



PRINTED NAME OF BIDDER

EMERGENCY HOME FURNACE REPAIR/REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Invitation to Bid No.400640 Issued: September 3, 2013

PURCHASING BUREAU CONTACT: Gary Tomaselli, Purchaser, (585) 428-7224

BID OPENING: Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

Sealed bids are to be returned to the Office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall Room 105A, Rochester, NY 14614, prior to bid opening, at which time and place all bids will be opened, read and recorded.

The bidder's attention is directed to the General Conditions and Instructions to Bidders which appears immediately following this title page and is incorporated into the bidding document and contract by reference.

CONTRACT CHARACTERISTICS

(For definitions or explanations, see General Conditions)

Type of Contract: TERM CONTRACT, ONE YEAR WITH OPTION TO EXTEND

Bid Deposit Requirement: YES, SEE SECTION 14.1

Performance Security Requirement: YES, SEE SECTION 14.2

Insurance Requirement: YES, SEE SECTION 13.

Samples Requirement: NONE with Bid

Descriptive Literature/Technical Data Requirement: NONE with Bid

BIDDERS: Please note that prices, company identification and authorized signature are to be entered on the Proposal which appears at the end of the specifications.



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1. SCOPE

It is the intent of the City of Rochester to establish a contract with one or more qualified firms to provide emergency furnace repair or replacement services to privately owned homes approved by the City under the Emergency Assistance Rehabilitation Program (EARP).

2. PROGRAM BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Emergency Assistance Rehabilitation Program (EARP) is an emergency housing program designed to assist eligible homeowners with a furnace repair and/or replacement. Eligible homeowners are those with household incomes at or below 80% of the area median income that are current with City property tax payments.
- 2.2 The City's Department of Business and Housing Development (BHD) will manage the program in partnership with Action for a Better Community (ABC), a local non-profit community organization. ABC will be responsible for marketing the program to the public, managing the application intake process and submitting applications to the City for approval.
- 2.3 A program manager from BHD will receive applications from ABC and provide approvals to property owners. BHD will contact the heating contractor to request that a phone call be made to the property owner to set up a time for the work to be completed. BHD will also review contractor's job estimate to approve prior to the start of any substantial work. The contractor will contact BHD when the work is completed. A City representative will provide a site inspection to ensure that the work is completed after which BHD will approve contractor invoices for payment.
- 2.4 The City reserves the right to establish contracts with more than one heating contractors. One contractor will be the prime contractor. If the prime contractor cannot provide normal response within four (4) hours and emergency response within one (1) hour, the City will contact the next available contractor. Repeated failure to deliver contracted service on time will result in termination of the contract.

3. CONTRACT TERM

- 3.1 The contract resulting from this bid invitation shall commence on the date of contract award and end on August 31, 2014
- 3.2 The contract may be extended for up two (2) periods of one year or less, under the same terms and conditions upon mutual agreement of the contracting parties.

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4. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTRACT

4.1 The contractor shall provide all labor, transportation and equipment and materials necessary to perform the types of home furnace work described in these specifications.

4.2 The contractor will work under the direction of authorized representatives of the City.

4.3 TYPES OF WORK

4.3.1 Work may be required both inside and outside of buildings. Examples of the work which might be requested are listed below. However, this list is not intended to be comprehensive, nor does it guarantee that any of the work described below will in fact be ordered. The list is meant to be representative only.

A. Inspect and repair a furnace and/or related parts of the heating system that are causing it to not function properly.

B. Remove an old furnace and replace it with a City approved new furnace to restore full functioning heating to the building

C. Related miscellaneous inspection and/or repair services.

4.4 The services to be performed shall be only those services actually needed and ordered. There is no guarantee as to the amount of work which will be ordered during the contract term.

5. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

5.1 The contractor shall receive a notification initiating each job. Each job will receive a separate job number. The job will include all work required at a specific location to perform and complete the work required to respond to that job. A separate job number will be assigned if, in the City's determination, work required to service a location is completely new and unrelated to the work of a previous job.

5.2 Prior to commencing any work that exceeds one (1) hour of billable time the Contractor shall prepare an estimate of the job and provide that to the City designated program manager. The City will not pay for materials and equipment that have not been prior approved based upon the estimate.

5.3 The Contractor shall provide materials and bill the City at the actual contractor cost. All materials shall be itemized on the bill submitted to the City. If the final invoice is different than the approved estimate, the Contractor must explain the difference. The City reserves the right to audit the contractor's records to determine

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that items were billed at the contractor's cost. "Contractor's cost" will be defined as the contractor's list price less the contractor's discount, as shown in the Proposal. Overcharges shall be deducted by the City from amounts due the contractor.

- 5.4 All materials, equipment and accessories provided by the contractor shall be new and unused and regularly used by the industry for the type of work covered in this contract. The City reserves the right to reject any material, equipment or equipment manufacturer.
- 5.5 The Contractor must supply all tools, equipment and materials required to perform the services of this contract.
- 5.6 For new/replacement furnaces that have been approved for installation by the program manager, the standard will be a basic high efficiency gas furnace rated at least 90. The manufacturer, make and model shall be whatever is recommended by the contractor to be cost effective for the required application, as long as it is prior approved by the City and is a reputable product that is readily available in the marketplace and covered by guarantees required in this contract. The basic model proposed shall be stated in the Proposal. The basic installation will only include the furnace and whatever filters come standard with the furnace. Add-ons such as humidifiers, an extra filter system, etc. shall not be included in the base price.
 - 5.6.1 For purposes of preparing a fixed price to put on the Proposal page, a bidder should assume 8 hours of labor at the standard labor rate quoted plus the cost of a new furnace (assume a standard size for a two story 1,800 square foot City house), plus miscellaneous materials and supplies required for a standard furnace installation. The actual cost for any particular job may be more or less than the bid price depending on the factors required to complete the job, however, for purposes of preparing the bid, a bidder should base their bid on the variables specified in this paragraph.
- 5.7 The City recognizes that there may be certain situations where there may be more than one option for a cost effective solution, and seeks the contractor's expert recommendations in determining options. For example, a specific building might be better served by a boiler furnace or a slip-in furnace. The City reserves the right to work with the contractor to determine the best option on a case-by-case basis, and to determine its cost based upon the contractor's written estimate for the agreed upon option.
- 5.8 All cost estimates must include the contractor removing and disposing of any equipment and material that is replaced, and properly cleaning the work site in order for the job to be completed.
- 5.9 The contractor may invoice the City for each job once it is completed to the satisfaction of the program manager.

