



Investment Services For The City of Greenville

**Request For Proposal
RFP# 22-23-43**

**Proposal Due Date:
May 18, 2023 @ 3:00 pm**

**Contact Person: Jacob Joyner
Title: Financial Services Manager
Phone Number: 252.329.4441
Email Address: jjoyner@greenvillenc.gov**

City of Greenville Investment Services

Date: May 4, 2023

Subject: Investment Management Services

Contact: Jacob Joyner-Financial Services Manager

The City of Greenville Financial Services department is now accepting proposals for investment services. The requirements for submitting a Proposal are stated in the attached Request for Proposal (the "RFP"). Proposals may be submitted by mail or electronically through email.

Sealed proposals endorsed investment services to be furnished to the City of Greenville (the "City") will be received by the Financial Services Department at P.O. Box 7207 Greenville, NC until May 18, 2023. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

For mail: This RFP outlines a description of the services sought and the required documents if interested firms submit must be in a sealed box or opaque envelope plainly marked with the Proposal number and service description as follows:

Request for Proposals
Attention: Jacob Joyner
[Name of Company Submitting Proposal]
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Interested firms are invited to submit a proposal by email for this work in lieu of hard copies. The city's capacity for email attachments is 20 mb. Any proposals, that exceed the file capacity will need to use the City's secure FTP Site <ftp://ftp.greenvillenc.gov>. Please contact Shawna Wooten swooten@greenvillenc.gov for credentials to the site. This site is subject to public domain.

Proposals submitted after this deadline or to any location other than that listed above will not be considered. Firms submitting fewer copies than required will not be considered.

Written questions concerning this RFP may be submitted in writing to Jacob Joyner by email only at jjoyner@greenvillenc.gov. Please insert **RFP# 22-23-43** in the subject line.

SECTION ONE

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. READ, REVIEW AND COMPLY: It shall be the Vendor's responsibility to read this entire document, review all enclosures and attachments, and any addenda thereto, and comply with all requirements specified herein, regardless of whether appearing in these Instructions to Vendors or elsewhere in this RFP document.

2. LATE PROPOSALS: Late proposals, regardless of cause, will not be opened or considered, and will automatically be disqualified from further consideration. It shall be the Vendor's sole responsibility to ensure delivery at the designated office by the designated time.

3. ACCEPTANCE AND REJECTION: The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in proposals and, unless otherwise specified by the Vendor, to accept any item in the proposal.

4. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL: No proposal may be changed or withdrawn after the time of the proposal due date. Any modifications or withdrawals requested before this time shall be acceptable only when such request is made in writing to the Financial Services Manager.

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Each proposer shall affirm that no official or employee of the City of Greenville is directly or indirectly interested in this proposal for any reason of personal gain.

6. LOCAL PREFERENCE: The City of Greenville has adopted a Local Preference Policy, Resolution No. 056- 13, and a Professional and other Services Policy, Resolution No. 057-13 that may pertain to this project. For more information please see the City of Greenville's webpage at www.greenvillenc.gov/financialservices/purchasingdivision.

7. TAXES: Sales taxes may be listed on the proposal, but as a separate item. No charge will be allowed for Federal Excise and Transportation tax from which the City is exempt.

8. CITY RIGHTS AND OPTIONS: The City, at its sole discretion, reserves the following rights:

- To supplement, amend, substitute or otherwise modify this RFP at any time.
- To cancel this RFP with or without the substitution of another RFP.
- To take any action affecting this RFP, this RFP process, or the Services subject to this RFP that would be in the best interests of the City.
- To issue additional requests for information or clarification from Offerors or to allow corrections of errors or omissions.
- To require one or more Service Providers to supplement, clarify or provide additional information in order for the City to evaluate the Responses submitted.
- To negotiate a contract with a Service Provider based on the information provided in response to this RFP.

9. PUBLIC RECORDS: Any material submitted in response to this RFP will become a “public record.” Proposers must claim any applicable exemptions to disclosure provided by law in their response to this RFP. Proposers must identify materials to be protected, and must state the reasons why such exclusion from public disclosure is necessary and legal. The City reserves the right to make all final determination(s) of the applicability of North Carolina General Statutes § 132-1.2, Confidential Information.

