the City of the reasons for the determination and may contest the finding of non-responsibility through the prescribed procedures described in paragraph 9 of "Terms and Conditions of Bidding and Contract".

3.2 **AWARD:**

3.2.1 This Invitation and Bid shall be awarded as a whole to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Bidder must bid all items to be eligible for award.

3.2.2 **LBE PREFERENCE:**

If the 5 % local bid preference is applicable, the total bid price or total section price of the certified Local Business Entity (LBE) will be multiplied by .95 and rounded to the second decimal place. The adjusted bid price of the LBE will then be used in determining the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. If any section of the bid is awarded by line item, the 5% local bid preference will not apply to that section.

Unless the Procurement Commissioner determines not to grant a preference for the reasons stated in subsection b., of the LBE Regulation, an LBE, whose bid is otherwise responsive and responsible and who has submitted the information required above, shall be granted a five percent bid preference on competitive bid(s) awards that are over $30,000.00 and awarded as a whole or by section.

3.2.3 **PERFORMANCE SECURITY:**
Bidder's attention is directed to paragraph 14 of "Terms and Conditions of Bidding and Contract," for the required Performance Security.

Please note however, that all awards as a result of this bid will have a minimum contract amount of $30,000.01. All awards at the $30,000.01 amount will be subject to a $50.00 Master Performance Security Fee.

Performance security shall be required for any subsequent renewal periods.

3.2.4 **City of Philadelphia-Business, Corporate and Slavery Era Insurance Disclosure**

In accordance with Section 17-104 of The Philadelphia Code, the Bidder, after execution of this Contract, will complete an affidavit certifying and representing that the Bidder (including any parent company, subsidiary, exclusive distributor or company affiliated with Bidder) has searched any and all records of the Bidder or any predecessor business entity regarding records of investments or profits from slavery or slaveholder insurance policies during the slavery era. The names of any slaves or slaveholders described in those records must be disclosed in the affidavit.

The Bidder expressly understands and agrees that any false certification or representation in connection with this Paragraph and/or any failure to comply with the provisions of this Paragraph shall constitute a substantial breach of this Contract entitling the City to all rights and remedies provided in this Contract or otherwise available in law (including, but not limited to, Section 17-104 of the Philadelphia Code) or equity and the contract will be deemed voidable. In addition, it is understood that false certification or representation is subject to prosecution under Title 18 Pa.C.S.A. Section 4904.

3.2.5 **INSURANCE:**
Insurance is a requirement for this bid in accordance with Paragraph 15 of the "Terms and Conditions of Bidding and Contract". No contract will be executed nor purchase order issued unless and until all required insurance certificates, in the required amount, are received. **All insurance MUST meet the following requirements:**

- Insured must be in the same name and address as the Bidder
- The insurance carrier must be rated "A" or better by AM Best
- The certificate holder must be the City of Philadelphia, and specifically named as an additional insured on the certificate in the "Description of Operations section".
- Certificate must be signed by an authorized representative of the insurance company/carrier

All certificates are to be sent to the Office of Risk Management, One Parkway, 1515 Arch Street, 14th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19102, Attn. Debbie Lawton or FAX to (215) 683-1705.

SECTION 4: CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

4.1 **CITY OF PHILADELPHIA RESPONSIBILITY:**

4.1.1 City agencies will be notified by Procurement of award(s) and will be provided with vendor(s), vendor contact(s) and applicable pricing. Departments will prepare and submit through the appropriate review channels, a requisition detailing their specific needs and requirements to Procurement. The Procurement Department shall then apply the requisition against the contract and issue a purchase order.

Order Against Contracts
Subsequent to contract conformance of a Requirements bid, purchase orders will be issued at such time that the product and/or service is needed. Such purchase orders will show if delivery is to be made upon receipt of order, or only after notification by the using department.

4.1.2 Invoices shall be submitted after delivery and acceptance of the product or service by the City. The City attempts to process invoices in a timely manner. Delays can occur because of incomplete or inaccurate invoicing information. Please make sure that invoices contain the following information to help the City process payments to the Contractor as quickly as possible.

(a) After the delivery or services have been completed the Contractor must submit three (3) copies of the invoice for payment to the receiving department listed on the purchase order.

(b) The invoice must correctly reference the purchase order number, the vendor name, address and Federal Employer Identification number.

(c) Checks will only be made payable to the company name as shown on the purchase order; the invoice must reflect this same company name as the “pay to”.

(d) The invoice must show the quantity and type of item or service and the price.

(e) The unit of purchase on the invoice must agree with the unit cited on the purchase order. Reference to the specific line item is helpful.

4.1.3 The using agencies and departments are responsible for monitoring the services and/or products delivered as described in the contract. If any

problems arise, a letter should be sent to the vendor requesting resolution by a specified date. A copy should be sent to the buyer. If vendor does not resolve the breach of contract by the requested date the matter should be turned over to the buyer.

4.1.4 **ADD-ONS**

The City reserves the right to add, delete and/or acquire products/services that the vendor can supply that are similar to, but not specifically called for in this bid. The procedure for such acquisitions shall be as follows: Procurement or the using department will obtain from the Vendor a letter (on his/her letterhead) verifying the items to be added. The letter shall include the complete description of the item, the location (if applicable), the bid number bid schedule number, the price to the City and the applicable contract period; and upon receipt and approval by the Procurement Department shall automatically become part of the contract. **The City, however, reserves the right to accept or reject the letter and to acquire the supplies or materials in the open market.**

4.2 **VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY:**

4.2.1 Contractor may deliver only products, or services as authorized in the contract and only after receipt of a purchase order or other authorized document from the Procurement Department. All orders must be in writing. Contractor shall not accept verbal delivery requests until after receipt of purchase order or other authorizing document from Procurement.

4.2.2 Contractor may deliver only products, or services at the prices quoted in the contract and that are reflected on a purchase order or a change to a purchase order (a change to a purchase order is issued whenever the items, unit price, total amount, or terms and conditions change from the original purchase order).

4.2.3 Contractors may deliver products, or services up to the dollar limit of the purchase order and for the period shown on the purchase order. Contractors are requested to carefully monitor obligations against purchase orders and inform the departments of anticipated funding shortfalls.

4.2.4 **DELIVERY:**
Unless otherwise specified in Section 2, noted by bidder in Section 5, and/or approved by the Using Agency, delivery of product and/or service will be made within 30 days from date requested by Using Agency. VENDOR NOTE: In Section 5, specify delivery if other than 30 days.

4.2.4.1 **Liquidated Damages:**
Liquidated Damages in the amount of 5% of the unit price may be applied to each item which exceeds the delivery schedule/requirement.

4.2.5 In the event that the contractor receives an order for products, or services not specifically priced and incorporated into the contract, they must:

(i) bring this to the immediate attention of the Procurement Dept., and
(ii) notify the ordering agency in writing and refuse to deliver.

4.2.6 Should products or services, be delivered that are not specifically incorporated and priced into the contract, and/or be delivered without purchase order, the City shall have no obligation for payment.