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6. HOURLY WAGE RATES

- 6.1 This contract is not subject to the requirements of New York State Labor Law as it pertains to the payment of prevailing wages on municipal work.
- 6.2 The contractor shall be paid for the number of hours actually worked times the hourly rates in the Proposal.

7. TRAVEL TIME RATE

- 7.1 The City will pay a flat rate travel time cost to be added to each job. The flat rate travel time fee must be stated in the Proposal. This is intended to pay the cost of the initial visit to the site by the Contractor. No additional travel time will be added for additional visits to the site to complete a specific job on that site.

8. STANDARDS

- 8.1 The contractor shall obtain any required permits for all work.
- 8.2 All work shall be done in accordance with the New York State Building Code, laws, ordinances and other applicable regulations.

9. BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS

- 9.1 No bid will be considered unless the person or organizations submitting the bid can meet the following minimum qualifications:
 - 9.1.1 No portion of this contract can be subcontracted.
 - 9.1.2 Performance record; must have been in business for at least the last five (5) years primarily servicing the types of work required in this contract. The Company must be able to demonstrate that it has sufficient fleet vehicles, equipment, trained personnel, dispatch and management capability to meet the requirements of this contract. Fleet vehicles must be fully stocked vehicles with company lettering and insignia.
 - 9.1.3 The parts, dispatch and repair center must be located within a twenty (20) mile radius of the City Hall, 30 Church Street, Rochester, 14614. The City reserves the right to visit and inspect the dispatch and repair site.
 - 9.1.4 Must have NYS electrical and plumber license as required and EPA Certification (in case of the need for refrigerant recovery).
 - 9.1.5 Company employees shall be provided with and wear company uniforms with company logos on them.

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- 9.1.6 Must have in operation a mobile commercial service organization with operations base possessing the capability and capacity sufficient for satisfactory performance of the contract, including emergency response dispatch.
- 9.1.7 Must provide proof of comparable sized home and residential projects and service capabilities.
- 9.1.8 Must have the capability of managing multiple jobs simultaneously.
- 9.1.9 Must be able to produce documentation or other evidence demonstrating ability to comply with the terms, conditions and specifications of this project.
- 9.1.10 The successful bidder must provide three (3) references upon request to verify the bidder's ability to perform this work, and must allow authorized City representatives to inspect the bidder's facilities upon request.

10. TYPES OF WORK REQUESTS

10.1 NON-EMERGENCY REQUESTS

One type of work under this contract will be routine non-emergency calls or emergency calls that occur during normal business hours. The City program manager will contact the contractor during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays except national holidays) and arrange for the contractor to go to a specific property, evaluate the problem(s) with the heating system, and work with the program manager to determine the course of action required to resolve the problem. Problem resolution will range from a simple fix up to replacing a furnace. Prior approval of a job estimate must be received from the program manager prior to the contractor proceeding with any work that will require more than one (1) hour of billable time. Response time required is to contact the program manager within four (4) hours of the call from the program manager, and to be at the property at the time agreed by the program manager.

10.2 EMERGENCY NO-HEAT REQUESTS

In the case of no-heat or other emergency situations determined by the City to require immediate response by the contractor, the contractor is expected to return the call to the program manager within one (1) hour, and to be at the property within four (4) hours of request of the program manager. Problem resolution will range from a simple fix up to replacing a furnace. Prior approval of a job estimate must be received from the program manager prior to the contractor proceeding with any work that will require more than one (1) hour of billable time. Emergency service will be available twenty-four hours per day, seven days a week, from October 1 to May 31. Emergency requests may be billed at a separate hourly rate if they occur outside normal business hours as defined in Section 10.1

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11. COST ESTIMATES REQUIRED

11.1 The contractor must notify the program manager prior to the contractor proceeding with any work that will require more than one (1) hour of billable time. Except as noted in Section 11.2, the contractor can provide a verbal estimate, which shall include all labor and materials, to complete the job. Minor variations between the verbal estimate and the final job cost will be accepted provided there is an acceptable explanation provided to the City.

11.2 If any project is estimated to cost more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in total, including labor and materials, the contractor must provide a written estimate to the program manager, and receive approval of the estimate prior to proceeding. The City will not be liable to pay amounts in excess of the written estimate unless such amounts are documented, reasonable and acceptable to the City.

12. SCHEDULE OF WORK

Routine non-emergence maintenance, repair and installation work must be performed by the contractor as soon as possible, in the time frame agreed to by the project manager. Emergency work shall be started within four (4) hours of request by the program manager. Failure to perform work in the time arranged between the program manager and the contractor will be grounds for terminating this contract and declaring the contractor in default.

13. INSURANCE

13.1 All contractors awarded this contract shall procure and maintain at his/her own expense until final acceptance of the work covered by the contract documents, insurance for liability for damages imposed by law of the kinds and in the amounts hereinafter provided from insurance companies authorized to do such business in the State of New York covering all operations under the contract documents whether performed by him or his subcontractors.

13.2 Within ten days of request, the contractor shall furnish to the City Purchasing Agent a certificate or certificates of insurance in form satisfactory to the City Purchasing Agent showing that he/she has complied with this Section, which certificate or certificates shall provide that the policies shall not be materially changed or canceled until ten days' written notice has been given to the City Purchasing Agent.

13.3 In each policy of insurance except insurance for Workers' Compensation and Disability Insurance, the City shall be named as an additional insured for liability arising under this agreement. Except for Workers' Compensation and Disability Insurance, no insurance required herein shall contain any exclusion of municipal operations performed in connection with the project.

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13.4 The kinds and amounts of insurance are as follows:

16.4.1 WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND DISABILITY INSURANCE

The agreement shall be void and of no effect unless the person or corporation making or executing same shall secure Compensation and Disability coverage covering all operations under the contract--whether performed by him or his subcontractors--for the benefit of, and keep insured during the life of said agreement, employees in compliance with the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Law.

A. Workers' Compensation Insurance

A policy covering the operations of the contractor in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41 of the Laws of 1914, as amended, known as the Workers' Compensation Law.

B. Disability Insurance

A policy covering the operations of the contractor in accordance with the provisions of Article 9 of the Workers' Compensation Law, known as the Disability Benefits Law (Chapter 600 of the Laws of 1949) and amendments thereto.

