



City of Tacoma, WA

**TACOMA RAIL  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL  
RUNNING REPAIR AGENT  
SPECIFICATION NO. TR25-0042F**



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Tacoma Public Utilities/TACOMA RAIL**

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**Submittal Deadline: 11:00 a.m., Pacific Time, Tuesday, APRIL 8, 2025**

Submittals must be received by the City’s Procurement and Payables Division by 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time.

For electronic submittals, the City of Tacoma will designate the time of receipt recorded by our email server, as the official time of receipt. This clock will be used as the official time of receipt of all parts of electronic bid submittals. Include the specification number in the subject line of your email. Your submittal must be sent as an attachment, links to your electronic submittal will not be accepted.

For in person submittals, the City of Tacoma will designate the time of receipt recorded by the timestamp located at the lobby security desk, as the official time of receipt. Include the specification number on the outside of the sealed envelope. Late submittals will be returned unopened and rejected as non-responsive.

**Submittal Delivery:** Sealed submittals will be received as follows:

<p><b>By Email:</b>  <a href="mailto:sendbid@cityoftacoma.org">sendbid@cityoftacoma.org</a>  Maximum email size including attachments: 35 MB.  Multiple emails may be sent for each submittal.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Email may pass through multiple servers before arriving at its destination. Please allow sufficient time for email delivery of submittals. Timely electronic delivery is at the risk of the supplier.</p>	<p><b>In Person:</b>  Tacoma Public Utilities Administration Building North,  Main Floor, Lobby Security Desk  3628 South 35<sup>th</sup> Street  Tacoma, WA 98409  Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm</p>
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**Bid Opening:** Submittals must be received by the City’s Procurement and Payables Division prior to 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time. Sealed submittals in response to a RFB will be opened Tuesday’s at 11:15 a.m. by a purchasing representative and read aloud during a public bid opening held at the Tacoma Public Utilities Administrative Building North, 3628 S. 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Tacoma, WA 98409, conference room M-1, located on the main floor. They will also be held virtually Tuesday’s at 11:15 a.m. Attend a Zoom meeting [via this link](#) or call 1 (253) 215 8782, using meeting ID # 884 0268 0573, passcode # 070737.

Submittals in response to an RFP, RFQ or RFI will be recorded as received, but not read at bid opening. As soon as possible, after 1:00 PM, on the day of submittal deadline, preliminary results will be posted to [www.TacomaPurchasing.org](http://www.TacomaPurchasing.org).

If you believe your submittal was sent timely and was not read at bid opening, please contact [sendbid@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:sendbid@cityoftacoma.org) immediately.

**Solicitation Documents:** An electronic copy of the complete solicitation documents may be viewed and obtained by accessing the City of Tacoma Purchasing website at [www.TacomaPurchasing.org](http://www.TacomaPurchasing.org).

- [Register for the Bid Holders List](#) to receive notices of addenda, questions and answers and related updates.
- Click here to see a [list of vendors registered for this solicitation](#).

**Pre-Proposal Meeting:** A pre-proposal meeting will be held on March 18, 2025, from 9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.(PST) at Tacoma Rail:

2601 State Rt 509 N, S Frontage Rd, Tacoma, WA 98421

**Project Scope:** Running Repair Agent will be primarily responsible for intermodal, freight rail car and auto rack inspections as well as rail car repairs as necessary on a 24/7 operating basis.

**Estimate:** \$2,000,000.00

**Paid Sick Leave:** The City of Tacoma requires all employers to provide paid sick leave in accordance with State of Washington law.

**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA Information):** The City of Tacoma, in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), commits to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability, in all of its programs and activities. Specification materials can be made available in an alternate format by emailing the contact listed below in the *Additional Information* section.

**Title VI Information:**

“The City of Tacoma” in accordance with provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. sections 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin in consideration of award.

**Additional Information:** Requests for information regarding the specifications may be obtained by contacting Sara Bird by email to [Sbird@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:Sbird@cityoftacoma.org).

**Protest Policy:** City of Tacoma protest policy, located at [www.tacomapurchasing.org](http://www.tacomapurchasing.org), specifies procedures for protests submitted prior to and after submittal deadline.



**Meeting sites are accessible to persons with disabilities. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities can be arranged with 48 hours advance notice by calling 253-502-8468.**

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**SUBMITTAL CHECK LIST**

This checklist identifies items to be included with your submittal. Any submittal received without these required items may be deemed non-responsive and not be considered for award.

Submittals must be received by the City of Tacoma Purchasing Division by the date and time specified in the Request for Proposal page.

<b>The following items make up your submittal package:</b>	
Electronic copy of submittal package	
Scenario 1 & 2 and Sample Invoices (Appendix A)	
Signature Page (Appendix B)	
Price Proposal Form (Appendix B)	
Information in Section 11 (Content To Be Submitted)	
<b>After award, the following documents will be executed:</b>	
Services Contract (Appendix C)	
Performance Bond (Appendix C)	
Certificate of Insurance and related endorsements (Appendix C)	

## 1. BACKGROUND

Tacoma Rail is a full-service Class III short line railroad that connects with both BNSF and Union Pacific. Owned by the City of Tacoma and overseen by the Tacoma Public Utility Board, Tacoma Rail provides terminal and switching services with tariff-based rates.

Operating primarily in the Tacoma Tideflats industrial area and South Tacoma, Tacoma Rail serves 38 commercial customers, including three international intermodal terminals at the Port of Tacoma. In 2024, the railroad handled the equivalent of 287,175 railcars. Tacoma Rail's service area is also located within the ancestral lands of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians.

Tacoma Rail is seeking proposals to establish one or more contracts with qualified vendors to provide Running Repair Agent(s) (Contractor) services. The selected Contractor must have the capability and capacity to perform full-service inspections and repairs on all types of freight railcars, including supplying all necessary labor, materials, and equipment. Additionally, the Contractor will conduct initial terminal air brake tests in compliance with the Code of Federal Regulations and Association of American Railroads (AAR) guidelines.

As a 24/7 operation, Tacoma Rail remains active on nights, weekends, and holidays. Contractors awarded work under this RFP may be required to provide services at any time.

A performance bond of \$300,000.00 is required for this project.

To learn more about the City of Tacoma, visit [www.cityoftacoma.org](http://www.cityoftacoma.org).

The City anticipates awarding a single contract. However, the City reserves the right to split the award if it is in the City's best interest.

Submittals submitted and/or the selected Consultant(s) may be used for projects of similar type and scope at the sole discretion of the City for up to one year.

## 2. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Contractor must be a certified AAR repair agent.

Contractor must use repair parts (reconditioned or new) from an AAR approved supplier.

Contractor must have a minimum of five verifiable years of experience conducting railcar inspections and maintenance services under AAR rules and requirements.

Contractor must have the ability and willingness to begin full service by July 1, 2025.

Contractor must fully comply with 49CFR 219 and must provide Tacoma Rail their letter of acceptance from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA).

Contractor must fully comply with 49CFR 243 and must provide Tacoma Rail their letter of acceptance from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA).

### **3. PROJECT REQUIREMENTS**

Respondents must recognize and anticipate that freight car inspections and any subsequent repairs necessary to maintain compliance with applicable regulations and standards are critical to the operation of Tacoma Rail, their customers, Class I railroad partners, and the Port of Tacoma. Bad order railcar inventories must be kept to a minimum to ensure maximum system throughput capacity. The current Tacoma Rail monthly average for the number of freight rail car inspections and outbound air tests, is approximately 7,500.

### **4. SCOPE OF SERVICES AND DELIVERABLES**

The Running Repair Agent(s) (Contractor) awarded from this RFP shall be primarily responsible for intermodal, freight rail car and auto rack inspections as well as rail car repairs as necessary on a 24/7 operating basis.

Contractor shall provide all labor, tools, parts/materials, and equipment necessary to perform required or requested car repairs, inspections and air tests. All AAR repair work shall be billed at the AAR standard rate, all FRA repairs shall be billed at a flat hourly shop rate and all inspections and air tests will be billed at a platform rate.

All work shall be performed in accordance with specifications prescribed by the current AAR Manual of Standards and any applicable Code of Federal Regulations.

All repairs are to be recorded in the AAR billing system utilizing the AAR Job Code system (standard hours allowed) at the AAR hourly rate. All non-job coded work will require an hourly estimate and prior written approval by Tacoma Rail.

A railroad's running repair agent is a contractor as listed in Appendix H of the AAR guidelines, performing the work of running repairs on freight cars. The running repair agent must be a signatory to the AAR Interchange Rules. Running Repair Agent is synonymous with various references in the AAR Interchange Rules where "repairing road," "repairing party," "repairing line," "billing company," and "billing road" are so noted. (Reference Rules 85, 112.G5, and 112.H.3)

Tacoma Rail is a 24/7 operation. Respondents are hereby notified that the railroad will be operational nights, weekends, and all holidays. The selected Contractor may be required to provide services resulting from this RFP on any day, at any time.