4.2.7 For delivery of products, contractors shall honor and be paid for orders placed until the close of business of the date of purchase order expiration. Delivery of product may occur following purchase order expiration, so long as the order was placed prior to the purchase order expiration date.

4.2.8 For performance of services, contractor shall honor and be paid for orders placed until the close of business of the date of purchase order expiration. Performance of services may occur following purchase order expiration, so long as the order was placed prior to the purchase order expiration date.

4.2.9 **RECYCLING INFORMATION REQUEST:**
The City of Philadelphia requests information regarding any known or potential material content in the product that may be extracted and recycled after the product has served its intended purpose.

Product bid contains recycled content? YES ☐ NO ☐

Is your product packaged and/or shipped in material containing recycled content? YES ☐ NO ☐

Is your product recyclable after it has reached its intended end use? YES ☐ NO ☐

Is your product shipped in returnable Containers? YES ☐ NO ☐

4.2.10 At the conclusion of this contract, Contractor agrees to cooperate with any incoming vendor on a transition plan to ensure an orderly changeover of responsibilities.

4.2.11 INVOICES /RECEIPTS:

4.2.11.1 **MONTHLY INVOICING**

To be compatible with the City's payment system, the successful vendor shall invoice all services to the City in a monthly invoicing cycle starting inclusively from the first day to the last day of a given month. Failure to meet this requirement constitutes a breach of the contract on the part of the contractor.

4.2.11.2 **DELIVERY OF MONTHLY INVOICES**

The successful vendor shall deliver one (1) original fully itemized invoice to the individual City department and/or agency within the first ten (10) days of the month following the invoicing cycle.

If the tenth day of that month falls on the weekend or holiday, the delivery may be made on the following City business day, which is no later than the 13th of that month. (See also Item 4.1.2 above).

4.2.11.3 **MONTHLY INVOICING DATA, MEDIA AND FORMAT, AND DELIVERY**

In addition to paper invoices, the successful vendor shall provide the same monthly invoicing information for all City departments and/or agencies on a **CD ROM in a current version of Microsoft Excel format.**

The delivery of the CD ROM shall be made at the same time and under the same conditions as the monthly invoices.

4.2.11.4 **MONTHLY PAGING SERVICES INVOICING**

The vendor shall provide the Division of Technology, Communications Unit, with a single comprehensive invoice of monthly paging service with summaries of all City departmental paging services costs/charges included and all other pertinent data including the following (on paper and CD ROM):

(1) Customer name (City of Philadelphia)

(2) Billing period - See Monthly Invoicing Cycle above

(3) Service type

(4) Originating Pager Number (in case of 2-way device)

(5) Destination Pager Numbers (in case of 2-way device) and called areas.

(6) Calling date, time, duration and data amounts (in Kb and/or Minutes), and cost.

(7) Username, City Department/Agency

4.3 **VENDOR ACCEPTANCES – IN SUBMITTING AN EXECUTED BID, THE BIDDER AGREES TO THE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES IN THIS SECTION.**

SECTION 5: PRICING

PRICES QUOTED MAY NOT EXCEED THREE (3) DECIMAL PLACES)
Note: Unit Prices quoted below (Section 5: Pricing), will prevail in case of any discrepancy(ies) between Unit Price and "Amount" and will be the determining factor in establishing applicable contract amount(s)/award.

Pricing shall remain firm for the life of the contract

5.1 **DIRECTION**

Bidders shall State their fixed flat Monthly unit price per each pager listed below in Paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3 the quantities stated are only representative of the estimated amount of pagers that will be required by the various City Agencies. Bidders are reminded to include all charges; costs, taxes, surcharges and governmental fees, regardless of whether they are one-time or recurring, that are caused by the provision of digital paging instruments of two (2) types for City's use and by the rendering of all services and requirements called for in Section 2 of the specification in their pricing configuration. The City will be responsible to pay only for two (2) simplified items listed and priced in the following (See para. #2.6.1):

		UNIT OF MEASURE	QTY	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED AMOUNT
5.2	**LOCAL COVERAGE**				
5.2.1	**28505 003 017** **Numeric Pager**	MO	1,700	$_____	$_____
5.3	**NATIONWIDE COVERAGE**				
5.3.1	**28505 003 024** 2-Way Type II for 100,000 c/m*	MO	100	$_____	$_____

Extended Total Bid Amount **$_____**
(Unit Price X Quantity for all items bid.)

*** c/m = character/month**

BIDDER TO STATE HOW PRODUCT(S), SUPPLIES AND/OR PARTS ARE TO BE DELIVERED TO THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA: (E.G. ON-SITE DELIVERY VIA AWARDED VENDOR'S TRUCK, UNITED PARCEL, U.S. POSTAL SERVICE ETC.).

TYPE OF TRANSPORT: _____

BIDDER SHALL SPECIFY IF DELIVERY IS OTHER THAN 30 DAYS: _____

Attention Bidder:

This bid document may not contain all of the documents that you will need to complete the bid submission. On occasion, it is not possible to include the following:

Exhibits
Drawings
Attached specifications
Attached documents

If you have not received a corresponding attachment, drawing or exhibit that is referenced in the bid document you may obtain it by contacting the Public Information Unit at 215-686-4720.

C I T Y O F P H I L A D E L P H I A

INSTRUCTIONS FOR GETTING PAID BY THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

The City attempts to process invoices in a timely manner. Delays can occur because of incomplete or inaccurate invoicing information. Please make sure that all your invoices contain the following information to help the City in paying you as quickly as possible.

1. **AFTER THE DELIVERY OR SERVICES HAS BEEN COMPLETED YOU MUST SUBMIT THREE (3) COPIES OF AN INVOICE FOR PAYMENT TO THE RECEIVING DEPARTMENT LISTED ON THE PURCHASE ORDER.**
2. **THE INVOICE MUST CORRECTLY REFERENCE THE PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER, THE VENDOR NAME, ADDRESS AND FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.**
3. **CHECKS WILL ONLY BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE COMPANY NAME AS SHOWN ON THE PURCHASE ORDER; THE INVOICE MUST REFLECT THIS SAME COMPANY NAME AS THE "PAY TO".**
4. **THE INVOICE MUST SHOW THE QUANTITY AND TYPE OF ITEM OR SERVICE AND THE PRICE.**
5. **THE UNIT OF PURCHASE ON THE INVOICE MUST AGREE WITH THE UNIT CITED ON THE PURCHASE ORDER. REFERENCE TO THE SPECIFIC LINE ITEM IS HELPFUL.**

Paying vendors is the responsibility of the *receiving* City Department(s), not the Procurement Department. Vendors should bring any problems concerning payments to the attention of the appropriate City receiving department. The name and number of the contact person can generally be found on the purchase order. If all necessary paperwork has been submitted to the department and questions still remain, vendors should contact:

City of Philadelphia
Accounting Verification
Room 1340 Municipal Services Building
1401 J.F.K. Blvd.
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Tel. 215 686 6365

VENDORS INTERESTED IN RECEIVING PAYMENTS ELECTRONICALLY MUST COMPLETE AN ACH VENDOR ENROLLMENT AND CHANGE FORM. THIS FORM CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM WWW.PHILA.GOV/BIDS.