13.4.2 PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE

A. **CONTRACTOR'S COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE** issued to the contractor and covering the liability for damages imposed by law upon the contractor with respect to all work performed by him under the within agreement. The Contractor's Comprehensive General Liability Insurance shall include: Independent contractor's insurance, premises operation insurance, completed operations insurance and broad form property damage insurance. The x., c., u. exclusion shall be eliminated from the Contractor's Comprehensive General Liability Insurance.

The comprehensive general liability policy shall furnish limits of not less than:

BODILY INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE LIABILITY
Combined Single Limit
\$1,000,000

for all damages arising during the policy period.

B. **MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE** issued to the contractor and covering public liability and property damage on the contractor's vehicles in the amount of:

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BODILY INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE LIABILITY
Combined Single Limit
\$1,000,000

14. BONDS

14.1 BID BOND

A bid bond in an amount of \$1,000 shall be furnished with each bid. At its option, the City shall have the right to accept cash, a certified check, or a letter of credit in satisfaction of this requirement.

14.2 PERFORMANCE AND OTHER BONDS

14.2.1 Any contractor accepting an award of contract must furnish two executed surety company bonds, each in the amount of \$ 5,000.

- A. A Performance Bond shall be furnished as security for the faithful performance by the contractor of all terms and conditions of the contract documents.
- B. A Labor and Material Payment Bond shall be furnished as security for the claims of laborers and material suppliers.
- C. Both bonds shall be made out to the City of Rochester, prepared on an approved form and submitted by the contractor to the Purchasing Agent within ten (10) days of notification that his bid was accepted. The surety thereon must be such surety company or companies as are authorized and licensed to transact business in the State of New York. The surety furnishing the Performance Bond and the Labor and Material Payment Bond must waive notice of any change in the contract price or contract time. Attorneys-in-fact who sign bonds must file with each bond a certified copy of their power of attorney to sign said bonds.

14.2.2 Alternate Security

- A. At its option, the City shall have the right to accept cash, a certified check, or a letter of credit in satisfaction of the foregoing requirements. Submission of personal checks, or checks that are not certified, will result in bid rejection.
- B. In the event the contractor submits cash or a cash instrument as alternate security, the City will accept \$10,000 as satisfying both Performance and Material Payment security requirements.

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- C. Any security accepted in lieu of a payment bond shall be retained until the City is no longer liable for mechanics' liens against the work of the contract.

15. WARRANTY/GUARANTEE

- 15.1 Bidder shall, as part of this proposal, furnish its warranty/guarantee for all goods/services to be furnished hereunder. As a minimum, bidder shall warranty/guarantee all goods/services for a period of one (1) year from the date of acceptance and bidder shall be obligated to repair or replace all defects in material or workmanship which are discovered or exist during said one (1) year period. All labor, parts and transportation shall be at bidder's expense.
- 15.2 For new furnaces, the standard manufacturer's warranty shall apply and shall be provided to the City at no additional charge. Standard new furnace warranty shall be for at least five (5) years from date of installation.

16. QUANTITIES

- 16.1 Because this is a new program for the City, there is no prior experience regarding the amounts or type of work that is going to be required/requested. Therefore, the City can give no commitment of how much, if any work will be ordered from any contractors during the term of this contract. Any quantities noted in this specification and on the Proposal are projections only for purposes of estimating costs. The City reserves the right to order substantially more or less than any quantities shown.
- 16.2 The City reserves the right to terminate this contract with thirty (30) days written notice to the contractor(s) should budget or other considerations require. The contractor(s) will be paid for all work completed and approved prior to such termination.

17. METHOD OF AWARD

- 17.1 Award will be made to the responsive and responsible bidder who proposes the lowest overall cost to the City based upon the information provided in the Proposal. The City will determine the order of bids received based upon the following prices offered:
 - 17.1.1 Hourly standard labor rate to be charged to the City for routine non-emergency work. Reference Section 10.1.
 - 17.1.2 Hourly labor rate to be charged to the City for emergency work outside of normal business hours. Reference Section 10.2.
 - 17.1.3 Provision and installation of thirty (30) basic high-efficiency 90 rated furnaces. In order to determine the Unit Price to put in the Proposal, the bidder should assume 6 hours of labor at the standard labor rate quoted plus

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the cost of a new furnace (assume a standard size for a two story 1,800 square foot City house), plus miscellaneous materials and supplies required for a standard furnace installation. Reference Section 5.6

17.1.4 Flat rate travel charge per job. Reference Section 7.1

17.1.5 Materials and parts costs - % discount from contractor's list price. Reference Section 5.3.

17.2 The City reserves the right to award this contract to more than one bidder in order to insure service response capacity. The primary award of this contract will be made to the lowest cost bidder per section 17.1. The City may award secondary contracts to the next lowest bidder(s),

17.3 The City reserves the right to reject any bid where prices offered are unbalanced or do not reflect current market pricing and conditions.

18. NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATION

By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief:

18.1 The prices in this bid have been arrived at independently without collusion, consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other bidder or with any competitor.

18.2 Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this bid have not knowingly been disclosed by the bidder and will not knowingly be disclosed prior to the bid opening, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder or to any competitor.

18.3 No attempt has been or will be made by the bidder to induce any other person, partnership, or corporation to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition.

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P R O P O S A L

The undersigned bidder hereby agrees to furnish the goods or services specified and to otherwise fully meet all terms, conditions, and specifications contained in this Invitation to Bid without exception, unless exceptions are clearly noted in this proposal. SIGNATURE MUST BE THAT OF THE BIDDER OR OF AN EMPLOYEE OR AGENT AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE BIDDER.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>EST. QUANTITY PER HEATING SEASON</u>	<u>BIDDER'S PRICE</u>	<u>EXTENSION</u>
1. Standard Hourly Rate Non-emergency Work Reference Section 10.1	50 hours	X \$ _____ /HR	= \$ _____
2. Hourly Rate for Emergency Work Reference Section 10.2	50 hours	X \$ _____ /HR	= \$ _____
3. Installed cost of basic High Efficiency 90 Rated gas furnace Reference Section 5.6	30 units	X \$ _____ /UNIT	= \$ _____

MANUFACTURER, MAKE and MODEL BEING BID:

4. Flat rat travel charge Per job Reference Section 7.1	50 jobs	X \$ _____ /JOB	= \$ _____
5. % Discount from List Price for misc. Materials and Parts Reference Section 5.3	\$5,000 list price	X 1- % OFF _____	= \$ _____

TOTAL BID PRICE \$ _____
(Sum of Items 1-5 Extensions)

Authorized Signature

Typed Name and Title of Authorized Signer

Typed Name of Company
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PROPOSAL

PRINT OR TYPE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Name of Firm or Corporation

Street Address

City State Zip Code

Telephone/Fax No. Federal Employer ID No.

