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Christopher J. Gagliastro, MCPPO Purchasing Agent

RFP NO. 8296-W5 ISSUANCE DATE: 10/5/24

BUYER: Christopher J. Gagliastro, MCPPO

## AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

RFP TITLE: Waste Characterization Study / DSR

#### REFER TO PAGE 7 FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION INFORMATION

#### **General Conditions:**

All proposals are subject to the terms, conditions and specifications herein set forth:

- 1. Scope: Provide professional consulting services to conduct a waste characterization study per the attached requirements and specifications City of Worcester Department of Sustainability & Resilience.
- 2. A certified check or bid bond made payable to the "City Treasurer, City of Worcester" in the amount of N/A must accompany this proposal. This must be submitted under separate sealed cover marked "Proposal Security." In the case of default, the surety shall be forfeited to the City as liquidated damages.
- 3. All terms and conditions are applicable to this proposal except the following section(s) which are hereby deleted from this RFP: 4, 27
- 4. A performance bond in the amount of **not applicable** will be required. If this proposal is accepted by the City and the Proposer shall fail to contract as set forth in these requirements and to give a bond in the aforementioned amount, within ten (10) days, (not including Sundays, Saturdays, or a legal Holiday) from the date of the mailing of a notice from the City to the Proposer, according to the address given herewith, that the contract is ready for signature, the City may by option determine that the proposer has abandoned the contract and thereupon the proposal and acceptance shall be null and void and the proposal security accompanying this proposal shall become the property of the City as liquidated damages. Performance bond shall be on the City's form only.

Any prospective proposer requesting a change in or interpretation of existing specifications or terms and conditions must do so within 5 days (Saturdays, Sundays, and Legal Holidays excluded) before scheduled proposal opening date. All requests are to be in writing to the Purchasing Division. No changes will be considered nor will any interpretation issued unless request is in our hands within 5 days (Saturdays, Sundays, and Legal Holidays excluded) before scheduled proposal submission date.

Any inquiries related to technical or contractual matters must be submitted in writing to:

Christopher J. Gagliastro, MCPPO
Purchasing Director
City of Worcester, City Hall
455 Main Street, Room 201
Worcester, MA 01608
gagliastroc@worcesterma.gov

- 5. Nothing herein is intended to exclude any responsible Proposer or in any way restrain competition. All responsible Proposers are encouraged to submit proposals. The City encourages participation by Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE).
- 6. The following meanings are attached to the defined words when used in this RFP.
  - a) The word "City" means The City of Worcester, Massachusetts.
    - b) The word "Proposer" or "Respondent" means the person, firm or corporation submitting proposal on these specifications or any part thereof.
    - c) The word "Contractor" means the person, firm or corporation with whom the contract is made by carrying out the provisions of these specifications and the contract.
    - d) The words "Firm Price" shall mean a guarantee against price increase during the life of the contract.
- 7. All proposals and other documents relating to this RFP are subject to the public records provisions of M.G.L. c.30B and shall remain confidential until the time specified in c.30B section 6 (d).
- 8. All material submitted by vendors becomes the property of the City. The City is under no obligations to return any of the material submitted by a vendor in response to this RFP.
- 9. Each vendor's proposal must remain in effect for at least 120 days from the deadline for its submission. The City will decide upon acceptance within 120 days of submission.
- 10. It is understood and agreed that it shall be a material breach of any contract resulting from this RFP for the Contractor to engage in any practice which shall violate any provision of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 151B, relative to discrimination in hiring, discharge, compensation, or terms, conditions or privileges of employment because of race, color,