BIDDERS GUIDELINES*

The following list will assist you in the preparation of your bid.

- Read the entire bid so that you fully understand all the requirements.
- All bids must be submitted to the City no later than the time and date stated as the bid opening.
- Note the City Anti-Discrimination Policy. If Office of Economic Opportunity Participation is required be sure to fill out all appropriate forms. If you have questions call OEO at (215) 686-6232.
- Make sure you submit the appropriate Bid Security and Bid Submission Fee with your bid. Refer to Section 1 of the bid and the Conditions of Bidding sheet.
- Bidder must meet **all** qualifications.
- If an alternate to any item is being offered, you must follow the instructions in paragraph 2 of the Conditions of Bidding sheet.
- Does the bid require a site inspection, attendance at a Pre-Bid Meeting, samples, financial information or other data you must provide?
- Have you signed and returned all Addenda?
- If the bid is going to be awarded as a whole, you must bid on all items. See Section 3 of the bid: Bid Evaluation and Award.
- Bidders' attention is directed to the Conditions of Bidding sheet regarding the Master Performance Bond.
- Bids and pricing must be written in ink or typed. FAXed bids will not be accepted.
- **Do not** submit counter terms or conditions. **Your bid will be rejected**.
- Have you signed the Contract Page and affixed your Corporate Seal as required?
- **Do not** combine check amounts: All checks should be individual and specific.
- Please double check all mathematical calculations for errors.

If you have questions call Public Information at (215) 686-4720.

*This information is provided for guidance only and does not preclude your responsibility to read fully and respond to all portions of this bid.

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT
Public Information Unit

ATTENTION VENDORS

If your company would like to receive the results of a particular bid, the Public Information Unit of the Procurement Department will forward this information to you at a **$10.00 fee, company check or money order only, no personal checks or cash,** for **each** bid number requested. Please be advised that bid tabulations **are not available** by telephone. If you have any questions, Please call 215-686-4755 or 215-686-4756.

BID RESULTS REQUEST FORM

Please complete form below. Only one (1) request per form.

Date of Request:_____

Bid Number Requested: _____ Opening Date: _____

Company Name: _____
Company Representative: _____
Address: _____
_____

Telephone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____

Mail this Request to the address below and enclose the following items:

- ☐ Company check or Money Order payable to **"City of Philadelphia"**
- ☐ A self-addressed stamped envelope which is at least 9 ½ " x 12 ½ " or larger for each Bid requested.

Failure to send either of the above items, will void your request.

Mail Request To:
The Procurement Department Public Information Unit
Attention: Bid Results
1401 JFK Blvd.
Room 170B
Philadelphia, PA 19102

COMPANY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY

Revised 09/08

C I T Y O F P H I L A D E L P H I A

Procurement Department
120 Municipal Services Building
Philadelphia, PA 19102-1685
(215) 686-4720
(215) 686-4716 Fax

Hugh Ortman
Procurement Commissioner

Master Bid Security Program for Service, Supplies and Equipment Bids
Period of Coverage: July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

(Bids for Professional Consulting Services, Public Works, Construction and Demolition [wrecking and building removal] *are not* covered under the Master Bid Security Program)

Dear Vendor:

The Philadelphia City Charter requires that each bid submission over $30,000 be accompanied by a certified check in the amount specified in the bid invitation. This requirement can be met for most bids if the Bidder is covered under the City's Master Bid Security Program. This program provides bid security coverage for Service, Supply and Equipment bids that have a total dollar value of over $30,000 up to $500,000.

To file for coverage under the Bid Security Program, for the period **July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012**, complete the enclosed application and return it with a check for **$120.00.** Make the check payable to "**City of Philadelphia**". It is **non-refundable.** To clarify the precise use of the check, enter the words "**Bid Security Program**" **2011–2012** on the face of the check.

If you do not become a participant in the program at this time, you may still submit bids. However, they must be accompanied by a certified check in the amount specified in the Terms and Conditions of Bidding.

For additional information or inquiries regarding this program, please contact: The Public Information Unit at (215) 686-4719, (215) 686-4720 or (215) 686-4721.

IF A RECEIPT IS REQUESTED, PLEASE ENCLOSE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE.

Forward Check with Application to
CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
MASTER BID SECURITY PROGRAM
170A Municipal Services Building
Philadelphia, PA 19102-1685

Company Name: _____

Fed EIN/SSN: _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone No: (___)_____Fax No: (___)_____

☐ A. Check payable to the City of Philadelphia in the amount of $120.00 for 7/1/11 to 6/30/12

DO NOT SEND CASH. NO PERSONAL CHECKS.

Internal Use Only

Rcvd. ___/___/___ Pymt. Type _____ Ck. Amt. $ _____ Ck.# _____

C I T Y O F P H I L A D E L P H I A

Office of the Director of Finance
Room 1330, Municipal Services Bldg.
1401 John F. Kennedy Boulevard
Philadelphia, Pa 19102-1685

Rob Dubow
Director of Finance

The City of Philadelphia is pleased to announce a **Vendor Information Payment System (VIPS)** which will allow businesses such as yours to inquire about the status of invoices billed against purchase orders and professional services contracts. The only requirement is that your invoices utilize a unique number – either alpha, numeric or a combination of the two.

This system will be operational twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. All you have to do is dial **215-686-5968**, and follow the prompts to get an up-to-date status on your payments.

Enclosed for your convenience is an easy to use reference guide which provides a brief overview of what you can expect. I urge you to give it a try and see for yourself how easy it is to use. If you should happen to experience any problems, or if you would like to comment on this system, please call the **Office of the Director of Finance** at **215-686-6167**.

I believe that you will find this way of obtaining payment information convenient and easy to use.

Vendor Information Payment Reference Guide

- 1- Call 215-686-5968.
- 2- After the prompts,enter the 8 numeric characters that uniquely identifies your purchase order.
- 3- Select one of the three inquiry options:
  - a) by your purchase order.
  - b) by your company.
  - c) by your specific invoice number.
    - (Numeric invoice numbers only)

C I T Y O F P H I L A D E L P H I A

PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT
120 Municipal Services Building
Philadelphia, Pa 19102-1685

Hugh Ortman
Procurement Commissioner

Dear Valued Vendor,

The City of Philadelphia is pleased to announce a new online **Vendor Invoice Information (VII) Website** which will allow businesses such as yours to inquire about the status of invoices billed against purchase orders and professional services contracts. The only requirement is that your invoices utilize a unique number – alpha, numeric or a combination of the two.

This system will be operational twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. All you have to do is log on to the City of Philadelphia website: **www.phila.gov,** click on "Vendor Invoice Information" under the "Help Me" section of the home page, enter your Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) and a valid active purchase order. Then, agree to a waiver statement and follow the prompts to get an up-to-date status on your payments.

You are urged to give it a try and see for yourself how easy it is to use. If you should happen to experience any problems, or if you would like to comment on this new system, please e-mail us using the question and comment field provided on the site.

