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1. **PREPARATION OF BIDS.**
 - Bidders are expected to examine the complete bid and all attachments including drawings, specifications and instructions. Failure to do so is at the bidder's risk.
 - Bidders shall furnish information required by the solicitation in the form requested. The Buyer reserves the right to reject any or all with incomplete information or which are presented in a different form. The original Invitation for Bid in its entirety will be considered as fully applicable to the bid response regardless of the form used unless specifically excepted by the bidder. In the latter case, the bid may be considered non-responsive to the Invitation for Bid.
 - Bids shall indicate the unit price extended to indicate the total price for each item bid. Any difference between the unit price correctly extended and the total price shown for all items bid shall be resolved in favor of the unit price, except when the bidder clearly indicates that the total price for all items bid is based on consideration of being awarded the entire lot and that an adjustment of the total price is being made in consideration of receiving the entire bid.
 - If the item has a trade name, brand and/or a catalog number, such shall be stated in the bid. If the supplier proposed to furnish an item of a different manufacturer or supplier other than that mentioned on the face hereof, bidder must specify maker, brand, quality, catalog number, or other trade designation. Unless such is noted on the bid form, it will be deemed that the article furnished is that designated, even though the bid may state "or equal."
 - Time of proposed delivery shall be stated in definite terms; if stated in a number of days, it shall include Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.
 - Samples, when required, shall be furnished prior to the closing date or within time specified in bid. Buyer reserves the right to reject bids submitted without required samples.
2. **ALTERNATE BIDS.** Alternate bids may be submitted and, if deemed advantageous to the City, they may be evaluated and considered. The City is under no obligation to consider or accept an alternate bid and reserves the right to reject any and all such bids.
3. **SIGNATURE.** Bidder shall sign the **INVITATION TO BID** or the **REQUEST FOR QUOTATION**, hereafter referred to as bid or solicitation, on first page and on all continuation pages in the proper section and shall enter their title and the date where requested. Erasures or other changes must be initialed by person signing the bid. Signature shall be an original and that of an agent authorized to sign on behalf other company.
4. **SUBMISSION OF BID.** Bids and modification thereof shall be returned in a sealed envelope addressed to office specified in bid. The bid number and bid closing date and hour shall be shown on the face of the envelope. Facsimile telegraph and telephone bids will not be considered unless authorized by the bid or the Buyer and must be confirmed in writing. Telephone modification will not be considered unless authorized by the bid or Buyer and subsequently confirmed in writing.
5. **OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE.** All suppliers located in St. Louis, Missouri, must have a valid City of St. Louis business license for sale of goods or services. Suppliers located outside St. Louis, Missouri, must have a City of St. Louis business license if services are performed in St. Louis, Missouri city limits. A valid license is required as a condition of all contracts. Contracts will not be considered fully executed until the license is obtained. Failure to obtain the necessary license and to maintain it on a current basis will be grounds to disqualify bids and to cancel existing contracts.
6. **EARNINGS AND OTHER TAXES.**
 - All suppliers located in St. Louis, Missouri, are required to have a valid earnings tax file number and to pay earnings taxes on wages. Suppliers located outside St. Louis, Missouri, must have a valid earnings tax file number and pay earnings taxes if services are performed in St. Louis, Missouri. Obtaining a file number and payment of taxes are required as a condition of all contracts. Failure to obtain a file number and to pay earnings taxes on a current basis will be grounds to disqualify bids and to cancel existing contracts.
 - All suppliers located in St. Louis, Missouri, must have all required licenses and permits and pay all fees and taxes that are required by the City. Suppliers located outside St. Louis, Missouri, must, when applicable, have all required licenses and permits and pay all fees and

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taxes required by the City from nonresident suppliers. Failure to comply with the foregoing will be grounds to disqualify bids and to cancel existing contracts.

