EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

for

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING SERVICES 2018

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RESPONSE DUE by 4:00 p.m. on April 13, 2018 at EBMUD, Purchasing Division 375 Eleventh St., First Floor Oakland, CA 94607



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I. STATEMENT OF WORK

A. <u>SCOPE</u>

The East Bay Municipal Utility District (the "District", "EBMUD") supplies water and provides wastewater treatment for parts of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. The District's water system serves approximately 1.3 million people in a 325-square mile service area. The wastewater system serves approximately 642,000 people in an 83-square mile area. EBMUD is a publicly owned utility formed under the Municipal Utility District Act passed by the California Legislature in 1921. Currently, about 1,800 employees work for the District.

EBMUD is looking to contract with companies to provide environmental health and safety training and related services to District employees. EH&S training typically is performed at District facilities to groups of 10-30 employees. Training provided must meet all pertinent Cal-OSHA regulatory requirements as well as District safety procedures that apply. EH&S training services generally fall into the three categories listed below.

1. <u>Classroom delivery</u> of the information based upon the lesson plan developed for the particular topic.

2. <u>Curriculum Development</u>: Assembling a lesson plan that identifies the information to be delivered; the format(s) in which it will be delivered; the mediums used to present the information; developing pre-and/or post-training tests to confirm that learning occurred; and identifying environmental considerations needed to create an ideal learning situation.

3. <u>Needs Assessments</u>: Assisting District staff to identify affected District work groups because of injury profile or regulatory requirement; identifying opportunities to maximize the efficacy of the effort or training by blending workgroups or by incorporating similar topics into one training event.

B. <u>PROPOSER QUALIFICATIONS</u>

Companies responding to this RFP may propose to offer services covering as few as one training topic or as many as all of the training topics listed in the RFP. <u>The District intends to select several</u> <u>contractors in order to provide the best coverage of all training topics possible</u>. Additionally, the <u>District makes no guarantee that all topics will be requested in a particular time frame, or that a</u> <u>minimum or maximum number of hours will be allocated for any one particular topic.</u>

- 1. Proposer Minimum Qualifications
 - a. Proposer, Proposer's principal, or Proposer's staff shall have been regularly engaged in the business of providing EH&S training and consulting services for at least three years.
 - b. Proposer shall possess all permits, licenses, and professional credentials necessary to perform services as specified under this RFP.

C. <u>SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS</u>

- 1. Deliver EH&S training designed to comply with applicable Cal-OSHA regulations, District Required Safety Practices (RSPs), and other recognized standards (e.g. American Heart Association for First Aid, Common Ground Alliance).
- 2. Address District-specific practices in training courses. District RSPs will be provided to contractors where this is required.
- 3. Provide all printed training materials (such as handouts, tests, and reference materials) necessary to conduct the course.
- 4. Use District-provided sign-in sheets. Original class sign-in sheets must be sent to the District Project Manager no later than three days after completion of the course.
- 5. Provide all necessary presentation equipment such as laptop computers and projectors.
- 6. Communicate any issues arising out of the training courses to the District's Project Manager.
- 7. When requested, customize training courses to meet District needs. This will be done by special arrangement with the District Project Manager.
- 8. For courses with a graded examination, provide test scores and copies of the examinations for all students to the District Project Manager.
- 9. Provide timely and accurate invoicing as required by the terms of the Consulting Agreement.

LOCATION OF DISTRICT FACILITIES

The District has multiple training facilities.

70-80% of the training will occur in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. The primary training facilities are listed below. However, please note that other locations may be used on occasion.

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Other training locations, covering 20-30% of the training, are in Amador County near Pardee Reservoir and Stockton, in San Joaquin County. The primary training facilities are listed below. However, please note that other locations may be used on occasion.

Location	Address
Mokelumne Rangers HQ	15083 Camanche Parkway S, Valley Springs, CA
Stockton Center	1804 West Main Street, Stockton, CA
Pardee Center	3535 Sandretto Road, Valley Springs, CA

EH&S TRAINING TOPICS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The list of Training Topics follows. Applicable regulatory requirements for training courses are listed where appropriate. Additional information about District needs is listed for each course. The number of classes offered per year is strictly an estimate and no guarantee will be made that this number of courses will be delivered. The actual number of classes will vary based on District needs, the number of new employees hired, and other factors.

Course length will vary based on audience, scope of course, and whether the course is an initial or refresher training. Initial training courses are longer and more detailed than refresher courses. For this reason, course lengths are only noted for a couple training topics.

Dog Safety

Requirements: General Safety Course

Dog Safety is a special request course designed to provide District employees (e.g. meter readers, field service representatives, plumbers) techniques to handle aggressive dogs encountered while working.

Classes per Year (Estimate): 2 (not given every year)

Ergonomics

Requirements: Title 8 CCR §5110

Ergonomic safety courses for office workers and field workers are needed. In some cases, the District may ask that courses be customized to a particular job function (e.g. welder, gardener, plumber, etc.).

If applicable, include an example of field workers' curriculum. Classes per Year (Estimate): 6

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CPR/First Aid/AED

Requirements: Title 8 CCR § 1512, 8 CCR § 3400

Courses must meet American Heart Association, Medic First Aid or Red Cross standards. District's current AED is predominantly Zoll AED Plus.

Trainer must provide their own AED- trainer units for training.

Classes per Year (Estimate): 30

Emergency Medical Responder w/ CPR for the Professional Rescuer

Requirements: Title 22 CCR § 100066, CA H&S Code Div. 2.5

The course is designed specifically for the person who is often first to arrive at the scene of an emergency and emphasizes activating the EMS system, providing immediate care for life-threatening injuries and illnesses, controlling the scene, and preparing for the arrival of the ambulance. Training will include a strong emphasis on rescuer safety and scene size-up to ensure safety. Course will provide training on the use of specific equipment to provide initial assessment and intervention of medical emergencies. Topics include patient assessment, airway management, pediatric & geriatric emergencies, childbirth, heat & cold emergencies, one and two-rescuer CPR, AED, and oxygen therapy with bag-valve mask.

Classes per Year (Estimate): 1 Initial every 5 years (52 Hrs.) for new staff only and 1 refresher every 2 years (28 Hrs.).

General Health & Wellness

Requirements: General Safety Course

Topics may include a wide array of subject matter aimed at adopting and maintaining a healthy lifestyle, and could include managing cholesterol, preventing cardiovascular disease, understanding depression, managing hypertension, general nutrition, or other subjects of a similar theme.

Identify specific topics your organization presents.

Classes per Year (Estimate): 8

Confined Space Procedures

Requirements: Title 8 CCR § 5157

Courses must include regulatory requirements and the District's Required Safety Practices. Confined Space Rescue (for rescuers) is taught in a separate course about 1-2 times per year. **Classes per Year (Estimate):** 10

Control of Hazardous Energy (Lockout/Tagout)

Requirements: Title 8 CCR § 3314

Courses must include basic Lockout/Tagout requirements and the District Required Safety Practices and procedures.

Classes per Year (Estimate): 10

Respiratory Protection

Requirements: Title 8 CCR § 5144

Courses must include regulatory requirements with an emphasis on the particular respirators used at District sites. In some cases, fit testing may also be requested. **Classes per Year (Estimate):** 10

Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER)

Requirements: Title 8 CCR § 5192

District needs are First Responder – Awareness, First Responder – Operations, and Hazardous Materials Technician training. **Classes per Year (Estimate):** 5

Hearing Conservation

Requirements: Title 8 CCR § 5095-5100

Course includes information on the physiology of the ear, regulatory noise thresholds, typical noise levels for common exposures in the workplace and at home, protection factors of ear muffs and ear plugs, as well as selection, use and maintenance of that equipment. Classes per Year (Estimate): 5

Trenching/Shoring/Excavation (Competent Person)

Requirements: Title 8 CCR § 1540-1541

Courses must include regulatory requirements and the District Required Safety Practice. When possible, courses should include the specific types of protective systems used by District field crews.

Classes per Year (Estimate): 8

Subsurface Installations Awareness

Requirements: Title 8 CCR § 1541, and CA Government Code Section 4216

This course includes subsurface installation locating requirements, but not qualify attendees to mark or locate subsurface installations.

Classes per Year (Estimate): 5

Subsurface Utility Locator Qualification

Requirements: Title 8 CCR § 1541, and CA Government Code Section 4216

This course is the workshop that qualifies on subsurface installation locating requirements, and must meet the minimum training guidelines and practices of the recent Common Ground Alliance (CGA) Best Practices, and the standards of the National Utility Locating Contractors Association (NULCA): Professional Competence Standards for Locating Technicians.

Classes per Year (Estimate): 6

Powered Industrial Trucks (Forklift, Electric Pallet Jack, Telescopic Boom, Reachlift) Requirements: Title 8 CCR § 3668

Both classroom instruction and operator evaluations are needed. Classroom instruction includes regulatory requirements; hands-on evaluation of operators must be conducted at District sites using District equipment.