- religious creed, national origin, sex, age or ancestry.
- 11. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals submitted and waive informalities and technicalities.
- 12. The City will review and analyze each proposal and reserve the right to interview selected proposers. The City shall select the proposer, which in the City's opinion, has made the proposal best suited to the needs and goals of the City and its operations and deemed to be in compliance with the terms of this RFP.
- 13. The Contractor will be required to indemnify and save harmless the City of Worcester for all damages to life and property that may occur due to his or her negligence or that of his or her employees, subcontractors, etc. during the contract derived from this RFP.
- 14. The Contract Agreement will be drafted by the City's Law Department in compliance with the terms of the RFP and may incorporate the terms of this RFP and of the proposal selected.
- 15. The Proposer must certify that no official or employee of the City of Worcester, Massachusetts, is pecuniarily interested in this proposal or in the contract which the proposer offers to execute or in expected profits to arise therefrom, unless there has been compliance with the provisions of G.L.C. 43 section 27, and that this proposal is made in good faith without fraud or collusion or connection with any other person submitting a proposal.
- 16. Any proposal withdrawn after time and date specified, the proposer shall forfeit deposit on proposal as liquidated damages.
- 17. A vendor conference will be held as follows: <u>n / a</u>
- 18. The Contractor shall not assign, transfer, sublet, convey or otherwise dispose of any contract which results from this RFP, or its right, title or interest therein or its power to execute the same to any other person, firm, partnership, company or corporation without the previous consent in writing of the City. Should the Contractor attempt any of the above without the written consent of the City, the City reserves the right to declare the Contractor in default and terminate the contract for cause.
- 19. The Contractor shall obtain and maintain in force at all times during the term of the contract derived from this RFP, insurance coverage pertaining to Public Liability, Property Damage and Worker's Compensation in the following types and amounts:
  - A) <u>PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE</u> Contractor to supply the City of Worcester with certificates of insurance covering public liability in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 to any one person, and not less than \$1,000,000.00 on account of one accident.
  - B) <u>PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE</u> Contractor to supply the City with certificates of insurance covering property damage in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 for damages on account of any one accident, and not less than \$2,000,000.00 on account of all accidents.

- C) <u>COMPENSATION INSURANCE</u> The Contractor shall furnish the City with certificates showing that all its employees shall be connected with the management operations are protected under worker's compensation insurance policies.
- 20. The Contractor shall carry Public Liability Insurance with an insurance company satisfactory to the City so as to save the City harmless from any and all claims for damages arising out of bodily injury to or death of any person or persons, and for all claims for damages arising out of injury to or destruction of property caused by accident resulting from the use of implements, equipment or labor used in the performance of the contract or from any neglect, default or omission, or want of proper care, or misconduct on the part of the Contractor or for anyone in his or her employ during the execution of the contract derived from this RFP.
- 21. Prior to starting on the contract derived from this RFP, the Contractor shall deposit with the Purchasing Division, certificate from the insurer to the effect that the insurance policies required in the above paragraph have been issued to the Contractor. The certificates must be on a form satisfactory to the City.
- 22. All prices quoted must include inside delivery, and set-up in place F.O.B. destination to predesignated City of Worcester departments.
- 23. No special charges will be allowed for rigging, packing, crating, freight, express, or carriage unless specifically stated and included in the vendor's proposal.
- 24. The award to the successful proposer may be cancelled in the event of vendor nonperformance as may be determined by the City.
- 25. The successful proposer shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, and regulations. The awarded contract shall be governed under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- 26. Purchases made by the City are exempt from Federal and Massachusetts state taxes and proposal prices must exclude any such taxes. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.
- 27. When the contract is executed, a performance bond, in the full amount of the contract, is required. See paragraph 4. The bond will be of a surety company qualified to do business under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The cost of this bond is the vendor's responsibility. Bonds shall remain in force and effect thru the performance of the contract.
- 28. Expenditures by the City and authorization to spend for particular purposes are made on fiscal year basis. The City's fiscal year is the twelve-month period ending June 30 of each year. The obligations of the City under any agreement to be reached are subject to the appropriation or authorization of the necessary funds. The City agrees to make reasonable efforts to obtain funding and all necessary authorization.
- 29. No amendment to the contract shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both parties and is accepted by the City of Worcester.
- 30. The vendor (and its insurers, if any) shall bear all risk of loss or damage to the equipment

which occurs in transit to the user site. The risk of loss or damage to purchased equipment shall remain with the vendor until the purchase price has been paid and title has passed. The vendor shall also bear the risk of loss or damage to leased or rented equipment during the City of Worcester's possession and use thereof subject, however to such conditions and limitations as may be stated elsewhere in the contract.