We believe that you will find this new way of obtaining payment information convenient and easy to use.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF BIDDING AND CONTRACT

BID SUBMISSION

1. PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF BID.
All bids must be written in ink **or** typewritten and made on the forms issued and signed in ink by a person with legal authority to bind the bidder. The contract awarded hereunder shall consist of the Invitation and Bid, , all addenda thereto issued by the City, all exhibits and attachments issued and/or accepted by the City and these Terms and Conditions of Bidding and Contract (the "Contract"). It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to ensure that it has received any and all addenda and the Procurement Commissioner may in his/her sole discretion reject any bid for which all addenda have not been executed and returned in accordance with the instructions provided therein. No bid may be considered if received after the date and time for the opening of bids established by the Invitation and Bid, nor may any bid be modified after that date and time. The time of bid opening shall be the time displayed on the City's official bid clock located at the bid room. In the event of any discrepancy between actual time and the City's official bid clock, the latter shall determine the time of bid opening.

2. BID SECURITY. Unless the bidder is enrolled under the City's Annual Master Bid Security Program or an individual bid bond is required in the Invitation and Bid, all bids must be accompanied by a Certified Check, Treasurer's Check, Cashier's Check, Bank Money Order, or United States Postal Money Order made payable to the order of "The City of Philadelphia" in the proper amount as shown below:

AMOUNT OF BID OR ESTIMATED. CONTRACT	AMOUNT OF CERTIFIED CHECK
$ 30,000.00 or less	No Check Required
$ 30,000.01 - $ 99,999.99	$ 500.00
$100,000.00 - $249.999.99	$2,000.00
$250,000.00 - $499,999.99	$4,000.00
$500,000.00 or more	$6,000.00

When computing amount of Bid for Certified Check purposes, do NOT deduct for trade-ins.

Any bid in excess of $500,000 is not covered by the Annual Master Bid Security Program, and bidder must submit a certified check, treasurer's check, cashier's check, bank money order, or United States postal money order made payable to the order of "The City of Philadelphia" in the required amount.

Once the lowest responsive and responsible bidder has been determined all other bidders will receive a refund in the amount of the bid security submitted. Bid security submitted by the lowest responsive and responsible bidder will be refunded after receipt of all duly executed Contract documents, required fees, bonds or other performance security. Funds submitted for the Master Bid Security Program are not refundable.

3. BID PROCESSING FEE. In addition to bid security and any other fee or monies required to be submitted with the bid, the bid shall be accompanied by a non-refundable processing fee in the form of a separate standard check, bank money order or United States postal money order made payable to the order of "City of Philadelphia" in an amount based on the gross amount of the bid in accordance with the formula below. Cash is not acceptable.

AMOUNT OF BID OR ESTIMATED CONTRACT	AMOUNT OF PROCESSING FEE
$ 30,000.00 or less	No Check Required
$ 30,000.01 - $ 100,000.00	$ 10.00
$ 100,000.01 - $ 300,000.00	$ 30.00
$ 300,000.01 - $ 500,000.00	$ 50.00
$ 500,000.01 - $1,000,000.00	$100.00
$1,000,000.01 - $2,000,000.00	$200.00
$2,000,000.01 - $3,000,000.00	$300.00
$3,000,000.01 - $4,000,000.00	$400.00
$4,000,000.01 - $5,000,000.00	$500.00
$5,000,000.01 or more	$600.00

4. SPECIFICATIONS. When a formal, numbered, specification is referred to in the Invitation and Bid, no deviation therefrom will be permitted, except if/as indicated in the Invitation and Bid and the bidder will be required to furnish articles and/or services in conformity with that specification. When catalogues, model numbers, trade names, or cuts are listed in the Invitation and Bid, they are, unless otherwise specified, included for the purposes of furnishing bidders with information concerning the style, type or kind of article and /or service desired. A bidder may offer an article and/or service which he/she certifies to be equal or better in quality, performance and other essential characteristics. If submitting an alternate, the bidder must specify the alternate (e.g., make and model #) in the bid and submit with the bid a complete description of the article (including any technical literature) and/or service proposed to be furnished. Failure to do so will require the bidder to furnish the article and/or service specified in the Invitation and Bid. The Procurement Commissioner reserves the sole right to determine whether alternates offered are equal or better. Unless otherwise provided in the bid specifications, all items offered by the bidder must be new. A "new" item is one which will be used first by the City. This clause shall not be construed to prohibit bidders from offering goods, supplies, equipment, or materials containing recycled materials or printing with recycled content; bidders intending to provide goods made with recycled materials should notify the Procurement Department.

5. PATENTS. The successful bidder shall be solely responsible for all royalties and charges that may be due to any patent holder for or on account of the use of any patented appliance, product or processes. Evidence of such payment shall be submitted upon request of the Procurement Commissioner and failure to submit such evidence may, in the sole discretion of the Procurement Commissioner, result in rejection of the bid or constitute an event of default, entitling the City to all rights and remedies as provided herein in Section 16 and/or 18.

6. LOCAL BIDDING PREFERENCE
In accordance with Chapter 17-109 of the Philadelphia Code relating to Local Bidding Preferences for Procurement Contracts, this bid may be subject to a 5% local bid preference. In order to determine eligibility to receive the 5% preference, if applicable, bidder or subcontractor must be certified at the time of the bid opening and must submit with the bid, the Local Business Entity Certification Number* as issued by the Procurement Department for the prime contractor or the applicable subcontractor.

*Note: If you wish to apply for Local Business Entity (LBE) certification, go to www.phila.gov/bids. Please allow sufficient time prior to bidding for processing of the LBE application.

EVALUATION AND AWARD

7. TYPES OF BIDDER RESTRICTED. Bidders must not be a party to more than one bid for the same article or service. A violation of this condition may, in the sole discretion of the Procurement Commissioner, result in rejection of any or all such bids in which the bidder has an interest.

8. RESPONSIVENESS. Subject to the right of the Procurement Commissioner to waive non-responsiveness as set forth below in this Section, these Terms and Conditions of Bidding and Contract and the specifications and requirements included in the Invitation and Bid are mandatory and must be strictly followed by all bidders in the preparation and submission of their bids. After bids are opened, the Procurement Department, and other City departments or agencies where appropriate or specified, shall review all bids for responsiveness to these Terms and Conditions of Bidding and Contract and the specifications and requirements included in the Invitation and Bid.

Any bid which is incomplete, obscure, conditional, or unbalanced, which contains additions not called for, or irregularities of any kind, including alterations or erasures, or which fails to conform in any respect to these Terms and Conditions of Bidding and Contract and the specifications and requirements included in the Invitation and Bid is non-responsive and shall be rejected, except where the Procurement Commissioner, in his/her sole discretion, determines that the non-responsiveness is not material to the Invitation and Bid or that a waiver of the non-responsiveness is otherwise permitted by the Invitation and Bid, by these Terms and Conditions of Bidding and Contract or by law. The Procurement Department's determination of non-responsiveness shall be final and any bid rejected as non-responsive shall not be eligible for contract award.