E-mail address of recipient of contract awards and extensions

Date

ACCEPTED ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ROCHESTER FOR:

Contract No. _____ Contract Term: _____

Purchasing Agent

Date: _____



City of Rochester

Bureau of Purchasing

Department of Finance

GENERAL CONDITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

(Vendor: The general rules and conditions which follow apply to all purchases and become a definite part of each formal invitation to bid, purchase order or other award issued by the City Purchasing Agent, unless otherwise specified. Bidders or their authorized representative are expected to fully inform themselves as to the conditions, requirements and specifications before submitting bids. Failure to do so will be at the bidder's own risk and he cannot secure relief on the plea of error.)

Subject to applicable Federal, State and Local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and limitations, bids on all advertisements and invitations issued by the Department of Finance, Purchasing Bureau will bind bidders to applicable conditions and requirements herein set forth unless otherwise specified in the Invitation to Bid.

CONDITIONS OF BIDDING

- 1. Proposal Forms:** Bids shall be submitted only on the forms provided by the City. The bidder shall retain one copy for his files and submit two (2) copies signed and sealed in the envelope provided by the City for that purpose. When using an envelope other than the one provided by the City, the following required information must be entered in the lower left corner on the face of the envelope: Bid Number, Bid Title, Bid Open Date and Time, and Submitted By. The envelope must be mailed or hand delivered to the Office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, Room 105A, 30 Church St., Rochester, NY 14614.
- 2. Late Bids:** Formal bids, amendments thereto, or requests for withdrawal of bids received by the City after time specified for bid opening will not be considered.
- 3. Withdrawal of Bids:** A written request for the withdrawal of a bid or any part thereof may be granted if the request is received by the City prior to the specified time of opening.
- 4. Mailing of Bids:** Bids which are to be publicly opened will have attached a special mailing envelope which must be used by bidders in presenting such bids. In the event that the bid contains bulky subject material, the special mailing envelope must be firmly affixed to any other wrapper being used. Bids not received in the actual office of the Purchasing Agent at the time established for bid opening will not be considered, even if mailed earlier.
- 5. Completeness:** All information required by Invitation to Bid must be supplied to constitute a proper bid.
- 6. Bids Binding 45 Days:** Unless otherwise specified, all formal bids submitted shall be binding for forty-five (45) days following bid opening date unless the bidder(s), upon request of the Purchasing Agent, agrees to an extension.
- 7. Conditional Bids:** Qualified bids are subject to rejection in whole or in part.
- 8. Payment Terms:** Prompt payment discounts allowing less than thirty (30) days for discount to apply shall not be considered as a cost factor in the evaluation of bids. In connection with any prompt payment discount offered, time will be computed from the date of receipt of correct invoice or receipt and acceptance of shipment, whichever is later.
- 9. Bids for All or Part:** Unless otherwise specified by the City or by the bidder, the Purchasing Agent reserves the right to make award on all items, or on any of the items according to the best interests of the City. The Purchasing Agent shall further have the right to award separate items or groups to different vendors. Bidder may restrict his bid to consideration in the aggregate by so stating, but should name a unit price on each item bid upon; any bid in which the bidder names a total price of all the articles without quoting a price on each and every separate item may be rejected at the option of the City.

10. **Errors in Bids:** When an error is made in extending total prices, the unit bid price will govern. Carelessness in quoting prices, or in preparation of bid otherwise, will not relieve the bidder. Erasures or changes in bids should be initialed.
11. **Questions Re: Specifications:** Except for Public Works, any information relative to interpretation of specifications and drawings shall be requested of the Purchasing Agent, in writing, in ample time before the opening of bids.

DO NOT MAKE INQUIRES BY PHONE OR IN PERSON.

No inquiries, if received within five (5) days of the date set for the opening of bids, will be given any consideration. Any interpretation made to prospective bidders will be expressed in the form of an addendum to the specifications which, if issued, will be sent by ordinary or certified mail, at the City's option, to all prospective bidders no later than three (3) days before the date set for opening of bids. Oral answers will not be binding on the City.

12. **Response to Invitations:** In the event you cannot submit a bid on our requirements, as set forth in the "Invitation, Bid, and Agreement" attached hereto, please return the Invitation, Bid and Contract form with an explanation as to why you are unable to bid on these requirements. (Because of the large number of firms listed on the City's qualified lists of Bidders, it is necessary to delete from these lists the names of those persons, firms or corporation who fail to respond after having been invited to bid on a commodity or commodities for three successive bid openings). City reserves the right to delete.
13. **Multiple Bids:** No bidder will be allowed to offer more than one price on each item even though he may feel that he has two or more types or styles that will meet specifications. Bidders must determine for themselves which to offer. IF THE BIDDER SHOULD SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE PRICE ON ANY ITEM, ALL PRICES FOR THAT ITEM MAY BE REJECTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CITY PURCHASING AGENT.
14. **Taxes:** The City of Rochester is exempt from State and Local sales and use taxes under Certificate No. AC 946 and is exempt from paying Federal excise taxes.
15. **Catalogs:** Each bidder shall submit in duplicate where necessary or when requested by the Purchasing Agent, catalogs, descriptive literature, and detailed drawings, fully detailing features, designs, construction, finishes and the like necessary to fully describe the material or work he proposes to furnish.
16. **Competency of Bidder:** No proposal will be accepted from or contract awarded to any person, firm or corporation that is in arrears or is in default to the City upon any debt or contract, or that is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to said City or had failed to perform faithfully within the prior three (3) years of any contract with the City. The bidder must present within 48 hours of a request evidence satisfactory to the Purchasing Agent of performance ability and possession of necessary facilities, pecuniary resources and adequate insurance to comply with the terms of these specifications and contract documents.