10. ACCURACY OF RFP AND RELATED DOCUMENTS: Each Company must independently evaluate all information provided by the City. The City makes no representations or warranties regarding any information presented in this RFP, or otherwise made available during this procurement process, and assumes no responsibility for conclusions or interpretations derived from such information. In addition, the City will not be bound by or be responsible for any explanation or conclusions regarding this RFP or any related documents other than those provided by an addendum issued by the City. Companies may not rely on any oral statement by the City or its agents, advisors, or consultants.

If a Company identifies potential errors or omissions in this RFP or any other related documents, the Company should immediately notify the City of such potential discrepancy in writing. The City may issue a written addendum if the City determines clarification necessary. Each Company requesting an interpretation will be responsible for delivering such requests to the City's designated representative.

11. EXPENSE OF SUBMITTAL PREPARATION: The City accepts no liability, and Companies will have no actionable claims, for reimbursement of any costs or expenses incurred in participating in this solicitation process. This includes expenses and costs related to Proposal submission, submission of written questions, attendance at pre-proposal meetings or evaluation interviews, contract negotiations, or activities required for contract execution.

12. PROPOSAL BINDING: This proposal is binding for a period of ninety (90) days.

SECTION TWO

PROPOSAL

1. Introduction

The City of Greenville Government has a need for investment management services to effectively manage the investments in The City of Greenville's portfolio. Services required shall include the selection and implementation of appropriate investment transactions, daily management of the City's portfolio, and regular reporting of all investment transactions. A comprehensive list of required professional services can be found in the section "Scope of Work".

Background

The City of Greenville, North Carolina, founded in 1771, as Martinsborough (named for the Royal Governor Josiah Martin, and later named for General Nathanael Greene), is located in the eastern part of the state, which is considered to be one of the top growing areas in eastern NC and the state. Affectionately referred to as the "Hub of Eastern North Carolina", the City of Greenville is the 10th largest city in North Carolina. Greenville serves as the county seat for Pitt County and comprises roughly 50% of the County's population within its 35 square miles. Greenville sits on the banks of the Tar River as the economic, educational, cultural, and medical capital of Eastern North Carolina, with a growing population of approximately 93,400.

The City of Greenville operates under a Council-Manager form of government. The seven-member City Council is the policy- making and legislative body of City government. The Council enacts local laws and ordinances, adopts the annual budget and financial plan for the operations of the City, and authorizes contracts for the City. The Mayor is the presiding officer of the Council and signs all documents authorized by Council.

Five of the seven Council members are elected from individual districts, and two members, including the Mayor, are elected at-large. A Mayor Pro-Tem, who will assume mayoral duties in the absence of the Mayor, is selected from the members of the newly elected Council body. Each of the Council members, including the Mayor, serves two-year terms and is elected on a biannual basis. The Council also appoints the City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, and members of the volunteer boards and commissions. The City Manager serves as Chief Executive Officer and is responsible for implementing Council policies, City ordinances, managing daily operations, and appointing department directors. The City Manager also serves as a Commissioner on the Greenville Utilities Board.

The City of Greenville North Carolina provides a full range of services, including police and fire protection, planning and zoning, community and economic development, recreational activities and parks, refuse, recycling, and other sanitation services, storm water and drainage, fixed-route transit services, regional transportation planning services, general administrative and

technological services, engineering, and the construction and maintenance of City streets, sidewalks, and other associated infrastructure. Certain planning and utility services are provided outside the City's municipal boundary in its extraterritorial area to provide for orderly growth.

2. Description of Services (Scope of Work)

All funds of the City will be invested in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes 159-30(c), the City's Investment Policies, and any written administrative procedures adopted by the City. In addition, investment of City funds will be further controlled by the terms of the City's applicable bond resolutions.

Subject to the proceeding conditions, all The City of Greenville investments will be made with the following objectives in mind:

- Safety of Principal;
 - Liquidity, and;
 - Yield
- a. Manage on a daily basis the City's separate investment portfolios pursuant to the specific, stated investment objectives. Place all orders for the purchase and sale of securities, communicate settlement information to the Assistant Finance Director or other designated finance staff and assist in coordinating security settlement with the custodian.
 - b. Work with finance staff to develop a detailed cash flow analysis and projections to ensure that the investment strategy is consistent with cash requirements. In addition, work with capital budget and accounting staff and assist in the development of project expenditure schedules for the purpose of developing an investment plan for all capital funds including bond proceeds.
 - c. Serve as a general resource to the finance staff for information, advice and training regarding fixed income securities, investments, and Treasury operations.
 - d. Provide statements monthly or more frequently as may be required by the City on investment activity, earnings and the value of the investment portfolio. These reports must include a mark-to-market valuation as required by GASB 31 and 40. The selected Investment Advisor must maintain accurate reports of investments including the diversity of investments and compliance with applicable investment policies of the City and North Carolina general statutes.
 - e. Provide quarterly investment reports including a description of market conditions, investment strategies employed performance and suggested changes to investment strategy. The performance numbers shall be prepared and presented in compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®).