9. RESPONSIBILITY. Unless otherwise specified, after bids are opened, the Procurement Department, and other City departments or agencies where appropriate or specified, shall review and may investigate the responsibility, including, but not limited to, the qualifications, references, capacity and ability to perform the Contract resulting from the Invitation and Bid in accordance with its terms, and integrity, of the lowest responsive bidder. All determinations of bidder responsibility shall be vested in the sole discretion of the Procurement Commissioner and other City officials. Any bidder who is deemed not responsible shall be ineligible for award of the Contract.

Bidders deemed not responsible will be notified of such determination and the reasons therefore in writing by the Procurement Department, and shall have the right to contest the determination by submitting to the Procurement Department, within forty-eight (48) hours after receipt of its written determination, a written request for reconsideration that includes information relating to the bidder's qualifications and responsibility and demonstrating the insufficiency of the reasons stated in the written determination finding the bidder not responsible. Any further determination of a contesting bidder's responsibility shall be vested in the sound discretion of the Procurement Commissioner and other City officials.

10. CANCELLATION AND AWARD. The Procurement Commissioner, in his/her sole discretion, may cancel any Invitation and Bid prior to bid opening. After bid opening, the Procurement Commissioner, in his/her sole discretion, may reject all bids, if deemed in the best interest of the City. In all cases where a Contract award is made by the Procurement Department, the bidder is bound by the terms and conditions of the Invitation and Bid upon the submission of its bid. All bids are valid for a period of not less than 60 days, or as otherwise specified in the Invitation and Bid. If the bid has not been awarded within the specified period of time, the bid shall be valid for subsequent award only upon the express consent of the bidder, with no change to the submitted bid. Any price increases/decreases expressly provided for in the Invitation and Bid will be allowed. All Contract awards shall be made by the Procurement Department upon written notice to the bidder that is determined by the Procurement Department to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

11. QUANTITIES AWARDED. For requirements contracts only, the articles and quantities of such articles as set forth in the Invitation and Bid are estimates and the Procurement Commissioner, in his/her sole discretion, may make an award for all or some of the articles bid and in such quantities as the Procurement Commissioner shall deem appropriate. For firm limit contracts, it is the City's intent to award based upon the quantities set forth in the Invitation and Bid, but the City reserves the right to award more or less.

12. DELIVERY, PRICE INCREASES AND TIE BIDS. All articles must be delivered at the price(s) bid, FOB Destination. Bids containing reservations of the right to increase the price(s) bid, including, but not limited to, late payment charges, will not be considered, except where the Procurement Commissioner, in his/her sole discretion, finds it in the City's best interest to do so. In the event of an absolute tie, the award decision will be made in the best interests of the City as determined by the Procurement Commissioner.

CONTRACT EXECUTION AND CONFORMANCE

13. CONTRACTS. Awards of contracts in amounts less than or equal to $30,000 shall become contracts binding upon the City upon written notice of award by the Procurement Commissioner. Awards of contracts in amounts greater than $30,000 shall not become contracts binding upon the City until after written notice of award is made and until after all of the following conditions have been satisfied:

a. Successful bidder posts sufficient performance security, as required in the Invitation and Bid, within the time specified in the written notice of award;

b. Successful bidder posts a payment bond or other payment security, if and as required by the Invitation and Bid, within the time specified in the written notice of award;

c. Approval of the Contract as to form by the City's Law Department;

d. Certification by the Director of Finance and City Controller as to the availability of funds; and

e. Execution of the Contract by the Procurement Commissioner.

The Procurement Commissioner may, in his/her sole discretion, cancel any Contract award if any of the above conditions (a-e) are not satisfied, or if the Procurement Commissioner, in his/her sole discretion, determines cancellation to be in the best interests of the City. The bidder agrees that in the event of such cancellation, it shall not have any claim against the City, including any claim for breach of contract or of any other legal duty, or for lost profits, costs, damages, or expenses of any kind.

14. PERFORMANCE SECURITY. The City of Philadelphia requires performance security for contracts greater than $30,000. If the amount of the contract to be awarded is greater than $30,000 but less than or equal to $500,000, the successful bidder is required to participate in the City's Master Performance Security Program by paying to the City a non-refundable fee of $5.00 per thousand dollars of the contract amount for firm limit contracts and $4.00 per thousand dollars of the contract amount for requirements contracts, or as otherwise specified. If the amount of the contract to be awarded is in excess of $500,000 the successful bidder is required to furnish an individual performance bond, issued by a surety approved by the City on a form prepared by the City's Law Department and in the amount specified in the notice of contract award. The successful bidder is also required to pay a bond preparation fee to the City's Law Department in an amount prescribed by Chapter 17-700 of The Philadelphia Code; a schedule of such fees may be obtained from the Procurement Department's Public Information Office.

15. INSURANCE. Unless otherwise specified, the successful bidder (referred to in this Section as "Contractor") shall, at its sole cost and expense, procure and maintain in full force and effect, during the entire period of the Contract (including any applicable warranty and/or renewal periods), the minimum types of insurance specified below. All insurance shall be procured from reputable insurers authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and shall be acceptable to the City. All insurance required herein shall be written on an "occurrence" basis and not a "claims-made" basis. The City of Philadelphia, its officers, employees, and agents are to be named as additional insured on all policies required hereunder, except the Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability. Also, an endorsement is required stating that the coverage afforded these parties as additional insured will be primary to any other coverage available to them. The City's coverage as an additional insured shall be primary coverage. The insurance shall provide for at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to be given to the City in the event coverage is materially changed, canceled or non-renewed. Certificates of insurance evidencing the required coverages shall be submitted to the City within fifteen (15) days of notice of contract award. The City reserves the right to require the Contractor to furnish certified copies of the original policies of all insurance required hereunder at any time upon fifteen (15) days prior written notice. The insurance requirements set forth herein are not intended and shall not be construed to modify, limit, or reduce the indemnifications made in this Contract by the Contractor to the City of to limit the Contractor's liability under this Contract to the limits of the policies of insurance required to be maintained by the Contractor hereunder.

(a) WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS LIABILITY

(1) Workers' Compensation – Statutory limits

(2) Employers Liability - $100,000 Each Accident – Bodily Injury by Accident; $100,000 Each Employee – Bodily Injury by Disease; $500,000 Policy Limit – Bodily Injury by Disease

(3) Other states insurance including Pennsylvania

(b) GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

(1) Limit of Liability: $1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit for bodily injury (including death) and property damage liability.

(2) Coverage: Premises operation: Blanket Contractual liability; Personal Injury liability; Products and completed operations; Independent Contractors; Employees as additional insured; Cross liability; Broad form property damage (including loss of use) liability; Asbestos abatement liability coverage (Note: Required for asbestos abatement projects only).

(c) AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY

(1) Limit of Liability: $1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit for bodily injury (including death) and property damage liability.

(2) Coverage: owned, non-owned and hired vehicles.