Identify which powered industrial truck your organization is qualified to certify. **Classes per Year (Estimate):** 8

Aerial Lift (Articulating Boom Lift, Scissorslift)

Requirements: Title 8 CCR § 3657

Both classroom instruction and operator evaluations are needed. Classroom instruction includes regulatory requirements; hands-on evaluation of operators must be conducted at District sites using District equipment.

Identify which lift truck your organization is qualified to certify.

Classes per Year (Estimate): 3

Wildland Firefighting

Requirements: California State Fire Marshal curriculum The District has contracted for S130 /S190 Refreshers. **Classes per Year (Estimate):** 4

Fall Protection

Requirements: Titles 8 CCR § 3210-3214, 8 CCR § 3276-3278, 8 CCR § 1669-1671.2 Course will include ladder safety, harnesses, safe work zones, protection from falls, appropriate connection points, floor openings, barricades, and equipment. **Classes per Year (Estimate):** 6

Scaffolding Safety

Requirements: 8 CCR § 1637

Course will include scaffold construction, design, inspection, and work practices around or on scaffolding.

Classes per Year (Estimate): 2

Traffic Control & Flagging

Requirements: Title 8 CCR § 1598, 1599

The topic will include courses at the Awareness and Certification level and will be consistent with most recent CalTrans *Manual of Traffic Controls for Construction and Maintenance Work Zones,* and include requirements for lane closures, diversion of traffic, signage, barriers, flagging, personnel safety, and pedestrian safety, and District's Required Safety Practice.

Classes per Year (Estimate): 5

Electrical Safety / Arc Flash / High Voltage

Requirements: Title 8 CCR Electrical Safety Orders, NFPA 70E

Course will include electrical transmission and distribution system safety, high and low voltage systems, transformers, junction boxes, cabinets, generating stations, and personal protective equipment.

Classes per Year (Estimate): 2 Initials, 5 refreshers

Cranes, Boom Trucks, Rigging

Requirements: Title 8 CCR § 5006

Course focuses on cranes that do not require NCCCO certification, and will include inspection, maintenance, safe use techniques, load rating, accident causes, out-rigging, signals, and rigging of loads. Equipment-specific training may be requested as needed. **Classes per Year (Estimate):** 5

Mobile Crane Certification

Requirements: Title 8 CCR § 5006.1

Mobile crane certification will be administered by an Accredited Certifying Entity accredited by the National Commission for Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO). The certification process shall comply fully with the requirements set forth in 8 CCR Section 5006.1, and will include preparation course, and both written and hands-on examinations demonstrating operating proficiency for the specific type of crane to be used on the job. Indicate which mobile crane(s) your organization is qualified to certify.

Classes per Year (Estimate): Six initial certification annually, Recertification for approximately 100 operators

Driver Safety

Requirements: General Safety Course

This topic will include a course of classroom defensive/distractive driving course to be given to District employees that drive light vehicles (automobiles, light trucks) while at work. Another course will be a classroom instruction that will involve practical exercise.

If applicable, please include the practical outline and location.

Classes per Year (Estimate): 4

Welding, Cutting, Brazing

Requirements: Cover applicable Cal-OSHA, NFPA, and ANSI requirements

Course will include safety practices, ventilation, personal protective equipment, fire prevention, and hazard identification.

Classes per Year (Estimate): 4

Fire Extinguishment Training

Requirements: Title 8 CCR § 6151

Course will include regulatory requirements, inspection, and safe use practices for fire extinguishment systems, including fire extinguishers. Hands-on activities using extinguishers to put out a small, controlled fire are desired when possible. **Classes per Year (Estimate):** 8

Water Safety

Requirements: General Safety Course

Topic will include established safety protocols for working near and on water. Boating Safety & Rescue course will include methods for safely launching and loading a boat, and the basics of conducting water rescue. This course is given to employees operating boats in District reservoirs, as well as employees working near reservoirs or other bodies of water. Swift Water Awareness will include fundamentals in assessing site conditions; site management, self rescue, rope rescue, including mechanical advantage and anchor systems; and working in moving water, and appropriate equipment.

Classes per Year (Estimate): 2

Chainsaw Operations

Requirements: General Safety Course

Course to include techniques for safe operation of chainsaws (basic and advanced levels), personal protective equipment, tree felling and pruning. Classes per Year (Estimate): 3

Asbestos Safety

Requirements: Title 8 CCR § 1529, Title 8 § CCR 5208

Courses must include regulatory requirements. District needs for training include; (a) general asbestos awareness, (b) operations and maintenance level training, (c) training focused on AC-pipe operations. Most classes will be refresher-level courses. **Classes per Year (Estimate):** 20 refreshers, 1-2 initial courses

Use of Hand Tools / Power Tools

Requirements: Applicable Cal-OSHA requirements and tool-specific safety requirements General course will include safe use practices, guarding techniques, electrical safety, and maintenance of hand tools and power tools. The District may request equipment-specific training or hands-on demonstration to be done as needed. **Classes per Year (Estimate):** 3

Lead Safety

Requirements: Title 8 CCR § 1532.1, Title 8 CCR § 5216

Course must include regulatory requirements in the lead standard with a focus on operations relevant to the District. Both initial and refresher level courses needed. **Classes per Year (Estimate):** 4

Incident Investigation

Requirements: Title 8 CCR § 3203

Course should instruct supervisors on the methodology for investigating an incident, including the importance of timely response, preservation of evidence, skills in conducting post-event interviews, collection and documentation of supporting information, and root cause analysis.

Classes per Year (Estimate): 3

Construction Equipment Certification

Requirements: Title 8 CCR § 1510

Certification will be comprised of a classroom event and hands-on performance evaluation designed to determine a minimum level of skill in safe operation of construction equipment including backhoes, loaders, tracked equipment, skid steers, vacuum excavators and other construction equipment as identified. Certification events will focus on District equipment. Certification is not designed to **train** employees how to operate equipment, but rather to confirm **existing** skills.

Classes per Year (Estimate): 10

Prevention thru Design

Requirements: Title 8 CCR § 3203

Introduction to the concept of Prevention thru Design (PtD) geared toward Engineers and Designers. Should cover the concept of PtD and ideas in ANSI Z590.3 – 2011. Class should also cover examples of Industrial Ergonomic hazards that can be designed out of the system and incorporate examples from the District

Classes per Year (Estimate): 4

Water and Wastewater Compliance

Requirements: NPDES & WDR Permitting

Topics may include overview of federal, state and local laws governing water quality and associated permitting. The Clean Water Act, Porter Cologne and local regional requirements in general NPDES and/or WDR permits regulating wastewater and stormwater. Stormwater topics may include topics in the municipal, industrial and or construction programs.

Identify specific topics your organization presents.

Classes per Year (Estimate): 2

Air Rules, Regulations and Permitting Compliance

Requirements: Title 8 CCR § 5157

Topics may include overview of federal, state and local laws governing air quality and associated permitting. Title V, CARB programs; Green House Gas inventories; energy conservation; local air district rules and programs, permitting programs including on road; off road; portable equipment and other topics as needed.

Identify specific topics your organization presents.

Classes per Year (Estimate): 2

Integrated Pest Management Best Practices

Requirements: Title 8 CCR § 3314

Topics may include an overview of Integrated Pest Management concepts and program design and evaluation elements. Training may also cover items such as pest control methods, health and safety associated with pesticide use, equipment calibration, sensitive species/environments and various product types and appropriate uses.

Identify specific topics your organization presents.

Classes per Year (Estimate): 2

II. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENT	DATE/LOCATION
RFP Issued	March 15, 2018
Response Due	April 13, 2018 by 4:00 p.m.
Anticipated Contract Start	July 1, 2018
Date	

Note: All dates are subject to change.

Proposers are responsible for reviewing <u>https://www.ebmud.com/business-</u> <u>center/requests-proposal-rfps/</u> for any published addenda. Hard copies of addenda will not be mailed out.

III. DISTRICT PROCEDURES, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS

A. <u>RFP ACCEPTANCE AND AWARD</u>

- RFP responses will be evaluated by the Selection Committee and will be scored and ranked in accordance with the RFP section entitled "Evaluation Criteria/Selection Committee."
- 2. The Selection Committee will recommend award to the Proposer(s) who, in its opinion, has submitted the RFP response that best serves the overall interests of the District. Award may not necessarily be made to the Proposer with the lowest overall cost.
- 3. The District reserves the right to award to a single or to multiple General or Professional Service Providers, dependent upon what is in the best interest of the District.
- 4. The District has the right to decline to award this contract or any part of it for any reason.
- 5. Any specifications, terms, or conditions issued by the District, or those included in the Proposer's submission, in relation to this RFP, may be incorporated into any purchase order or contract that may be awarded as a result of this RFP.
- 6. Award of contract. The District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to accept one part of a proposal and reject the other, unless the bidder stipulates to the contrary. Award will be made or proposals rejected by the District as soon as possible after bids have been opened.