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- f. The Investment Advisor WILL NOT provide custodial services or security safekeeping.
- g. Meet with finance staff, at a minimum, on a quarterly basis.
- h. Monitor the credit worthiness of financial institutions and investments in the portfolio.
- i. Review the City's investment policies and recommend changes and improvements where appropriate.
- j. Establish guidelines for selecting financial institutions such as banks and security dealers. Assist in the establishment of relationships with financial institutions for preferred depository or investment arrangements.
- k. Work with existing custodian/trustee or establish new relationships as necessary to assure the safekeeping of investment securities as well as collateral held as security for secured investments.
- l. Interface with the City's trustee and City staff to assure the coordination of investments, delivery of securities and availability of funds as needed.
- m. As investments are made, receive and deliver wiring procedures, monitor the transfer of funds, verify receipt of collateral and completion of documentation, as applicable.
- n. Establish procedures for assuring competitive prices for all investment transactions.

Terms of Agreement

Contract(s) for these services, if awarded, shall be for a period of three (3) years. It is also a specific provision of the proposal that the City and the Contractor(s) may mutually agree to renew and continue the contract consummated under this proposal for additional periods under the same terms and conditions. However, the contract, including renewals, cannot exceed six (6) years.

The City of Greenville shall have the right to terminate the Contract for convenience upon given notice in writing to the Contractor. In which event, the Contractor shall be entitled to the value of the Work performed by it under the Contract up to the time of such termination. The City shall reimburse the Contractor for such expenditures as in the judgment of the City are not otherwise compensated. This Contract may also be terminated in the event the Mayor and City Council does not appropriate funds

Payment

1. If a payment schedule is not part of The Contract then payment terms will be Net 30 days after

receipt of a correct invoice or acceptance of goods, whichever is later.

2. Proposal Contents

A. Letter of Transmittal - Please include if bidder is a certified Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) by the NC HUB Office.

B. Firm's background and history

Required Criteria

1. Affirm that the proposer is a properly SEC-registered investment advisor.
2. Affirm that all services will be provided by the firm or furnish a listing of subcontractors to be used.

History of Firm

- a. State the scopes of services provided by the firm and estimate what portion of its business is derived from providing investment management services for governmental or non-profit entities.
- b. Size, composition and location of the firm's office from which the work will be done. Size, composition and location of the firm's office(s) within the State of North Carolina. Has your firm experienced a material change in organizational structure, ownership or management during the past three years? If so, please describe.
- c. Provide a list of governmental and non-profit clients in North Carolina and surrounding states that you have provided investment management services for during the last 5 (five) years, the dates of the service, and the name of the key contact person of the entity at that time.
- d. Provide the following current Total Fixed Income information:
 - i. Public funds under management,
 - ii. Other funds under management.
- e. Identify, key personnel who will be assigned to this engagement. Furnish resumes (as an appendix) of all personnel expected to be assigned to actually perform investment management services, including their governmental and non-profit experience and applicable training received during, the past (3) three years. Additionally, the section must include resumes, including training and experience, of backup employees in the event a member of the staff is unable to perform the work.
- f. Identify the number of investment professionals (Portfolio managers, analysts, researchers, et.) employed by your firm.
- g. Describe the types and frequency of records and reports which would be provided, including the methods and formulas used to calculate yield and performance. (Sample reports and records may be included as an appendix).
- h. Describe the types of investment research utilized and the methods for making investment decisions, including maturity and sector selection. The description should also include the type of analytical investment advisory services you will provide to City staff.