- 31. The vendor shall not assign or in any way transfer any interest in the contract without the prior written consent of the City provided, however, that claims for money due or to become due to vendor from the City may be assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution without such consent so long as notice of such assignment is furnished promptly to the City. Any such assignment shall be expressly made subject to all defenses, setoffs, or counterclaims which would have been available to the City against the vendor in the absence of such assignment.
- 32. None of the services to be provided by the vendor pursuant to the contract shall be subcontracted or delegated to any other organization, association, individual, corporation, partnership or other such entity without the prior written consent of the City. No subcontract or delegation shall relieve or discharge the vendor from any obligation or liability under the contract except as specifically set forth in the instrument of consent. Any subcontract to which the City has consented shall be attached to the original of the contract on file in the City of Worcester.
- 33. Neither party will be liable to the other or be deemed to be in breach of the contract for any failure or delay in rendering performance arising out of causes beyond its reasonable control and without its fault or negligence. Such causes may include but are not limited to, acts of God or the public enemy, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight, embargoes, and unusually severe weather. If the vendor's failure to perform is caused by the default of the subcontractor, and if such default arises out of causes beyond the reasonable control of both the vendor and the subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either of them, the vendor shall not be liable for any excess costs for failure to perform, unless the equipment or services to be furnished by the subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the vendor to meet the required delivery schedule. Dates or times of performance will be extended to the extent of delays excused in this section, provided that the party whose performance is affected notifies the other promptly of the existence and nature of such delay.
- 34. The vendor shall provide to the City of Worcester a warranty and a commitment which clearly states that all equipment and services proposed and supplied by the Vendor, and/or its subcontractors, performs as expected and promised by the Vendor.
- 35. The vendor represents that no person other than bona fide employees working solely for the vendor, have been employed or retained to solicit or secure this agreement upon an arrangement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or any other consideration contingent upon the award or making of this contract. For breach or violation of the representation, the City shall have the right to annul the contract without liability, or in its discretion to deduct from the contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage fee or other consideration.

- 36. Any contract made by the City in which the Purchasing Agent or any employee of his/her department, the heads of using agencies or any other officer or employee of the City having a part in the placing of such contract is financially interested, directly or indirectly, shall be void.
- 37. The vendor shall not discriminate against any qualified employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, religion or medical handicap. The vendor agrees to comply with all applicable Federal and State Statutes, rules and regulations prohibiting discrimination in employment including: Title VII of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964; The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 151B, Section 4

  (1) and all relevant administrative orders and executive orders.

If a complaint or claim alleging violation by the vendor of such statutes, rules or regulations is presented to the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD), the vendor agrees to cooperate with MCAD in the investigation and disposition of such complaint or claim.

In the event of vendor noncompliance with the provisions of this section, the City shall impose such sanctions as it deems appropriate, including but limited to:

- 1) Withholding of payments due vendor under the contract until vendor complies.
- 2) Termination or suspension of the contract.

#### **SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS**

38. Proposals must be submitted in two (2) packages according to the instructions below. The City intends to consider responses in the Technical Proposal evaluation requirements before considering costs. *Therefore, no reference to pricing may be made in the* Technical Proposal.

A sealed package containing the original, 3 copies, plus 1 PDF copy on USB drive of the proposal **must** be labeled as follows:

**Purchasing Agent, City of Worcester** Waste Characterization Study / DSR - Technical Proposal 455 Main Street, Room 201 Worcester, MA 01608 Re: RFP No. 8296-W5 A sealed package containing **the original copy** of the proposal **must** be labeled as follows: **Purchasing Agent, City of Worcester** Waste Characterization Study / DSR - Price Proposal 455 Main Street, Room 201 Worcester, MA 01608 Re: RFP No. 8296-W5

PRICE PROPOSAL PAGE IS LOCATED AT END OF SPECIFICATIONS

Proposals must be delivered no later than Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 10:00 AM LOCAL TIME. Late submissions will be rejected, **regardless of circumstances.** The City is not responsible for submittals not properly marked.

The evaluation and cost proposals will remain confidential until a formal and finalized contract has been executed.

#### **RFP EVALUATION**

- 39. The City of Worcester Purchasing Agent will assign an evaluation team, hereafter referred to as the Selection Committee, to perform a full and complete evaluation of RFP submittals. The Purchasing Agent will ultimately forward a formal recommendation of award to the City Manager who has final award authority.
- 40. RFP evaluation responses will be evaluated by the Selection Committee based directly upon vendor's response to mandatory and comparative evaluation criteria. Vendors must meet or exceed the mandatory criteria requirements or be rejected as non-responsive.

Comparative criteria will be evaluated by use of four (4) rating categories as set forth by M.G.L. Chapter 30B:

- 1) HIGHLY ADVANTAGEOUS Vendor's submittal meets all the stated requirements and offers significant performance above the stated requirements.
- 2) ADVANTAGEOUS Vendor's submittal meets the stated requirements without risk or disadvantage.
- 3) NOT ADVANTAGEOUS Vendor's submittal contains some risk or disadvantage but is not unacceptable.
- 4) UNACCEPTABLE Vendor's submittal fails to meet the standards of the stated requirements.