B. EVALUATION CRITERIA/SELECTION COMMITTEE

All proposals will be evaluated by a Selection Committee. The Selection Committee may be composed of District staff and other parties that have expertise or experience in this type of procurement. The Selection Committee will select a Proposer in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in this RFP. The evaluation of the RFP responses shall be within the sole judgment and discretion of the Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee will evaluate each RFP response meeting the qualification requirements set forth in this RFP. Proposer should bear in mind that any RFP response that is unrealistic in terms of the technical or schedule commitments, or unrealistically high or low in cost, will be deemed reflective of an inherent lack of technical

competence or indicative of a failure to comprehend the complexity and risk of the District's requirements as set forth in this RFP.

RFP responses will be evaluated and scored according to the Evaluation Criteria below, and scored according to a zero to five-point scale. The scores for all Evaluation Criteria will then be added to arrive at a weighted score for each RFP response. An RFP response with a high weighted total will be ranked higher than one with a lesser-weighted total.

The Evaluation Criteria are as follows:

	Evaluation Criteria
Α.	Technical Criteria Instructor qualifications, availability of trainers, proposed presentation methods, willingness to customize training to include District procedures and needs.
В.	Cost Cost comparison for equivalent classes from submitted proposals.
C.	Experience with Water Utilities and Similar Industry Prior experience with water utilities, prior experience with similar utilities, and prior project management experience with similar clients.
D.	References (See Exhibit A – RFP Response Packet)
Ε.	Contract Equity Program: Proposer shall be eligible for SBE preference points if they are a certified small business entity, as described in the guidelines contained in Exhibit A-Contract Equity Program, <u>and</u> they check the appropriate box, requesting preference, in Exhibit A-Proposer Information and Acceptance.

C. <u>PRICING</u>

- 1. Prices quoted shall be firm for the first 12 months of any contract that may be awarded pursuant to this RFP.
- 2. All prices quoted shall be in United States dollars.
- 3. Price quotes shall include any and all payment incentives available to the District.
- 4. Proposers are advised that in the evaluation of cost, if applicable, it will be assumed that the unit price quoted is correct in the case of a discrepancy between the unit price and extended price.

D. <u>PROTESTS</u>

Protests must be in writing and must be received no later than seven (7) business days after the District issues the Notice of Intent to Award, which is sent to all entities who submitted a proposal. The District will reject the protest as untimely if it is received after this specified time frame. Protests will be accepted from proposers or potential proposers only.

If the protest is mailed and not received by the District, the protesting party bears the burden of proof to submit evidence (e.g., certified mail receipt) that the protest was sent in a timely manner so that it would be received by the District within the RFP protest period.

Bid protests must contain a detailed and complete written statement describing the reason(s) for protest. The protest must include the name and/or number of the bid, the name of the firm protesting, and include a name, telephone number, email address and physical address of the protester. If a firm is representing the protester, they shall include their contact information in addition to that of the protesting firm.

Protests must be mailed or hand delivered to the Manager of Purchasing, East Bay Municipal Utility District, 375 Eleventh Street, Oakland, CA 94607 or P.O. Box 24055, Oakland, California 94623. Facsimile and electronic mail protests must be followed by a mailed or hand delivered identical copy of the protest and must arrive within the seven day time limit. Any bid protest filed with any other District office shall be forwarded immediately to the Manager of Purchasing.

The bid protester can appeal the determination to the requesting organization's Department Director. The appeal must be submitted to the Department Director no later than five business days from the date of receipt of the requesting organization's determination on the protest.

Such an appeal must be made in writing and must include all grounds for the appeal and copies of the original protest and the District's response. The bid protester must also send the Purchasing Division a copy of all materials sent to the Department Director. The Department Director will make a determination of the appeal and respond to the protester by certified mail in a timely manner. If the appeal is denied, the letter will include the date, time, and location of the Board of Directors meeting at which staff will make a recommendation for award and inform the protester it may request to address the Board of Directors at that meeting.

The District may transmit copies of the protest and any attached documentation to all other parties who may be affected by the outcome of the protest. The decision of the District as to the validity of any protest is final. This District's final decision will be transmitted to all affected parties in a timely manner.

E. <u>INVOICING</u>

- 1. Payment will be made within thirty (30) days following receipt of a <u>correct</u> <u>invoice</u> and upon complete satisfactory receipt of product and/or performance of services.
- 2. The District shall notify General or Professional Service Provider of any invoice adjustments required.
- 3. Invoices shall contain, at a minimum, District purchase order number, invoice number, remit to address, and itemized services description.
- 4. The District will pay General or Professional Service Provider in an amount not to exceed the negotiated amount(s) which will be referenced in the agreement signed by both parties.

IV. RFP RESPONSE SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

A. <u>DISTRICT CONTACTS</u>

All contact during the competitive process is to be through the contact listed on the first page of this RFP. The following persons are to be contacted only for the purposes specified below:

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS: Attn: May Shiu EBMUD – Workplace, health and Safety E-Mail: may.shiu@ebmud.com PHONE: (510) 287-1381

FOR INFORMATION ON THE CONTRACT EQUITY PROGRAM: Attn: Contract Equity Office PHONE: (510) 287-0114

AFTER AWARD: Attn: May Shiu EBMUD – Workplace, health and Safety E-Mail: may.shiu@ebmud.com PHONE: (510) 287-1381

B. <u>SUBMITTAL OF RFP RESPONSE</u>

- 1. Late and/or unsealed responses will not be accepted.
- 2. RFP responses submitted via electronic transmissions will not be accepted. Electronic transmissions include faxed RFP responses or those sent by electronic mail ("e-mail").
- 3. RFP responses will be received only at the address shown below, must be SEALED, and must be received at the District Purchasing Division by 4:00 p.m. on the due date specified in the Calendar of Events. Any RFP response received after that time or date, or at a place other than the stated address cannot be considered and will be returned to the Proposer unopened. All RFP responses must be received and time stamped at the stated address by the time designated. The Purchasing Division's timestamp shall be considered the official timepiece for the purpose of establishing the actual receipt of RFP responses.
- 4. RFP responses are to be addressed/delivered as follows:

Mailed:

Andrew Akelman, Manager of Purchasing East Bay Municipal Utility District Environmental Health and Safety Training Services 2018 EBMUD–Purchasing Division P.O. Box 24055 Oakland, CA 94623

Hand Delivered or delivered by courier or package delivery service:
Andrew Akelman, Manager of Purchasing-EBMUD
East Bay Municipal Utility District
Environmental Health and Safety Training Services 2018
EBMUD–Purchasing Division
375 Eleventh Street, First Floor
Oakland, CA 94607

Proposer's name, return address, and the RFP title must also appear on the mailing package.

- 5. Proposers are to submit one (1) original hardcopy, and one (1) copy, RFP response (Exhibit A RFP Response Packet, including Contract Equity Program forms and all additional documentation stated in the "Required Documentation and Submittals" section of Exhibit A), all with original ink signatures.
- 6. All costs required for the preparation and submission of an RFP response shall be borne by the Proposer.

- 7. California Government Code Section 4552: In submitting an RFP response to a public purchasing body, the Proposer offers and agrees that if the RFP response is accepted, it will assign to the purchasing body all rights, title, and interest in and to all causes of action it may have under Section 4 of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. Sec. 15) or under the Cartwright Act (Chapter 2, commencing with Section 16700, of Part 2 of Division 7 of the Business and Professions Code), arising from purchases of goods, materials, or services by the Proposer for sale to the purchasing body pursuant to the RFP response. Such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the purchasing body tenders final payment to the Proposer.
- 8. Proposer expressly acknowledges that it is aware that if a false claim is knowingly submitted (as the terms "claim" and "knowingly" are defined in the California False Claims Act, Cal. Gov. Code, §12650 et seq.), the District will be entitled to civil remedies set forth in the California False Claim Act.
- 9. The RFP response shall remain open to acceptance and is irrevocable for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days, unless otherwise specified in the RFP documents.
- 10. It is understood that the District reserves the right to reject any or all RFP responses.

C. <u>RESPONSE FORMAT</u>

- 1. Proposers shall not modify any part of Exhibits A, B, C, or qualify their RFP responses. Proposers shall not submit to the District a re-typed or otherwise re-created version of these documents or any other District-provided document.
- 2. RFP responses, in whole or in part, are NOT to be marked confidential or proprietary. The District may refuse to consider any RFP response or part thereof so marked. RFP responses submitted in response to this RFP may be subject to public disclosure. The District shall not be liable in any way for disclosure of any such records.