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- i. Describe the daily procedures for portfolio review and client contact.
- j. Present a concise outline of specific services your firm is qualified and prepared to provide as investment manager to The City of Greenville. Identify and discuss any of the services, or method of approach to the services, which your firm believes to be either “unique” or “outstanding” or which is recognized as giving your firm a competitive edge or advantage.
- k. Provide a sample of your firm’s proposed contract.
- l. Total number of accounts gained or lost in the last (3) three years. If lost, why?
- m. Describe your fixed income investment philosophy and process. Please provide a sample of a current short-term portfolio.
- n. How are your transactions executed and what percentage is within the firm? Describe any other business affiliations (e.g., subsidiaries, joint ventures, “soft dollar” arrangements with brokers).
- o. Describe the dollar amount of coverage for errors and omissions, SEC-required fidelity bond and other fiduciary coverage. List insurance carriers involved.
- p. Does your firm adhere to the Code of Professional and Ethical Standards as described by the CFA Institute?
- q. Please provide a history of your firm’s fixed income performance for at least (5) five years versus the Merrill Lynch 1-5 year US Treasury Index. Provide information about the composition and duration of the data used, including the number of portfolios making up the composite, for your presentation of performance history. The composite should be prepared and presented in compliance with the CFA Institute’s GIPS®. For the most recent reporting period, please indicate what percentage of assets in the composite are government entities.

C. Qualifications

In its Proposal, Vendor shall demonstrate experience with public sector clients within North Carolina, with similar or greater size and complexity to The City of Greenville. Vendor shall provide information as to the qualifications and experience of all executive, managerial, legal, and professional personnel to be assigned to this project, including citing experience with similar projects and the responsibilities to be assigned to each person.

D. Project Approach

Submit a work plan to accomplish the work outlined under “Scope of Work” (section 2.3) Wherever possible, the work plan should include time estimates for each significant segment of the work and the experience and title of staff to be assigned. Where possible, individual staff members should be named. The planned use of specialists should be specified.

E. List of References

Please provide three public entity client references, including length of time managing their assets, amount of assets managed, entity name and address, and an appropriate contact person’s name and phone number.

F. Price

-Provide a detailed fee schedule for advisory services necessary to meet the requirements as outlined.

-Provide a detailed cost breakdown for any other services necessary to meet the requirements as outlined.

-The estimated hours to complete the requirements as outlined, and the rates per hour for such services.

Other applicable billing information.

G. Other

The City encourages you to present any additional information that you feel distinguishes your firm. Please state, "There is no additional information we wish to present" if no additional information will be provided.

3. Questions

Questions must be asked in writing via email addressed to Jacob Joyner at jjoyner@greenvillenc.gov with the Investment Management Services #22-23-43 mentioned in the subject line of the email. All questions must be submitted by Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 5 pm. Answers will be provided via an addendum posted on the City's website by Friday, May 12th.

4. SELECTION PROCESS

Following is a general description of the selection process:

- All qualified firms who submit responsive, responsible proposals will be considered.
- The proposals received in response to this solicitation will be evaluated and ranked, by the Evaluation Committee in accordance with the process and evaluation criteria contained below.
- Responses will be evaluated in light of the material and substantiating evidence presented in the response, and not on the basis of what is inferred.
- After thoroughly reading and reviewing this solicitation, each Evaluation Committee member shall conduct their independent evaluation of the proposals received and grade the responses on their merit in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth below.
- The Evaluation Committee may, at the City's discretion, shortlist a minimum of three (3) firms to be interviewed. IF APPLICABLE, dates of shortlisting and dates for interviews are shown in the **SUBMISSION SCHEDULE AND KEY DATES** at the end of this solicitation.

5. MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION

It is the policy of the City to provide minorities and women equal opportunity for participating in all aspects of the City's contracting and procurement programs, including but not limited to, construction projects, supplies and materials purchase, and professional and personal service

contracts. In accordance with this policy, the City has adopted a Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) Plan and subsequent program, outlining verifiable goals.

The City has established a 4% Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and 4% Women Business Enterprise (WBE) goal for the participation of MWBE firms in supplying goods and services for the completion of this project. All firms submitting qualifications and/or proposals agree to employ “good faith efforts” towards achieving these goals and supply other information as requested in the “MWBE Professional Services Forms” included in Appendix B. Failure to complete the MWBE forms may be cause to deem the submittal nonresponsive.

Questions regarding the City’s MWBE Program should be directed to the MWBE Office at (252) 329-4462.

6. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CLAUSE:

The City of Greenville is an equal opportunity employer and strictly prohibits discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment because of the individual’s race, color, religion, age, gender, disability, national origin, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity/reassignment or expression, military or veteran status, marital status, or any characteristic protected by applicable law.