7. **EXPIRATION OF BID.** All bids shall be considered as firm for a period of forty-five (45) calendar days, commencing the day following the date of the bid closing and expiring at midnight of the last day, unless otherwise stated in the body of the bid by the Supply Commissioner. The bidder may state a date his/her bid expires, provided the date is specific and is entered on the first page of the bid.
8. **MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS.**
 - Bids may be modified or withdrawn by written or telegraphic notice received prior to the exact hour and date specified for receipt of bid. A bid may also be withdrawn in person or by a bidder of his/her authorized representative, prior to the exact hour and date set for receipt of bids. Telephone withdrawals are not permitted (however see paragraph 10).
 - If this solicitation is negotiated, bids may be modified (subject to paragraph 10 when applicable) or withdrawn by written or telegraphic notice received at any time prior to award. Bids may be withdrawn in person by a bidder or his/her authorized representative, provided their identity is made known and they signs a receipt for the bid prior to award.
9. **LATE BIDS AND MODIFICATIONS OR WITHDRAWALS.**
 - Bids and modification of bids (or withdrawals thereof, if this solicitation is advertised) received at the office designated in the solicitation after the exact hour and date specified for receipt will not be considered unless: (1) they are received before award is made; and either (2) they are sent by registered mail, or by certified mail for which an official dated post office stamp (postmark) on the original Receipt for Certified Mail has been obtained and it is determined by the City that the late receipt was due to delay in the mail for which the bidder was not responsible; or (3) if submitted by mail (or telegram facsimile if authorized) it is determined by the City that the late receipt was due solely to mishandling by the City after receipt; provided that the timely receipt is established upon examination of an appropriate date or time stamp (if any) or of other documentary evidence of receipt (if readily available) within the control of the City or of the Post Office serving it. However, a modification of a successful bid which makes the terms of the bid more favorable to the City will be considered at any time it is received and may thereafter be accepted.
 - The time of mailing of late bid submitted by registered or certified mail shall be deemed to be the last minute of the date shown in the postmark on the registered mail receipt of registered mail wrapper or on the Receipt for Certified Mail unless the bidder furnishes evidence from the post office station of mailing which establishes an earlier time.
10. **MISTAKE IN BID.**
 - If the bidder discovers a mistake in bid prior to the hours and date specified for receipt of bid, he/she may correct the mistake by modifying or withdrawing the bid in accordance with paragraph 8 and 9 above.
 - If the apparent low and best bidder discovers a mistake in bid of a serious and significant nature which is unfavorable to him/her prior to the issuance of a purchase order or a contract, he/she may request consideration be given to modifying the bid if he/she remains the lowest bidder or to withdrawal of the bid if the result of the correction of the mistake makes another bidder lowest and best bidder. The mistake must be evident and provable. The right is reserved by the City to reject any and all requests for correction of mistakes in bids received after the hour and date of the bid opening. The decision of the Buyer is final as regards acceptance or rejection of request for correction of bids.
 - **A MISTAKE IN BID CANNOT BE CONSIDERED ONCE A PURCHASE ORDER OR CONTRACT IS ISSUED.**
11. **NO BIDS AND FUTURE SOLICITATIONS.** It is required that if a supplier does not desire to bid, the bid should be marked "NO BID" and returned in order to maintain the bidders name in supplier file for future solicitations. If a bidder fails to respond to four (4) successive bids without returning a "NO BID," the Buyer reserves the right to delete the bidder, or certain products listed as sold by the supplier, from the supplier file for future solicitations.
12. **BID BOND REQUIREMENT.** Bid bonds shall be provided, by the bidder, when specified by the terms of the **INVITATION FOR BID** or the **REQUEST FOR QUOTATION**. The amount shall be that determined by the Supply Commissioner, City of St. Louis, Missouri, to be reasonable and necessary to protect the best interest of the City. When required, the bid bond must

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accompany the bid. Failure to provide the bond prior to the bid opening will be cause for disqualification of the bid. The bond may be in the form of a surety bond, cashier's check, money order, or certified check drawn on a solvent bank. Such bond or deposit shall be forfeited to the City in case the bidder shall fail or refuse to execute the contract.

13. **TRADE-IN.** If the solicitation requests a price or value for one or more pieces of equipment to be traded in as part of the purchase of new equipment, the City retains the option to purchase the new equipment at the full price or to reduce the price of the new equipment by the amount of the trade-in offered. The City is not obligated to accept the trade-in offer and may withdraw equipment offered for trade-in at any time up to award.
14. **EVALUATION OF BIDS FOR MULTIPLE AWARDS.** In addition to other factors, bids will be evaluated on the basis of advantages or disadvantages to the City that might result from making more than one award (multiple awards) to include total cost of ownership and administrative cost to the City of issuing and administering each contract and associated purchase orders awarded under this invitation. Administrative costs will be in a range for the class of procurement as established by the Supply Commissioner. Individual awards will be for the items and/or services and combinations of items and/or services which result in the lowest aggregate price to the city, including such administration costs.
15. **AWARD OF CONTRACT.**
 - **BIDS WILL BE ANALYZED AND THE AWARD MADE TO THE LOWEST AND BEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER** whose bid conforms to the solicitation and whose bid is considered to be most advantageous or best value to the City, price and other factors considered. The right to determine the foregoing is reserved to the Supply Commissioner and is not subject to appeal. In the event equal bids are received, paragraph 18. **MISSOURI AND OTHER PREFERENCE** will apply. If the preference does not break the tie, then the award will be made by public drawing of lots by the Buyer and one witness.
 - The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and all or part of a bid; to waive informalities, technical defects, and minor irregularities in bids received; and to select the bid(s) deemed most advantageous or best value to the City. The City shall consider bids submitted to an "all or nothing" basis if the bid is clearly designated as such.
 - The City may accept any item or group of items of any bid, unless the bidder qualifies his bid by specific limitations. **UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THE SOLICITATION, BIDS MAY BE SUBMITTED FOR ANY QUANTITIES LESS THAN THOSE SPECIFIED AND THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE AN AWARD ON ANY ITEM FOR A QUANTITY LESS THAN THE QUANTITY BID AT THE UNIT PRICES BID UNLESS THE BIDDER SPECIFIES OTHERWISE IN THEIR BID.**
 - **UPON ACCEPTANCE BY THE CITY, THE SOLICITATION FOR BID AND A PURCHASE ORDER ISSUED TO THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED SHALL BE DEEMED TO RESULT IN A BINDING CONTRACT WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION BY EITHER PARTY. ITEMS ARE TO BE FURNISHED AS DESCRIBED IN THE BID AND IN STRICT CONFORMITY WITH ALL INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND DRAWINGS CONTAINED IN THE COMPLETE CONTRACT.**
16. **PURCHASE ORDERS.** All goods and services will be ordered by means of a purchase order for which funds have been certified and encumbered by the Comptroller. Goods and services will not be provided in excess of the amount of the purchase order. The City has no obligation to pay invoices in excess of the purchase order amount. Under emergency conditions, the Supply Commissioner may order goods or services and provide a purchase order number by telephone.
17. **PERFORMANCE BOND REQUIREMENT.** A performance bond shall be provided by the bidder receiving the award when specified by the terms of the bid. The amount shall be that determined by the Supply Commissioner to be reasonable and necessary to protect the best interest of the City. **"THE BOND MAY BE IN THE FORM OF A SURETY BOND OR CASHIERS CHECK"**. Such bond or deposit shall be forfeited to the City in case the bidder receiving the contract shall fail or refuse to fulfill the requirements and all terms and conditions of the contract. The contract is not considered to be complete until the performance bond is submitted. Purchase orders may not be issued or invoices paid unless the required performance bond is on file. Unless specified otherwise in the bid, the bond must be furnished within twenty-one (21) calendar days after receipt of notification of intent to award the contract