16. **INDEMNIFICATION**. All bidders shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City, its officers, employees and agents from and against any and all losses, costs (including, but not limited to, litigation and settlement costs and counsel fees), claims, suits, actions, damages, liabilities and expenses, occasioned wholly or in part by the bidder's act or omission or fault or negligence or the act or omission or fault or negligence of bidder's agents, subcontractors (including suppliers), employees or servants in connection with the Contract, including, but not limited to, those acts or omissions or faults or negligence in connection with loss of life, bodily injury, personal injury, damage to property, contamination or adverse effects on the environment, the bidder's default under the Contract, losses incurred by the City's Master Performance Security Program, failure to pay subcontractors and suppliers and any infringement or violation of any proprietary right (including, but not limited to, patent, copyright, trademark, service mark and trade secret). This obligation to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City, its officers, employees and agents shall survive the termination of the Contract resulting from the Invitation and Bid.

17. FAILURE TO EXECUTE CONTRACT. Any bidder not lawfully released from its bid, who refuses to execute a contract in accordance with its bid or who fails, refuses or is unable to furnish any required payment security, performance security or insurance, as may be required by the Invitation and Bid and/or these Terms and Conditions of Bidding and Contract, shall be liable for the entire amount of its bid security, as liquidated damages to the City; or if bid security is furnished under the Annual Master Bid Security

Program, for 10% of the amount of its bid, as liquidated damages to the City; or where the damages are readily ascertainable by the City, for the actual loss, cost or damage incurred by the City as a result of its failure to execute the contract or to furnish such bonds, performance security or insurance.

18. **ASSIGNMENT**. The successful bidder shall not assign the Contract resulting from the Invitation and Bid, or any part of the Contract, or any right to any monies to be paid under the Contract, or delegate performance of the Contract, without obtaining the prior written consent of the Procurement Commissioner. The decision whether to consent to an assignment is within the Procurement Commissioner's sole discretion. In no case shall the Procurement Commissioner's consent to the assignment of any monies to be paid under the Contract relieve the bidder from faithful performance of any of its obligations under the Contract or change any of the terms and conditions of the Contract. Any purported assignment in violation of this provision shall be of no effect.

19. DEFAULT. All work performed and goods and services rendered by a successful bidder (referred to in this Section as "Contractor") under any Contract resulting from the Invitation and Bid shall strictly conform to these Terms and Conditions of Bidding and Contract and the specifications and requirements contained in the Invitation and Bid. The successful bidder shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, statutes and ordinances and the regulations of all governmental departments, boards, agencies, and commissions. The following shall constitute events of default under any Contract resulting from the Invitation and Bid:

a. Failure by Contractor to comply with any provision or Section of the Contract, including the bid specifications contained in the Invitation and Bid and these Terms and Conditions of Bidding and Contract and/or failure by Contractor to comply with any federal, state and local law, statute, ordinance or regulation of any governmental department, board, agency and commission.

b. Falseness of any representation or warranty made in the Contract or other document(s) submitted to the City by Contractor in connection with the Invitation and Bid.

c. Failure by Contractor to pay its suppliers or subContractors, misappropriation of any funds provided under the Contract or failure to notify City upon discovery of any misappropriation.

d. A violation of law by Contractor which results in its making a guilty plea, a plea of nolo contendere, or conviction of a criminal offense by Contractor, its directors, employees, or agent or indictment or charges, in the sole judgment of the Procurement Commissioner, adversely affect the performance of the Contract.

e. Failure by Contractor to comply with the Mayoral Executive Order establishing the City's antidiscrimination policy relating to the participation of minority, woman and disabled owned disadvantaged business enterprises.

f. The Procurement Department's determination that the Contractor is not a responsible bidder on the Invitation and Bid, where such determination is made, and is based upon, information received after award of the Contract and/or after execution of the Contract by the Procurement Commissioner and/or after satisfaction of any or all other conditions of a binding Contract set forth in Section 2 above.

g. Any other act or omission identified in these Terms and Conditions of Bidding and Contract or elsewhere in the Invitation and Bid as an event or condition constituting default.

Upon the occurrence of an event of default, the Procurement Commissioner, in his/her sole discretion, may require Contractor to cure the default within a period of time to be determined by the Procurement Commissioner, or terminate the Contract in whole or in part and exercise any one or more of the following remedies (which remedies may be concurrent and shall be in addition to and not in lieu of the remedies available to the City at law, in equity, under any bond(s) filed in connection with the contract or under other sections of these Terms and Conditions of Bidding and Contract and Contract):

a. Purchase goods and/or services from others in substitution of goods or services that were not furnished or performed by Contractor or that were defective or otherwise in violation of any provision of the Contract; the cost of such substituted goods and services shall be the sole responsibility of Contractor and Contractor agrees to pay immediately, upon receipt of the City's invoice, the difference between the Contract price and the substituted product or service cost, plus any other loss, cost or damages incurred by the City.

b. Appropriate to the payment of the difference between the Contract price and the cost of such substitute goods or services, and the amount of any other loss, cost or damage incurred by the City as a result of the default, any monies which may then be due and payable to Contractor under this Contract or any other Contract that Contractor then has with the City.

The City shall notify Contractor in writing of such termination, which shall be effective as of the date specified in the notice of termination (the "Termination Date"). The Procurement Commissioner may, in his/her sole discretion, require Contractor to continue to furnish all goods and perform all services required under the Contract until the Termination Date, in which case, subject to the remedies enumerated above, the successful bidder shall be paid in accordance with the Contract therefore. If the City requires Contractor to cure the event(s) of default, or to continue to furnish goods or services until the Termination Date, and Contractor refuses or fails to do so, then such failure shall itself be deemed an event of default under this Section, for which the City may exercise any of its rights hereunder.

20. PAYMENT FOR EQUIPMENT. Unless otherwise provided in the bid specifications, when equipment involves installation, (which shall also be interpreted to mean erection and/or setting up or placing in position for service or use) and/or testing, and where such installation or testing is delayed though no fault of the contractor, contractor shall be entitled to a payment equal to 50% of the price bid when such equipment is delivered on site and to a further payment equal to an additional 25% of the price bid when the equipment is

installed and ready for test. The balance shall be paid only after the equipment is tested and found to be satisfactory by the City. If the equipment must be tested, but installation is not required to be made by the supplier or if the equipment must be installed but testing is not required, and the installation or testing is delayed through no fault of the contractor, contractor shall be entitled to a payment equal to 75% of the price bid at the time of delivery and the balance shall be paid after satisfactory testing and/or installation, as required.

TAX MATTERS

21. **TAX EXEMPTION**. The City of Philadelphia is exempt from the payment of any federal excise or transportation taxes and any Pennsylvania sales tax. The price bid must be net, exclusive of taxes. However, when under established trade practice any federal excise tax is included in list prices, bidder may quote the list price and shall show separately the amount of the federal tax, either as a flat sum or as a percentage of the list price, which shall be deducted by the City. In the event bidder pays any sales or use tax, bidder hereby assigns to City, or City's agent, all of its rights, title and interest in any sales or use tax which may be refunded as a result of the purchase of any articles furnished in connection with the Contract and bidder, unless directed by the City, shall not file a claim for any sales or use tax refund subject to this assignment. Bidder authorizes the City, in City's name or the name of bidder, to file a claim for refund of any sales or use tax subject to this assignment.