7. TITLE VI NONDISCRIMINATION NOTIFICATION

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

8. SELECTION CRITERIA

Criteria for the selection of the Consultant will include the following and their respective weights:

Criterion	Weight
Company and Personnel Qualifications, including: Proposed engagement team Firm’s experience in dealing with local governments of similar, size, scope and operations Reference checks and past performance with other similar clients	25%
Scope of Proposed Services to include: Portfolio Management services Understanding of the Scope of service required by the City	20%
Qualifications of individual(s) proposed for the duties	20%
Proposed fee Structure for services to be provided	15%
Responsiveness to the requirements of the RFP and the ability to perform the scope of services required on a timely basis	10%

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Overall completeness, clarity and quality of response to the RFP	10 %
Total Score	100%

Score Points	
0	Missing Response
1	Poor Response
2	Satisfactory Response
3	Good Response
4	Excellent Response

North Carolina firms qualified to do the required work will be given priority consideration. A North Carolina firm is a firm that maintains an office in North Carolina staffed with an adequate number of employees judged by the City/Department to be capable of performing a majority of the work required.

After reviewing qualifications, if firms are equal on the evaluation review, then those qualified firms with proposed MWBE participation will be given priority consideration.

An interview phase may or may not be a part of selection for this project. If an interview phase of the selection process is deemed necessary after the initial review of proposals, interviewees will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Overall quality of project presentation
2. Team dynamic
3. Quality of answers provided during the interview

Once a preferred firm is chosen, the City will work with the project team to develop a more detailed scope of services to be included in the project contract. The City reserves the right to negotiate a contract, including the final scope of work and contract price, with any respondent or other qualified party.

9. SUBMISSION SCHEDULE AND KEY DATES

Event	Date and Time
Issuance of RFP	May 4, 2023
Deadline to Submit Questions	May 9, 2023
Answers to Questions Provided	May 12, 2023
Proposals Due	May 18, 2023
Selection	No later than June 14, 2023

ATTACHMENT A

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The contract terms provided herein are not exhaustive but shall become a part of any contract issued as a result of this solicitation. Any exceptions to the contract terms must be stated in the submittal. Any submission of a proposal without objection to the contract terms indicates understanding and intention to comply with the contract terms. If there is a term or condition that the firm intends to negotiate, it must be stated in the proposal. The successful firm will not be entitled to any changes or modifications unless they were first stated in the proposal. The City reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to reject any or all submittal package(s) containing unreasonable objections to standard City contract provisions.

1. **NONDISCRIMINATION:** The Vendor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, income-level, or LEP in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Acts and the Regulations as set forth in Appendix E, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 C.F.R. part 21.
2. **SOLICITATIONS FOR SUBCONTRACTS, INCLUDING PROCUREMENTS OF MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT:** In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding, or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Acts and the Regulations relative to Non-discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, income-level, or LEP.
3. **NON-COLLUSION:** Respondents, by submitting a signed proposal, certify that the accompanying submission is not the result of, or affected by, any unlawful act of collusion with any other person or company engaged in the same line of business or commerce, or any other fraudulent act punishable under North Carolina or United States law.
4. **PAYMENT TERMS:** The City agrees to pay all approved invoices Net Thirty (30) days from the date received and approved. The City does not agree to the payment of late charges or finance charges assessed by the seller or vendor for any reason. Invoices are payable in U.S. funds. However, the City shall not be obligated to make payment to the Contractor for any services performed under this contract.
5. **GOVERNING LAW:** Any agreement, contract or purchase order resulting from this invitation to bid, request for proposals or request for qualifications or quotes, shall be governed by the laws

of the State of North Carolina without regard to its choice of law provisions, and venue for any action or suits arising out of or relating to this contract shall be the North Carolina General Courts of Justice, in Pitt County, or if in federal court, in the Eastern District of North Carolina.