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or receipt of a request for performance bond. The City has the right to disqualify an otherwise successful bid if the performance bond is not received within the time requested.

18. **MISSOURI AND OTHER PREFERENCE.**

- By virtue of statutory authority, the Buyer shall give preference to all commodities manufactured, produced, assembled or grown within the State of Missouri and to all firms, corporations, or individuals doing business as Missouri firms, corporations, or individuals, when quality is equal or better and delivered price is the same or less. Within the State of Missouri, the same type of preference is given to firms located in the City, as versus other firms located in Missouri but outside the city limits.
- The City has implemented the Missouri Domestic Procurement Act (Buy American), Sections 34.350 to 34.359 RSMO Supp. 1987, by adopting the following policy on the purchase of American goods. Preference will be given to the purchase or lease of products manufactured, assembled, or produced in the United States if the quality and price are comparable with other goods. Suppliers providing services and/or products under Term Supply and Services Contracts and leases will give preference to providing products manufactured, assembled, or produced in the United States if the quality and price are comparable with other goods.

19. **TIME OF DELIVERY.** Delivery is **REQUIRED** to be made in accordance with the schedule shown in the solicitation and purchase order. Bids offering delivery of each quantity within the applicable delivery period specified above will be evaluated equally as regards time of delivery. Bids offering delivery of a quantity under such terms or conditions that delivery will not clearly fall within the applicable delivery period may, as determined by the Buyer, be considered non-responsive and may be rejected. When a bidder offers an earlier delivery schedule than that called for in the bid, the City reserves the right to award either in accordance with the **REQUIRED** schedule or in accordance with the schedule offered by the bidder. If the bidder offers no other delivery schedule, the delivery schedule stated above shall apply.

20. **F.O.B. DESTINATION.** Unless otherwise directed in the solicitation and purchase order, all deliveries shall be F.O.B. Destination and all freight charges shall be included in the total price. Supplies shall be delivered to the destination consignee's warehouse unloading platform, or receiving dock, at the expense of the Contractor. The City shall not be liable for any delivery, storage, demurrage, accessorial, or other charges involved prior to the actual delivery (Or "constructive placement" as defined in carrier tariffs) of the supplies to the destination, unless such charges are caused by an act or order of the City acting in its contractual capacity. If rail carrier is used, supplies will be delivered to the specified unloading platform of the consignee. If motor carrier (including "piggy-back") is used, supplies will be delivered to truck tailgate at the unloading platform of the consignee. If the Contractor uses rail carrier or freight forwarder for less than carload shipments, he/she shall assure that the carrier will furnish tailgate delivery if transfer to truck is required to complete delivery to consignee. One of the following statements usually will appear on the purchase order, although others may be used. If no statement appears, paragraph 20 is applicable.

- **FOB DESTINATION, FREIGHT PREPAID BY SELLER.** The seller pays and bears all freight charges.
- **FOB DESTINATION, FREIGHT PREPAID AND CHARGED BACK ON INVOICE.** The seller pays the freight and charges the City by adding it to the invoice.
- **FOB DESTINATION, FREIGHT COLLECT.** The City pays and bears the freight charges.
- **FOB DESTINATION, FREIGHT COLLECT AND ALLOWED ON INVOICE.** The City pays the freight charges and deducts the amount from the seller's invoice.