#### **A. Inbound/Outbound Inspections**

Inspections will be performed daily, as needed, on a 24/7 basis. Response time for inbound or outbound train inspections will be a maximum of two (2) hours upon notification of train arrival at Tacoma Rail yard or departure from the Tacoma Rail yard. Inspection reports from the Running Repair Agent shall be submitted to Tacoma Rail immediately following the completion of the inspection.

Oil Unit train inspections are handled in the yard as well as inside the oil refinery. Access into the refinery is allowed only by personnel that possess a Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) card and special training by U.S. Oil will be required to inspect within the facility.

#### B. Repairs

Defects discovered during inspections that do not require a Repair-in-Process (RIP) track are expected to be expeditiously repaired in train. Defects discovered during inspection that do require a RIP track for repair are to be brought to Tacoma Rail's attention immediately in writing. RIP track repairs are expected to have a turnaround time on an average of not more than five (5) days. Railcars that are determined to require home shop repairs and disposition are to be immediately reported to Tacoma Rail for entry into Damaged & Defective Car Tracking (DDCT) system. If entered into DDCT, the cars shall be tagged for home shop movement.

NOTE: Tacoma Rail has limited Repair-In-Process (RIP) track space available that consists of two (2) tracks totaling approximately 1,300 consecutive lineal feet each. Approximately 800 to 1,000 feet per track can be utilized for railcar jacking (one side access only).

#### C. Air Tests

Initial-Terminal, Extended-Haul and/or any other air tests required by current regulations based on train type as identified by Tacoma Rail will have a response time of two (2) hours maximum from time of notification by Tacoma Rail.

#### D. Call Outs

Call outs requested by Tacoma Rail for any reason such as derailment recovery support, resolution of FRA defects identified by train crews and/or regulatory agents or other activities relating to Running Repair Agent responsibilities, will have a response time of two (2) hours maximum from time of notification by Tacoma Rail

### **5. ANTICIPATED CONTRACT TERM**

The anticipated duration of the contract is for a three-year period with the City's sole option to renew the contract for three additional one-year terms. The City reserves the right to cancel the contract for any reason, by written notice, as stipulated in the contract.

The contract will have fixed prices for the first three-year period with an escalation not to exceed 2.5 percent per renewal term, upon mutual agreement.

### **6. CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

This is a tentative schedule only and may be altered at the sole discretion of the City.

Contract may be issued after Public Utility Board.



The anticipated schedule of events concerning this RFP is as follows:

Publish and issue RFP:	<b>3/6/2025</b>
Pre-Proposal Meeting	<b>3/18/25</b>
Pre-Submittal Questions:	<b>3/21/2025</b>
Response to Questions:	<b>3/25/2025</b>
Submittal Due Date:	<b>4/8/2025</b>
Submittal Evaluated:	<b>April 2025</b>
Interviews/presentations, on or about:	<b>April/May 2025</b>
Award Recommendation:	<b>May 2025</b>
Public Utility Board	<b>May/June 2025</b>

## 7. INQUIRIES

7.1 Questions should be submitted to Sara Bird via email to [Sbird@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:Sbird@cityoftacoma.org). Subject line to read:

TR25-0042F – Running Repair Agent – *VENDOR NAME*

7.2 Questions are due by 3 pm on the date included in the *Calendar of Events* section.

7.3 Questions marked confidential will not be answered or included.

7.4 The City reserves the discretion to group similar questions to provide a single answer or not to respond when the requested information is confidential.

7.5 The answers are not typically considered an addendum.

7.6 The City will not be responsible for unsuccessful submittal of questions.

7.7 Written answers to questions will be posted along side the specifications at [www.tacomapurchasing.org](http://www.tacomapurchasing.org)

## 8. PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING

8.1 A pre-proposal meeting will be held at the date and time specified in the calendar of events, in the Rail Main Conference Room, 2601 SR 509, North Frontage Road, Tacoma, WA 98421. Video conference / teleconference option may be available upon request.

## 9. DISCLAIMER

The City is not liable for any costs incurred by the Respondent for the preparation of materials, or a submittal submitted in response to this RFP, for conducting any presentations to the City, or any other activities related to responding to this RFP, or to any subsequent requirements of the contract negotiation process.

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## 10. EVALUATION CRITERIA

A Selection Advisory Committee (SAC) will review and evaluate submittals. The relative weight of each scoring criteria is indicated in the table below.

Criteria	Max Points
<b>Repair Facilities</b> 1. If using Contractor facilities, adequacy of structures, equipment, accessibility, etc. 2. If using Tacoma Rail's RIP track infrastructure, adequacy of plan to complete inspections and repairs with minimal disruption to railroad operations.	<b>25</b>
<b>Qualifications/Experience of Respondent</b> Experience conducting railcar inspections and maintenance services.	<b>15</b>
<b>Staffing/Qualifications/Experience of Key Personnel</b> and the means to assure the continuity of those individuals throughout the contract term	<b>10</b>
<b>Availability</b> Ability and willingness to begin full service by July 1, 2025.	<b>20</b>
<b>Fees and Charges</b> Include Price Proposal Form and sample invoices for scenario 1 and 2 with submittal.	<b>20</b>
<b>Sustainability Efforts</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Equity in Contracting</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Credit Card Acceptance</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

After the evaluation, the SAC may conduct interviews of the most qualified Respondents before final selection.

- 10.1** The SAC may select one or more respondent to provide the services required.
- 10.2** The City reserves the right to visit facilities of selected Respondents for the purpose of but not limited to, verifying adequacy of workspace and equipment, and accessibility of location.\_\_\_\_\_.
- 10.3** The SAC may use references to clarify information in the submittals and interviews, if conducted, which may affect the rating. The City reserves the right to contact references other than those included in the submittal.
- 10.4** A significant deficiency in any one criteria is grounds for rejection of the submittal as a whole.

**11. CONTENT TO BE SUBMITTED – This section represents 100% of the possible scoring criteria.**

Proposals should be formatted as 8 ½” x 11”. A “page” is defined as one single-side of a document that has written text or graphics. The font should be Times New Roman or Arial with font size no smaller than 11 and the margins shall be 0.75” or greater. Submittals should be limited to a maximum of 50 pages, double-sided, or 100 pages total, excluding any required forms, certifications, or resumes. All pages that exceed the specified page limit may not be part of the evaluation.

A full and complete response to each of the “CONTENT TO BE SUBMITTED” items is expected in a single location; do not cross reference to another section in your submittal.

Information that is confidential must be clearly marked and provide an index identifying the affected page number(s) and location(s) of such identified materials. See Section 1 of the Standard Terms and Conditions – Solicitation 1.06 for Public Disclosure : Proprietary or Confidential Information.

Respondents are to provide complete and detailed responses to all items below. Submittals that are incomplete or conditioned in any way that contain alternatives or items not called for in this RFP, or not in conformity with law, may be rejected as being non-responsive. The City will not accept any submittal containing a substantial deviation from the requirements outlined in this RFP.

Submittals should present information in a straightforward and concise manner, while ensuring complete and detailed descriptions of the respondent’s/team’s abilities to meet the requirement of this RFP. Emphasis will be on completeness of content. The written submittals should be prepared in the sequential order as outlined below.

The City reserves the right to request clarification of any aspect of a firm’s submittal or request additional information that might be required to properly evaluate the submittal. A firm’s failure to respond to such a request may result in rejection of the firm’s submittal. Firms are required to provide responses to any request for clarification within two (2) business days.

Requests for clarification or additional information shall be made at the sole discretion of the City. The City’s retention of this right shall in no way diminish a Proposer’s responsibility to submit a submittal that is current, clear, complete and accurate.

**11.1 Repair Facilities: 25 points**

- A. Describe the facilities where the repairs would be performed along with other proposed work locations. Identify physical location, square footage, rail access connecting to Tacoma Rail’s track infrastructure, capabilities, available equipment, etc. Include a description of your firm’s processes and capabilities, and the equipment that will be used in support of repairs (e.g., welding, cutting, heavy metal equipment, lifting jacks, etc.).

- B. Describe parts inventory and equipment storage capacities, including temporary options, e.g., buildings, storage containers, etc.
- C. Provide a detailed description of how repair work will be performed if the Respondent plans on only utilizing Tacoma Rail's limited RIP track infrastructure.