EXHIBIT A RFP RESPONSE PACKET

RFP for – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING SERVICES 2018

To: The EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY District ("District")

From:

(Official Name of Proposer)

RFP RESPONSE PACKET GUIDELINES

- AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION IV- RFP RESPONSE SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION, PROPOSERS ARE TO SUBMIT ONE (1) ORIGINAL AND ONE(1) COPY RFP RESPONSE WITH ORIGINAL INK SIGNATURES, CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING, IN THEIR ENTIRETY:
 - EXHIBIT A RFP RESPONSE PACKET
 - INCLUDING ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION AS DESCRIBED IN "EXHIBIT A-REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION AND SUBMITTALS"
 - EXHIBIT B DISTRICT INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS
 - EXHIBIT C DISTRICT GENERAL REQUIREMENTS
- PROPOSERS THAT DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS, AND/OR SUBMIT AN INCOMPLETE RFP RESPONSE MAY BE SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION AND THEIR RFP RESPONSE REJECTED IN TOTAL.
- IF PROPOSERS ARE MAKING <u>ANY</u> CLARIFICATIONS AND/OR AMENDMENTS, OR TAKING EXCEPTION TO ANY PART OF THIS RFP, THESE <u>MUST</u> BE SUBMITTED IN THE EXCEPTIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, AND AMENDMENTS SECTION OF THIS EXHIBIT A – RFP RESPONSE PACKET. THE DISTRICT, AT ITS SOLE DISCRETION, MAY ACCEPT AMENDMENTS/EXCEPTIONS, OR MAY DEEM THEM TO BE UNACCEPTABLE, THEREBY RENDERING THE RFP RESPONSE DISQUALIFIED.
- BIDDERS SHALL NOT MODIFY DISTRICT LANGUAGE IN ANY PART OF THIS RFP OR ITS EXHIBITS, NOR SHALL THEY QUALIFY THEIR RFP RESPONSE.



PROPOSER INFORMATION AND ACCEPTANCE

- 1. The undersigned declares that all RFP documents, including, without limitation, the RFP, Addenda, and Exhibits, have been read and that the terms, conditions, certifications, and requirements are agreed to.
- 2. The undersigned is authorized to offer, and agrees to furnish, the articles and services specified in accordance with the RFP documents.
- 3. The undersigned acknowledges acceptance of all addenda related to this RFP.
- 4. The undersigned hereby certifies to the District that all representations, certifications, and statements made by the Proposer, as set forth in this RFP Response Packet and attachments, are true and correct and are made under penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of California.
- 5. The undersigned acknowledges that the Proposer is, and will be, in good standing in the State of California, with all the necessary licenses, permits, certifications, approvals, and authorizations necessary to perform all obligations in connection with this RFP and associated RFP documents.
- 6. It is the responsibility of each Proposer to be familiar with all of the specifications, terms, and conditions and, if applicable, the site condition. By the submission of an RFP response, the Proposer certifies that if awarded a contract it will make no claim against the District based upon ignorance of conditions or misunderstanding of the specifications.
- 7. Patent indemnity: General or Professional Service Providers who do business with the District shall hold the District, its Directors, officers, agents, and employees harmless from liability of any nature or kind, including cost and expenses, for infringement or use of any patent, copyright or other proprietary right, secret process, patented or unpatented invention, article, or appliance furnished or used in connection with the contract or purchase order.
- 8. Insurance certificates are not required at the time of submission. However, by signing Exhibit A RFP Response Packet, the Proposer agrees to meet the minimum insurance requirements stated in the RFP. This documentation must be provided to the District prior to execution of an agreement by the District, and shall include an insurance certificate which meets the minimum insurance requirements, as stated in the RFP.
- 9. The undersigned acknowledges that RFP responses, in whole or in part, are NOT to be marked confidential or proprietary. The District may refuse to consider any RFP response or part thereof so marked. RFP responses submitted in response to this RFP may be subject to public disclosure. The District shall not be liable in any way for disclosure of any such records.
- 10. The undersigned Proposer hereby submits this RFP response and binds itself to the District. The RFP, subsequent Addenda, Proposers Response Packet, and any attachments, shall be used to form the basis of a Contract, which once executed shall take precedence.

11.	The undersigned acknowledges	ONE of the following	(please check only one box)*:
± ± •	The undersigned dekilowiedge.		(prease check only one box) :

Proposer is not an SBE and is ineligible for any Proposal preference; OR

Proposer is an SBE or DVBE as described in the Contract Equity Program (CEP) and Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Guidelines, <u>and</u> has completed the CEP and EEO forms at the hyperlink contained in the CEP and EEO section of this Exhibit A.

*If no box is checked it will be assumed that the Proposer is ineligible for Proposal preference and none will be given. For additional information on SBE Proposal preference please refer to the Contract Equity Program and Equal Employment Opportunity Guidelines at the above referenced hyperlink.

Official Name of Proposer (exactly as it appears on Proposer's corporate seal and invoice):

Street Address Line 1:			
Street Address Line 2:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Webpage:			
Type of Entity / Organizational Structu	re (check one):		
Corporation	Join	t Venture	
Limited Liability Part	nership 🗌 Part	nership	
Limited Liability Corp	oration Non	-Profit / Church	
Other:			_
Jurisdiction of Organization Structure:			
Date of Organization Structure:			
Federal Tax Identification Number:			

Primary Contact Inf	ormation:			
Name / Title	:			
Telephone N	umber:	Fax Nun	nber:	
E-mail Addre	SS:			
Street Addre	ss Line 1:			
City:		State:	Zip Code:	
SIGNATURE:				
Name and Title of S	igner (printed):			
Dated this	day of		20	



PROPOSAL FORM

Cost shall be submitted on this Proposal Form as is. The prices quoted shall <u>not</u> include Sales Tax or Use Tax; said tax, wherever applicable, will be paid by the District to the General or Professional Service Provider, if licensed to collect, or otherwise directly to the State.

No alterations or changes of any kind to the Proposal Form(s) are permitted. RFP responses that do not comply may be subject to rejection in total. The cost quoted below shall be the cost the District will pay for the term of any contract that is a result of this RFP process.

Quantities listed herein are annual estimates based on past usage and are not to be construed as a commitment. No minimum or maximum is guaranteed or implied.

Course Title (Sample below)	Duration of Course (hours)	Cost
Permit Required Confined Space	4	\$595
Hearing Conservation	2	\$395



REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION AND SUBMITTALS

All of the specific documentation listed below is required to be submitted with the Exhibit A – RFP Response Packet. Proposers shall submit all documentation, in the order listed below, and clearly label each section of the RFP response with the appropriate title (i.e. Table of Contents, Letter of Transmittal, Key Personnel, etc.).

- 1. <u>Letter of Transmittal</u>: RFP response shall include a description of the Proposer's capabilities and approach in providing its services to the District, and provide a brief synopsis of the highlights of the RFP response and overall benefits to the District. This synopsis should not exceed three (3) pages in length and should be easily understood.
- 2. <u>Key Personnel</u>: RFP response shall include a complete list of all key personnel associated with the RFP. This list must include all key personnel who will provide services/training to District staff. For each person on the list, the following information shall be included:
 - (a) The person's relationship with the Proposer, including job title and years of employment with the Proposer;
 - (b) The role that the person will play in connection with the RFP;
 - (c) The person's telephone number and e-mail address;
 - (d) The person's relevant experience, certifications, and/or merits
- 3. <u>**Training Topics Offered**</u>: This section should list all classes that the firm is capable of offering. Please note which instructor(s) will be used for each course. Also include the course duration and a brief course description and course outline for each topic in this section.
- 4. <u>Sustainability Statement:</u> Contractors shall submit a statement regarding any sustainable or environmental initiatives or practices that they or their suppliers engage in. This information can be in relation to the specific products and/or services procured under this RFP, or in relation to the manufacture, delivery, or office practices of your firm which relate to the provision of these products and/or services.

5. **<u>References</u>**:

- (a) Proposers must use the templates in the "References" section of this Exhibit A RFP Response Packet to provide references.
- (b) References should have similar scope, volume, and requirements to those outlined in these specifications, terms, and conditions.
 - Proposers must verify the contact information for all references provided is current and valid.
 - Proposers are strongly encouraged to notify all references that the District may be contacting them to obtain a reference.

(c) The District may contact some or all of the references provided in order to determine Proposer's performance record on work similar to that described in this RFP. The District reserves the right to contact references other than those provided in the RFP response and to use the information gained from them in the evaluation process.

6. **Exceptions, Clarifications, Amendments:**

(a) The RFP response shall include a separate section calling out all clarifications, exceptions, and amendments, if any, to the RFP and associated RFP documents, which shall be submitted with the proposer's RFP response using the template in the "Exceptions, Clarifications, Amendments" section of this Exhibit A – RFP Response Packet.

(b) THE DISTRICT IS UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO ACCEPT ANY EXCEPTIONS, AND SUCH EXCEPTIONS MAY BE A BASIS FOR RFP RESPONSE DISQUALIFICATION.