BID DEPOSIT

17. **Bid Bond, Cash, Certified or Cashier's Check:** When required, each bid shall be accompanied by a bid bond signed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of New York, or by a cashier's check, certified business check, Treasurer's check or other direct obligation drawn on a responsible bank doing business in the United States, and shall be made payable to the City of Rochester, unless the bidder has on file with the Purchasing Agent an annual bid bond approved by the City with an uncommitted balance equal to the certified check requirements. When computing amount of Bid for Certified Check purposes, do NOT deduct for trade-ins. U.S. Postal Money Orders are acceptable in lieu of certified checks.
18. **Annual Bid Bonds:** Bidders who regularly do business with the City shall be permitted to file with the Purchasing Bureau an annual bid bond in the amount specified below. Such annual bonds shall be acceptable as surety in lieu of the furnishing of surety with each individual transaction.

Annual bid bonds shall be in an amount as determined by the bidder, of no less than Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00). If at any time, the requirements of a specific bid invitation exceed the amount of the annual bid bond, or should the aggregate amount of the bid security requirements on all unresolved bids submitted by your firm exceed the amount of the annual bid bond, additional surety will be required in the appropriate sum.

19. **Performance Bond:** The successful bidder or bidders on this bid must furnish a performance bond as indicated on the bid cover, made out to the City of Rochester, prepared on an approved form or on a form supplied by an approved surety, as security for the faithful performance of his contract, within ten (10) days of his notification that his bid has been accepted. The surety thereon must be such surety company or companies as are authorized and licensed to transact business in the State of New York. Attorneys in fact who sign bid bonds must file with each bond a certified copy of their power of attorney to sign said bonds.

The successful bidder or bidders, upon failure or refusal to furnish within ten (10) days after his notification the required performance bond, shall forfeit to the City of Rochester as liquidated damages their bid deposit. At its option, the City shall have the right to accept cash, certified checks, letters of credit or such other security as the City deems appropriate in satisfaction of the foregoing bond requirements.

20. **Samples:** The samples submitted by bidders on items which they have received an award may be retained by the City until the delivery of contracted items is completed and accepted. Bidders whose samples are retained may remove them after delivery is accepted. Bidders who are not awarded a bid must remove their samples as soon as possible after award has been made on the item or items for which the samples had been submitted. The City will not be responsible for such samples if not removed by the bidder within thirty (30) days after the award has been made.

Bidders shall make all arrangements for delivery of samples to place designated by the City as well as the removal of samples. Cost of delivery and removal of samples shall be borne by the bidder. All samples packages should be marked "Samples for Purchasing Bureau" and each sample should bear the name of the bidder, item number, bid number, and shall be carefully tagged or marked in a substantial manner. Failure of the bidder to clearly identify samples as indicated may be considered sufficient reason for rejection of bid, and in such cases the City will not be liable for the loss of samples.

SPECIFICATIONS

21. **Trade Names:** In cases where an item is identified by a manufacturer's name, trade name, catalog number or reference, it is understood that the bidder proposes to furnish the item so identified and does not propose to furnish an "equal" unless the proposed "equal" is definitely indicated therein by the bidder.

The reference to a name brand is intended to be descriptive but not restrictive and only to indicate to the prospective bidder articles that will be satisfactory. Bids on other makes and catalogs will be considered, provided each bidder clearly states on the face of his proposal exactly what he proposes to furnish, and forwards with his bid, a cut, illustration, or other descriptive matter which will clearly indicate the character of the article covered by the bid.

The Purchasing Agent hereby reserves the right to approve as an equal, or to reject as not being equal, any article the bidder proposes to furnish which contains major or minor variations from specification requirements but may comply substantially therewith.

If no particular brand, model, or make is specified, and if no data are required to be submitted with the bid, the successful contractor, after award and before manufacture or shipment, may be required to submit working drawings or detailed descriptive data sufficient to enable the Purchasing Agent to judge if each requirement of the specifications is being complied with.

22. **Formal Specifications:** The Bidder shall abide by and comply with the true intent of the specifications and not take advantage of any unintentional error or omission, but shall fully complete every part as the true intent and meaning of the specifications and drawings. Whenever herein mention is made of any article, material, or workmanship to be in accordance with laws, ordinances, building codes, underwriter's codes, A.S.T.M. standards, or similar expressions, the requirements of these laws, ordinances, etc. shall be construed as the minimum requirements of these specifications.

AWARD

23. **Award or Rejection of Bids:** The contract will be awarded to the lowest possible and responsive bidder complying with the provisions of the Invitation, provided the bid price is reasonable and it is to the interest of the City to accept it. The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in bids received whenever such rejection or waiver is in the interest of the City. The Purchasing Agent also reserves the right to reject the bid of a bidder who has previously failed to perform properly or complete on time contracts of a similar nature, or a bid of a bidder where investigation shows the bidder is not in a position to perform the contract.

In determining responsibility, the following other qualifications, in addition to price, will be considered by the Purchasing Agent:

- a) The ability, capacity and skill of the bidder to perform the service required within the specified time.
- b) The character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of the bidder.
- c) The quality of performance of previous contracts or services.
- d) The previous and existing compliance by the bidder with laws and ordinances relating to previous contracts with the City and to the bidder's employment practices.
- e) The sufficiency of the final resources and ability of the bidder to perform the contract or provide services.
- f) The quality, availability and adaptability of the supplies or contractual services to the particular use required.
- g) The ability of the bidder to provide future maintenance and service for the use of the subject of the contract.
- h) Whether the bidder is in arrears to the City, in debt on contract, is a defaulter on surety to the City, or whether the bidder's taxes or assessments are delinquent.
- i) Such other information as may be secured by the Purchasing Agent having a bearing on the decision to make the award.

In determining a bidder's responsiveness, the Purchasing Agent shall consider material deviations from the advertised specifications which materially affect price, quantity, quality or limit the bidder's liability.

24. **Notice of Acceptance:** A written award (or Acceptance of Bid) mailed (or otherwise furnished) to the successful Bidder within the time for acceptance specified in the Invitation to Bid shall be deemed to result in a binding contract without further action by either party.
25. **Tie Bids:** If two or more bidders submit identical bids and are equally qualified, the decision of the City to make award to one or more of such bidders shall be final. Selection may be made by drawing lots.
26. **Resident Bidders - Preference:** Price and other factors being equal, preference may be given first to resident bidders of the City, except when in the judgment of the City such purchases would operate to the disadvantage of the City, and selection by drawing lots shall not apply where the tie bids are between a resident and non-resident bidder.
27. **Specific Bid Quantities:** Where quantities are specifically stated, acceptance will bind the City to order quantities specified and to pay for at contract prices all such supplies or services delivered that meet specifications and conditions of the contract. However, the City will not be required to accept delivery of any unorderd balances as of the contract expiration date unless the contractor furnishes the Purchasing Agent with a statement of unorderd balances not later than ten (10) days after the termination date of the contract.
28. **Requirements Bid Quantities:** On "Requirements" bids, acceptance will bind the City to pay for, at unit bid prices, only quantities ordered and delivered.