**11.2 Qualifications/Experience of Respondent: 15 points**

- A. Describe the technical capabilities and expertise of your firm, including capability and capacity to perform any necessary fabrication and/or other repairs to freight railcars to expeditiously meet applicable regulatory and industry standards minimizing bad order dwell time.
- B. Describe the experience your firm has had within the last five years in performing rail car inspections and repair services and performing Initial-Terminal air brake tests as prescribed by the Code of Federal Regulations and the Association of American Railroads (AAR) guidelines. Include the types of work conducted, the contracting organization, location of work, dates, etc.

**11.3 Staffing / Qualifications / Experience of Key Personnel: 10 points**

- A. List the project manager, on-site supervisor, and other personnel who will perform the inspection and repair services.
- B. Describe the experience, education, and training of each person that will be assigned this work, giving particular attention to the experience and qualifications of the person(s) that will provide on-site supervision.
- C. Indicate the role(s) each individual will be assigned and the relative amounts of time that will be allocated.
- D. Provide an organization chart showing roles and reporting relationships.
- E. Describe the approach you would use to prepare for and conduct this scope of work while meeting the service requirements of this RFP.
- F. Describe the quality assurance procedures used by your firm.
- G. Describe the City resources you would require.
- H. Describe how you would assure the necessary staffing levels to effectively perform this work during the term of the project.

**11.4 Availability: 20 points**

Discuss your firm's ability and willingness to provide the full services requested in this RFP beginning on July 1, 2025.

### 11.5 Fees and Charges: 20 points

Include price proposal form and sample invoices for scenario 1 and 2.

### 11.6 Sustainability Efforts: 5 points

The City has an interest in measures used by its contractors to ensure sustainable operations with minimal adverse impact on the environment. The City seeks to do business with vendors that value community and environmental stewardship and help us meet our sustainable purchasing goals.

Demonstrate your firm's commitment to providing the services identified in this RFP in a sustainable manner. What measures will your firm take to minimize impacts to the environment in the delivery of services? Provide details of efforts, practices, and/or processes. Include your sustainability statement and current practices.

For more information, see our Respondents Guide.

A. Does the Respondent have an organizational sustainability plan and/or policy?

Yes  No

Provide additional information if checked "Yes," including whether it is made publicly available (provide link) and how it is communicated to employees.

B. Does the Respondent have:

- Greenhouse gas emission reduction targets?  Yes  No
- Energy and water conservation targets?  Yes  No
- Waste reduction targets?  Yes  No
- Toxics use reduction targets?  Yes  No
- Pollution reduction targets?  Yes  No
- Measure progress regularly and publicly?  Yes  No

C. How will the Respondent, through service delivery and/or their own operations during the contract period:

- Minimize greenhouse gas emissions?
- Minimize polluted stormwater runoff in Tacoma?
- Minimize waste generation?
- Minimize toxic use and/or generation?
- Minimize air pollution in Tacoma?
- Minimize resource extraction?

D. Demonstrate industry leadership across these areas? Is the Respondent an EnviroStars recognized business? Provide any relevant certifications and/or verified results.

### **11.7 Equity in Contracting: 5 points**

Is your firm, or the firm you are partnering with, certified with Washington State for any of the below categories. Confirmation of any of the below certifications will result in all points for this category.

- Combination Business Enterprise (CBE)
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)
- Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)
- Minority/Women Business Enterprise (MWBE)
- Small Business Enterprise (SBE)
- Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (SEDBE)
- Women Business Enterprise (WBE)

### **11.8 Credit Card Acceptance: 0 points**

Provide a statement regarding your ability to meet the City's credit card requirements as well as identifying your reporting capabilities (Level I, II, or III). See the Standard Terms and Conditions for more information. This information is not a consideration in the evaluation process.

### **11.9 Contract Exceptions: 0 points**

If Respondent takes exception to any of the City of Tacoma's Standard Terms and Conditions stated herein or to any other part of this specifications, including the stated Insurance Requirements, they must identify the section and page that is the subject of the exception, specify the nature of the exception and, if applicable, provide proposed replacement language or proposed replacement form of Contract. Acceptance of any proposed changes are at the sole discretion of the City.

### **11.10 REFERENCES**

Provide three recent client references able to verify your firm's overall expertise for this scope of work. Include name of company, contact person(s) and title, address, phone number, email address, and website address. Include dates of service for these client references. The clients should have worked with your firm within the last five years.

## **12. INTERVIEWS / ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

An invitation to interview may be extended to Respondents based on SAC review of the written submittals. The SAC reserves the right to adjust scoring based on additional information and/or

clarifications provided during interviews. The SAC may determine additional scoring criteria for the interviews following evaluation of written submittals.

The City reserves all rights to begin contract negotiations without conducting interviews.

Respondents must be available to interview within three business days notice.

If interviews are conducted, the SAC will schedule the interviews with the contact person provided on the Signature Page. Additional interview information will be provided at the time of invitation. At this time, it is anticipated that the main objective of the interview will be for the SAC to meet the project manager and key personnel that will have direct involvement with the project and hear about their relevant experience and expertise. The City does not intend to meet with firm officials unless they are to be directly involved with the project.

Following interviews, submittals will be rescored using the same criteria as in Section 13 below.

### **13. RESPONSIVENESS**

Respondents agree their submittal is valid until a contract(s) has been executed.

All submittals will be reviewed by the City to determine compliance with the requirements and instructions specified in this RFP. The Respondent is specifically notified that failure to comply with any part of this RFP may result in rejection of the submittal as non-responsive. The City reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to waive irregularities deemed immaterial.

The final selection, if any, will be that submittal which, after review of submissions and potential interviews, in the sole judgement of the City, best meets the requirements set forth in this RFP.

### **14. ACCEPTANCE / REJECTION OF SUBMITTALS**

Respondents are advised that the City reserves the right to cancel award of this Contract at any time before execution of the Contract by both parties if cancellation is deemed to be in the City's best interest. In submitting a Submittal, Respondents agree that the City is not liable for any costs or damages for the cancellation of an award.

The City reserves the right and holds at its discretion the following rights and options:

- To waive any or all informalities
- To award one or more contracts
- To not award a contract
- To issue subsequent solicitation

### **15. CONTRACT OBLIGATION**

**Awardee shall be required to comply with 2 CFR part 25 and obtain a unique entity identifier and/or be registered in the federal System for Award Management as appropriate.**

The selected Respondent(s) will be expected to execute a contract with the City. As part of the negotiation process, Respondents may propose amendments to the contract, but the City, at its sole option, will decide whether to open discussion on each proposed amendment and determine the final contract to be used. At a minimum, any contract will incorporate the terms and conditions contained herein. The Submittal contents of the successful Respondent may become contractual obligations if a contract ensues.

## **16. STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

City of Tacoma [Standard Terms and Conditions](#) apply.

## **17. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Successful proposer will provide proof of and maintain the insurance coverage in the amounts and in the manner specified in the City of Tacoma Insurance Requirements contained in this solicitation. Please see Appendix C.

## **18. PERFORMANCE BOND**

A performance bond, including power of attorney, for this project is required in the amount of \$300,000.00.

1. The City's performance bond form must be used.
2. The performance bond must be executed by a surety company licensed to do business in the state of Washington.
3. The cost of a performance bond must be included in submittal prices. Bonds will not be paid as a separate line item.
4. For a supply-type contract, a certified cashier's check or cash may be substituted for the bonds; however, this cash or check must remain with the City through the guarantee period and any interest on said amount shall accrue to the City.

## **19. PARTNERSHIPS**

The City will allow firms to partner in order to respond to this RFP. Respondents may team under a Prime Respondent's submittal in order to provide responses to all sections in a single submission; however, each Respondent's participation must be clearly delineated by section. The Prime Respondent will be considered the responding vendor and the responsible party at contract award. All contract negotiations will be conducted only with the Prime Respondent. All contract payments will be made only to the Prime Respondent. Any agreements between the Prime Respondent and other companies will not be a part of the agreement between the City and the Prime Respondent. The City reserves the right to select more than one Prime Respondent.

## **20. COMMITMENT OF FIRM KEY PERSONNEL**

The Respondent agrees that key personnel identified in its submittal or during contract negotiations as committed to this project will, in fact, be the key personnel to perform during the



life of this contract. Should key personnel become unavailable for any reason, the selected Respondent shall provide suitable replacement personnel, subject to the approval of the City. Substantial organizational or personnel changes within the agency are expected to be communicated immediately. Failure to do so could result in cancellation of the Contract.

## **21. AWARD**

After the Respondent(s) is selected by the SAC and prior to award, all other Respondents will be notified via email by the Purchasing Division.

Once a finalist (or finalists) has been selected by the Selection Advisory Committee, contract negotiations with that finalist will begin, and if a contract is successfully negotiated, it will, if required, be submitted for final approval by the Public Utility Board and/or City Council.