7. <u>Contract Equity Program</u>:

(a) Every proposer must fill out, sign, and submit the appropriate sections of the Contract Equity Program and Equal Employment Opportunity documents located at the hyperlink contained in the last page of this Exhibit A. Special attention should be given to completing Form P-25, "Employment Data and Certification". Any proposer needing assistance in completing these forms should contact the District's Contract Equity Office at (510) 287-0114 prior to submitting an RFP response.



REFERENCES

RFP for – Environmental Health and Safety Training Services 2018

Proposer Name: ______ Proposer must provide a minimum of three (3) references.

Company Name:	Contact Person:
Address:	Telephone Number:
City, State, Zip:	E-mail Address:
Services Provided / Date(s) of Service:	

Company Name:	Contact Person:
Address:	Telephone Number:
City, State, Zip:	E-mail Address:
Services Provided / Date(s) of Service:	

Company Name:	Contact Person:
Address:	Telephone Number:
City, State, Zip:	E-mail Address:
Services Provided / Date(s) of Service:	

Company Name:	Contact Person:
Address:	Telephone Number:
City, State, Zip:	E-mail Address:
Services Provided / Date(s) of Service:	

Company Name:	Contact Person:		
Address:	Telephone Number:		
City, State, Zip:	E-mail Address:		
Services Provided / Date(s) of Service:			



EXCEPTIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, AMENDMENTS

RFP For – Environmental Health and Safety Training Services 2018

Proposer Name:_____

List below requests for clarifications, exceptions, and amendments, if any, to the RFP and associated RFP documents, and submit with your RFP response.

The District is under no obligation to accept any exceptions and such exceptions may be a basis for RFP response disqualification.

Reference to:):	Description	
Page No.	Section	ltem No.		
p. 23	D	1.c.	Proposer takes exception to	

^{*}Print additional pages as necessary



CONTRACT EQUITY PROGRAM & EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The District's Board of Directors adopted the Contract Equity Program (CEP) to enhance equal opportunities for business owners of all races, ethnicities, and genders who are interested in doing business with the District. The program has contracting objectives, serving as the minimum level of expected contract participation for the three availability groups: white-men owned businesses, white-women owned businesses, and ethnic minority owned businesses. The contracting objectives apply to all contracts that are determined to have subcontracting opportunities, and to all General or Professional Service Providers regardless of their race, gender, or ethnicity.

All Contractors and their subcontractors performing work for the District must be Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) employers, and shall be bound by all laws prohibiting discrimination in employment. There shall be no discrimination against any person, or group of persons, on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, ancestry, gender including gender identity or expression, age, marital or domestic partnership status, mental disability, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS), medical condition (including genetic characteristics or cancer), genetic information, or sexual orientation.

Contractor and its subcontractors shall abide by the requirements of 41 CFR §§ 60-1.4(a), 60-300.5(a) and 60-741.5(a). These regulations prohibit discrimination against qualified individuals based on their status as protected veterans or individuals with disabilities, and prohibit discrimination against all individuals based on their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin in the performance of this contract. Moreover, these regulations require that covered prime contractors and subcontractors take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, protected veteran status or disability.

All Contractors shall include the nondiscrimination provisions above in all subcontracts. Please include the required completed forms with your proposal. Non-compliance with the Guidelines may deem a proposal non-responsive, and therefore, ineligible for contract award. Your firm is responsible for:

- 1) Reading and understanding the CEP guidelines.
- 2) Filling out and submitting with your bid the appropriate forms.

The CEP guidelines and forms can be found at the following direct link: Contract Equity Program Guidelines and Forms

The CEP guidelines and forms can also be downloaded from the District website at the following link: http://ebmud.com/business-center/contract-equity-program/

If you have questions regarding the Contract Equity Program please call (510) 287-0114.



EXHIBIT B INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Insurance certificates are not required at the time of submission; however, by signing Exhibit A – RFP Response Packet, the Proposer agrees to meet the minimum insurance requirements stated in the RFP. This documentation must be provided to the District, prior to award.

The following are the minimum insurance limits, required by the District, to be held by the GENERAL OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER performing on this RFP:

INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

A. <u>Indemnification</u>

GENERAL OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER expressly agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the District and its Directors, officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all loss, liability, expense, claims, suits, and damages, including attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from GENERAL OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER's, its associates', employees', subcontractors', or other agents' negligent acts, errors or omissions, or willful misconduct, in the operation and/or performance under this Agreement.

B. Insurance Requirements

GENERAL OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER shall take out and maintain during the life of the Agreement all the insurance required in this section, and if requested shall submit certificates for review and approval by the District. The Notice to Proceed shall not be issued, and GENERAL OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER shall not commence work until such insurance has been approved by the District. <u>The certificates shall be on forms approved by the District</u>. Acceptance of the certificates shall not relieve GENERAL OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER of any of the insurance requirements, nor decrease the liability of GENERAL OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER. The District reserves the right to require GENERAL OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER to provide insurance policies for review by the District.

C. <u>Workers Compensation Insurance</u>

GENERAL OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER shall take out and maintain during the life of the Agreement <u>Workers Compensation Insurance</u> for all of its employees on the project. In lieu of evidence of Workers Compensation Insurance, the District will accept a Self-Insured Certificate from the State of California. GENERAL OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER shall require any subcontractor to provide it with evidence of Workers Compensation Insurance.

D. <u>Commercial General Liability Insurance</u>

GENERAL OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER shall take out and maintain during the life of the Agreement <u>Automobile and General Liability Insurance</u> that provides protection from claims which may arise from operations or performance under this Agreement. If GENERAL OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER elects to self-insure (self-fund) any liability exposure during the contract period above \$50,000, GENERAL OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER is required to notify the District immediately. Any request to self-insure must first be approved by the District before the changed terms are accepted. GENERAL OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER shall require any subcontractor or Professional Service Provider to provide evidence of liability insurance coverages.

The amounts of insurance shall be not less than the following:

\$2,000,000/Occurrence, Bodily Injury, Property Damage -- Automobile. \$2,000,000/Occurrence, Bodily Injury, Property Damage -- General Liability.

The following coverages or endorsements must be included in the policy(ies):

- 1. The District, its Directors, officers, and employees are Additional Insureds in the policy(ies) as to the work being performed under the contract.
- 2. The coverage is *Primary and non-contributory* to any other applicable insurance carried by the District.
- 3. The policy(ies) covers *contractual liability*.
- 4. The policy(ies) is written on an *occurrence* basis.
- 5. The policy(ies) covers the District's Property in Consultant's care, custody, and control.
- 6. The policy(ies) covers *personal injury* (libel, slander, and wrongful entry and eviction) liability.
- 7. The policy(ies) covers *products and completed operations*.
- 8. The policy(ies) covers the use of *owned*, *non-owned*, and hired automobiles.

The policy(ies) will not be canceled nor the above coverages/endorsements reduced without 30 days written notice to East Bay Municipal Utility District at the address above.



EXHIBIT C DISTRICT GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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1. DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall be given the meaning shown, unless context requires otherwise or a unique meaning is otherwise specified.

a. **"Change Order"** A Change Order is a written instrument used for modifying the contract with regards to the scope of Work, contract sum, and/or Contract Time. An approved Change Order is a Change Order signed by the District. An executed Change Order is a Change Order signed by both the District and the Contractor.

- b. **"Contract"** means the agreement between the District and Contractor as memorialized in the Contract Documents.
- c. **"Business Entity"** means any individual, business, partnership, joint venture, corporation, sole proprietorship, or other private legal entity recognized by statute.
- d. **"Buyer"** means the District's authorized contracting official.
- e. **"Contract Documents"** comprise the entire agreement between the District and the Contractor and can include the District's contract form if used, any purchase order, RFP, RFQ or Contractor response packet, and any addenda, appendices and District approved changes or amendments. The Contract Documents are intended to be complementary and include all items necessary for the Contractor's proper execution and completion of the Work. Any part of the Work not shown or mentioned in the Contract Documents that is reasonably implied, or is necessary or usual for proper performance of the Work, shall be provided by the Contractor at its expense.
- f. **"Contractor"** means the Business Entity with whom the District enters into a contractual agreement. Contractor shall be synonymous with "supplier", "vendor", "consultant" or other similar term.
- g. **"Day"** unless otherwise specified, days are calendar days, measured from midnight to the next midnight.
- h. **"District"** means the East Bay Municipal Utility District, its employees acting within the scope of their authority, and its authorized representatives.
- i. **"Force Account"** means the method of compensation for Work performed that is billed at actual cost for labor, materials, equipment, taxes and other costs plus a specified percentage of markup for overhead and profit. Compensation rate for certain cost elements may be specified in the Contract.
- j. **"Goods"** means off the shelf software and all types of tangible personal property, including but not limited to materials, supplies, and equipment.
- k. **"Project Manager"** shall be the District designated individual responsible for administering and interpreting the terms and conditions of the Contract Documents, for matters relating to the Contractor's performance under the Contract with the District, and for liaison and coordination between the District and Contractor.
- I. **"Work"** means all labor, tasks, materials, supplies, and equipment required to properly fulfill the Contractor's obligations as required in the Contract Documents.
- m. **"Work Day"** Unless otherwise specified, work day includes all days of the year except Saturdays, Sundays and District holidays.