6. **SERVICES PERFORMED:** All services rendered under this agreement will be performed at the Vendor's own risk and the Vendor expressly agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, agents, independent contractors, officials (elected and appointed) and employees from any and all liability, loss or damage that they may suffer as a result of claims, demands, actions, damages or injuries of any kind or nature whatsoever by or to any and all persons or property. Additionally, all work performed under this Contract shall be performed in a workmanlike and professional manner, to the reasonable satisfaction of the City, and shall conform to all prevailing industry and professional standards.
7. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** It is mutually understood and agreed the Vendor is an independent contractor and not an agent of the City, and as such, Vendor, their agents and employees shall not be entitled to any City employment benefits, such as but not limited to vacation, sick leave, insurance, worker's compensation, pension or retirement benefits.
8. **VERBAL AGREEMENT:** The City will not be bound by any verbal agreements.
9. **CONFIDENTIALITY:** Proprietary or confidential information ("confidential information") developed or disclosed by either party under this agreement shall be clearly labeled and identified as confidential information by the disclosing party at the time of disclosure. Confidential Information shall not be disclosed to the extent allowable by law by the receiving party to any other person except to those individuals who need access to such Confidential Information as needed to ensure proper performance of the Services.

Neither party shall be liable for disclosure or use of Confidential Information which: (1) is or was known by the receiving party at the time of disclosure due to circumstances unrelated to this agreement; (2) is generally available to the public without breach of this agreement; (3) is disclosed with the prior written approval of the disclosing party; or (4) is required to be released by applicable law or court order.

Each party shall return all Confidential Information relating to this agreement to the disclosing party upon request of the disclosing party or upon termination of this agreement, whichever occurs first. Each party shall have the right to retain a copy of the Confidential Information for its internal records and subject to ongoing compliance with the restrictions set forth in this Section. This Section shall survive termination of this agreement.

7. **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:** Vendor shall maintain at its own expense (a) Commercial General Liability Insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury or property damage; City of Greenville, North Carolina, 200 W. Fifth St. Greenville, NC 27834 shall be named as additional insured. (b) Professional Liability insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence-if providing professional services; (c) Workers Compensation Insurance as required by the general statutes of the State of North Carolina and Employer's Liability Insurance not less than \$500,000 each accident for bodily injury by accident, \$500,000 each employee for bodily injury by disease, and \$500,000 policy limit; (d) Commercial Automobile Insurance applicable to bodily injury and property damage, covering all owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles, in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence as applicable. Certificates of Insurance shall be furnished prior to the commencement of Services. (e) Cyber Liability insurance in amount not less than 1,000,000. (f) Crime Liability insurance not less than \$1,000,000
8. **INDEMINIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS:** All services rendered under this agreement will be performed at the Vendor's own risk and the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the City from and against any liability, loss, cost, damage suit, claim, or expense arising occurrence on the part of the Vendor and its officers, servants, agents or employees arising from its activities, operations, and performance of services under this contract and further agrees to release and discharge the City and its agents and employees from all claims or liabilities arising from or caused by the Vendor in fulfilling its obligation under this contract. It is understood and agreed by the parties that City will assume no liability for damages, injury, or other loss to the Contractor, its employees or property, tools or equipment, or to other persons or properties located on City facilities resulting from the Vendor's activities and operations while performing services under this contract.
9. **E-VERIFY COMPLIANCE:** The Vendor shall comply with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the North Carolina General Statutes. Further, if the Vendor utilizes a Subcontractor, the Vendor shall require the Subcontractor to comply with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the North Carolina General Statutes. By submitting a proposal, the Proposer represents that their firm and its Subcontractors are in compliance with the requirements of Article 2 Chapter 64 of the North Carolina General Statutes.
10. **IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT:** By submitting a proposal, the Vendor certifies that: (i) it is not on the Iran Final Divestment listed created by the N.C. State Treasurer pursuant to N.C.G.S. 147-86.58; (ii) it will not take any actions causing it to appear on said list during the term of any contract with the City, and (iii) it will not utilize any subcontractor to provide goods and services hereunder that is identified on said list.
11. **ADVERTISING:** The Vendor shall not use the existence of this Contract, or the name of the City, as part of any advertising without the prior written approval of the City.
12. **FORCE MAJEURE:** Except as otherwise provided in environmental laws, rules, regulations or ordinances applicable to the parties and the services performed under this contract, neither party

shall be deemed to be in default of its obligations hereunder if and so long as it is prevented from performing such obligations by any acts of God; acts of the public enemy; insurrections; riots; embargoes; labor disputes, including strikes, lockouts, job actions, or boycotts; shortages of materials or energy; fires; explosions; floods; any curtailment, order, regulation, or restriction imposed by governmental, military or lawfully established civilian authorities, including, without limitation any of the foregoing which occur as a result of epidemic or pandemic; changes in laws governing this type of Work of facility; or other unforeseeable causes beyond the reasonable control and without the fault or negligence of the City. Reasonable extension of time for unforeseen delays may be made by mutual written consent of all parties involved or the contract may terminate.