## **22. ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PROCUREMENT**

In accordance with the [City's Sustainable Procurement Policy](#) and [Climate Action Plan](#), it is the policy of the City of Tacoma to encourage the use of products or services that help to minimize the environmental and human health impacts of City Operations. Respondents are encouraged to incorporate environmentally preferable products or services that have a lesser or reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing products or services that serve the same purpose. This comparison may consider raw materials acquisition, products, manufacturing, packaging, distribution reuse, operation, maintenance or disposal of the product or service.

The City of Tacoma encourages the use of sustainability practices and desires any awarded contractor(s) to assist in efforts to address such factors when feasible for:

- Durability, reusability, or refillable;
- Pollutant releases, especially persistent bioaccumulative toxins (PBTs), low volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and air quality and stormwater impacts;
- Toxicity of products used;
- Greenhouse gas emissions, including transportation of products and services, and embodied carbon;
- Recycled content;
- Energy and water resource efficiency;

## **23. PROPRIETARY OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

The Washington State Public Disclosure Act ([RCW 42.56 et seq.](#)) requires public agencies in Washington make public records available for inspection and copying unless they fall within the specified exemptions contained in the Act, or are otherwise privileged. Documents submitted under this RFP shall be considered public records and, with limited exceptions, will be made available for inspection and copying by the public.

Information that is confidential or proprietary must be clearly marked. Further, an index must be provided indicating the affected page number(s) and location(s) of all such identified material.

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Information not included in said index will not be reviewed for confidentiality or as proprietary before release.

## **24. ADDENDUMS**

In the event it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFP, an addendum will be posted alongside specifications at [www.tacomapurchasing.org](http://www.tacomapurchasing.org). Failure to acknowledge addendum(s) on the required Signature Page may result in a submittal being deemed non-responsive by the City.

## **25. LEAP REQUIREMENTS**

This project has no LEAP requirements; however, the City of Tacoma is committed to equality in employment for WA-State approved Apprentices, City of Tacoma residents, residents of local economically distressed areas, youth, veterans, minorities, and women. Please contact the [LEAP Office](#) for assistance in locating qualified employees. Visit the [LEAP website](#) for more information.

## **26. EQUITY IN CONTRACTING**

This project has no EIC requirements, however, the City of Tacoma is committed to encouraging firms certified through the [Washington State Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprise](#) to participate in City contracting opportunities. See **TMC 1.07 Equity in Contracting Policy** at the City's [Equity in Contracting Program website](#).

## **APPENDIX A**

Scenarios and Sample Invoices

Definitions

## **Scenario #1**

Tacoma Rail has called your company at 9:00 a.m. to notify you that car number ABCD1234 is 15 miles away from Tacoma Rail, on a siding in Dupont WA with a wheel set that the FRA has deemed non-compliant. (For this scenario, no other defects exist.) The wheel set will need to be changed out. The siding has ample accessibility for any servicing equipment that will be needed.

Per specification TR25-0042F, Section 4 Sope of Services and Deliverables (D. Call Outs); The Running Repair Agent will have a response time of two (2) hours maximum from time of notification by Tacoma Rail.

1. Explain in detail how your company intends to resolve this scenario and what steps will be taken to do so.
2. State in your explanation what time your company first arrives at the location of car number ABCD1234.
3. Itemize, by line, ALL charges based on your proposal submittal that will be invoiced to Tacoma Rail.
4. Provide a sample invoice for scenario #1.

## **Scenario #2**

Tacoma Rail has notified your company at 01:00 that there has been a derailment in Lakewood Industrial Park (12.0 miles from Tacoma Rail), and they need your company to respond as a post rail incident consultant. Your staff will be on site in Lakewood for two hours supporting the railroad. One of the two hours will be visually inspecting the derailed cars. Per specification TR25-0042F, Section 4 Sope of Services and Deliverables (D. Call Outs); The Running Repair Agent will have a response time of two (2) hours maximum from time of notification by Tacoma Rail.

1. Explain in detail how your company intends to respond to this scenario and what time your company arrives at the derailment location.
2. Itemize, by line, ALL charges based on your proposal submittal that will be invoiced to Tacoma Rail.
3. Provide a sample invoice for scenario #2.

## **Definitions**

This section is intended to provide contractors with a glossary of the more frequently used interchange terms throughout both the AAR Field and Office Manuals of the AAR Interchange Rules.

**24/7:** Open and operational regardless of time or day; 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

**Home Shop:** A repair facility designated by the car owner.

**Jacking:** Raising of the car body by any means necessary in order to safely accomplish repairs (see Rule 75, Job Code 4458 or 4459).

**Labor Rate:** Consists of direct labor, indirect labor, fringe benefits and non-labor overhead costs associated with car repair. Refer to AAR Office Manual Rule 111.5, for further detail.

**Running Repair Agent:** A railroad's running repair agent is a running repair contractor as listed in Appendix H performing the work of running repairs on freight cars. The running repair agent must be a signatory to the AAR Interchange Rules. Running repair agent is synonymous with various references in the AAR Interchange Rules where "repairing road," "repairing party," "repairing line," "billing company," and "billing road" are so noted. (Reference Rules 85, 112.G5, and 112.H.3.

**Standard:** A specification, procedure, practice, definition, design, product, or device which is approved by the MR to serve as the requirement for use in interchange service. Any manufacturer producing material to the requirements of an ARR Standard must provide evidence of compliance upon request.

**APPENDIX B**

Signature Page

Price Proposal Form

**SIGNATURE PAGE**

**CITY OF TACOMA  
TACOMA RAIL**

All submittals must be in ink or typewritten, executed by a duly authorized officer or representative of the bidding/proposing entity, and received and time stamped as directed in the **Request for Proposals page near the beginning of the specification**. If the bidder/proposer is a subsidiary or doing business on behalf of another entity, so state, and provide the firm name under which business is hereby transacted.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SPECIFICATION NO. TR25-0042F  
RUNNING REPAIR AGENT**

The undersigned bidder/proposer hereby agrees to execute the proposed contract and furnish all materials, labor, tools, equipment and all other facilities and services in accordance with these specifications.

The bidder/proposer agrees, by submitting a bid/proposal under these specifications, that in the event any litigation should arise concerning the submission of bids/proposals or the award of contract under this specification, Request for Bids, Request for Proposals or Request for Qualifications, the venue of such action or litigation shall be in the Superior Court of the State of Washington, in and for the County of Pierce.

**Non-Collusion Declaration**

*The undersigned bidder/proposer hereby certifies under penalty of perjury that this bid/proposal is genuine and not a sham or collusive bid/proposal, or made in the interests or on behalf of any person or entity not herein named; and that said bidder/proposer has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any contractor or supplier on the above work to put in a sham bid/proposal or any person or entity to refrain from submitting a bid/proposal; and that said bidder/proposer has not, in any manner, sought by collusion to secure to itself an advantage over any other contractor(s) or person(s).*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bidder/Proposer's Registered Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Person Authorized to Enter Date  
into Contracts for Bidder/Proposer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Area Code) Telephone Number / Fax Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signatory E-Mail Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
State Business License Number  
in WA, also known as UBI (Unified Business Identifier) Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
E.I.No. / Federal Social Security Number Used on Quarterly  
Federal Tax Return, U.S. Treasury Dept. Form 941

\_\_\_\_\_  
State Contractor's License Number  
(See Ch. 18.27, R.C.W.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address for Communications

Addendum acknowledgement #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_ #3 \_\_\_\_\_ #4 \_\_\_\_\_ #5 \_\_\_\_\_

***THIS PAGE MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED WITH SUBMITTAL.***

**CITY OF TACOMA**  
**PRICE PROPOSAL FORM**  
**Request for Proposals TR25-0042F**  
**Running Repair Agent**

Respondent  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

<u>ITEM</u>			
<u>NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>
1.	FRA Defect Repairs; Shop Hourly Rate	HR	\$ _____
2.	Inbound Intermodal Inspection Rate	Platform	\$ _____
3.	Inbound Railcar Inspection Rate	Platform	\$ _____
4.	Outbound Intermodal Air Test Rate	Platform	\$ _____
5.	Outbound Railcar Air Test Rate	Platform	\$ _____

NOTE: Shop rates shall be fully burdened to include all labor, benefits, employment taxes, overhead, profit, materials, tools, equipment, and supervision.