2. BOND

a. When required in the District's bid or proposal solicitation documents, the Contractor to whom award is made shall furnish a good and approved faithful performance bond

and/or payment bond within ten business days after receiving the forms for execution.

- b. The bonds shall be executed by a sufficient, admitted surety insurer (i.e.: as listed on website http://interactive.web.insurance.ca.gov/webuser/idb_co_list\$.startup) admitted to transact such business in California by the California Department of Insurance. After acceptance of the bond(s) by the District, a copy of the bond(s) will be returned to the Contractor.
- c. If, during the continuance of the Contract, any of the sureties, in the opinion of the District, are or become irresponsible, the District may require other or additional sureties, which the Contractor shall furnish to the satisfaction of the District within ten days after notice. If the Contractor fails to provide satisfactory sureties within the tenday period, the Contract may be terminated for cause under Article 18.

3. CONTRACTOR'S FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

The Contractor shall promptly make payments to all persons supplying labor and materials used in the execution of the contract.

4. SAMPLES OR SPECIMENS

The Contractor shall submit samples or prepare test specimens of such materials to be furnished or used in the work as the Project Manager may require.

5. MATERIAL AND WORKMANSHIP

- a. All goods and materials must be new and of the specified quality and equal to approved sample, if samples have been required. In the event any goods or materials furnished or services provided by the Contractor in the performance of the Contract fail to conform to the requirements, or to the sample submitted by the Contractor, the District may reject the same, and it shall become the duty of the Contractor to reclaim and remove the item promptly or to correct the performance of services, without expense to the District, and immediately replace all such rejected items with others conforming to the Contract. All work shall be done and completed in a thorough, workmanlike manner, notwithstanding any omission from these specifications or the drawings, and it shall be the duty of the Contractor to call attention to apparent errors or omissions and request instructions before proceeding with the work. The Project Manager may, by appropriate instructions, correct errors and supply omissions, which instructions shall be binding upon the Contractor as though contained in the original Contract Documents.
- b. All materials furnished and all Work must be satisfactory to the Project Manager. Work, material, or machinery not in accordance with the Contract Documents, in the opinion of the Project Manager, shall be made to conform.

6. DEFECTIVE WORK

The Contractor shall replace at its own expense any part of the work that has been improperly executed, as determined by the Project Manager. If Contractor refuses or neglects to replace such defective work, it may be replaced by the District at the expense of the Contractor, and its sureties shall be liable therefor.

7. WARRANTY OF TITLE

Contractor shall warrant to the District, its successors and assigns, that the title to the materials, supplies or equipment covered by the Contract, when delivered to the District or to its successors or assigns, is free from all liens and encumbrances.

8. WARRANTY OF FITNESS

Contractor hereby warrants that all materials furnished shall meet the requirements and conditions of the Contract Documents; shall be fit for the purposes intended and fulfill its design functions; be free of all patent and latent defects in design, materials and workmanship; and perform satisfactorily. It is understood and agreed that by acceptance of this warranty and the acceptance of the materials or supplies to be manufactured or assembled pursuant to these specifications, the District does not waive any warranty either expressed or implied in Sections 2312 to 2317, inclusive, of the Commercial Code of the State of California or any products liability of the Contractor as determined by any applicable decision of a court of the State of California or of the United States.

9. SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION

In performing work under the Contract on District premises, Contractor shall conform to any specific safety requirements contained in the Contract or as required by law or regulation. Contractor shall take any additional precautions as the District may reasonably require for safety and accident prevention purposes. Any violation of such rules and requirements, unless promptly corrected, shall be grounds for termination of this Contract or Contractor's right to precede in accordance with the default provisions of the Contract Documents.

10. CHARACTER OF WORKFORCE

The Contractor shall employ none but skilled competent qualified personnel to perform the Work, and shall maintain discipline and order in the conduct of the Work at all times.

11. PREVAILING WAGES & DIR REGISTRATION

- a. Please see <u>www.dir.ca.gov</u> for further information regarding the below.
- b. All Contractors and Subcontractors of any tier bidding on, or offering to performing work on a public works project shall first be registered with the State Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) pursuant to Section 1725.5 of the Labor Code. No bid will be accepted nor any contract entered into without proof of the Contractor and Subcontractors' current registration with the DIR (LC § 1771.1).
- c. All public works projects awarded after January 1, 2015, are subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR (LC § 1771.4) and all Contractors are required post job site notices, "as prescribed by regulation" (LC § 1771.4).
- d. To the extent applicable, pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the District has obtained from the Director of Industrial Relations of the State of California, the general prevailing rates of per diem wages and the general prevailing rates for holiday and overtime work in the locality in which the Work is to be performed, for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the contract. Pursuant to Section

1773.2 of the Labor Code, a copy of the prevailing wage rates is on file with the District and available for inspection by any interested party at <u>www.dir.ca.gov</u>.

- e. The holidays upon which such rates shall be paid shall be all holidays recognized in the collective bargaining agreement applicable to the particular craft, classification, or type of worker employed on the Work.
- f. The Contractor shall post a copy of the general prevailing rate of per diem wages at the jobsite pursuant to Section 1773.2 of the Labor Code.
- g. Pursuant to Section 1774 of the Labor Code, the Contractor and any of its
 Subcontractors shall not pay less than the specified prevailing rate of wages to all workers employed in the execution of the contract.
- h. As set forth with more specificity in Section 1773.1 of the Labor Code, "per diem" wages include employer payments for health and welfare, pension, vacation, travel, subsistence and, in certain instances, apprenticeship or other training programs, and shall be paid at the rate and in the amount spelled out in the pertinent prevailing wage determinations issued by the Director of Industrial Relations.
- i. The Contractor shall, as a penalty to the State or the District, forfeit not more than the maximum set forth in Section 1775 of the Labor Code for each calendar day, or portion thereof, for each worker paid less than the prevailing rates for the work or craft in which the worker is employed under the contract by the Contractor or by any Subcontractor under him. The difference between the prevailing wage rates and the amount paid to each worker for each calendar day or portion thereof for which such worker was paid less than the stipulated prevailing wage rate shall be paid to such worker by the Contractor.
- j. The specified wage rates are minimum rates only and the District will not consider and shall not be liable for any claims for additional compensation made by the Contractor because of its payment of any wage rate in excess of the general prevailing rates. All disputes in regard to the payment of wages in excess of those specified herein shall be adjusted by the Contractor at its own expense.
- k. General prevailing wage determinations have expiration dates with either a single asterisk or a double asterisk. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 16204, the single asterisk means that the general prevailing wage determination shall be in effect for the specified contract duration. The double asterisk means that the predetermined wage modification shall be paid after the expiration date. No adjustment in the Contract Sum will be made for the Contractor's payment of these predetermined wage modifications.

12. PAYROLL RECORDS & ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

a. The Contractor and each Subcontractor shall keep an accurate payroll record, showing the name, address, social security number, work classification, straight time and overtime hours worked each day and week, and the actual per diem wages paid to each journeyman, apprentice, worker or other employee employed in connection with the Work. The payroll records shall be certified and shall be available for inspection in accordance with the provisions of Section 1776 of the Labor Code. Certified payroll

records shall be on the forms provided by the DIR or contain the same information required on the Department's form.

- b. The Contractor shall submit for each week in which any contract Work is performed a copy of all payroll records to the Project Manager. The Contractor shall be responsible for submission of copies of payroll records of all Subcontractors.
- c. The Contractor or Subcontractor shall certify the payroll records as shown on the DIR form. In addition, the records shall be accompanied by a statement signed by the Contractor or Subcontractor certifying that the classifications truly reflect the Work performed and that the wage rates are not less than those required to be paid.
- d. For public works projects awarded on or after April 1, 2015, or that are still ongoing after April 1, 2016, no matter when awarded, each Contractor and Subcontractor shall furnish the certified payroll related records as more specifically described above and in Labor Code section 1776 directly to the Labor Commissioner (see LC § 1771.4). These records shall be provided to the Labor Commissioner at least monthly or more frequently if required by the terms of the Contract. For exception on projects covered by collective bargaining agreements like a PLA, please see Labor Code section 1771.4.
- e. In the event of noncompliance with the requirements of Section 1776 of the Labor Code, the Contractor shall have 10 days in which to comply subsequent to receipt of written notice specifying in what respects such Contractor must comply with said Section. Should noncompliance still be evident after such 10-day period, the Contractor shall, as a penalty to the State or the District, forfeit the amount set forth in Section 1776 of the Labor Code for each calendar day, or portion thereof, for each worker, until strict compliance is effectuated. Upon the request of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards or the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, such penalties shall be withheld from progress payments then due.
- f. The Contractor and every Subcontractor shall post at the workplace and comply with all required wage related workplace postings. Copies of the required postings may be downloaded or ordered electronically from the Department of Industrial Relations website at http://www.dir.ca.gov/wpnodb.html.