13. **ASSIGNMENT:** This Contract, including payment due under this contract, may not be assigned without the express written consent of the City.

14. **CONFLICT OF INTERESTS:**

- a. Vendor is aware of the conflict of interest laws of the City of Greenville, of the State of North Carolina (as set forth in North Carolina General Statutes), and agrees that it will fully comply in all respects with the terms thereof and any future amendments.
- b. Vendor covenants that no person or entity under its employ, presently exercising any functions or responsibilities in connection with this Agreement has any personal financial interests, direct or indirect, with the City. Contractor further covenants that, in the performance of this Agreement, no person or entity having such conflicting interest shall be utilized in respect to the Scope of Work or services provided hereunder. Any such conflict of interest(s) on the part of Contractor, its employees or associated persons or entities shall be disclosed to the City.
- c. Vendor shall disclose any possible conflicts of interest or apparent improprieties of any party under or in connection with the Legal Requirements, including the standards for procurement.
- d. Vendor shall make any such disclosure to the City in writing and immediately upon the Contractor's discovery of such possible conflict. The City's determination regarding the possible conflict of interest shall be binding on all parties.
- e. No employee, agent, contractor, elected official or appointed official of the City, exercising any functions or responsibilities in connection with this Agreement, or who is in a position to participate in the decision-making process or gain inside information regarding activities, has any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement, the proceeds hereunder, the Project or Contractor, either for themselves or for those with whom they have family or business ties, during their tenure or for one year thereafter.

15. **NONAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.** Vendor acknowledges that funding for this Agreement is conditioned upon appropriation and allocation by the governing body of sufficient funds to support the activities described in this Agreement. By written notice to Vendor at the earliest possible date, City may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, at any time for lack of appropriation of funds, or other withdrawal, reduction or limitation in any way of the

City's budget, funding or financial resources. Such termination is in addition to the City's rights to terminate for convenience or cause. If this Agreement is terminated for non-appropriation: The City will be liable only for payment in accordance with the terms of this Agreement for Work completed and expenses incurred prior to the effective date of termination. The Vendor will not be compensated for any other costs in connection with a termination for non-appropriation. The Vendor will not be entitled to recover any damages in connection with a termination for non-appropriation, including, but not limited to, lost profits. Vendor shall be released from any further obligation to provide Work affected by such termination; and Termination shall not prejudice any other right or remedy available to the City.

16. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** In the event of any dispute arising out of or relating to this agreement, the affected party shall notify the other party, and the parties shall attempt in good faith to resolve the matter within thirty (30) days after the date such notice is received by the other party (the "Notice Date") prior to exercising their rights under law.
17. **PERFORMANCE OF GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS:** Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed or construed so as to in any way estop, limit, or impair the City from exercising or performing any regulatory, policing, legislative, governmental, or other powers or functions.
18. **E-SIGNATURE AUTHORITY:** The parties hereto consent and agree that this agreement may be signed and/or transmitted by facsimile, e-mail of a .pdf document or using electronic signature technology (e.g., via DocuSign or similar electronic signature technology), and that such signed electronic record shall be valid and as effective to bind the party so signing as a paper copy bearing such party's hand written signature. The parties further consent and agree that (1) to the extent a party signs this document using electronic signature technology, by clicking "sign", such party is signing this Agreement electronically, and (2) the electronic signatures appearing on this Agreement shall be treated for purposes of validity, enforceability and admissibility, the same as hand-written signatures.
19. **TERMINATION:** The City may terminate this Contract at any time by providing thirty (30) days written notice to the Contractor. In addition, if Vendor shall fail to fulfill in timely and proper manner the obligations under this Contract for any reason, including the voluntary or involuntary declaration of bankruptcy, the City shall have the right to terminate this Contract by giving written notice to the Contractor and termination will be effective upon receipt. Contractor shall cease performance immediately upon receipt of such notice. The Vendor shall not be relieved of liability to the City for damages sustained by the City by virtue of any breach of this Contract, and the City may withhold any payment due to the Contractor for the purpose of setoff until such time as the City can determine the exact amount of damages due the City because of the breach.