**APPENDIX C**

Sample Contract

Sample Performance Bond

City of Tacoma Insurance Requirements

## SERVICES CONTRACT

Click here for the [Contract Questionnaire Popup Quick Reference](#)

Start Questionnaire

Finalize Document

THIS CONTRACT, made and entered into effective as of the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ (EFFECTIVE DATE) by and between the CITY OF TACOMA, a municipal corporation of the State of Washington (hereinafter referred to as the "CITY"), and **[INSERT legal name of Supplier exactly as it appears in Ariba]**, (hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR");

In consideration of the mutual promises and obligations hereinafter set forth, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

### 1. Scope of Services/Work

The CONTRACTOR agrees to diligently and completely perform the services and/or deliverables consisting of [INSERT A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK TO BE PERFORMED] as is described in Exhibit XXXXX [A, B, ETC., if needed] attached hereto and incorporated herein.

### 2. Order of Precedence

To the extent there is any discrepancy or conflict between and/or amongst the terms of this Contract and Exhibit(s) \_\_\_\_\_, the controlling terms for this Contract will be interpreted in the following order of precedence, with the first listed being the most controlling, and the last listed being the least controlling: Contract, Exhibit \_\_\_\_, Exhibit \_\_\_\_\_. [INSERT EXHIBIT REFERENCES IN ORDER OF WHICH IS MOST CONTROLLING]

### 3. Changes to Scope of Work

The CITY shall have the right to make changes within the general scope of services and/or deliverables upon execution in writing of a change order or amendment hereto. If the changes will result in additional work effort by CONTRACTOR, the CITY will agree to reasonably compensate the CONTRACTOR for such additional effort up to the maximum amount specified herein or as otherwise provided by City Code.

### 4. On Call Contracts

If the services and deliverables performed under this Contract are on an on call or as assigned basis, service and deliverables may be assigned by Task Authorization or Statements of Work, are subject to Section 9, and cannot augment any other work that the CONTRACTOR is doing for the CITY on another Contract. Actual compensation will depend upon the actual purchases made by the City during the life of this Contract and will be paid at the rates set in Exhibit A

### 5. Term

All services shall be satisfactorily completed on or before [INSERT CONTRACT TERMINATION DATE] and this Contract shall expire on said date unless mutually extended by a written and executed Amendment to this Contract.

## **6. Renewals**

At CITY's sole option, the Term of this Contract may be renewed for additional [INSERT THE RENEWAL PERIOD - 1 YEAR, ETC] periods, not to exceed [INSERT THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF RENEWAL PERIODS]. CITY will provide written notice of its intent to exercise any renewal options at least 30 days prior to the then existing Term and a written Amendment to this Contract will be mutually executed.

## **7. Delay**

Neither party shall be considered to be in default in the performance of this Contract to the extent such performance is prevented or delayed by any cause which is beyond the reasonable control of the affected party and, in such event, the time for performance shall be extended for a period equal to any time lost as a result thereof. In the event CONTRACTOR is unable to proceed due to a delay solely attributable to CITY, CONTRACTOR shall advise CITY of such delay in writing as soon as is practicable.

## **8. Compensation**

The CITY shall compensate the CONTRACTOR for the services and deliverables performed under this Contract [in accordance with OR on the basis of] [INSERT DESCRIPTION OF COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS – REFERENCE EXHIBIT, TIME AND MATERIALS, LUMP SUM ETC.]

## **9. Not to Exceed Amount**

The total price to be paid by CITY for CONTRACTOR'S full and complete performance of the Scope of Work hereunder shall not exceed \$ [INSERT TOTAL AMOUNT OF CONTRACT] plus applicable taxes without a written and executed Amendment to this Contract. Said price shall be the total compensation for CONTRACTOR'S performance hereunder including, but not limited to, all work, deliverables, materials, supplies, equipment, subcontractor's fees, and all reimbursable travel and miscellaneous or incidental expenses to be incurred by CONTRACTOR.

In the event the CONTRACTOR incurs cost in excess of the sum authorized for service under this Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall pay such excess from its own funds, and the CITY shall not be required to pay any part of such excess, and the CONTRACTOR shall have no claim against the CITY on account thereof.

## **10. Payment**

CONTRACTOR shall submit XXXXXXXX {monthly, weekly, annual, Contract milestone, etc.} invoices for services completed and/or deliverables furnished during the invoice period. Upon CITY'S request, CONTRACTOR shall submit necessary and appropriate documentation, as determined by the CITY, for all invoiced services and deliverables.

Payment shall be made through the CITY'S ordinary payment process, and shall be considered timely if made within 30 days of receipt of a properly completed invoice. All payments shall be subject to adjustment for any amounts, upon audit or otherwise, determined to have been improperly invoiced. The CITY may withhold payment to the CONTRACTOR for any services or deliverables not performed as required hereunder until such time as the CONTRACTOR modifies such services or deliverables to the satisfaction of the CITY.

### **11. Payment Method**

The City's preferred method of payment is by ePayables (Payment Plus), followed by credit card (aka procurement card), then Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) by Automated Clearing House (ACH), then check or other cash equivalent. CONTRACTOR may be required to have the capability of accepting the City's ePayables or credit card methods of payment. The City of Tacoma will not accept price changes or pay additional fees when ePayables (Payment Plus) or credit card is used. The City, in its sole discretion, will determine the method of payment for this Contract.

### **12. Independent Contractor Status**

The services and deliverables shall be furnished by the CONTRACTOR as an independent Contractor, and nothing herein contained shall be construed to create an employer and employee relationship. The CONTRACTOR shall provide at its sole expense all materials, office space, and other necessities to perform its duties under this Contract, unless stated otherwise in this Contract. No payroll or employment taxes of any kind shall be withheld or paid by the CITY with respect to payments to CONTRACTOR. The payroll or employment taxes that are the subject of this paragraph include, but are not limited to, FICA, FUTA, federal income tax, state personal income tax, state disability insurance tax and state unemployment insurance tax. By reason of CONTRACTOR's status as an independent Contractor hereunder, no workers' compensation insurance has been or will be obtained by the CITY on account of CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR may be required to provide the CITY proof of payment of these said taxes and benefits. If the CITY is assessed or deemed liable in any manner for those charges or taxes, the CONTRACTOR agrees to hold the CITY harmless from those costs, including attorney's fees.

### **13. Services Warranty**

The CONTRACTOR warrants that all services performed pursuant to this Contract shall be generally suitable for the use to which CITY intends to use said services and deliverables as expressed in the Scope of Work. In the performance of services under this Contract, the CONTRACTOR and its employees further agree to exercise the degree of skill and care required by customarily accepted good practices and procedures followed by professionals or service providers rendering the same or similar type of service. All obligations and services of the CONTRACTOR hereunder shall be performed diligently and completely according to such professional standards.

Unless a higher standard or longer periods of warranty coverage for product deliverables provided under this Contract is provided herein, CONTRACTOR agrees to correct any defect or failure of deliverables supplied under this Contract which occurs

within one year from \_\_\_\_\_ [FILL IN APPROPRIATE TIME FRAME, E.G. GO LIVE, FIRST USE, ETC]. During said warranty period, all of the costs (including shipping, dismantling and reinstallation) of repairs or corrections is the responsibility of the CONTRACTOR. If CONTRACTOR is not the manufacturer of the item of equipment, CONTRACTOR agrees to be responsible for this warranty and shall not be relieved by a lesser manufacturer's guarantee. This Contract warranty period shall be suspended from the time a significant defect is first documented by the CITY until repair or replacement by CONTRACTOR and acceptance by the CITY. In the event less than ninety (90) days remain on the warranty period (after recalculating), the warranty period shall be extended to allow for at least ninety (90) days from the date of repair or replacement and acceptance by the CITY.

#### **14. Reliance on CITY Provided Data or Information**

If the CONTRACTOR intends to rely on information or data supplied by the CITY, other CITY contractors or other generally reputable sources without independent verification, such intent shall be brought to the attention of the CITY.

#### **15. Contract Administration**

[INSERT NAME TITLE AND DEPARTMENT OF CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR] for the CITY shall have primary responsibility for contract administration and approval of services to be performed by the CONTRACTOR, and shall coordinate all communications between the CONTRACTOR and the CITY.

#### **16. Specific Personnel**

If before, during, or after the execution of this Contract, CONTRACTOR represents to the CITY that certain personnel would or will be responsible for performing services and deliverables under this Contract, then the CONTRACTOR is obligated to ensure that said personnel perform said Contract services to the maximum extent permitted by law. This Contract provision shall only be waived by written authorization by the CITY, and on a case-by-case basis.

#### **17. Right to Audit**

During the Term of this Contract, and for six (6) years thereafter, the CITY shall have the right to inspect and audit during normal business hours all pertinent books and records of the CONTRACTOR and/or any sub-contractor or agent of CONTRACTOR that performed services or furnished deliverables in connection with or related to the Scope of Work hereunder as reasonably needed by CITY to assess performance, compliance and quality assurance under this Contract or in satisfaction of City's public disclosure obligations, as applicable.