13. HOURS OF LABOR

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 1810, et seq. of the Labor Code and any amendments thereof:

- a. Eight hours of labor constitutes a legal day's Work under the contract.
- b. The time of service of any worker employed upon the work shall be limited and restricted to eight hours during any one calendar day, and forty hours during any one calendar week except as provided in Article 13.iv below.
- c. The Contractor shall, as a penalty to the State or the District, forfeit the amount set forth in Section 1813 of the Labor Code for each worker employed in the execution of the contract by the Contractor or by any Subcontractor for each calendar day during which such worker is required or permitted to work more than eight hours in any calendar day and forty hours in any one calendar week in violation of this Article and the

provisions of Labor Code, Sections 1810, et seq.

- d. Work performed by employees of the Contractor in excess of eight hours per day, and forty hours during any one calendar week, shall be permitted upon compensation for all hours worked in excess of eight hours per day at not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay.
- e. The Contractor and every Subcontractor shall keep an accurate record showing the name of and the actual hours worked each calendar day and each calendar week by each worker employed by him in connection with the Work; the record shall be kept open at all reasonable hours to the inspection of the District and to the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement of the State of California.

14. EMPLOYMENT OF APPRENTICES

- a. In the performance of the contract, the Contractor and any Subcontractor shall comply with the provisions concerning the employment of apprentices in Section 1777.5 of the Labor Code and any amendments thereof.
- b. In the event the Contractor or any Subcontractor willfully fails to comply with the aforesaid section, such Contractor or Subcontractor shall be subject to the penalties for noncompliance in Labor Code, Section 1777.7.

15. CHANGES

- a. Changes in the Work can only be made in writing signed by an authorized employee of the District. If the change causes an increase or decrease in the contract sum, or a change in the time for performance under the Contract, an adjustment may be made as determined by the Project Manager.
- b. The District reserves the right to make changes in the design of materials, equipment, or machinery, to make alterations or additions to or deviations or subtractions from the Contract and any specifications and drawings, to increase or decrease the required quantity of any item or portion of the Work or to omit any item or portion of the Work, as may be deemed by the Project Manager to be necessary or advisable and to order such extra work as may be determined by the Project Manager to be required for the proper execution and completion of the whole Work contemplated. Any such changes will be ordered in writing by the Project Manager. The determination of the Project Manager on all questions relating to changes, including extra work, shall be conclusive and binding.
- c. Prior to issuing an amendment or change, or Change Order to the Contract, the Project Manager may request that the Contractor submit a proposal covering the changes. Within 10 business days of receiving the request, the Contractor shall submit its proposal to the Project Manager of all costs associated with the proposed amendment or change and any request for an extension of Contract time. Contractor's proposal shall include detailed estimates with cost breakdowns, including labor, material, equipment, overhead, and profit. Labor shall be broken down into hours and rate per hour. If applicable, the proposal shall include a breakdown for off-site labor (including factory labor, engineering, etc.). The Contractor's proposal shall include an analysis of schedule impact when the Contractor is requesting an adjustment in contract time. The

Contractor shall be responsible for any delay associated with its failure to submit its change proposal within the time specified. If the Project Manager decides not to issue an amendment or change after requesting a proposal from the Contractor, the Contractor will be notified in writing. The Contractor is not entitled to reimbursement for Change Order preparation costs if the Contractor's proposal is not accepted by the Project Manager.

- d. If the Contractor agrees with the terms and conditions of the approved Change Order, the Contractor shall indicate its acceptance by signing the original copy and returning it to the Project Manager within 10 Work Days after receipt or with reasonable promptness and in such sequence as to not delay the Work or activities of the District or of separate contractors, whichever is sooner. If notice of any change is required to be given to a surety by the provisions of any bond, the Contractor shall provide notice and the amount of each applicable bond shall be adjusted separately. Payment in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the executed Change Order shall constitute full compensation for all Work included in the Change Order and the District will be released from any and all claims for direct, indirect, and impact expenses and additional time impact resulting from the Work. If the Contractor disagrees with the terms and conditions of the approved Change Order, the Contractor shall indicate specific areas of disagreement and return the approved Change Order to the Project Manager with a detailed written dispute. No payment will be made on the disputed work until the approved Change Order is returned to the Project Manager. However, whether or not the Contractor agrees with the terms and conditions of an approved Change Order, the Contractor shall immediately revise its sequence of operations as required to facilitate timely completion of the changed work and shall proceed with the revised work sequence.
- e. The Project Manager may, after having received a written cost quotation from the Contractor, order the Contractor, in writing, to proceed with the work prior to issuance of an approved Change Order through a change directive. The change directive will authorize the Contractor to proceed with the work subject to the cost quotation submitted by the Contractor. Within five days following receipt of the change directive, the Contractor shall submit a detailed change proposal documenting the amount of compensation. The Project Manager will review the change proposal and, at its option, will either issue an approved Change Order for the work or direct the Contractor to perform the work through Force Account. Until the method of compensation is determined and the approved Change Order is received, the Contractor shall keep full and complete time and material records of the cost of the ordered work and shall permit the Project Manager to have access to such records. An approved Change Order shall supersede any previously issued written change directive covering the same Work.

16. EFFECT OF EXTENSIONS OF TIME

The granting, or acceptance, of extensions of time to complete the Work or furnish the labor, supplies, materials or equipment, or any one of the aforementioned, will not operate as a release of Contractor or the surety on Contractor's faithful performance bond.

17. DELAYS

a. The Contractor shall take reasonable precautions to foresee and prevent delays to the Work. When the Contractor foresees a delay event, and upon the occurrence of a delay

event, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Project Manager of the probability or the actual occurrence of a delay, and its cause. With respect to all delays (compensable, excusable or inexcusable), the Contractor shall reschedule the Work and revise its operations, to the extent possible, to mitigate the effects of the delay. Within 15 days from the beginning of a delay the Contractor shall provide the Project Manager with a detailed written description of the delay, its cause, its impact and the Contractor's mitigation plans. Failure to provide the notification required above waives the Contractor's right to any additional time or compensation resulting from the delay for whatever cause. The Project Manager will investigate the facts and ascertain the extent of the delay, and the Project Manager's findings thereon shall be final and conclusive, except in the case of gross error. An extension of time must be approved by the Project Manager to be effective, but an extension of time, whether with or without consent of the sureties, shall not release the sureties from their obligations, which shall remain in full force until the discharge of the contract.

- b. For inexcusable delays (delays caused by circumstances with in the Contractor's control, the control of its subcontractors or supplies of any tier, or within the scope of the Contractor's contract responsibilities) the Contractor shall not be entitled to an extension of time or additional compensation for any loss, cost, damage, expense or liability resulting directly or indirectly from the inexcusable delay.
- c. For excusable delays (delays to completion of the Work within the time limits set forth in the Contract Documents directly caused by events beyond the control of both the Contractor and the District, which delay is not concurrent with an inexcusable delay and which could not have been avoided by the Contractor through reasonable mitigation measures) the Project Manager will grant the Contractor an extension of time in an amount equal to the period of the excusable delay based on the analysis of schedule impact and delay analysis diagram, which shall be the Contractor's sole and exclusive remedy for such delay. Excusable delays shall include labor strikes, adverse weather, or Acts of God which directly affect the Contractors performance.
- d. For compensable delays (delays to completion of the Work within the time limits set forth in the Contract Documents that could not be avoided by Contractor mitigation, caused directly and solely by the District or by causes within the exclusive control of the District, and which were not concurrent with any other type of delay) the Project Manager will grant the Contractor an extension of the time to perform under the Contract and compensation in an amount that represents the Contractor's actual direct costs incurred as a direct result of the compensable delay. The Contractor may recover its direct costs only and may not recover (and waives) all other types of indirect, consequential, special and incidental damages.
- e. For concurrent delays (two or more independent causes of delay directly preventing the Contractor from completing the Work within the time limits set forth in the Contract Documents where the delays occur at the same time during all or a portion of the delay period being considered, and where each of the delays would have caused delay to the Contractor even in the absence of any of the other delays, and none of the delays could have been avoided by Contractor mitigations) the following rules apply:
 - i. One or more of the concurrent delays are excusable or compensable, then the period of concurrent delay will be treated as an excusable delay; and

ii. All of the concurrent delays are inexcusable, then the period of concurrent delay will be inexcusable.