29. **Availability of Funds:** The City shall be obligated to pay for goods and services received only to the extent that money has been appropriated and encumbered for such purpose. The contractor in turn shall be obligated to perform only so long as money is available to pay for the goods and services it supplies. If this contract extends through one fiscal year of the City into the next year, the City's obligations hereunder shall be specifically limited to and shall be conditioned upon the appropriations for such following year.
30. **Contract Alterations:** The contractual terms, conditions and provisions of this contract, including all general conditions and instructions to bidders, shall not be modified by the bidder. The Purchasing Agent shall have the right, at his option, to treat any bid submitted with additional or differing contract provisions as informal or to ignore such additional provisions and to award as if such additional provisions had not been submitted by the bidder. This section shall not apply if the request for bids or the specifications specifically invite the bidder to submit additional or modifying provisions, but only to the extent that such additional or modifying provisions are requested by and are acceptable to the Purchasing Agent. Where the bidder submits a bid for goods or services which vary from the City's specifications, the decision of the Purchasing Agent of whether such goods or services are functionally equivalent to the goods or services requested by the City shall be final. Alterations or changes in the specifications of the goods or services furnished under this contract can only be made upon the written authorization signed by the Purchasing Agent, and any other alteration or modification that is not signed by the Purchasing Agent or his designated representative shall be void. Alterations in contract language shall further require the approval of the City Department of Law.
31. **Term of Contract:** This contract shall remain in force for the period specified unless extended by mutual consent of both parties or terminated as provided herein.
32. **Termination of Contracts:** Contracts shall remain in force for full periods specified and until all articles ordered before date of termination shall have been satisfactorily delivered and accepted and thereafter until all requirements and conditions shall have been met, unless:
- a) terminated prior to expiration date by satisfactory deliveries of entire contract requirements.
 - b) extended upon written authorization of the Purchasing Agent and accepted by contractor, to permit ordering of unordered balances or additional quantities at contract prices and in accordance with contract terms.
33. **Subletting of Contract:** It is mutually understood and agreed that the Contractor shall not assign, transfer, convey, sublet or otherwise dispose of his contract or his right, title or interest therein, or his power to execute such contract, to any other person, firm or corporation without the previous written consent of the City Purchasing Agent, but in no case shall such consent relieve the Contractor from his obligations, or change the terms of the contract.
34. **Default:** The contract may be cancelled or annulled by the Purchasing Agent in whole or in part by written notice of default to the Contractor upon non-performance or violation of contract terms. An award may be made to next low bidder, or, articles specified may be purchased on the open market similar to those so terminated. In either event, the defaulting Contractor (or his surety) shall be liable to the City for costs to the City in excess of the defaulted contract prices. Provided, that the contractor shall continue the performance of this contract to the extent not terminated under the provisions of this clause. Failure of the contractor to deliver materials or services within the time stipulated on his bid, unless extended in writing by the Purchasing Agent, shall constitute contract default.
35. **Delivery Failures:** Failure of a Contractor to deliver within the time specified, or within reasonable time as interpreted by the Purchasing Agent, or failure to make replacements of rejected articles when so requested, immediately or as directed by the Purchasing Agent, shall constitute authority for the Purchasing Agent to purchase in the open market articles of comparable grade to replace the articles rejected or not delivered. On all such purchases, the Contractor shall reimburse the City within a reasonable time specified by the Purchasing Agent, for any expense incurred in excess of contract prices or the City shall have the right to deduct such amount from monies owed the defaulting Contractor. Such purchases shall be deducted from contract quantities. Should public necessity demand it, the City reserves the right to use or consume articles delivered which are substandard in quality, subject to an adjustment in price to be determined by the Purchasing Agent.
36. **Non-Liability:** The Contractor shall not be liable in damages for delay in shipment or failure to deliver when such delay or failure is the result of fire, flood, strike, act of God, act of government, act of an alien enemy or by any other circumstances which, in the Purchasing Agent's opinion, is beyond the control of the contractor. Under such circumstances, however, the Purchasing Agent may at his discretion, cancel the contract.

37. **New Goods, Fresh Stock:** All contracts, unless otherwise specifically stated, shall produce new commodities, fresh stock, latest model, design or pack.

38. **Equal Employment Opportunities:**

a) The City of Rochester, New York reaffirms its policy of Equal Opportunity in its commitment to require all contractors, lessors, vendors and suppliers doing business with the City to follow a policy of Equal Employment Opportunity, in accordance with the requirements set forth herein. This policy is adopted pursuant to the City's Affirmative Action Plan, Article XV, Contract Compliance. The City does not discriminate on the basis of handicap status as defined in 31 CFR Part 51, in admission, access to, or treatment or employment in its programs and activities. The City is including this policy statement in all bidding documents, contracts, and leases. Contractors, lessors, vendors and suppliers shall agree to comply with State and Federal Equal Opportunity laws and regulations and Federal regulations 31 CFR Part 51 and shall submit documentation regarding Equal Employment Opportunity upon the City's request.

b) **Definitions:**

1. **Good Faith Effort** - shall mean every reasonable attempt to comply with the provisions of this policy by making every reasonable effort to achieve a level of employment of minority groups and female workers that is consistent with their presence in the local work force.
2. **Minority Group Persons** - shall mean a person of Black, Spanish surname American, Asian American or American Indian ethnic or racial origin and identity.

c) **Compliance:** The Contractor shall comply with all of the following provisions of the Equal Employment Opportunity Requirement:

- 1) The Contractor agrees that he will not discriminate against any employee for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, age, or of employees for performance of work under this Agreement or any subcontract hereunder, the Contractor and its subcontractors, if any, shall not, by reason of race, creed, color, sex, age or national origin, discriminate against any person who is qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that applicants are hired and that employees are treated during their employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, age or national origin.
- 2) If the Contractor is found guilty of discrimination in employment on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion, age or national origin by any court or administrative agency that has jurisdiction pursuant to any State or Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Laws or regulations, such determination will be deemed to be a breach of contract, and this Agreement will be terminated in whole or part without any penalty or damages to the City on account of such cancellation or termination and the Contractor shall be disqualified from thereafter selling to, submitting bids to, or receiving awards of contract with the City of Rochester for goods, work, or services until such time as the Contractor can demonstrate its compliance with this policy and all applicable Federal and State Equal Opportunity laws and regulations.
3. The Contractor shall cause the foregoing provisions to be inserted in all subcontracts, if any, for any work covered by this Agreement so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor, provided that the foregoing provisions shall not apply to subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials.