21. **QUALITY.** Unless otherwise required by terms of the solicitation all goods furnished shall be new, in current production, and the best of their kind. When applicable, parts and maintenance service shall be reasonably available. New equipment that is obsolete or technically outdated is not acceptable. Remanufactured or reconditioned items are not considered new. Items shall be properly packaged, packed, labeled, and identified in accordance with commercial standards acceptable to the trade and as required by ICC and other federal and state regulations. Packing slips will accompany the shipment.

22. **PRICE.** Prices quoted are to be firm and final. All prices quoted shall be net and shall reflect any available discount except for discounts for timely payment. All prices are to be F.O.B. designated delivery point. All shipping, packing and drayage charges are the responsibility of the supplier. C.O.D. shipments will not be accepted unless otherwise agreed to by the City.

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23. **BRAND NAME OR EQUAL.** WHENEVER THE NAME OF THE MANUFACTURER OR THE SUPPLIER IS MENTIONED ON THE FACE HEREOF AND THE "OR EQUAL" DO NOT FOLLOW, IT SHALL BE DEEMED THAT THE WORDS "OR EQUAL" SHALL FOLLOW SUCH DESIGNATIONS UNLESS THE FACE HEREOF SPECIFIES "NO SUBSTITUTIONS. THE CITY MAY ASSUME THAT ITEMS BID ARE EQUAL OR IT MAY REQUEST SAMPLES AND PROOF THEREOF AND UNLESS APPROVED BEFORE SHIPMENT, CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RETURN AT THE BIDDER'S EXPENSE ALL ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE AS EQUALS, SAID ITEMS TO BE REPLACED BY THE BIDDER WITH SATISFACTORY ITEMS AT THE ORIGINAL BID PRICE.
24. **COMMERCIAL WARRANTY.** The Contractor agrees that the supplies or services furnished under this contract shall be covered by the most favorable commercial warranties the Contractor gives to any customer for such supplies or services and that the rights and remedies provided herein are in addition to and do not limit any rights afforded to the City by any other clause of this contract.
25. **FREIGHT CHARGES ON DIRECT SHIPMENTS TO THE CITY.** The price or prices mentioned in the bid and carried into this contract are made with reference to lawful freight charges in existence at the time of submission of bids, and said contract prices shall be increased, or decreased, as the case may be, by any change in freight rates, provided that any claim for any additional freight must be presented to the City, within thirty (30) days after such advance in freight rates becomes effective. Reductions in freight will be deducted from the contract price. The clause applies to freight on shipments made directly and separately by the manufacturer to the City.
26. **VARIATION IN QUANTITY.** No variation in the quantity of any item called for by this contract will be accepted unless such variation has been caused by conditions of loading, shipping, or packing, or allowances in manufacturing processes, and then only to the extent, if any, specified elsewhere in this contract.
27. **DISCOUNTS.**
- Prompt payment discounts offered for payment within less than twenty (20) calendar days will not be considered in evaluating bids for award, unless otherwise specified in the solicitation. However, offered discounts of less than 20 days will be taken if payment is made within the discount period, even though not considered in the evaluation of bids.
 - In connection with any discount offered, time will be computed from date of delivery of the supplies to the carrier when acceptance is at the point of origin, or from date of delivery at destination when delivery and acceptance is at destination, or from the date the correct invoice or voucher is received in the office specified by the City, if the latter is later than date of delivery. Payment is deemed to be made for the purpose of earning the discount on the date of mailing of the City check.
 - Any discount offered other than for prompt payment should be included in the net price quoted and not included in separate terms. In the event this is not done, the City reserves the right to accept the discount offered and adjust prices accordingly on the purchase order.
28. **SELLER'S INVOICE.** Invoices shall be prepared and submitted in duplicate to delivery address shown on the purchase order. Separate invoices are required for each purchase order. Invoices shall contain the following information: purchase order number, item number, description of supplies or services, sizes, unit of measure, quantity, unit price and extended totals.
29. **INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE.** Inspection and acceptance will be at destination unless specified otherwise, and will be made by the City department shown in the shipping to address or other duly authorized representative of the City. Until delivery and acceptance, and after any rejection, risk of loss will be on the Contractor unless loss results from negligence of the City. Supplier will be notified of rejected shipments. Unless agreed otherwise, items will be returned freight collect.
30. **LOSS AND DAMAGED SHIPMENTS.** Risk of loss or damage to items prior to the time of their receipt and acceptance by the City is upon the supplier. The City has no obligation to accept damaged shipments and reserves the right to return at the supplier's expense damaged

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merchandise even though the damage was not apparent or discovered until after receipt of the items.