18. TERMINATION

- a. <u>Termination by the District for Cause</u>:
 - i. District may terminate the Contractor's right to proceed under the Contract, in whole or in part, for cause at any time after the occurrence of any of the following events, each of which constitutes a default:
 - 1. The Contractor becomes insolvent or files for relief under the bankruptcy laws of the United States.
 - 2. The Contractor makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors or fails to pay its debts as the same become due.
 - 3. A receiver is appointed to take charge of the Contractor's property.
 - 4. The Contractor fails to supply skilled supervisory personnel, an adequate number of properly skilled workers, proper materials, or necessary equipment to prosecute the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.
 - 5. The Contractor fails to make progress so as to endanger performance of the Work within the contractually required time.
 - 6. The Contractor disregards legal requirements of agencies having jurisdiction over the Work, the Contractor, or the District.
 - 7. The Contractor fails to provide the District with a written plan to cure a District identified default within five business days after the District's request for a plan to cure; the District does not accept the Contractor's plan for curing its default;, or the Contractor does not fully carry out an accepted plan to cure.
 - 8. The Contractor abandons the Work. Abandonment is conclusively presumed when the District requests a written plan to cure a default and the Contractor does not submit the plan within five business days of the District's request.
 - 9. The Contractor materially fails to meet its obligations in accordance with the Contract Documents.
 - 10. The Contractor is in default of any other material obligation under the Contract Documents.

- ii. If any of the above events occur, the District may, in its discretion, require that the Contractor submit a written plan to cure its default, which plan must be provided to the District within 5 business days of the request and must include a realistic, executable plan for curing the noted defaults.
- iii. Upon any of the occurrences referred to in Article 18.a.i. above, the District may, at its election and by notice to the Contractor, terminate the Contract in whole or in part; accept the assignment of any or all of the subcontracts; and then complete the Work by any method the District may deem expedient. If requested by the District, the Contractor shall remove any part or all of the Contractor's materials, supplies, equipment, tools, and machinery from the site of the Work within seven days of such request; and, if the Contractor fails to do so, the District may remove or store, and after 90 days sell, any of the same at the Contractor's expense.
- iv. No termination or action taken by the District after termination shall prejudice any other rights or remedies of the District provided by law or by the Contract Documents.
- v. Conversion: If, after termination for other than convenience, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default or material breach, or that the default or material breach was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for convenience pursuant to Article 18.b. below.

b. <u>Termination by the District for Convenience</u>:

- i. The District may, at its option, and for its convenience, terminate the Contract at any time by giving written notice to the Contractor specifying the effective date of termination. Upon such termination, the Contractor agrees to comply with the notice and further agrees to waive any claims for damages, including loss of anticipated profits, on account of the termination; and, as the sole right and remedy of the Contractor, the District shall pay the Contractor as set forth below.
- ii. Upon receipt of a notice of termination for convenience, the Contractor shall, unless the notice directs otherwise, do the following:
 - 1. Immediately discontinue its performance of the Contract to the extent specified in the notice.
 - 2. Place no further orders or subcontracts for materials, equipment, services, or facilities, except as may be necessary for completion of a portion of the Work that is not discontinued or that is necessary for an orderly cessation of the Work.

- 3. Promptly cancel, on the most favorable terms reasonably possible, all subcontracts to the extent they relate to the performance of the discontinued portion of the Work.
- 4. Thereafter, do only such Work as may be necessary to preserve and protect Work already in progress and to protect materials, plants, and equipment in transit to or on the site of performance.
- iii. Upon such termination for convenience, the District will pay to the Contractor the sum of the following:
 - 1. The amount of the contract sum allocable to the portion of the Work properly performed by the Contractor as of the effective date of termination, less sums previously paid to the Contractor.
 - 2. Previously unpaid costs of any items delivered to the project site that were already fabricated for subsequent incorporation into the Work.
 - 3. Any proven losses with respect to materials and equipment directly resulting from the termination.
 - 4. Reasonable demobilization costs.
- iv. The above reimbursement is the sole and exclusive remedy to which the Contractor is entitled in the event the contract is terminated for convenience; and the Contractor expressly waives any other claims, damages, demands, compensation or recovery related to this contract or project. The Contractor agrees to sign a general release incorporating this waiver.
- c. <u>Effect of Termination</u>: Upon termination, the obligations of the Contract shall continue as to portions of the Work already performed and, subject to the Contractor's obligations under Article 18.b.ii, as to bona fide obligations assumed by the Contractor prior to the date of termination.
- d. <u>Force Majeure</u>: If the contract is suspended or terminated by the District because Contractor's performance is prevented or delayed by an event including an irresistible, superhuman cause, or by the act of public enemies of the State of California or of the United States ("Force Majeure"), the Contractor will be paid for Work performed prior to the Force Majeure event at either (i) the unit prices named in the Contract; or (ii) in the event no unit prices are named, a sum equal to the percentage of the total contract amount that matches the percentage of the total contract Work performed prior to the Force Majeure event.

19. DAMAGES

All losses or damages to material or equipment to be furnished pursuant to the Contract Documents occurring prior to receipt and final acceptance of the Work shall be sustained by the Contractor. The Contractor shall sustain all losses arising from unforeseen obstructions or difficulties, either natural or artificial, encountered in the prosecution of the Work, or from any action of the elements prior to final acceptance of the work, or from an act or omission on the part of the Contractor not authorized by the Contract Documents.

20. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

- a. In the case of conflicts, errors, or discrepancies in any of the Contract Documents, the order of precedence is as follows. Within the same order of precedence, specific requirements shall take precedence over general requirements.
 - i. Approved Change Orders.
 - ii. Addenda.
 - iii. RFQ or RFP.
 - iv. Referenced Standard Specifications and Drawings.
 - v. Contractor's Response Packet
- b. With reference to drawings:
 - i. Numerical dimensions govern over scaled dimensions.
 - ii. Detailed drawings govern over general drawings.
 - iii. Addenda/Change Order drawings govern over contract drawings.
 - iv. Contract drawings govern over standard drawings.
 - Notes apply only to the drawing where the notes appear, unless classified as "typical" or intended to apply elsewhere in which case they apply to all drawings where the conditions or circumstance noted occurs.
 - vi. Typical details apply to all drawings unless a specific different detail is shown

21. INDEMNIFICATION/RESPONSIBILITY

- a. Contractor shall indemnify, keep and save harmless the District and each of its directors, officers, agents and employees against any and all suits, claims or actions arising out of any of the following:
 - i. Any injury to persons or property that may occur, or that may be alleged to have occurred, arising from the performance or implementation of this Contract; or

- ii. Any allegation that materials or services developed, provided or used for this Contract infringe or violate any copyright, trademark, patent, trade secret, or any other intellectual-property or proprietary right of any third party.
- b. Contractor further agrees to defend any and all such actions, suits or claims and pay all charges of attorneys and all other costs and expenses of defenses as they are incurred. If any judgment is rendered, or settlement reached, against the District or any of the other agencies or individuals enumerated above in any such action, Contractor shall, at its expense, satisfy and discharge the same.
- c. This indemnification shall survive termination or expiration of the Contract.

22. PROHIBITION OF ASSIGNMENT

The Contractor shall not assign, transfer, or otherwise dispose of any of its rights, duties or obligations under this Contract.

23. NEWS RELEASES

The Contractor, its employees, subcontractors, and agents shall not refer to the District, or use any logos, images, or photographs of the District for any commercial purpose, including, but not limited to, advertising, promotion, or public relations, without the District's prior written consent. Such written consent shall not be required for the inclusion of the District's name on a customer list.

24. TRANSFER OF INTEREST

Contractor shall not assign, transfer or otherwise substitute its interest in the Contract or any of the contract obligations without prior written consent from the District.

25. SEVERABILITY

Should any part of the Contract be declared by a final decision by a court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, invalid or beyond the authority of either party to enter into or carry out, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Contract, which shall continue in full force and effect, provided that the remainder of the Contract can be interpreted to give effect to the intentions of the parties.

26. COVENANT AGAINST GRATUITIES

The Contractor warrants that no gratuities (in the form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise) were offered or given by the Contractor, or any agent or representative of the Contractor, to any officer or employee of the District with a view toward securing the Contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to any determinations concerning the performance of the Contract. For breach or violation of this warranty, the District shall have the right to terminate the Contract, either in whole or in part, and any loss or damage sustained by the District in procuring on the open market any items which Contractor agreed to supply shall be borne and paid for by the Contractor. The rights and remedies of the District provided in this clause shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or in equity.

27. RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF THE DISTRICT

The rights and remedies of the District provided herein shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under the Contract.

28. WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Any action or inaction by the District or the failure of the District on any occasion, to enforce any right or provision of the Contract, shall not be construed to be a waiver by the District of its rights and shall not prevent the District from enforcing such provision or right on any future occasion. Rights and remedies are cumulative and are in addition to any other rights or remedies that the District may have at law or in equity.

29. CONFIDENTIALITY

Contractor agrees to maintain in confidence and not disclose to any person or entity, without the District's prior written consent, any trade secret or confidential information, knowledge or data relating to the products, process, or operation of the District. Contractor further agrees to maintain in confidence and not to disclose to any person or entity, any data, information, technology, or material developed or obtained by Contractor during the term of the Contract. The covenants contained in this paragraph shall survive the termination of this Contract for whatever cause.