39. **Purchase of Products from Companies Doing Business in Northern Ireland Supporting Fair Employment:**

1. The vendor understands that the City has adopted a policy prohibiting contracting for goods or services with a person, firm, or corporation doing business in Northern Ireland, who does not support fair employment without religious discrimination and does not cooperate with agencies monitoring equal opportunity employment.
2. If, because of applicable law, a contract is awarded to a contractor who does not support equal opportunity employment without religious discrimination, the contractor must submit a statement to the Director of Finance detailing the reasons for such nonsupport of fair employment.

40. **Guarantee:** Unless otherwise specified, the Contractor shall unconditionally guarantee the materials and workmanship of all equipment furnished by him for a period of one year from date of acceptance of the items delivered and installed, unless otherwise specified herein. If, within the guarantee period, any defects or signs of deterioration are noted, which, in the opinion of the City are due to faulty design and installation, workmanship, or materials, the Contractor, at his expense, shall repair or adjust the equipment or parts to correct the condition, or he shall replace the part or entire unit to the complete satisfaction of the City. These repairs, replacements or adjustments shall be made only at such time as will be designated by the City as least detrimental to the operation of City business.
41. **Placing of Orders:** Orders against contracts will be placed with the Contractor on either a Purchase Order or Blanket Purchase Order executed and released by the Purchasing Agent. Telephone orders placed directly with the contractor by the ordering Agency may be authorized by the Purchasing Agent only after execution of a Blanket Purchase Order.
42. **Provisions for Other Agencies:** Unless otherwise stipulated by the bidder, the bidder agrees when submitting his bid that he will make available to all City agencies and departments and the City School District the bid prices he submits in accordance with the bid terms and conditions, should any said department or agency wish to buy under this bid proposal.

DELIVERY PROVISIONS

43. **Responsibility for Materials Shipped and Risk of Loss:** The Contractor shall be responsible for the materials or supplies covered by this contract until they are delivered to the designated point and received, properly installed if necessary, and accepted by the City and the Contractor shall bear all risk on rejected materials or supplies. Rejected materials or supplies must be removed by and at the expense of the Contractor promptly after notification of rejection, unless public health and safety require immediate destruction or other disposal of rejected delivery. Upon failure to do so within ten (10) days after notification, the City may return the rejected materials or supplies to the contractor at his risk and expense, or dispose of them as its own property.
44. **Inspections:** Inspection and acceptance of materials or supplies will be made after delivery. Final inspection shall be conclusive except as regards latent defects, fraud, or such gross mistakes as amount to fraud. Final inspection and acceptance or rejection of the materials or supplies will be made as promptly as practicable, but failure to inspect and accept or reject materials or supplies shall not impose liability on the City for such materials or supplies as are not in accordance with the specifications. All delivered materials shall be accepted subject to inspection and physical count.
45. **Time of delivery:** Deliveries will be accepted between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on weekdays only. No deliveries will be accepted on Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays.
46. **Packing Slips or Delivery Tickets:** All shipments or deliveries shall be accompanied by Packing Slips or Delivery Tickets and shall contain the following information for each item delivered:

The Purchase Order Number

The Name of the Article and Stock Number (Supplier's)

The Quantity Ordered

The Quantity Shipped

The Quantity Back Ordered

The Name of the Contractor

Bidders are cautioned that failure to comply with these conditions SHALL BE CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT REASON FOR REFUSAL TO ACCEPT THE GOODS.

47. **FOB Destination Delivery:** Unless otherwise specifically stated in the City's request for bids, all goods, equipment and materials shall be delivered to the location designated by the City. The bidder shall include in his bid price all reasonable and necessary transportation, shipping, handling and delivery charges. Delivery

shall not be complete until the goods, etc. are placed in the building, room, or other location specified by the City, either in the bid documents or in the Purchase Order.

48. **General Guaranty:** Contractor agrees to:

a) save the City, its agents and employees harmless from liability of any nature or kind for the use of copyrighted or non-copyrighted composition, secret process, patented or non-patented invention, article or appliance furnished or used in the performance of the contract which the contractor is not the patentee, assignee, licensee or owner.

b) protect the City against latent defective material or workmanship and to repair or replace any damages or marring occasioned in transit or delivery.

c) furnish adequate protection against damage to all work and to repair damages of any kind, to the building or equipment, to his own work or to the work of other contractors for which he or his workmen are responsible.

d) pay for all-permits, licenses and fees and give all notices and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of the City and the State of New York.

49. **Indemnity:** Contractor shall indemnify, keep and save harmless the City, its agents, officials and employees, against all injuries, death, loss, damages, claims, patent claims, suits, liabilities, judgments, costs and expenses, which may in anyway accrue against the City in consequence of the granting of this contract or which may in anyway result therefrom, whether or not it shall be alleged or determined that the act was caused through negligence or omission of the Contractor or his employees, of the subcontractor or his employees, if any, and the Contractor shall, at his own expense, appear, defend and pay all charges of attorneys and all costs and other expenses arising therefrom or incurred in connection therewith, and if any judgment shall be rendered against the City in any such action, the Contractor shall at his own expense, satisfy and discharge the same. Contractor expressly understands and agrees that any performance bond or insurance protection required by this contract, or otherwise provided by Contractor, shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless and defend the City as herein provided.
50. **Collusive Bidding:** The Bidder certifies that his bid is made without any previous understanding, agreement or connection with any person, firm or corporation making a bid for the same project without prior knowledge of competitive prices, and is in all respects fair, without outside control, collusion, fraud or otherwise illegal action.
51. **Identical Bidding:** Executive Order No. 10946: All identical bids submitted to the City as a result of advertised procurement for materials, supplies, equipment or services exceeding \$1,000.00 in total amount may at the discretion of the City, be reported to the Attorney General of the United States in accordance with Form DJ-1510 and the Presidential Order dated April 24, 1961 for possible violation and enforcement of antitrust laws.
52. **Employees Not To Benefit:** As a prerequisite for the payment pursuant to the terms of this contract, there shall be furnished to the City a statement under oath that no employee or officer of the City, or members of his or her immediate family, including spouse, parents, or children, or any person representing or purporting to represent any member or members of the elected governing body has received or has been promised directly or indirectly, any financial benefit, by way of fee, commission, finder's fee, political contribution, or any other similar form of remuneration and/or on account of the acts of awarding and/or executing the contract. Upon request by the City, as a prerequisite to payment pursuant to the terms of this contract, there will be furnished to the requester, under oath, answers to any interrogatories related to a possible conflict of interest as herein embodied. Any contract made or entered into where it is discovered that violation of the intent of this provision exists shall be declared null and void and all monies received by the Contractor shall be returned to the City.
- Any person executing a false statement or violating the provisions of this section shall be subject to possible prosecution.
53. **Child Labor:** Pursuant to Resolution No. 37-38 of the City of Rochester, the bidder certifies to the best of his/her knowledge that Child Labor has not been employed in the manufacture of the materials, supplies, the containers thereof, or services represented hereon.
54. **Prevailing Wages:** Bidder hereby certifies that to the extent applicable to this contract the wage rates to be paid to employees on this contract shall be in conformity with the wage rates established by the Comptroller pursuant to and in conformity with Section 220 of the New York State Labor Law. To the extent that prevailing