31. **LATE SHIPMENTS.** Supplier is responsible to notify the City department receiving the items and the Buyer of any late or delayed shipments. The City reserves the right to cancel all or any part of an order if the shipment is not made as promised.
32. **TAX EXEMPTION-FEDERAL AND STATE.**
- The City is exempt from Federal Excise and Transportation taxes on purchases under Chapter 32, Internal Revenue Code. The federal tax registration number issued by the Internal Revenue Service is No. 43-6003231.
 - The City is exempt from payment of Missouri Sales and Use Tax in Accordance with Section 39 (10) Article 3, of the Missouri Constitution and sections 144.040 and 144.615 RSMo 1969 and supplement thereto. A copy of the exemption from Missouri Sales and Use Tax is available upon request.
33. **CITY FURNISHED PROPERTY.**
- The City shall deliver to the Contractor for use only in connection with this contract, the property described in the schedule or specifications (hereinafter referred to as "City-furnished property"), at the times and locations stated herein. If the City-furnished property, suitable for its intended use, is not so delivered to the Contractor, the Supply Commissioner shall, upon timely written request made by the Contractor, and if the facts warrant such action, equitably adjust any affected provision of this contract pursuant paragraph 35, **AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS.**
 - Title to City-furnished property shall remain in the City. The Contractor shall maintain adequate property control records of City-furnished property in accordance with sound industrial practice.
 - Unless otherwise provided in this contract the Contractor, upon delivery to him/her of any City-furnished property, assumes the risk of, and shall be responsible for, any loss thereof or damage thereto except for reasonable wear and tear, and except to the extent that such property is consumed in the performance of this contract.
 - The Contractor shall, upon completion of this contract, prepare for shipment, deliver f.o.b. origin, or dispose of all City-furnished property not consumed in the performance of this contract or not theretofore delivered to the City, as may be directed or authorized by the Supply Commissioner. The net proceeds of any such disposal shall be credited to the contract price or paid in such other manner as the Supply Commissioner may direct.
34. **LABORATORY AND OTHER TESTS.** The City reserves the right to test all articles, commodities, supplies, materials and equipment, referred to hereafter as articles, delivered during the life of the proposed contract, at an independent laboratory, to be designated by the Supply Commissioner. The laboratory test shall include each item of the specification to determine whether the articles delivered are in conformity therewith. Tests shall be made on articles selected at random from deliveries made under the proposed contract or contracts. Where the result of such test shows that the articles delivered are not equal or do not conform to the specification, then the expense of making such test shall be paid by the Contractor (the bidder in the proposal). If the result of any additional test shall show that the articles delivered and tested conform to the specifications, then in such case the expense of making such test shall be paid by the City. The City further has the right to conduct tests using its own facilities and test methods when adequate facilities and procedure are available.
35. **AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS.** The Supply Commissioner may at any time, by a written order, and without notice to the sureties, make a **MODIFICATION** to the contract or an amendment to the purchase order, within the general scope of this contract, in (1) drawings, designs, or specifications, where the supplies to be furnished are to specially manufactured for the City in accordance therewith; (2) method of shipment or packing; and (3) place of delivery. If such change causes an increase or decrease in the cost of, or the time required for performance of this contract whether changed or not changed by any such order, an equitable adjustment shall be made by written modification of the contract or amendment to the purchase order. Any claim by the Contractor for adjustment under this clause must be asserted within 30 days from the date of receipt by the Contractor of the notification; provided that the Supply Commissioner, if he decides that the facts justify such action, may receive and act upon any such claim if asserted prior to final payment under this contract. Failure to agree to any

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adjustment shall be a dispute concerning a question of fact within the meaning of the clause of this contract entitled "Disputes"; however, nothing in this clause shall excuse the Contractor from proceeding with the contract as changed. Any other modifications and amendments made within the general scope of the contract will be by written mutual agreement.

36. **DISPUTES.**

- Except as otherwise provided in this contract, any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under this contract which is not disposed of by agreement shall be decided by the Supply Commissioner, who shall reduce this decision to writing and mail or otherwise furnish a copy thereof to the Contractor. The decision of the Supply Commissioner shall be final and conclusive unless within 30 days from the date of receipt of such copy, the Contractor mails or otherwise furnishes to the Supply Commissioner a written appeal addressed to the Board of Standardization. The decision of Board of Standardization shall be final and conclusive unless determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to have been fraudulent, or capricious, or arbitrary, or so grossly erroneous as necessarily to imply bad faith, or not supported by substantial evidence, in connection with any appeal proceeding under this clause the Contractor shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of his appeal. Pending final decision of a dispute hereunder, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with the performance of the contract and in accordance with the Supply Commissioner's decision.
- This **DISPUTES** clause does not preclude consideration of law questions in connection with decisions provided for in paragraph A above; provided, that nothing in this contract shall be construed as making final the decision of any administrative official, representative, or board on a question of law.