22. TAX INDEBTEDNESS. The City of Philadelphia does not wish to do business with tax delinquents or other businesses indebted to the City. In furtherance of this policy, the following certifications have been developed and shall form a part of any Contract resulting from the Invitation and Bid. The successful bidder or other entity Contracting with the City is referred to below as the "Contractor".

a. Contractor's Certification of Non-Indebtedness - Contractor hereby certifies and represents that Contractor and Contractor's parent company(ies) and subsidiary(ies) are not currently indebted to the City of Philadelphia (the "City") and will not at any time during the term of this Contract (including any extensions or renewals thereof) be indebted to the City, for or on account of any delinquent taxes (including, but not limited to, taxes collected by the City on behalf of the School District), liens, judgments, fees or other debts for which no written agreement or payment plan satisfactory to the City has been established. In addition to any other rights or remedies available to the City at law or in equity, Contractor acknowledges that any breach or failure to conform to this certification may, at the option of the City, result in the withholding of payments otherwise due to Contractor and, if such breach or failure is not resolved to the City's satisfaction within a reasonable time frame specified by the City in writing, may result in the offset of any such indebtedness against said payments and/or the termination of this Contract for default (in which case Contractor shall be liable for all costs, losses and other damages resulting from the termination).

b. Subcontractor's Certification of Non-Indebtedness - Contractor shall require all subcontractors performing work in connection with this Contract ("subcontractor" shall also include suppliers providing goods or materials) to be bound by the following provision, and Contractor shall cooperate fully with the City in exercising the rights and remedies described below or otherwise available at law or in equity:

"Subcontractor hereby certifies and represents that subcontractor and subcontractor's parent company(ies) and subsidiary(ies) are not currently indebted to the City of Philadelphia ("City"). and will not at any time during the term of Contractor's Contract with the City (the "Contract"), including any extensions or renewals thereof, be indebted to the City, for or on account of any delinquent taxes (including, but not limited to, taxes collected by the City on behalf of the School District of Philadelphia), liens, judgments, fees or other debts for which no written agreement or payment plan satisfactory to the City has been established. In addition to any other rights or remedies available at law or in equity, subcontractor acknowledges that any breach of or failure to conform to this certification may, at the option of the City, result in the withholding of payments otherwise due to subcontractor for services rendered in connection with the Contract and, if such breach or failure is not resolved to the City's satisfaction within a reasonable time frame specified by the City in writing, may result in the offset of any such indebtedness against said payments otherwise due to subcontractor and/or the termination of subcontractor for default (in which case subcontractor shall be liable for all costs, losses and other damages resulting from the termination)."

23. TAX REQUIREMENTS. Any person or entity who bids on and/or is awarded a contract by the City and/or School District of Philadelphia, is subject to Philadelphia's business tax ordinances and regulations. The City Solicitor has determined that anyone who is awarded a contract by the City and/or School District pursuant to a bid has entered into a contract within the City, and the subsequent delivery of goods into the City or performance of services within the City constitutes doing business in the City and subjects the successful bidder, including but not limited to, one or more of the following taxes:

a. Business Privilege Tax
b. Net Profits Tax
c. City Wage Tax

The successful bidder, if not already paying the aforesaid taxes, is required to apply to the Department of Revenue, 1401 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Public Service Concourse, Municipal Services Building, Philadelphia, PA 19102 for a tax identification number and to file appropriate business tax returns as provided by law. Questions should be directed to the Business and Earnings Tax Unit at (215) 686-6600.

GENERAL INFORMATION

24. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS. All goods and services and all documents and other materials furnished under the Contract shall conform with all applicable federal, state and local laws, statutes and ordinances and the applicable rules, regulations, methods and procedures of all governmental boards, bureaus, offices, commissions and other agencies. Contractor shall maintain during the term of the Contract all licenses, and authorizations required by

any applicable federal, state or local law or regulation. Applicable law shall include, without limitation, the laws stated in paragraphs 25 through 29 herein.

25. NONDISCRIMINATION.

a. Any Contract awarded pursuant to the Invitation and Bid is entered into under the terms of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter and in its performance, Contractor shall not discriminate nor permit discrimination against any person because of race, color, religion, national origin, or sex. Such discrimination shall constitute an event of default under this Contract entitling City to terminate this Contract forthwith. This right of termination shall be in addition to any other rights or remedies as provided herein in Section 19 or otherwise available to the City at law or in equity.

b. In accordance with Chapter 17-400 of The Philadelphia Code, Contractor agrees that its payment or reimbursement of membership fees or other expenses associated with participation by its employees in an exclusionary private organization, insofar as such participation confers an employment advantage or constitutes or results in discrimination with regard to hiring, tenure of employment. promotions, terms, privileges or conditions of employment, on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, national origin or ancestry, shall constitute an event of default under this Contract and shall entitle the City to all rights and remedies as provided herein in Section 19 or otherwise available to the City at law or in equity. Contractor agrees to include the immediately preceding sentence, with appropriate adjustments for the identity of the parties, in all subcontracts which are entered into pursuant to this Contract. Contractor further agrees to cooperate with the Commission on Human Relations of the City of Philadelphia in any manner which the said Commission deems reasonable and necessary for the Commission to carry out its responsibilities under Chapter 17-400 of The Philadelphia Code. Failure to so cooperate shall constitute an event of default under this Contract entitling the City to all rights and remedies as provided herein in Section 19 or otherwise available to the City at law or in equity.

26. ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. To preserve the integrity of City employees and maintain public confidence in the competitive bidding system, the City intends to vigorously enforce the various ethics laws as they relate to City employees in the bidding and execution of City contracts. Such laws are in three categories:

a. Gifts. Executive Order No. 02-04 prohibits City employees from soliciting or accepting anything of value from any person or entity seeking to initiate or maintain a business relationship with the City of Philadelphia, its departments, boards, commissions, and agencies. Bidder understands and agrees that if it offers anything of value to a City official or employee under circumstances where the receipt of such item would violate the provisions of this Executive Order shall be subject to sanctions with respect to future City Contracts. Such sanctions may range from disqualification from participation in a particular Contract to debarment, depending on the nature of the violation. All bidders, agents or intermediaries who are solicited for gifts or gratuities by City employees are urged to report these incidents to the Inspector General, Aramark Tower, Third Floor, 1101 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

b. City Employee Interest in City Contracts. In accordance with Section 10-1112 of The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, no bid shall be accepted from, or Contract awarded to, any City employee or official, or any firm in which a City employee or official has a direct or indirect financial interest. All bidders are required to disclose any current City employees or officials who are employees or officials of the bidder's firm, or who otherwise would have a financial interest in the Contract.

c. Conflict of Interest. Both the State Ethics Act and the City Ethics Code prohibit a public employee from using his/her public office or any confidential information gained thereby to obtain financial gain for himself/herself a member of his/her immediate family, or a business with which he/she or a member of his/her immediate family is associated. "Use of public office" is avoided by the employee or official publicly disclosing the conflict and disqualifying himself/herself from official action in the matter, as provided in The Philadelphia Code Section 20-608.