CONTRACTOR shall, upon three (3) business days of receipt of written request for such inspection and audit from CITY, provide the CITY with, or permit CITY to make, a copy of any work-related books, accounts, records and documents, in whole or in part, as specified in such request. Said inspection and audit shall occur in Pierce County, Washington or such other reasonable location as the CITY selects. The CITY shall bear the cost of any inspection audit requested hereunder, provided, that if an inspection

audit in accordance with the foregoing provisions discloses overpricing or overcharges (of any nature) by the CONTRACTOR to the CITY in excess of one percent (1%) of the total contract billings, in addition to making adjustments for the overcharges, the reasonable actual cost of the CITY's audit shall be reimbursed to CITY by CONTRACTOR. Any adjustments or payments that must be made as a result of any audit and inspection hereunder shall be made no later than 90 days from presentation of CITY's findings to CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall ensure that the foregoing inspection, audit and copying rights of the CITY are a condition of any subcontract, agreement or other arrangement under which any other person or entity is permitted to perform the Scope of Work under this Contract.

**18. Records Retention**

The CONTRACTOR shall establish and maintain records in accordance with requirements prescribed by the CITY, with respect to all matters related to the performance of this Contract. Except as otherwise authorized by the CITY, the CONTRACTOR shall retain such records for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ [INSERT THE TIME THE RECORDS SHOULD BE KEPT. MOST COMMON IS 6 YEARS] years after receipt of the final payment under this Contract or termination of this Contract.

If CONTRACTOR retains any City records or data hosted in a Cloud Service. CITY shall have the ability to access its records hosted in a Cloud Service at any time during the Term of this Contract. CITY may export and retrieve its records during the Term of the Contract and, no later than 30 days from the termination of this Contract, CONTRACTOR shall export CITY records to City's custody and control.

**19. Notices**

Except for routine operational communications, which may be delivered personally or transmitted by electronic mail all notices required hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally or mailed first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the parties at the following addresses:

CITY: Name: Title: Address: Telephone No.: E-mail:	CONTRACTOR: Name: Title: Address: Telephone No.: E-mail:
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**20. Termination**

Except as otherwise provided herein, the CITY may terminate this Contract at any time, with or without cause, by giving ten (10) business days written notice to CONTRACTOR.

In the event of termination, all finished and unfinished work prepared by the CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Contract shall be provided to the CITY. In the event CITY terminates this Contract due to the CITY's own reasons and without cause due to the CONTRACTOR's actions or omissions, the CITY shall pay the CONTRACTOR the amount due for actual work and services necessarily performed under this Contract up to the effective date of termination, not to exceed the total compensation set forth herein. Termination of this Contract by CITY shall not constitute a waiver of any claims or remaining rights the CITY may have against CONTRACTOR relative to performance hereunder.

## **21. Suspension**

The CITY may suspend this Contract, at its sole discretion, upon seven (7) business days' written notice to the CONTRACTOR. Such notice shall indicate the anticipated period of suspension. Any reimbursement for expenses incurred due to the suspension shall be limited to the CONTRACTOR'S reasonable expenses and shall be subject to verification. The CONTRACTOR shall resume performance of services under this Contract without delay when the suspension period ends. Suspension of this Contract by CITY shall not constitute a waiver of any claims or remaining rights the CITY may have against CONTRACTOR relative to performance hereunder.

## **22. Taxes**

Unless stated otherwise in Exhibit A, CONTRACTOR is responsible for the payment of all charges and taxes applicable to the services performed under this Contract, and CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all applicable laws regarding the reporting of income, maintenance of records, and all other requirements and obligations imposed pursuant to applicable law. If the CITY is assessed, made liable, or responsible in any manner for such charges or taxes, the CONTRACTOR holds CITY harmless from such costs, including attorney's fees.

If CONTRACTOR fails to pay any taxes, assessments, penalties, or fees imposed by any governmental body, including by Tacoma City ordinance, and including by a court of law, CITY will deduct and withhold or pay over to the appropriate governmental body those unpaid amounts upon demand by the governmental body. Any such payments shall be deducted from the CONTRACTOR's total compensation.

## **23. Licenses and Permits**

The CONTRACTOR, at its expense, shall obtain and keep in force any and all necessary licenses and permits. The CONTRACTOR shall obtain a business license as required by Tacoma Municipal Code Subtitle 6B.20 and shall pay business and occupation taxes as required by Tacoma Municipal Code Subtitle 6A.30. If applicable, CONTRACTOR must have a Washington state business license.

## **24. Indemnification**

CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the CITY, its officials, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers, from any and all claims, demands, damages, lawsuits, liabilities, losses, liens, expenses and costs arising out of the subject

matter of this Contract; provided that this provision shall not apply to the extent that damage or injury results from the sole negligence of the CITY, or its officers, agents, or employees. This indemnification shall extend to and include attorneys' fees and the cost of establishing the right of indemnification hereunder in favor of the CITY. This indemnification shall survive the termination of this Contract.

It is expressly agreed that with respect to design professional services performed by CONTRACTOR herein, CONTRACTOR's duty of indemnification, including the duty and cost to defend, against liability for damages arising out of such services or out of bodily injury to persons or damage to property shall, as provided in RCW 4.24.115 apply only to the extent of CONTRACTOR's negligence.

CONTRACTOR hereby warrants and represents CONTRACTOR is owner of any products, solutions or deliverables provided and licensed under this Contract or otherwise has the right to grant to CITY the licensed rights under this Contract, without violating the rights of any third party worldwide. CONTRACTOR shall, at its expense, defend, indemnify and hold harmless CITY and its employees, officers, directors, contractors, agents and volunteers from any claim or action against CITY which is based on a claim against CITY for infringement of a patent, copyright, trademark, or other propriety right or appropriation of a trade secret.

## **25. Title 51 Waiver**

CONTRACTOR specifically assumes potential liability for actions brought by the CONTRACTOR'S own employees against the CITY and, solely for the purpose of this indemnification and defense, the CONTRACTOR specifically waives any immunity under the state industrial insurance law, Title 51 RCW. THE CONTRACTOR RECOGNIZES THAT THIS WAIVER WAS THE SUBJECT OF MUTUAL NEGOTIATION.

## **26. Insurance**

During the course and performance of the services herein specified, CONTRACTOR will maintain the insurance coverage in the amounts and in the manner specified in the City of Tacoma Insurance Requirements as is applicable to the services and deliverables provided under this Contract. The City of Tacoma Insurance Requirements documents are fully incorporated herein by reference.

Failure by City to identify a deficiency in the insurance documentation provided by Contractor or failure of City to demand verification of coverage or compliance by Contractor with these insurance requirements shall not be construed as a waiver of Contractor's obligation to maintain such insurance.

## **27. Nondiscrimination**

The CONTRACTOR agrees to take all steps necessary to comply with all federal, state, and City laws and policies regarding non-discrimination and equal employment opportunities. The CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate in any employment action because of race, religion, creed, color, national origin or ancestry, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, marital status, familial status, veteran or military status, the



presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a disabled person. In the event of non-compliance by the CONTRACTOR with any of the non-discrimination provisions of this Contract, the CITY shall be deemed to have cause to terminate this Contract, in whole or in part.

## **28. Conflict of Interest**

No officer, employee, or agent of the CITY, nor any member of the immediate family of any such officer, employee, or agent as defined by City ordinance, shall have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in this Contract, either in fact or in appearance. The CONTRACTOR shall comply with all federal, state, and City conflict of interest laws, statutes, and regulations. The CONTRACTOR represents that the CONTRACTOR presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, in the program to which this Contract pertains which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of the CONTRACTOR'S services and obligations hereunder. The CONTRACTOR further covenants that, in performance of this Contract, no person having any such interest shall be employed. The CONTRACTOR also agrees that its violation of the CITY'S Code of Ethics contained in Chapter 1.46 of the Tacoma Municipal Code shall constitute a breach of this Contract subjecting the Contract to termination.

## **29. City ownership of Work/Rights in Data and Publications**

To the extent CONTRACTOR creates any Work subject to the protections of the Copyright Act (Title 17 U.S.C) in its performance of this Contract, CONTRACTOR agrees to the following: The Work has been specially ordered and commissioned by CITY. CONTRACTOR agrees that the Work is a "work made for hire" for copyright purposes, with all copyrights in the Work owned by CITY. To the extent that the Work does not qualify as a work made for hire under applicable law, and to the extent that the Work includes material subject to copyright, CONTRACTOR hereby assigns to CITY, its successors and assigns, all right, title and interest in and to the Work, including but not limited to, all patent, trade secret, and other proprietary rights and all rights, title and interest in and to any inventions and designs embodied in the Work or developed during the course of CONTRACTOR'S creation of the Work. CONTRACTOR shall execute and deliver such instruments and take such other action as may be required and requested by CITY to carry out the assignment made pursuant to this section. Any documents, magnetically or optically encoded media, or other materials created by CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Contract shall be owned by CITY and subject to the terms of this subsection. To the maximum extent permitted by law, CONTRACTOR waives all moral rights in the Work. The rights granted hereby to CITY shall survive the expiration or termination of this Contract. CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for obtaining releases for the performance, display, recreation, or use of copyrighted materials.