wages are not applicable to the contract, the bidder hereby certifies that he/she shall pay employees working hereunder the minimum wages established by law.

55. **Testimony Concerning Contracts:** The refusal of the vendor, or any of its officers, directors, partners, members or agents, when called before a Grand Jury, to testify concerning any transaction or contract had with the State of New York, any political subdivision thereof, a public authority or with any public department, agency or official of the State of New York or of any political subdivision thereof or of a public authority, to sign a waiver of immunity against subsequent criminal prosecution or to answer any relevant questions concerning such transaction or contract, shall disqualify the vendor and such officer, director, member or agent thereof from thereafter selling to or submitting bids to or receiving awards from or entering into any contracts with any municipal corporation in the State of New York or any public department, agency or official thereof, for goods, works or services, for a period of five (5) years after such refusal and any or all contracts made with any municipal corporation or a public department, agency or official thereof, by such person, and by any firm, partnership or corporation of which he is a member, partner, director or officer, may be cancelled or terminated by the municipal corporation without any liability on the part of the municipal corporation or any penalty or damages on account of such cancellation or termination.
56. **Status As Independent Contractor:** The Contractor, in accordance with his status as an independent contractor, covenants and agrees that he shall conduct himself in a manner consistent with such status, that he will neither hold himself nor his employees out as, nor claim to be an officer or employee of the City by reason hereof, and that he and his employees will not by reason hereof, make any claim, demand or application for any right or privilege applicable to an officer or employee of the City, including but not limited to Workers' Compensation coverage, unemployment insurance benefits, social security coverage, and retirement membership or credit.
57. **Audit:** The Contractor agrees to permit on-site inspection and auditing of all records, books, papers, and documents associated with this Agreement by authorized representatives of the City, and further agrees to provide necessary staff support for the performance of such audit. The Contractor agrees to maintain for a period of three (3) consecutive years following termination of this Agreement any and all records, reports and other documentation arising from the performance of this agreement; however, this period shall be extended beyond three years for any and all records and information pertaining to unresolved questions, which have been brought to the Contractor's attention by written notice by the City.
58. **Compliance With All Laws:** The Contractor agrees that, during the performance of the work required pursuant to this Agreement, the Contractor, and all employees working under his direction, shall strictly comply with all local, state or federal laws, ordinances, rules or regulations controlling or limiting in any way their actions during their said performance of the work required by this Agreement. Furthermore, each and every provision of law and contractual clause required by law to be inserted in this Agreement shall be deemed to be inserted herein. If, through mistake or otherwise, any such provision is not inserted or is not correctly inserted, then upon the application of either party this Agreement shall be forthwith physically amended to make such insertion or correction.
59. **Extent of Agreement:** This Agreement constitutes the entire and integrated Agreement between and among the parties hereto and supersedes any and all prior negotiations, agreements, and conditions, whether written or oral. Any modification or amendment to this Agreement shall be void unless it is in writing and subscribed by the party to be charged or by its authorized agent.
60. **Law and Forum:** This Agreement shall be governed by and under the laws of the State of New York and the Charter of the City of Rochester. The parties further agree that the Supreme Court of the State of New York, held in and for the County of Monroe shall be the forum to resolve disputes arising out of either this agreement or work performed according thereto. The parties waive all other venue or forum selections. The parties may agree between themselves on alternative forums.
61. **No Waiver:** In the event that the terms and conditions of this agreement are not strictly enforced by the City, such non-enforcement shall not act as or be deemed to act as a waiver or modification of this Agreement, nor shall such non-enforcement prevent the City from enforcing each and every term of this Agreement thereafter.
62. **Severability:** If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid by a court of law, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby, if such remainder would then continue to conform to the laws of the State of New York.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Effective October 1, 1984, Section 38, Part a) of the General Conditions and Instructions to Bidders incorporated in this document has been amended to read:

38. Equal Opportunities:

- a) The City of Rochester, New York reaffirms its policy of equal opportunity in its commitment to require all contractors, lessors, vendors, and suppliers doing business with the City to follow a policy of equal opportunity, in accordance with the requirements set forth herein. This policy is adopted pursuant to the City's Affirmative Action Plan, Article XV, Contract Compliance. The City does not discriminate on the basis of handicap status as defined in 31 CFR Part 51, in admission, access to, or treatment or employment in its programs or activities. The City is including these policy statements in all bidding documents, contracts, and leases. Contractors, lessors, vendors, and suppliers shall agree to comply with State and Federal equal opportunity laws and regulations and Federal regulation 31 CFR Part 51 and shall submit documentation regarding equal opportunity upon the City's request.

Effective June 15, 1989, the General Condition and Instructions to Bidders incorporated in this document has been amended by the insertion of the following new section:

38(A). Purchase of Products from Companies Doing Business in Northern Ireland Supporting Fair Employment

- 1) The vendor understands that the City has adopted a policy prohibiting contracting for goods or services with a person, firm, or corporation doing business in Northern Ireland, who does not support fair employment without religious discrimination and does not cooperate with agencies monitoring equal opportunity employment.
- 2) If, because of applicable law, a contract is awarded to a contractor who does not support equal opportunity employment without religious discrimination, the contractor must submit a statement to the Director of Finance detailing the reason for such nonsupport of fair employment.