37. **TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT.**

- The City may, subject to the provisions of paragraph below, by written notice of default to the Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this contract in any one of the following circumstances;
 - i. if the Contractor fails to make delivery of the supplies or to perform the services within the time specified herein or any extension thereof; or
 - ii. if the Contractor fails to perform any of the other provisions of this contract, or so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of this contract in accordance with its terms, and in either of these two circumstances does not cure such failure within a period of 10 days after receipt of notice from the Buyer specifying such failure.
- In the event the City terminates this contract in whole or in part as provided in paragraph A of this clause, the City may procure, upon such terms and such manner as the Buyer may deem appropriate, supplies or services similar to those so terminated, and the Contractor shall be liable to the City for any excess costs for such similar supplies or services; provided, that the Contractor shall continue the performance of this contract to the extent not terminated under the provisions of this clause.
- The Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs if the failure to perform the contract arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Such causes may include, but are not restricted to, acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of the City in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather; but in every case the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor.
- If, after notice of termination of this contract under the provisions of this clause, it is determined for any reason that the Contractor was not in default under the provisions of this clause, or that the default was excusable under the provisions of this clause, the rights and obligations of shall be the same as if notice of termination for convenience had been issued pursuant to such clause.

38. **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE.** The Supply Commissioner, by written notice, may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, when it is in the best interest of the City. If this contract is for supplies and is so terminated, the Contractor shall be compensated in accordance with his auditable costs to point of notification of termination. To the extent, that this contract

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is for services and is so terminated, the City shall be liable only for payment in accordance with the payment provisions of this contract for services rendered to the effective date of termination.

39. **EXAMINATION OF RECORDS.**

- If this contract exceeds \$5,000, the Contractor agrees that the City Auditor of the City or any of his duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of 3 years after final payment under this contract, have access to and the right to examine any directly pertinent books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor, involving transactions related to this contract.
- The Contractor agrees to include the clause above in all his subcontracts hereunder, except purchase orders not exceeding \$5,000.

40. **OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT.** No regular employee or elected or appointed member of the City government shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract, or to any benefit that may arise there from; but this provision shall not be construed to extend to this contract if made with a corporation for its general benefit.

41. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST.** No employee or member of the employee's immediate family, or elected or appointed member of City government may participate directly or indirectly in the procurement process if they:

- Have a financial interest or other personal interest which is incompatible with the proper discharge of their official duties in the public interest or would tend to impair their independence, judgment, or action in the performance of their official duties.
- Are negotiating or have an arrangement concerning prospective employment. The bidder warrants to the best of their knowledge that no such conflict of interest exists. In the event such a conflict occurs, the bidder is required to report it immediately to the Supply Commissioner. For breach or violation of this warranty, the City shall have the right to annul this contract without liability or at its discretion.

42. **CONVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES.** The Contractor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the Contractor for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty, the City shall have the right to annul this contract without liability or at its discretion, to deduct from contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee. This section shall not prevent an attorney from representing a client in any dispute respecting a contract nor shall it prevent an attorney or an accountant from entering into contract negotiation with the City on behalf of a client.

43. **GRATUITIES ILLEGAL TO ANY EMPLOYEE AND FORMER EMPLOYEES.** It is unlawful for any person or business to offer, give or agree to give, to any employee of the City or former employee, to solicit, demand, accept or agree to accept from another person or business, a gratuity, offer of employment or anything of a pecuniary value in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, or preparation of any part of a contract requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any contract of subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal therefore.

44. **KICKBACKS ILLEGAL IN SUBCONTRACTING.** It is unlawful for any payment, gratuity, or benefit to be made by or on behalf of or solicited from a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith as an inducement for the award of a subcontract to a contract of the City. Upon a showing that a subcontractor made a kickback to a prime contractor or a higher tier subcontractor in connection with the award of a subcontract or order there under, it shall be conclusively presumed that the amount thereof was included in the price of the subcontract or order and ultimately borne by the City and will be recoverable hereunder from the recipient. In addition, that amount may also be recovered from the subcontractor making such kickbacks. Recovery from one offending party shall not preclude recovery from other offending parties.