## **30. Public Disclosure**

This Contract and documents provided to the CITY by CONTRACTOR hereunder are deemed public records subject to disclosure under the Washington State Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW (Public Records Act). Thus, the CITY may be required, upon request, to disclose this Contract and documents related to it unless an exemption under the Public Records Act or other laws applies. In the event CITY receives a request for

such disclosure, determines in its legal judgment that no applicable exemption to disclosure applies, and CONTRACTOR has complied with the requirements herein to mark all content considered to be confidential or proprietary, CITY agrees to provide CONTRACTOR ten (10) days written notice of impending release. Should legal action thereafter be initiated by CONTRACTOR to enjoin or otherwise prevent such release, all expense of any such litigation shall be borne by CONTRACTOR, including any damages, attorneys fees or costs awarded by reason of having opposed disclosure. CITY shall not be liable for any release where notice was provided and CONTRACTOR took no action to oppose the release of information. Notice of any proposed release of information pursuant to Chapter 42.56 RCW, shall be provided to CONTRACTOR according to the "Notices" provision herein.

### **31. Confidential or Proprietary Records Must be Marked**

If CONTRACTOR provides the CITY with records that CONTRACTOR considers confidential or proprietary, CONTRACTOR must mark all applicable pages of said record(s) as "Confidential" or "Proprietary." If CONTRACTOR fails to so mark record(s), then (1) the CITY, upon request, may release said record(s) without the need to satisfy the notice requirements above; and (2) the CONTRACTOR expressly waives its right to allege any kind of civil action or claim against the CITY pertaining to the release of said record(s).

### **32. Duty of Confidentiality**

CONTRACTOR acknowledges that unauthorized disclosure of information or documentation concerning the Scope of Work hereunder may cause substantial economic loss or harm to the CITY.

Except for disclosure of information and documents to CONTRACTOR's employees, agents, or subcontractors who have a substantial need to know such information in connection with CONTRACTOR's performance of obligations under this Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall not without prior written authorization by the CITY allow the release, dissemination, distribution, sharing, or other publication or disclosure of information or documentation obtained, discovered, shared or produced pursuant to this Contract.

CONTRACTOR shall inform its employees, agents, and subcontractors of the confidentiality obligations under this Contract and instruct them so as to ensure such obligations are met. If so requested by the CITY, the CONTRACTOR further agrees to require all such individuals and entities performing services pursuant to this Contract to execute a Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement in a form acceptable to CITY.

This Section shall survive for six (6) years after the termination or expiration of this Contract.

CITY is required to provide notice of the Red Flags Rules published by the Federal Trade Commission in Title 16 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 681 ("Rules") to all entities that receive confidential or otherwise protected personal information of CITY's customers. Terms in quotations in this Section refer to defined terms contained in the "Rules." CONTRACTOR is, as to "Covered Accounts" of CITY for which CONTRACTOR

performs activities under the Contract, a "Service Provider." "Service Provider" will perform in accordance with its reasonable policies and procedures designed to detect, prevent, and mitigate the risk of identity theft and will promptly report to CITY any specific "Red Flag" incidents detected as to "Covered Accounts" of CITY and upon request by CITY will respond to or reasonably assist CITY in responding reported "Red Flags." This Section shall survive for six (6) years after the termination or expiration of this Contract.

### **33. Approval for Release of Information Related to Contract**

If requested by CITY, CONTRACTOR shall not release any information or documentation concerning the work under this Contract or any part thereof for marketing, advertising, or other commercial activities or publication including, but not limited to, news releases or professional articles without CITY's prior written approval. CONTRACTOR may submit at any time for review and approval a generic abstract describing the component parts of the completed Scope of Services ("Project Abstract"). After receiving written approval of the Project Abstract from the CITY, the CONTRACTOR may make minor insignificant changes to the Project Abstract and use all or parts of the Project Abstract in proposals.

This Section shall survive for six (6) years after the termination or expiration of this Contract.

### **34. Dispute Resolution**

In the event of a dispute pertaining to this Contract, the parties agree to attempt to negotiate in good faith an acceptable resolution. If a resolution cannot be negotiated, then the parties agree to submit the dispute to voluntary non-binding mediation before pursuing other remedies. This provision does not limit the CITY'S right to terminate authorized by this Contract.

### **35. Miscellaneous Provisions**

#### **Governing Law and Venue**

Washington law shall govern the interpretation of this Contract. Pierce County shall be the venue of any mediation, arbitration, or litigation arising out of this Contract.

#### **Assignment**

The CONTRACTOR shall not assign, subcontract, delegate, or transfer any obligation, interest or claim to or under this Contract or for any of the compensation due hereunder without the prior written consent of the CITY.

#### **No Third Party Beneficiaries**

This Contract shall be for the sole benefit of the parties hereto, and nothing contained herein shall create a contractual relationship with, or create a cause of action in favor of, a third party against either party hereto.

### **Waiver**

A waiver or failure by either party to enforce any provision of this Contract shall not be construed as a continuing waiver of such provisions, nor shall the same constitute a waiver of any other provision of this Contract.

### **Severability and Survival**

If any term, condition or provision of this Contract is declared void or unenforceable or limited in its application or effect, such event shall not affect any other provisions hereof and all other provisions shall remain fully enforceable. The provisions of this Contract, which by their sense and context are reasonably intended to survive the completion, expiration or cancellation of this Contract, shall survive termination of this Contract.

### **Entire Agreement**

This Contract and the attached Exhibits, as modified herein, contain the entire agreement between the parties as to the services to be rendered hereunder. All previous and contemporaneous agreements, representations or promises and conditions relating to the subject matter of this Contract are superseded hereby. The Parties hereto mutually acknowledge, understand and agree that the terms and conditions set forth herein shall control and prevail over any conflicting terms and conditions stated in any attachments hereto.

### **Modification**

No modification or amendment of this Agreement shall be effective unless set forth in a written and executed Amendment to this Contract.

### **Direct Solicitation and Negotiation**

For service contracts valued \$25,000 or less the City signature authorizes waiver of competitive solicitation by "Direct Solicitation and Negotiation" of professional and personal services in accordance with Tacoma Municipal Code 1.06.256 and the Purchasing Policy Manual.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have accepted and executed this Contract, as of the Effective Date stated above, which shall be Effective Date for bonding purposes as applicable. The undersigned Contractor representative, by signature below, represents and warrants they are duly authorized to execute this legally binding Contract for and on behalf of Contractor.

CITY OF TACOMA:  
By: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRACTOR:  
By: \_\_\_\_\_

**(City of Tacoma use only - blank lines are intentional)**

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Director of Finance: \_\_\_\_\_

City Attorney (approved as to form): \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

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# PERFORMANCE BOND TO THE CITY OF TACOMA

Resolution No. [Enter Reso # Here]  
Bond No.

That we, the undersigned, [Supplier Name] \_\_\_\_\_  
as principal, and \_\_\_\_\_  
as a surety, are jointly and severally held and firmly bound to the CITY OF TACOMA, in the penal sum of  
\$[dollar value], plus any applicable tax, for the payment whereof Contractor and Surety bind themselves,  
their executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

This obligation is entered into in pursuance of the statutes of the State of Washington, the Ordinances of the City of Tacoma.

WHEREAS, under and pursuant to the City Charter and general ordinances of the City of Tacoma, the said City has or is about to enter with the above bounden principal, a contract, providing for

Specification No. [Enter Spec # Here] \_\_\_\_\_  
Specification Title: [Enter Spec Title Here] \_\_\_\_\_  
Contract No. [Enter Contract # Here] \_\_\_\_\_

(which contract is referenced to herein and is made a part hereof as though attached hereto), and

WHEREAS, the said principal has accepted, the said contract, and undertake to perform the work therein provided for in the manner and within the time set forth.

This statutory performance bond shall become null and void, if and when the principal, its heirs, executors, administrators, successors, or assigns shall well and faithfully perform all of the Principal's obligations under the Contract and fulfill all terms and conditions of all duly authorized modifications, additions and changes to said Contract that may hereafter be made, at the time and in the manner therein specified; and if such performance obligations have not been fulfilled, this bond shall remain in force and effect.