After proposals have been assigned ratings on the basis of each evaluation criterion, a composite rating will be established by the Selection Committee. Submittals will then be ranked based upon finalized composite rating.

41. The Purchasing Agent will identify the most advantageous proposal based upon the rankings of the Selection Committee and an evaluation of the price proposals received. The Purchasing Agent will forward a recommendation for award to the City Manager based upon the most advantageous proposal received considering evaluation rankings and price proposals received.

### GIVE FULL NAMES AND RESIDENCES OF ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE FOREGOING PROPOSAL.

(NOTICE: Give first and last name in full; in case of corporations, give corporate name and names of President, Treasurer, and Manager; and in case of firms give names of the individual members)

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(1)	If an Individual or Proprietorship  Name of Owner:	
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	Zip Code Telephone No	
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(2)	If a Partnership, Full names and addresses of all p	artners
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(3) If a Corporation				
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"The undersigned certifies under penalties of perjury that this bid or proposal has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this certification, the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club, or other organization, entity, or group of individuals."
(Please Print)  Name of Person Signing Bid

No award will be made without vendor certification of the above.

Company

• Proposers must sign and submit the above form with their proposal submission.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**

At a duly authorized meeting of the	Board of Dire	ctors of the
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it was voted that (officer and tit		of this company be and hereby is
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binding upon this company.		
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	[Company N	ame and Address]
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# Request for Proposals Waste Characterization Study Scope of Services

The City of Worcester ("The City") seeks consultant services to assist in the development, management, and implementation of the city-wide waste characterization study across all sectors.

The goal for the study is to provide data that will inform the goals and strategies of the concurrently developing Zero Waste Master Plan (ZWMP).

The consultant must have sufficient experience conducting comprehensive Waste Characterization Studies, in-depth understanding of zero waste and circular economy concepts and principles, as well as a robust understanding of human behavioral science around waste topics.

#### **Project Goals**

Establish a baseline assessment of current waste generation, collection, and disposal practices in the City of Worcester by different sectors. Specific focus items include contamination of the recycling material, potentially recyclable material in the trash, and other materials in trash streams, identifying those with highest recovery potential (compostable materials, textiles, others).

#### **Waste Characterization Study Tasks**

Conduct a detailed waste characterization study to understand the composition of the waste stream and waste diversion efforts, as well as issues associated with sorting and disposal at a property level:

- 1. **1–6-unit residential dwellings** served by the city's program sampling and examining a minimum of 20 random **trash** bags per route per day, every day of a typical collection week (5 routes total).
- 2. **7+ unit dwellings** served by private waste haulers sampling a minimum 10 random **trash** bags and/or dumpsters per different size typologies of multi-family buildings, minimum 4 typologies. Identifying how **recycling** is collected and disposed of in each assessed building; and randomly sampling recycling for contamination issues.
- 3. Worcester Public Schools (WPS) minimum 3 elementary, 3 middle, and 3 high schools.
- 4. **Commercial** businesses of various sizes minimum 5 businesses per typology, minimum 10 typologies: trash and recycling. Informal interviews of property owners/managers/leases to get a comprehensive picture of current state, obstacles as well as opportunities.
- 5. **10 Municipal** Buildings.
- 6. Waste characterization of at least five (5) illegal dumpsites.

**Deliverables:** Waste Characterization Report, with visual data representations and clear, concise and accessible language explaining the methodology, analysis and findings.

#### **Proposal Requirements**

The Respondent's Proposal shall include/address the following items. The City reserves the right to reject proposals submitted without these required items.

#### 1. Narrative, approach, qualifications:

- a. Proposed approach to conducting the waste characterization study, including methodology, timeline, and schedule of deliverables.
- b. Estimated time commitment (hours) broken out by each task.
- c. A list of qualifications and project experience of the key team member/s assigned to the project, including a brief history of comparable services provided by the firm and/or its principals. Resumes of all team members assigned to this project, describing their background, certification, experience, and role within the organization, and identifying one team member as a designated Project Manager.

#### 2. Examples and References:

- a. No less than two example deliverables of recent projects that exemplify the type of service described in this RFQ, at least one of which should be for a government client, and each of which should have involved at least one team member assigned to this project.
- b. Respondent shall provide references from at least three clients for whom they have provided similar services within the past three years. Respondent shall include entity name, contact name, address, and telephone number of each reference.
- 3. **Interview/Oral Presentation of Services:** Proposer shall be available to present its proposal, if requested.