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45. **CONTEMPORANEOUS EMPLOYMENT PROHIBITED.** The Contractor warrants and agrees that no employee or elected or appointed member of City government who is participating directly or indirectly in the procurement process is or will become as a result of this contract an employee of the Contractor. For breach or violation of the warranty, the City shall have the right to annul this contract without liability or at its discretion.
46. **RECOVERY OF VALUE.** The value of anything transferred or received in breach of ethical standards contained in paragraphs 41, 42, 43, 44, 45 and 47 of these **INSTRUCTIONS AND CONDITIONS** by a bidder, contractor, City employee, elected and appointed City officials, or a non-employee may be recovered from parties involved.
47. **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.** Any information deemed confidential or proprietary must be clearly marked by the bidder or contractor as such. It will be protected and treated with confidentiality to the extent permitted by state statutes concerning public information. Any data to be returned must be so marked and will be returned if not essential to the bid or contract record. It is unlawful for an employee, former employee or elected or appointed City official to use confidential information for actual or anticipated personal gain or the anticipated personal gain of another person.
48. **DEBARMENT OR SUSPENSION.** After reasonable notice to the person or business involved and reasonable opportunity for that person or business to be heard, the Supply Commissioner, after consulting with the City Counselor, is authorized to debar the person or business or cause from consideration for award of contracts. The debarment shall be for a period of not more than three years. After consultation with the City Attorney, the Supply Commissioner is authorized to suspend a person or business from consideration for award of contracts if there is probable cause to believe that the person or business has engaged in any activity which might lead to debarment. The suspension shall for a period not to exceed three months. The causes for debarment include:
- Conviction for commission of a criminal offense as an incident to obtaining or attempting to obtain a public or private contract or subcontract, or in the performance of such contract or subcontract;
 - Conviction under state or federal statutes of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property, or any other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty which currently, seriously, and directly affects responsibility as a City Contractor;
 - Conviction under state or federal antitrust statutes arising out of the submission of bids or proposals;
 - Violation of contract provisions, as set forth below, of a character which is regarded by the Supply Commissioner to be so serious as to justify debarment action:
 - i. Deliberate failure without good cause to perform in accordance with the specifications or within the time limit provided in the contract; or
 - ii. A recent record of failure to perform or of unsatisfactory performance in accordance with the terms of one or more contracts; provided that failure to perform or unsatisfactory performance caused by acts beyond the control of the contractor shall not be considered to be a basis for debarment;
 - Any other cause the Supply Commissioner determines to be as serious and compelling as to affect responsibility as a City contractor, including debarment by another governmental entity.
49. **ASSISTANCE FOR MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES.**
- It is the policy of the City to encourage and foster participation of minority and women-owned businesses in purchasing and contracting and to assure that such businesses have an equal opportunity to compete.
 - The Supply Division is available to assist minority and women-owned businesses; in completing supplier applications; in becoming acquainted with the City purchasing system, departments and Buyers; by providing advice and information on previous bids and bid prices; and assisting in resolving problems on such matters as specifications, bid terms, and bonding requirements.
50. **ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT AND CLAIMS.** A contract or purchase order or the proceeds thereof may not be assigned without the written permission of the Supply Commissioner.

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51. **ASSIGNMENT OF ANTITRUST RIGHTS AND INTEREST.** Submission of this bid constitutes an assignment by the bidder to the City of all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action it may have under the antitrust laws of the United States or the State of Missouri, which causes of action have accrued or will accrue as a result of or in relation to the particular goods or services purchased or procured by it in fulfillment of any contract with the City arising from this bid.
52. **COMPENSATION INSURANCE.** The Contractor shall furnish adequate compensation insurance to cover all employees furnishing materials and/or services referred to in attached contract to the City and under the control of the Contractor, and shall relieve and hold the City harmless from any costs due to accidents or other liabilities mentioned in the Worker's Compensation Act. If requested, Contractor shall also furnish at the time of delivery of this contract and such other times as may be requested, a copy of such insurance policies herein referred to.
53. **CLAIMS.** Supplier agrees to defend, protect and save the City harmless from any claims and actions arising out of patent infringements and product liability.
54. **LABOR PRACTICES.** The supplier agrees to comply with all Federal and State Laws, and City Ordinances where applicable, relating to fair labor practices and discrimination in the employment of persons.
55. **LAIBILITY AND INSURANCE.**
- The Contractor shall be:
 - i. liable to the City for loss of or damage to property, real and personal, owned by the City or for which the City is liable;
 - ii. responsible for, and hold the City harmless from, loss of or damage to property not included in (1) above; and
 - iii. responsible for, and hold the City harmless from, bodily injury and death of persons, occasioned either in whole or in part by the negligence or fault of the Contractor, his officers, agents, or employees in the performance of work under this contract. For the purpose of this clause, all cargo loaded or unloaded under this contract is agreed to be property owned by the City or property for which the City is liable. The amount of the loss or damage as determined by the Buyer will be withheld from payments otherwise due the Contractor. Determination of liability and responsibility by the Buyer will constitute questions of fact within the meaning of the paragraph 36, **DISPUTES**. The general liability and responsibility of the Contractor under this clause are subject only to the following specific limitations.
 - The Contractor shall not be responsible to the City for and does not agree to hold the City harmless from loss or damage to property or bodily injury to or death of persons if the damage, injury or death resulted solely from an act or omission of the City or employees of the Contractor acting within specific directions of the Buyer.
 - The Contractor shall at his own cost and expense, defend any suits, demands, claims, or actions, in which the City might be names as a codefendant of the Contractor, arising out of or as a result of the Contractor's performance of work under this contract, whether or not such suit, demand, claim, or action arose out of or was the result of the Contractor's negligence. This shall not prejudice the right of the City to appear in such suit, participate in defense and take such actions as may be necessary to protect the interest of the City.
 - The Contractor shall agree to meet all lawful rules and regulations and to meet all lawful requirements which are now or hereafter may be issued or promulgated under any of the said respective laws by and duly authorized Federal, State, or local official; and agree to indemnify and save harmless the City from such contributions or taxes or liability therefore.
 - Place of Suit. This contract is executed in the City of St. Louis, Missouri. Any action at law, suit in equity, or judicial proceeding for the enforcement of this contract or any provision thereof shall be instituted and prosecuted only in courts located in the city of St. Louis, Missouri. Each party to this contract has waived the right to change of venue.
 - Law Governing. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Missouri, both as to interpretation and performance.