27. NORTHERN IRELAND. Section 17-104(2)(b) of The Philadelphia Code prohibits the City from accepting bids from companies that do business in Northern Ireland, unless that business has implemented the fair employment principles embodied in the MacBride Principles. In furtherance of this ordinance, bidder makes the following certification and representations:

a. In accordance with Section 17-104 of the Philadelphia Code, bidder by execution of its bid certifies and represents that (i) bidder (including any parent company, subsidiary, exclusive distributor, or company affiliated with Bidder) does not have, and will not have at any time during the term of any Contract resulting from this bid (including any extensions thereof), any investments, licenses, franchises, management agreements or operations in Northern Ireland, and (ii) no product to be provided to the City under any resulting Contract will originate in Northern Ireland. unless Bidder has implemented the fair employment principles embodied in the MacBride Principles.

b. In the performance of any Contract resulting from this bid, Bidder agrees that it will not utilize any suppliers or subcontractors at any tier (i) who have (or whose parent subsidiary, exclusive distributor of company affiliate have) any investments, licenses, franchises, management agreements or operations in Northern Ireland or (ii) who will provide products originating in Northern Ireland unless said supplier or subcontractor has implemented the fair employment principles embodied in the MacBride Principles. Bidder further agrees to include provisions with this subparagraph (b), with appropriate adjustments for the identity of the parties, in all subcontracts and supply agreements which are entered into in connection with the performance of any resulting Contract.

c. Bidder agrees to cooperate with the City's Director of Finance in any manner which the said Director deems reasonable and necessary to carry out the Director's responsibilities under Section 17-104 of The Philadelphia Code. Bidder expressly understands and agrees that any false certification or representation in connection with this subparagraph (c) and/or any failure to comply with the provisions of this subparagraph (c) shall constitute a substantial breach of any Contract resulting from the Invitation and Bid entitling the City to all rights and remedies provided in this bid or otherwise available in law (including, but not limited to, Section 17-104 of the Philadelphia Code) or at equity. In addition, it is understood that false certification or representation is subject to prosecution under IS Pa.C.S. Section 4904.

28. BUSINESS, CORPORATE AND SLAVERY ERA INSURANCE DISCLOSURE. In accordance with Section 17-104 of The Philadelphia Code, the successful bidder, after award of the Contract, will complete an affidavit certifying and representing that the bidder (including any parent company, subsidiary, exclusive distributor or company affiliated with bidder) has searched any and all records of the bidder or any predecessor business entity regarding records of investments or profits from slavery or slaveholder insurance policies during the slavery era. The names of any slaves or slaveholders described in those records must be disclosed in the affidavit.

The bidder expressly understands and agrees that any false certification or representation in connection with this Paragraph and/or any failure to comply with the provisions of this Paragraph shall constitute a substantial breach of this Contract entitling the City to all rights and remedies provided in this Contract or otherwise available in law (including, but not limited to, Section 17-104 of The Philadelphia Code) or equity and the Contract will be deemed voidable. In addition, it is understood that false certification or representation is subject to prosecution under Title 18 Pa.C.S.A. Section 4904.

29. PHILADELPHIA 21st CENTURY MINIMUM WAGE STANDARD. If Contractor is an Employer, as defined in Philadelphia Code Section 17-1302(5) and 17-1303, Contractor shall comply with the minimum compensation standards by providing to those employees an hourly wage, excluding benefits, at least 150 percent of the federal minimum wage, and health benefits to each full-time, non-temporary, non-seasonal covered Employee, as more fully set forth at Philadelphia Code Chapter 17-1300. By submission of its Bid, Contractor so acknowledges and certifies its compliance with Chapter 17-1300 and shall promptly provide to the City, at its request, all documents and information further verifying its compliance with the requirements of this Chapter. Furthermore, Contractor shall notify each affected employee what wages are required to be paid.

The Office of Labor Standards may grant a partial or total waiver of Chapter 17-1300 based on specific stipulated reasons elaborated in Section 17-1304.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF BIDDING AND CONTRACT

SIGNING OF BIDS

This contract consists of the Invitation and Bid (including exhibits and attachments), any addenda thereto issued by the City and the foregoing Terms and Conditions of Bidding and Contract (collectively, the "contract") and contains all the terms, conditions and requirements agreed upon by the parties. The terms "contract" and "agreement," whether capitalized or uncapitalized, shall have the foregoing meaning wherever they are used in the invitation and Bid, addenda thereto, the Terms and Conditions of Bidding and Contract, and this page. No other contract or agreement, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of the contract shall be deemed to exist or to bind any party hereto or to vary any of the terms contained in the contract.

This contract may not be changed, amended or renewed, in whole or in part, except by a written amendment signed by the parties. No waiver by the City of any breach or noncompliance by the undersigned with any provision of this contract shall relieve the undersigned of any of its obligations or representations made under this contract.

This contract and all disputes arising under this contract shall be governed, construed and decided in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The parties agree that any lawsuit, action, claim or legal proceeding involving, directly or indirectly, any matter arising out of or related to this contract or the relationship created or evidenced thereby, shall be brought exclusively in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania or the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County. It is the express intent of the parties that jurisdiction over any lawsuit, action, claim, or legal proceeding shall lie exclusively in either of these two forums. The parties further agree not to raise any objection to any lawsuit, action, claim or legal proceeding which is brought in either of these two forums and the parties expressly consent to the jurisdiction and venue of these two forums. The parties further agree that service of original process in any such lawsuit, action, claim or legal proceeding may be duly affected by mailing a copy thereof, by certified mail, postage prepaid to the addresses specified in the Invitation and Bid and/or this page.

NOTE: ANY BID THAT IS NOT EXECUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED BELOW OR THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND PHONE NUMBER, MAY, IN THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE PROCUREMENT COMMISSIONER, BE REJECTED.

SIGNING OF BIDS:
If bid is by an INDIVIDUAL or a PARTNERSHIP, or if the bid does not exceed $30,000, date and sign the bid here, with the original signatures, in ink.

This _____day of_____20

(Signature of Owner, Partner)	**(Type or Print Name and Title)**
(Business Name of Bidder)	
(Address, including Zip Code)	**(Telephone Number, including Area Code)**

If the bid is a CORPORATION, date and sign the bid here with original signatures, in ink, by (a) President or Vice President of the Corporation AND (b) Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer of the Corporation; and (c) affix the seal of the Corporation. If the form is not signed by the President or a Vice President and Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer, attach a duly certified corporate resolution authorizing the person signing in place of such officers to execute this bid for the corporation.

This_____day of_____20

CORPORATE SEAL

	(Corporate or Business Name of Bidder)
(Address, including Zip Code)	**(Telephone Number, including Area Code)**
(Signature of President or Vice President)	**(Signature of Secy., Asst. Secy., Treas. or Asst. Treas.)**
(Type or Print Name and Title)	**(Type or Print Name and Title)**

APPROVED AS TO FORM	**CONTRACT EXECUTION**
(Assistant City Solicitor)	**(Procurement Commissioner)**