#### **Minimum Qualification Requirements**

All proposals must satisfy all of the minimum criteria below for further evaluation. Proposals shall include information demonstrating compliance with each of these criteria. Proposals that do not meet the minimum criteria will not be further evaluated.

#### The respondents must:

- 1. Have submitted all the items listed in the Proposal Requirements, above.
- 2. Key project manager/s have/has a minimum of three (3) years combined previous experience related to developing and conducting waste characterization studies.

#### **Comparative Evaluation Criteria**

Each proposal meeting the Minimum Evaluation Criteria shall be further evaluated and rated according to the Comparative Evaluation Criteria in order to determine the relative merits of each proposal. The review will cover the objectives below. Within each category, the degree to which the proposal satisfies the stated objective shall be reviews and rated on a system of "Highly Advantageous", "Advantageous", and "Not Advantageous".

1. H	Experience & Qualifications of Project Team
НА	The Respondent's submission demonstrates superior training, educational background and work experience appropriate to the work described herein. Key project manager/s have/has more than three (3) years combined previous experience related to developing and conducting waste characterization studies. All key work personnel demonstrate direct recent experience of working with three or more municipalities to conduct waste characterization studies. The project narrative demonstrated superior understanding of zero waste and circular economy concepts and principles; as well as a robust understanding of human behavioral science around waste topics.
A	The Respondent's submission demonstrates adequate training, educational background and work experience appropriate to the work described herein. Key project manager/s have/has three (3) years combined previous experience related to developing and conducting waste characterization studies. All key work personnel demonstrate recent experience of working with one to two municipalities and other clients on waste characterization studies. The project narrative demonstrated adequate understanding of zero waste and circular economy concepts and principles; as well as a good understanding of human behavioral science around waste topics.
NA	The Respondent's submission does NOT demonstrate that proposer has adequate training, educational background, and work experience appropriate to the work described herein. Key project manager/s have/has less than three (3) years combined previous experience related to developing and conducting waste characterization studies.

<b>2.</b> T	The Proposal demonstrated excellent methodology, execution skills and analytical capabilities
НА	Proposal provides superior methodology expertise, ensures reliable data, and establishes validity and credibility for the results. Proposal demonstrated superior analytical capabilities, and concise and clear writing capabilities related to conducted research and analysis.
A	Proposal provides adequate methodology expertise, ensures reliable data, and establishes validity and credibility for the results. Proposal provides adequate evidence of respondent's research and analytical capabilities and acceptable writing capabilities.
NA	Proposal does NOT provide adequate methodology for this project, or lacks the establishment of reliable data, validity, and credibility. Proposal demonstrates insufficient experience and inadequate writing capabilities.

	The Proposal demonstrated successful past experience managing similar projects via eferences' input.
НА	Three or more of the Respondent's references provided exceptional feedback with regards to their qualifications, quality of the work product, and examples of overcoming challenges.

A	At least two of the Respondent's references provided good feedback with regards to their qualifications, quality of the work product, and examples of overcoming challenges.
NA	The reviewing staff was not able to reach at least two out of three minimum references and/or the majority of references did not provide satisfactory feedback with regards to their qualifications, quality of the work product, and examples of overcoming challenges.

4.	Interview / Oral Presentation of Services (if requested)
НА	Respondent's proposal presentation is supported by the individuals who will perform the services and included thorough, highly detailed information regarding how the firm will complete the scope of services. The proposal presentation included 3 or more relatable examples and dialog from services performed for other similar municipalities/organizations.
A	Respondent's proposal presentation is supported by some of the individuals who will perform the services and included adequately detailed information regarding how the firm will complete the scope of services. The proposal presentation included 1-2 relatable examples and dialog from services performed for other similar municipalities/organizations.
NA	Respondent's presentation was conducted by the firm's sales team and not the individuals who will perform the services. It included some information regarding how the firm will complete the scope of services but was not clear as to the firm's ability to comply with the stated scope of services. The proposal presentation included no examples and dialog from services performed for other similar municipalities/organizations.

#### **Cost / Price Proposal**

#### To be completed by proposer

Consulting fee must be submitted as a flat, lump sum fee for each task noted below and required under the contract. Please include all costs associated in the fees. No additional fees will be considered. Proposers may not add additional items.

Task A	General Project Management	\$
Task B	Waste Characterization Development	\$
Task C	Waste Characterization Implementation	\$
Task D	Report	\$
	TOTAL ALL ITEMS	\$
	(*Lowest proposal price to be based on this total amount)	

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