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- When specifically requested by the Buyer in the solicitation and purchase order, the contractor shall, at his own expense, procure and maintain the following insurance with a company acceptable to the Supply Commissioner or his designated representative. Further, the City shall be named as an additional insured on insurance coverage's (ii) and (iii) below.
 - i. Standard Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance and Longshoremen's and Harbor Worker's Compensation Insurance or such of these as may be proper under applicable state or Federal statutes. The Contractor may however, be self-insurer against the risk if he/she has obtained the prior approval of the Buyer. This approval will be given upon receipt of satisfactory evidence that the Contractor has qualified as such self-insurer under applicable provision of law.
 - ii. Bodily injury liability insurance in the amount stated in the solicitation for any one occurrence and for an aggregate amount per occurrence.
 - iii. Personal injury liability insurance when applicable in the amount stated in the solicitation for any one occurrence and for an aggregate amount.
- All policies of insurance required under the terms of this contract shall, by appropriate endorsement or otherwise, provide that no cancellation thereof shall be effective for such period as may be prescribed by the laws of the State in which this contract is to be performed and in no event less than thirty (30) days after written notice thereof has been given to the Buyer.
- Satisfactory evidence of the required insurance endorsed to show the City named as an additional beneficiary and requiring a mandatory thirty (30) day cancellation notice shall be filed with the Buyer prior to performance of any work under this contract. No contract will be considered fully executed until proof of insurance is received. The City has the right to disqualify an otherwise successful bid or cancel a term contract if proof of insurance is not provided within the time requested. Insurance coverage will be considered acceptable when provided in one of the following methods:
 - i. By issuance of an original policy designating the Contractor and the City, by name, as the insured parties under the provisions of the policy.
 - ii. By endorsement to an original policy, which endorsement shall extend to the City, by name, the same coverage and protections stipulated in the above paragraph.
 - iii. By separate contingent policy providing the required insurance coverage for the protection of the City, by name.
 - iv. By issuance of standard Certificate of Insurance modified to show the City as an additional named insured and requiring a thirty (30) day mandatory cancellation notice. The Buyer shall provide a blank modified certificate form to the Contractor.
- It is expressly agreed that the provisions contained above of this clause shall not in any manner limit the liability or extent of liability of the Contractor as provided in this clause.
- In the event that the Contractor is indemnified, reimbursed, or relieved for any loss or damage to City property, he/she shall equitably reimburse the City. The Contractor shall do nothing to prevent the City's right to recover against third parties for any such loss, or damage and, upon the request of the Buyer, shall at the City's expense, furnish to the City all reasonable assistance and cooperation (including the prosecution of suit and the execution of instruments of assignment in favor of the City) in obtaining recovery.

56. **CLAUSES APPLICABLE TO TERM SUPPLY AND SERVICE CONTRACTS.**

- Term Supply or Service Contract Defined. A formal contract made by the City with a supplier to purchase repetitive and estimated requirements of products or service from a supplier to be ordered and supplied as needed for a bid price over a period of time stated in the contract. The contract may be exclusive with one contractor or open to further competition.
- Approximate Quantities. This proposal is based on estimated quantities and it is understood that the estimates are prepared by City officials for the purpose of comparison of bids, and that the estimated quantities are not guaranteed but are approximate only, and the City reserves the right to increase or diminish same, or to omit any one or more items, as may be deemed desirable.
- No financial obligation shall accrue against the City until a purchase order is issued encumbering funds.

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- Multiyear term contracts and options to extend term contracts are subject to paragraph 57 **ANNUAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.**
- Modifications to term contracts may be made by mutual written agreement; however they must be within the scope and intent of the original contract.

57. **ANNUAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.**

- Multi-year term supply and service contracts and leases and the exercise of options to renew term contracts are subject to annual appropriation of funds by the Board of Aldermen. Payments made under term contracts and leases are considered items of current expense. Purchase orders are funded when issued, and therefore are current expense item and are not subject to any subsequent appropriation of funds.
- In the event sufficient funds are not appropriated for the payment of lease payments or anticipated term contract payments required to be paid in the next occurring lease or contract term and if no funds are legally available from other sources, the lease or contract may be terminated at the end of the original term or renewal term and the City shall not be obligated to make further payments beyond the then current original or renewal term. The City will provide notice of its inability to continue the lease or contract at such time as the Supply Commissioner is aware of the non-appropriation of funds, however failure to notify does not renew the term of lease or contract. If a lease is cancelled, the events of default will occur as described in the lease and/or paragraph 37, **TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT, of these INSTRUCTIONS AND CONDITIONS.** The City, has no monetary obligations in the event of termination or reduction of a term contract since such contracts represent estimated quantities and are not funded as a contract, but only to the extent of purchase orders issued.

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