The Surety for value received agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the Contract, the specifications accompanying the Contract, or to the work to be performed under the Contract shall in any way affect its obligation on this bond, and waives notice of any change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the Contract or the work performed. The Surety agrees that modifications and changes to the terms and conditions of the Contract that increase the total amount to be paid the Principal shall automatically increase the obligation of the Surety on this bond and notice to Surety is not required for such increase.

If the City shall commence suit and obtain judgment against the Surety for recovery hereunder, then the Surety, in addition to such judgement, shall pay all costs and attorney's fees incurred by the City in enforcement of its rights hereunder. Venue for any action arising out of in in connection with this bond shall be in Pierce County, Washington.

Surety companies executing bonds must be authorized to transact business in the State of Washington as surety and named in the current list of "Surety Companies Acceptable in Federal Bonds" as published in the Federal Register by the Audit Staff Bureau of Accounts, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

One original bond shall be executed, and signed by the parties' duly authorized officers. This bond will only be accepted if it is accompanied by a fully executed power of attorney for the office executing on behalf of the surety.

Principal: [Supplier name]

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Surety:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent's Address: \_\_\_\_\_



# CITY OF TACOMA INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTS

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This Insurance Requirements shall serve as an attachment and/or exhibit form to the Contract. The Agency entering a Contract with City of Tacoma, whether designated as a Supplier, Contractor, Vendor, Proposer, Bidder, Respondent, Seller, Merchant, Service Provider, or otherwise referred to as "Contractor".

## 1. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The following General Requirements apply to Contractor and to Subcontractor(s) performing services and/or activities pursuant to the terms of this Contract. Contractor acknowledges and agrees to the following insurance requirements:

- 1.1. Contractor shall not begin work under the Contract until the required insurance has been obtained and approved by the City of Tacoma.
- 1.2. Contractor shall keep in force during the entire term of the Contract, at no expense to the City of Tacoma, the insurance coverage and limits of liability listed below and for Thirty (30) calendar days after completion of all work required by the Contract, unless otherwise provided herein.
- 1.3. Liability insurance policies, except for Professional Liability and Workers' Compensation, shall:
  - 1.3.1. Name the City of Tacoma and its officers, elected officials, employees, and agents as **additional insured**
  - 1.3.2. Be considered primary and non-contributory for all claims with any insurance or self-insurance or limits of liability maintained by the City of Tacoma
  - 1.3.3. Contain a "Waiver of Subrogation" clause in favor of City of Tacoma
  - 1.3.4. Include a "Separation of Insureds" clause that applies coverage separately to each insured and additional insured
  - 1.3.5. Name the "City of Tacoma" on certificates of insurance and endorsements and not a specific person or department
  - 1.3.6. Be for both ongoing and completed operations using Insurance Services Office (ISO) form CG 20 10 04 13 and CG 20 37 04 13 or the equivalent
  - 1.3.7. Be satisfied by a single primary limit or by a combination of a primary policy and a separate excess umbrella
- 1.4. A notation of coverage enhancements on the Certificate of Insurance shall not satisfy these requirements below. Verification of coverage shall include:
  - 1.4.1. An ACORD certificate or equivalent
  - 1.4.2. Copies of requested endorsements
- 1.5. Contractor shall provide to City of Tacoma Procurement & Payable Division, prior to the execution of the Contract, Certificate(s) of Insurance and endorsements from the insurer certifying the coverage of all insurance required herein. Contract or Permit number and the City of Tacoma Department must be shown on the Certificate of Insurance.
- 1.6. A renewal Certificate of Insurance shall be provided electronically prior to coverage



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expiration via email sent annually to [coi@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:coi@cityoftacoma.org).

- 1.7. Contractor shall send a notice of cancellation or non-renewal of this required insurance within Thirty (30) calendar days to [coi@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:coi@cityoftacoma.org).
- 1.8. "Claims-Made" coverages, except for pollution coverage, shall be maintained for a minimum of three years following the expiration or earlier termination of the Contract. Pollution coverage shall be maintained for six years following the expiration of the Contract. The retroactive date shall be prior to or coincident with the effective date of the Contract.
- 1.9. Each insurance policy must be written by companies licensed or authorized (or issued as surplus line by Washington surplus line broker) in the State of Washington pursuant to RCW 48 with an (A-) VII or higher in the A.M. Best key rating guide.
- 1.10. Contractor shall not allow any insurance to be cancelled, voided, suspended, or reduced in coverage/limits, or lapse during any term of this Contract. Otherwise, it shall constitute a material breach of the Contract.
- 1.11. Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of all premiums, deductibles and self-insured retentions, and shall indemnify and hold the City of Tacoma harmless to the extent such a deductible or self-insured retained limit may apply to the City of Tacoma as an additional insured. Any deductible or self-insured retained limits in excess of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) must be disclosed and approved by City of Tacoma Risk Manager and shown on the Certificate of Insurance.
- 1.12. City of Tacoma reserves the right to review insurance requirements during any term of the Contract and to require that Contractor make reasonable adjustments when the scope of services changes.
- 1.13. All costs for insurance are included in the initial Contract and no additional payment will be made by City of Tacoma to Contractor.
- 1.14. Insurance coverages specified in this Contract are not intended and will not be interpreted to limit the responsibility or liability of Contractor or Subcontractor(s).
- 1.15. Failure by City of Tacoma to identify a deficiency in the insurance documentation or to verify coverage or compliance by Contractor with these insurance requirements shall not be construed as a waiver of Contractor's obligation to maintain such insurance.
- 1.16. If Contractor is a government agency or self-insured for any of the above insurance requirements, Contractor shall be liable for any self-insured retention or deductible portion of any claim for which insurance is required. A certification of self-insurance shall be attached and incorporated by reference and shall constitute compliance with this Section.

## 2. SUBCONTRACTORS





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It is Contractor's responsibility to ensure that each subcontractor obtain and maintain adequate liability insurance coverage that applies to the service provided. Contractor shall provide evidence of such insurance upon City of Tacoma's request. Failure of any subcontractor to comply with insurance requirements does not limit Contractor's liability or responsibility.

### 3. REQUIRED INSURANCE AND LIMITS

The insurance policies shall provide the minimum coverages and limits set forth below. Providing coverage in these stated minimum limits shall not be construed to relieve Contractor from liability in excess of such limits.

#### 3.1 Commercial General Liability Insurance

Contractor shall maintain Commercial General Liability Insurance policy with limits not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) each occurrence and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) annual aggregate. This policy shall be written on ISO form CG 00 01 04 13 or its equivalent and shall include product liability especially when a Contract is solely for purchasing supplies. It includes Products and Completed Operations for three years following the completion of work related to performing construction services. It shall be endorsed to include: A per project aggregate policy limit (using ISO form CG 25 03 05 09 or equivalent endorsement) and/or Contractual Liability-Railroad using ISO form CG 24 17 10 01 or equivalent if Contractor is performing work within Fifty (50) feet of a City of Tacoma railroad right of way.

#### 3.2 Workers' Compensation

Contractor shall comply with Workers' Compensation coverage as required by the Industrial Insurance laws of the State of Washington, as well as any other similar coverage required for this work by applicable federal laws of other states. Contractor must comply with their domicile State Industrial Insurance laws if it is outside the State of Washington.

#### 3.3 Employers' Liability Insurance

Contractor shall maintain Employers' Liability coverage with limits not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) each employee, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) each accident, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) policy limit.

#### 3.4 Excess or Umbrella Liability Insurance

Contractor shall provide Excess or Umbrella Liability Insurance with limits not less than Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) per occurrence and in the aggregate. This coverage shall apply, at a minimum, in excess of primary underlying Commercial General Liability, Employer's Liability, Pollution Liability, Marine General Liability, Protection and Indemnity, and Automobile Liability if required herein.

#### 3.5 Railroad Protective Liability Insurance

Contractor shall maintain Railroad Protective Liability coverage with limits of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) per occurrence and Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000) in the aggregate during the term of the Contract if Contractor's work will involve working on, above, under or being within Fifty (50) feet of City of Tacoma railroad right of ways. The policy must be issued on a standard ISO form CG 00 35 (04-13), or equivalent, with City of Tacoma as a named insured (not named as an additional insured) and shall include Limited Seepage, Pollution Endorsement and Evacuation Expense Coverage Endorsements.

#### 3.6 Other Insurance

Other insurance may be deemed appropriate to cover risks and exposures related to the scope of work or changes to the scope of work required by City of Tacoma.



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The costs of such necessary and appropriate Insurance coverage shall be borne by Contractor.

### 3.7 Other Conditions

Contractor will be responsible to comply with all specific insurance requirements associated with any highway or rail crossings, e.g., Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF), and Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR).