



Request for Qualifications # 274-PR-2025-NashSqPlan

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INTRODUCTION

Purpose

As one of Raleigh’s original four public squares, Nash Square is a historic civic landmark at the heart of downtown. Shaded by a beloved canopy of mature oaks and other hardwoods, Nash Square has served many roles over the centuries. It functions as both a destination and a crossroads, a shady respite and a space for play, home to memorials of the past as well as a time capsule for the future.

Today, with the construction of Raleigh’s new [Civic Campus](#) on the north side of the square and a wave of urban redevelopment expected around its edges, Nash Square is poised at a moment of transition.

Nash Square: A Public Realm Plan will guide this transition, providing a long-range vision and management plan for the preservation and evolution of one of Downtown Raleigh’s most iconic public spaces. Grounded in community input and thoughtful urban design, this plan will ensure that Nash Square remains a resilient, relevant, and vibrant civic space for the 21st Century.

This plan will recognize Nash Square as not merely a park, but as an enduring public square and extension of Raleigh’s new Civic Campus. This project will extend beyond the formal boundaries of the square itself, to incorporate the surrounding streetscapes and public rights-of-way, promoting urban design strategies to create a more cohesive and seamless transition between Nash Square and the surrounding urban context.

Key Objectives

- **Enhance Public Realm:** Improve the public realm to create thoughtful transitions between Nash Square and the surrounding urban fabric.
- **Integrate New Development:** Adapt the square’s design to harmonize with new City Hall and adjacent public and private developments.
- **Preserve Historical Integrity:** Acknowledge and protect the historical significance of Nash Square while updating its amenities and layout.
- **Plan for the Future:** Develop a management strategy for the long-term resilience and relevance of Nash Square, including a comprehensive management plan focused on protection and preservation of the historic tree canopy.

The City of Raleigh invites qualified design firms, or teams of firms, to submit their qualifications for developing a Public Realm Plan for Nash Square. Firms will demonstrate their qualifications and expertise for the following professional services:

- Urban Planning and Design
- Landscape Architecture
- Historical and Cultural Planning
- Public Engagement and Outreach
- Civil Engineering
- Cost Estimating
- Urban Forestry
- Transportation Planning and Streetscape Design

A detailed scope of services is provided in **Section 4** of this document. City will reserve the option for amending the initial contract for engineering services on design and construction administration.

Information related to this solicitation, including any addenda, will be posted to the North Carolina Interactive Purchasing System (IPS) at: <https://www.ips.state.nc.us/IPS/>

All questions related to this solicitation must be submitted in writing (via email) to the following individual:

Contact Name	Email Address
<i>TJ McCourt</i>	<i>Thomas.McCourt@raleighnc.gov</i>

Questions submitted via telephone will not be answered.

Background

Nash Square is one of the most historically significant public spaces in Raleigh. Established in 1792 as part of William Christmas’s original plan for the city, it is one of four perimeter squares envisioned to support civic life in the new state capital. Named in honor of Revolutionary-era statesman and North Carolina’s second governor, Abner Nash, Nash Square has evolved alongside Raleigh itself, reflecting shifting cultural values, urban design trends, and the changing needs of the community for more than 200 years.

Throughout its history, Nash Square has served many roles: a grazing ground, a parade ground, a city park, a horticultural showplace, a political gathering site, a military drill field, and a backdrop for everyday urban life. Its central location and mature tree canopy have made it a beloved landmark, while its layered past—encompassing Civil War musters, Reconstruction rallies, Jim Crow-era leisure, and civil rights demonstrations—cements its status as one of Raleigh’s most symbolically charged public spaces.

The Square’s current layout reflects the 1939-1940 design by landscape architect Arnold Peterson, implemented as a WPA project and shaped by the ideals of that era’s civic landscape architecture. The signature diagonal walkways, interior plantings, and low brick entrance walls remain today, though the square has also accumulated newer features, including the [North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Memorial](#) and other public art.

In the decades following World War II, Nash Square, like many urban greenspaces, experienced cycles of disinvestment and revitalization as downtown Raleigh wrestled with suburban flight and shifts in land use. However, the turn of the 21st century brought renewed investment in downtown, and Nash Square once again found itself at the center of civic life. It now sits within a vibrant and rapidly transforming part of downtown Raleigh, anchoring the interface between the [Fayetteville Street District](#) and the [Warehouse District](#).

Today, Nash Square is poised for its next chapter. Construction is underway on Raleigh's new Civic Campus, directly across Hargett Street, which will consolidate several municipal functions into a state-of-the-art City Hall complex. This investment signifies a long-term commitment to downtown as the heart of public life in Raleigh. Meanwhile, the blocks surrounding Nash Square are undergoing substantial change, including:

- New residential development, including high-density infill and adaptive reuse projects that are bringing thousands of new residents to the downtown core;
- Expanded pedestrian infrastructure and increasing walkability, aligning with the city's broader transportation and mobility goals;
- Continued private-sector reinvestment in nearby commercial and office properties, activating street-level spaces and expanding foot traffic around the square;
- A growing emphasis on urban public realm design, including streetscape improvements, park enhancements, and a citywide push toward place-based, equitable urban development.

Amid this transformation, Nash Square presents a critical opportunity to preserve a historic landscape while adapting it for a new era of civic engagement and daily use. As downtown continues to densify and diversify, Nash Square can serve as a model for how historic public spaces can evolve to meet contemporary needs. This planning effort will be essential in articulating a shared vision for that future.

The **Nash Square Public Realm Plan** will build on this rich context, providing a framework to ensure that the square remains a resilient, beautiful, and meaningful civic space for generations to come. It will also explore opportunities to integrate surrounding streetscapes and adjacent developments (particularly the new Civic Campus) into a more seamless and people-centered public realm that enhances downtown's identity and supports long-term city goals around equity, sustainability, and livability.

RFQ Timeline

Provided below is a list of the anticipated schedule of events related to this solicitation. The City of Raleigh reserves the right to modify and/or adjust the following schedule to meet the needs of the project. All times shown are Eastern Time (ET):

RFQ Process	Date and time
RFQ Advertisement Date	<i>Friday, July 25, 2025</i>
Pre-Submittal Conference (attendance encouraged but optional)	<i>Thursday, July 31, 2025 at 10-11am</i> <i>Join using this Microsoft Teams Meeting Link</i> <i>*Please RSVP via e-mail to TJ McCourt (Thomas.mccourt@raleighnc.gov)</i>
Deadline for written questions	<i>Friday, August 8, 2025 at 5:00pm</i>
City Response to Questions (anticipated)	<i>Wednesday, August 13, 2025</i>
Submittal Due Date and Time	<i>Friday, August 22, 2025 at 5:00pm</i>
Evaluation Meeting (anticipated)	<i>Friday, September 5, 2025</i>
Finalist Interviews (anticipated)	<i>September 15 - 19, 2025</i> <i>Interviews will be held in-person at the Raleigh Municipal Building (222 W. Hargett St, Raleigh, NC)</i>
Council Award (tentative)	<i>November 4, 2025</i>
Selection Announcement (tentative)	<i>November 4, 2025</i>

Pre-Submittal Conference

Attendance at the Pre-Submittal Conference is strongly encouraged but is not mandatory. Prospective proposers are encouraged to RSVP and to submit written questions in advance of the Pre-Submittal Conference, via e-mail to TJ McCourt (thomas.mccourt@raleighnc.gov).

Questions

Requests for clarification and questions to this **RFQ must be received by the City not later than the date shown above in Section 1.3 RFQ Timeline, for the submittal of written inquires. The firm's failure to request clarification and submit questions by the date in the RFQ Timeline above shall be considered to constitute the firm's acceptance of all City's terms and conditions and requirements. The City shall issue addenda reflecting questions and answers to this RFQ, if any, and shall be posted to North Carolina**

Interactive Purchasing System (IPS). No information, instruction or advice provided orally or informally by any City personnel, whether made in response to a question or otherwise in connection with this RFQ, shall be considered authoritative or binding. Respondents shall be entitled to rely *only* on written material contained in an Addendum to this RFQ.

It is important that all Respondents submitting to this RFQ periodically check the North Carolina Interactive Purchasing System (IPS) for any Addenda. It is the Respondents responsibility to ensure that all addenda have been reviewed and, if required signed and returned.

All questions related to this solicitation must be submitted in writing (via email) to the following individual:

Contact Name	Email Address
TJ McCourt	Thomas.McCourt@raleighnc.gov

Questions submitted via telephone will not be answered.

Submittal Requirements and Contact Information

Proposals must follow the format as defined in Section 2 Qualifications Package and be addressed and submitted as follows:

<u>DELIVERED BY US POSTAL SERVICE MAIL:</u>	<u>DELIVERED BY OTHER DEIVERY SERVICES:</u>
City of Raleigh ATTN: TJ McCourt 222 W Hargett St. Suite 601 Raleigh, NC 27603 RFQ No. 274-PR-2025-NashSqPlan	City of Raleigh ATTN: TJ McCourt 222 W Hargett St. Suite 601 Raleigh, NC 27603 RFQ No. 274-PR-2025-NashSqPlan

Proposals must be enclosed in a sealed envelope or package and clearly marked with the name of the submitting company, the *RFQ number* and the *RFQ Title*. Proposers must submit:

- A. Paper Submittal: one (1) signed hard copy of the respondent’s qualifications package.
- B. Electronic Submittal: One (1) electronic version on flash drive storage device of the respondent’s qualifications package that is viewable and printable Portable Document File format (PDF).

The electronic version of the Proposal must be submitted as a viewable and printable Adobe Portable Document File (PDF) on a flash drive. Both hard copy and electronic versions must be received by the City on or before the RFQ date and time provided in Section 1.3 RFQ Timeline. Proposals received after the RFQ deadline above will not be considered and will be returned unopened to the return address provided on the submission envelope.

Any requirements in the RFQ that cannot be met must be indicated on Appendix VI: Exceptions to the RFQ and submitted with the qualifications. **Proposers must respond to the entire Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Any incomplete proposal may be eliminated from competition at the discretion of the City of Raleigh.** The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any informality it deems in its best interest.

Submittals that arrive after the due date and time will not be accepted or considered for any reason whatsoever. If the firm elects to mail in its response, the firm must allow sufficient time to ensure the City's proper receipt of the package by the time specified in Section 1.3 RFQ Timeline. Regardless of the delivery method, it is the responsibility of the firm to ensure that their response arrives at the designated location specified in this Section 1.6 by the due date and time specified in Section 1.3 RFQ Timeline.

MWBE Participation Form

The City of Raleigh prohibits discrimination in any manner against any person based on actual or perceived age, race, color, creed, national origin, sex, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, familial or marital status, religion, economic status, or veteran status. The City maintains an affirmative policy of fostering, promoting, and conducting business with women and minority owned business enterprises.

Complete and submit the MWBE Participation Form (Appendix IV) with your qualification package.

Rights to Submitted Material

All qualification packages and supporting materials, as well as correspondences relating to this RFQ, shall become the property of the City. The content of all submittals will be held confidential until the selection of the firm is made.

Qualifications will be reviewed by the Evaluation Team, as well as other City staff and members of the general public who submit public record requests. *Any proprietary data must be clearly marked.* In submitting qualifications, each submitting firm/company agrees that the City may reveal any trade secret materials contained in such submittal to all City staff and City officials involved in the selection process and to any outside consultant or other third party who serves on the Evaluation Team or who is hired by the City to assist in the selection process. Qualification submittals marked entirely as "confidential", "proprietary", or "trade secret" will be considered non-responsive and will be removed from the evaluation process.

Communications

All communications of any nature regarding this RFQ with any City staff, elected City officials, evaluation committee members are strictly forbidden from the time the solicitation is publicly posted until award. Questions must be submitted in writing to the individual designated in Section 1.1 Purpose, prior to the deadline provided in Section 1.3 RFQ Timeline. Violation of this provision may result in the firm's proposal being removed from consideration.

Lobbying

By responding to this solicitation, the firm certifies that it has not and will not pay any person or firm to influence or attempt to influence an officer or employee of the City or

the State of North Carolina, or any elected official in connection with obtaining a contract as a result of this RFQ.

Conflicts of Interest

City of Raleigh contracts are controlled by three conflict of interest provisions.

First, federal procurement standards provide in 2 CFR 200.318 (c)(1),

No employee, officer, or agent may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a Federal award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract. The officers, employees, and agents of the non-Federal entity may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts.

Similarly, the North Carolina General Statutes provides a *criminal* statute for conflicts of interest in public contracting, N.C.G.S. § 14-234(a) states:

(1) No public officer or employee who is involved in making or administering a contract on behalf of a public agency may derive a direct benefit from the contract except as provided in this section, or as otherwise allowed by law. (2) A public officer or employee who will derive a direct benefit from a contract with the public agency he or she serves, but who is not involved in making or administering the contract, shall not attempt to influence any other person who is involved in making or administering the contract. (3) No public officer or employee may solicit or receive any gift, favor, reward, service, or promise of reward, including a promise of future employment, in exchange for recommending, influencing, or attempting to influence the award of a contract by the public agency he or she serves.

City of Raleigh Charter Section 3.9 regulates private transactions between the City and its officials and employees. The Charter states:

No member of the City Council, official, or employee of the City of Raleigh shall be financially interested, or have any personal beneficial interest, either directly or indirectly, as agent, representative, or otherwise, in the purchase of, or contract for, or in furnishing any materials, equipment or supplies to the City of Raleigh, nor shall any official or employee of the City of Raleigh accept or receive, or agree to accept or receive, directly or indirectly, from any person, firm or corporation to whom any contract may be awarded or from whom any materials, equipment or supplies may be purchased by the City of Raleigh, by rebate, gift, or otherwise, any money or anything of value whatsoever, or any promise, obligation or contract for future reward or compensation, for recommending or procuring the uses of any such materials, equipment or supplies by the City of Raleigh; no member of the City Council, official or employee of the City of Raleigh shall for his own personal benefit operate, directly or indirectly, any concession in any building or on any lands of the City of Raleigh, nor shall any official or employee of the City of Raleigh bid for or be awarded any contract granting concessionary rights of any nature or kind from the City of Raleigh; it shall be unlawful for any member of the City Council, official or employee of the City of Raleigh to bid for or to purchase or to contract to purchase from the City of Raleigh any real estate,

equipment, materials, or supplies of any nature or kind whatsoever, either directly or indirectly, at either public or private sale, either singly, or through or jointly with any other person.

Proposer Expenses

The City of Raleigh will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any Firm in the development of a response to this Request for Qualifications or any other activities associated with this procurement including but not limited to any onsite (or otherwise) interviews and/or presentations, and/or supplemental information provided, submitted, or given to City of Raleigh and/or its representatives. Further, the City of Raleigh shall reserve the right to cancel the work described herein prior to issuance and acceptance of any contractual agreement/purchase order by the recommended Firm even if the awarding authority for each entity has formally accepted a recommendation.

Proposer Acceptance

Submission of any proposal indicates a Proposer's acceptance of the conditions contained in this RFQ unless clearly and specifically noted otherwise on the Exceptions to RFQ (see Appendix VII) and submitted with proposal. The City of Raleigh has the sole discretion and reserves the right to cancel this RFQ, and to reject any and all proposals, to waive any and all informalities and/or irregularities, if it is deemed to be in the City of Raleigh's best interests to do so. The City of Raleigh reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the items in the proposal, and to award the contract in whole or in part and/or negotiate any or all items with individual firms if it is deemed in the City of Raleigh's best interest. Moreover, the City of Raleigh reserves the right to make no selection if proposals are deemed not in the best interest of the City.

Federal Funding Requirements

The services and materials to be provided under this contract will be financed in whole or in part with Federal funding. As such, Federal laws, regulations, policies, and related administrative practices apply to this contract. The most recent of such Federal requirements, including any amendments made after the execution of this contract shall govern this contract, unless the Federal Government determines otherwise. The Federal provisions and requirements identified in Appendix VI (Federal Provisions and Requirements) may be applicable to this contract. The awarded contractor is responsible for complying with all applicable provisions and requirements.

QUALIFICATIONS PACKAGE

Submittal responses must follow the format outlined below. The City may reject as non-responsive at its sole discretion any submittal that does not provide complete and/or adequate responses or departs in any substantial way from the required format.

Request for Qualifications Required Document Format

Responses should be divided using tabs to separate each section, listed sequentially as follows:

Tab 1: Cover Letter

Provide an introduction letter summarizing the unique qualifications of your firm to meet the needs of this project. This letter should be presented on the firm's official letterhead and signed by an authorized representative who has the authority to enter into a contract with the City on behalf of the firm. Include the name, address, telephone and email address of the individual who serves as the point of contact for this solicitation.

Tab 2: Corporate Background and Experience

Include background information on the firm and provide detailed information regarding the firm's experience with similar projects. Provide a list of all similar contracts performed in the past two years, accompanied by at least three references (contact persons, firm, telephone number and email address).

Include the total amount invoiced for each listed project, the length of the project, and list of personnel involved in the project who are also proposed for the subject project named in this solicitation. Failure to provide a list of all similar contracts in the specified period may result in the rejection of the firm's proposal. The evaluation team reserves the right to contact any or all listed references, and to contact other public entities regarding past performance on similar projects.

Tab 3: Financial Information

Review and provide one of the following three (3) financial statement options:

1. Recent audited or reviewed financial statements prepared by an independent certified public accountant (CPA) that shall include, at a minimum, a balance sheet, income statement (i.e., profit/loss statement) and cash flow statement **and**, if the audited or reviewed financial statements were prepared more than six (6) months prior to the issuance of this RFQ, the Proposer shall submit its most recent internal financial statements (balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement or budget with entries reflecting revenues and expenditures from the date of the audited or reviewed financial statements to the end of the most recent financial reporting period (i.e., the quarter or month preceding the issuance date of this RFQ)).

OR

2. Recent compiled financial statements prepared by an independent CPA that shall include, at a minimum, a balance sheet, income statement (i.e., profit/loss statement) and cash flow statement **and**, if the compiled financial statements were prepared more than three (3) months prior to the issuance of this RFQ, the Proposer shall

submit its most recent internal financial statements (balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement or budget with entries reflecting revenues and expenditures to date), and other evidence of financial stability such as most recently filed income tax return, evidence of a line of credit/loans/other type of financing with statement of amount in use/outstanding balance (e.g., a complete copy commitment letter, loan agreement, billing statement reflecting the line of credit or statement from lender acknowledging the commitment to fund the Proposer's stated financing), personal guaranty with copies of personal income tax filing and statement of net worth or such other evidence that is accurate, reliable and trustworthy regarding the Proposer's financial stability.

OR

3. Include a certified, signed statement from a licensed CPA regularly engaged in the review of the firm's financial information verifying the financial viability of the firm.

All financial information, statements and/or documents provided in response to this solicitation shall be kept confidential provided that EACH PAGE is marked as follows: "CONFIDENTIAL – DO NOT DISCLOSE EXCEPT FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF PROPOSAL EVALUATION."

"Recent" shall be defined as financial statements that were prepared within the 12 months preceding the issuance date of this RFQ.

Consolidated financial statements of the Proposer's parent or related corporation/business entity will not be considered, unless: (1) the Proposer's actual financial performance for the designated period is separately identified in and/or attached to the consolidated statements; (2) the parent or related corporation/business entity provides the State with a document wherein the parent or related corporation/business entity will be financially responsible for the Proposer's performance of the contract and the consolidated statement demonstrates the parent or related corporation's/business entity's financial ability to perform the contract, financial stability and/or such other financial considerations identified in the evaluation criteria; and/or (3) Proposer provides its own internally prepared financial statements and such other evidence of its own financial stability identified above.

The firm's failure to provide any of the above-referenced financial statements may result in the proposal being removed from consideration. Proposers are also encouraged to explain any negative financial information, and to provide documentation supporting those explanations and demonstrating the financial strength of the firm.

Tab 4: Project Understanding, Approach and Schedule

Provide a comprehensive narrative, outline, and/or graph demonstrating the firm's understanding and approach to accomplishing the tasks outlined in the Scope of Work section of this RFQ. A description of each task and deliverable and the schedule for accomplishing each shall be included.

Tab 5: Team Firm, Experience and Certifications/Qualifications

This section must include the proposed staffing, deployment and firm of personnel to be assigned to this project. The Proposer shall provide information as to the qualifications and experience of all executive, managerial, legal, and professional personnel to be assigned to this project, including resumes citing experience with similar projects and the responsibilities to be assigned to each person. A project-specific firm chart which clearly illustrates the roles, responsibilities, and the reporting relationships of each team member should be included.

Hourly Rates

This solicitation is being issued in accordance with NCGS 143-64.31, otherwise known as the Mini-Brooks Act, and therefore price cannot and will not be a determining factor in the selection of the successful contractor. One copy of the Hourly Rate Schedule (see Appendix I) for all proposed project personnel should be enclosed in a separate, sealed envelope.

Qualifications Package Documents

This RFQ is comprised of the base RFQ document, any attachments, and any addenda released before Contract award. All attachments and addenda released for this RFQ in advance of any Contract award are incorporated herein by reference.

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Evaluation Criteria

This is not a bid. There will not be a public opening. Proposals will be evaluated based solely on the following criteria:

Criteria	(a) Weight	(b) Score (0-3)	(a) x (b) Weighted Score
Firm Background and Experience	10		
Project Understanding and Approach	30		
Team Organization, Experience, and Qualifications	15		
Similar Projects and Sample Work	15		
Public Engagement Experience	15		
Familiarity with Project Area	10		
Other – RFQ Quality and Compliance	5		
Final Score			

Score Points

0 - Missing or Does Not Meet
Expectation
1 - Partially Meets Expectation

2 - Meets Expectation
3 - Exceeds Expectation

Final Selection

Qualifications will be reviewed after opening and will be ranked in order of choice, at which point contract negotiations will begin with the most qualified firm. If negotiations are unsuccessful, the City will then pursue negotiations with the next most qualified firm.

The City shall not be bound or in any way obligated until both parties have executed a contract. The City also reserves the right to delay the award of a contract or to not award a contract.

The general conditions and specifications of the RFQ, including the firm’s fee proposal, and/or written correspondence applicable to the RFQ, may become part of the contract documents. Failure of the awarded firm to perform as represented may result in contract cancellation.

Notice to Submitting Firms Regarding RFQ Terms and Conditions

It shall be the Submitting Firm’s responsibility to read the Instructions, the City’s terms and conditions, the Federal provisions and requirements, all relevant exhibits and attachments, and any other components made a part of this RFQ, and to comply with all requirements and specifications provided herein. Submitters are responsible for obtaining and complying with all Addenda and other changes that may be issued in connection with this RFQ.

Contract Term

The contract awarded from this RFQ shall be effective upon the date of the City’s signature (the “Effective Date”) and remain effective until the work is completed.

The estimated timeframe and competition for the work stated in this RFQ is one year.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Awarded firm shall provide services, all as set forth in this RFQ and more particularly described in this Section 4.

A more specific work plan and scope of services will be developed with the selected consultant team at the time of contract negotiations.

The selected team will, at a minimum, complete the following tasks.

Overview of Scope of Services

- **Site Analysis:** Thorough review of current conditions and historical context both within the square itself and along its periphery, as well as analysis of anticipated impacts & opportunities resulting from proposed development in the vicinity. Site analysis is expected to draw from existing plans and data, historic documentation, observation of current conditions and patterns of use, and engagement with subject matter experts as well as general community members. Particular attention will be paid to verifying, updating, and documenting existing inventories of trees, public art, monuments, memorials, and other improvements.
- **Design Recommendations:** Propose enhancements for public amenities, landscaping, public art, historic interpretation, site circulation, safety, tree canopy management, as well as the expanded public realm (including streets, sidewalks, and right-of-way) along the square's edges. Design recommendations will include an implementation plan for public improvements within the square and surrounding rights-of-way, as well as recommendations for streetscape requirements and regulations that will promote a more cohesive public realm and inform private redevelopment of properties with frontage along Nash Square.
- **Programming and Management Plan:** Develop a cohesive strategy for accommodating and managing anticipated public use of the square, including formal programs & special events as well as informal gatherings, grassroots/community-based activities, and drop-in play. This management plan will provide detailed guidance to inform the resources necessary to sustain the recommended level of service for day-to-day maintenance standards, as well as any recommendations necessary to accommodate, mitigate, or prevent anticipated public use. This management plan will also include a detailed tree succession plan focused on preserving, sustaining, and enhancing the historic tree canopy at Nash Square. The Programming & Management Plan will be developed in close collaboration with Raleigh Parks Maintenance, Urban Forestry, and Historic Resources staff to ensure operational feasibility, landscape stewardship, and alignment with long-term historic programming goals.
- **Community Engagement:** Implement specialized methods to engage and represent the diverse uses of Nash Square (i.e. downtown residents & visitors, area businesses, unhoused population, area school use, and evolving future uses) using a mix of interactive and informational engagement methods throughout the process, including both online and in-person opportunities at each phase. Firms are encouraged to propose novel and innovative ideas to their community engagement plans for this project, including creative approaches for reaching and incorporating feedback from historically underrepresented groups, and

strategies specifically tailored to capitalize on the community's love of Nash Square's tree canopy.

Core Project Partners

Firms are encouraged to form collaborative teams, with one primary lead firm responsible for delivering cohesive services in close coordination with the City's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department, as well as other core project partners. Qualified firms will demonstrate their expertise and qualifications to complement an internal team consisting of staff representatives from:

- **Raleigh Parks**
 - **Park Planning:** Lead coordination and project management.
 - **Parks & Natural Resources:** Maintenance, operations, and site management.
 - **Urban Forestry:** Tree health, planting/removal, succession planning, canopy management, development impacts, maintenance standards, etc.
 - **Historic Resources & Museums:** Stewardship of Nash Square as a historic site, including guidance on preservation best practices, interpretation of the park's cultural significance, and future programming aligned with the City's broader historic resources strategy.

- **Raleigh Planning and Development:**
 - **Comprehensive Planning:** Zoning, development standards, urban design, and current/future development activity.
 - **Urban Projects Group (*Civic Projects and Places*):** Urban design, placemaking, streetscapes, and public space activation.

- **Raleigh Transportation:** Design and implementation of public realm improvements along streets & sidewalks (Hargett, McDowell, Martin, Dawson).

- **Downtown Raleigh Alliance:** Represent and facilitate engagement with downtown businesses & residents; Municipal Service District (economic development, marketing & events, safety, and community engagement).

Project Phasing and Community Engagement

The schedule below outlines the key phases of the project. Each phase represents critical milestones as we move from assessing existing conditions to setting long-term goals and developing a clear action plan. The total duration of this project is expected to be approximately one year from the date of notice to proceed.

A detailed Community Engagement Plan will be developed with the selected consultant team at the time of contract negotiations. The following outline provides an overview of the anticipated methods and approximate number of community engagement touchpoints during each phase of the project.

Firms may recommend alternative approaches to phasing and community engagement in their proposals, as long as they conform to the stated project schedule

Phase 1: Site Analysis & Initial Input (Late 2025 – Early 2026)

Analysis of current conditions, community listening sessions, and initial public input gathering.

- Focus Group Meetings (# TBD based on identified stakeholder groups)
- (1) Public kickoff event at Nash Square
- (1) Online survey

Phase 2: Concept Development (Spring 2026)

Development of preliminary design concepts, community engagement, and public feedback review

- Focus Group Meetings (# TBD based on identified stakeholder groups)
- (1) Public event at Nash Square
- (1) Online survey
- (1) Interactive presentation and/or workshop with Parks, Recreation and Greenways Advisory Board (or Parks Committee)
- Content for online outreach to communicate Project Updates and community engagement results at the conclusion of Phase 2.

Phase 3: Draft Plan & Recommendations Review (Spring - Summer 2026)

Refinement of draft recommendations based on community feedback and further review sessions.

- Focus Group Meetings (# TBD based on identified stakeholder groups)
- (1) Online survey
- (1) Presentation to Parks, Recreation and Greenways Advisory Board (or Parks Committee)
- Content for online outreach to communicate Project Updates and community engagement results at the conclusion of Phase 3.

Phase 4: Final Plan Approval (Fall 2026)

Final recommendations presented for endorsement by Parks Board and approval by City Council.

- Content for online outreach to communicate final plan recommendations.
- (1) Presentation to Parks, Recreation and Greenways Advisory Board
- (1) Presentation to City Council

Project Deadline

It is critical that all final deliverables are prepared in time for presentation to the Raleigh City Council **on or before October 20, 2026**. The project schedule should anticipate a final deliverable deadline approximately one month prior to this City Council meeting date in order to accommodate time necessary for agenda preparation and review.

Qualifications for Additional Services

If the City of Raleigh is fully satisfied with the delivery of all the items in this Scope of Services, the City will have the option to continue services with this selected consulting team for future phases of study and design development, rather than commit to another RFQ process. These future services can include but are not limited to:

- Civil surveys

- Further collaboration with city departments
- Presentations of design to city council, boards and commissions
- Permitting with agencies having jurisdiction including local, state, county, and federal governing bodies.
- Schematic design (30%)
- Design development (60%)
- Construction documents
- Reviews for constructability, operability, and maintainability
- Geotechnical evaluations
- Bidding assistance
- Comprehensive construction administration
- Value engineering efforts as necessary to meet project budget.
- Bid estimating and bid price comparisons
- Construction materials testing
- Construction engineering inspections

Firms should include qualifications for the above listed future services within their submittal to this RFQ.

APPENDIX I

Hourly Rate Schedule

Awarded firm shall perform the services to be performed as set forth in this RFQ and more particularly described in Section 4 Scope of Services utilizing the following hourly rate schedule below.

As stated above in section 2.2 Hourly Rates, provide the Hourly Rate Schedule in a separate, sealed envelope.

Position Title	Hourly Rate

Firm Name: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Date _____

Signed by: _____
 [Type or Print Name]

Title of Signer: _____

APPENDIX II

Proposer Questionnaire Form

The following questions must be answered, and data given must be clear and comprehensive. If necessary, questions may be answered on separate sheets. The Proposer may submit any additional information desired.

Company Name:		d/b/a (if applicable)	
Street / PO Box:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Phone:	Fax:	E-Mail:	
Website (if applicable):			
<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Number of years in business under company's present name:			
Fed Tax ID #:	DUNS #		
Are you registered with the North Carolina Secretary of State to conduct business (if required)? (Check One) YES: <input type="checkbox"/> NO: <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable: <input type="checkbox"/>			
Are you properly licensed/certified by the Federal and/or State of North Carolina to perform the specified work? YES: <input type="checkbox"/> NO: <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> ATTACH COPY OF ALL APPLICABLE LICENSING/CERTIFICATION DOCUMENTS			
Are/will you be properly insured to perform the work? YES: <input type="checkbox"/> NO: <input type="checkbox"/>			
Contact for this Contract:		Title:	
Phone:	Fax:	E-Mail:	
Have you ever defaulted or failed on a contract? (If yes, attach details) YES: <input type="checkbox"/> NO: <input type="checkbox"/>			
List at least three (3) references for which you have provided these services (same scope/size) in the past three years - preferably government agencies. Do not include City of Raleigh as a reference to meet the requirement of listing at least (3) references. PROPOSERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SENDING REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE (APPENDIX III) TO THEIR REFERENCES.			
1.	Company:		
Contact Person:		Title:	
Phone:	Fax:	E-Mail:	
Describe Scope of Work:			
2.	Company:		
Contact Person:		Title:	
Phone:	Fax:	E-Mail:	
Describe Scope of Work:			
3.	Company:		
Contact Person:		Title:	
Phone:	Fax:	E-Mail:	
Describe Scope of Work:			
4.	Company:		
Contact Person:		Title:	
Phone:	Fax:	E-Mail:	
Describe Scope of Work:			
5.	Company:		
Contact Person:		Title:	
Phone:	Fax:	E-Mail:	
Describe Scope of Work:			
The undersigned swears to the truth and accuracy of all statements and answers contained herein:			
Authorized Signature:		Date:	

APPENDIX III

Reference Questionnaire (Instructions)

Request for Qualifications # 274-PR-2025-NashSqPlan

Title: Nash Square Public Realm Plan

The City of Raleigh, as a part of the RFQ, requires proposing companies to submit a minimum of three (3) business references as required within this document. The purpose of the references is to document the experience of the proposer relevant to the scope of services and assist in the evaluation process.

- The Proposer is required to send the reference form (the following two pages) to each business reference listed on Proposer Questionnaire.
- The business reference, in turn, is requested to submit the Reference Form directly to the City of Raleigh Point of Contact identified on the Reference Questionnaire form for inclusion in the evaluation process.
- The form and information provided will become a part of the submitted proposal. The business reference may be contacted for validation of the response.
- It is the Proposer's responsibility to verify their references have been received by the City of Raleigh Point of Contact by the date indicated on the reference form.

APPENDIX III

Reference Questionnaire Form

274-PR-2025-NashSqPlan: Nash Square – 2026 Public Realm Study

(Name of Business Requesting Reference)

This form is being submitted to your company for completion as a business reference for the company listed above.

This form is to be returned to the City of Raleigh, *TJ McCourt* via email to Thomas.McCourt@raleighnc.gov no later than **5:00 p.m. ET, August 22, 2025** and **MUST NOT** be returned to the company requesting the reference.

For questions or concerns regarding this form, please contact the City of Raleigh, Point of Contact above.

Company Providing Reference

Contact Name and Title/Position

Contact Telephone Number

Contact Email Address

Questions:

1. In what capacity have you worked with this company in the past? If the company was under a contract, please acknowledge and explain briefly whether or not the contract was successful.

Comments:

2. How would you rate this company's knowledge and expertise?

3= Excellent

2= Satisfactory

1= Unsatisfactory

0= Unacceptable

Comments:

3. How would you rate the company's flexibility relative to changes in the scope and timelines?

3= Excellent

2= Satisfactory

1= Unsatisfactory

0= Unacceptable

Comments:

4. What is your level of satisfaction with hard-copy materials, e.g. reports, logs, etc. produced by the company?
 3= Excellent 2= Satisfactory 1= Unsatisfactory 0= Unacceptable

Comments:

5. How would you rate the dynamics/interaction between the company and your staff?
 3= Excellent 2= Satisfactory 1= Unsatisfactory 0= Unacceptable

Comments:

6. Who were the company's principle representatives involved in providing your service and how would you rate them individually? Would you comment on the skills, knowledge, behaviors or other factors on which you based the rating?
(3= Excellent; 2= Satisfactory; 1= Unsatisfactory; 0= Unacceptable)

Name: _____	Rating: _____
Name: _____	Rating: _____
Name: _____	Rating: _____
Name: _____	Rating: _____

Comments:

7. With which aspect(s) of this company's services are you most satisfied?

Comments:

8. With which aspect(s) of this company's services are you least satisfied?

Comments:

9. Would you recommend this company's services to your organization again?

Comments:

APPENDIX V

City of Raleigh Contract Standard Terms And Conditions

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

1. Compensation; Time of Payment

The standard City of Raleigh payment term is NET 30 days from the date of invoice. For prompt payment all invoices should be emailed to (accountspayable@raleighnc.gov) or mail to the City of Raleigh, Accounts Payable, PO Box 590, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602-0590. All invoices must include the Purchase Order Number. Invoices submitted without the correct purchase order number will result in delayed payment.

2. Standard of Care

Engineer shall perform for or furnish to City professional engineering and related services in all phases of the project to which this Contract applies as hereinafter provided. Engineer shall serve as City's prime design professional and engineering representative for the project providing professional engineering consultation and advice with respect thereto. Engineer may employ such Engineer's Consultants as Engineer deems necessary to assist in the performance or furnishing of professional engineering and related services hereunder. Engineer shall not be required to employ any Engineer's Consultant unacceptable to Engineer.

The standard of care for all professional engineering and related services performed or furnished by Engineer under this Contract will be the care and skill ordinarily used by members of Engineer's profession practicing under similar conditions at the same time and in the same locality.

3. Opinions of Probable Construction Cost

Engineer's Opinions of probable Construction Cost provided for herein are to be made on the basis of Engineer's experience and qualifications and represent Engineer's best judgment as an experienced and qualified professional engineer generally familiar with the construction industry. However, since Engineer has no control over the cost of labor, materials, equipment, or services furnished by others, or over the Contractor's methods of determining prices, or over competitive bidding or market conditions, Engineer cannot and does not guarantee that proposals, bids, or actual Construction Cost will not vary from opinions of probable Construction Cost prepared by the Engineer. If the City wishes greater assurance as to probable Construction Cost, City may employ an independent cost estimator.

4. Non-Discrimination

To the extent permitted by North Carolina law, the Parties for themselves, their agents, officials, directors, officers, members, representatives, employees, and contractors agree not to discriminate in any manner or in any form based on actual or perceived age, mental or physical disability, sex, religion, creed, race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, familial or marital status, economic status, veteran status or national origin in connection with this Contract or its performance.

The Parties agree to conform with the provisions and intent of Raleigh City Code §4-1004 in all matters related to this Contract. This provision is incorporated into the Contract for the benefit of the City of Raleigh and its residents and may be enforced by an action for specific performance, injunctive relief, or any other remedy available at law or equity. This section shall be binding on the successors and assigns of all parties with reference to the subject matter of the Contract.

5. Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise

The City of Raleigh prohibits discrimination in any manner against any person based on actual or perceived age, race, color, creed, national origin, sex, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, familial or marital status, religion, economic status, or veteran status. The City maintains an affirmative policy of fostering, promoting, and conducting business with women and minority owned business enterprises.

6. Assignment

Neither the City nor the Engineer will assign, sublet, or transfer their interest, duties, or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the other. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any officer or agent of any public body which may be a party hereto, nor shall it create any rights or benefits to parties other than the City and the Engineer, except such other rights as may be specifically called for herein.

7. Applicable Law

All matters relating to this Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of North Carolina, without regard to its choice of law provisions, and venue for any action relating to this Contract shall be Wake County Civil Superior Court or the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Western Division.

8. Insurance

Contractor agrees to maintain, on a primary basis and at its sole expense, at all times during the life of this Contract the following coverages and limits. The requirements contained herein, as well as City's review or acceptance of insurance maintained by Contractor is not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities or obligations assumed by Contractor under this Contract.

Commercial General Liability – Combined single limit of no less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate. Coverage shall not contain any endorsement(s) excluding nor limiting Product/Completed Operations, Contractual Liability or Cross Liability.

Automobile Liability – Limits of no less than \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit. Coverage shall include liability for Owned, Non-Owned and Hired automobiles. In the event Contractor does not own automobiles, Contractor agrees to maintain coverage for Hired and Non-Owned Auto Liability, which may be satisfied by way of endorsement to the Commercial General Liability policy or separate Auto Liability policy. Automobile coverage is only necessary if vehicles are used in the provision of services under this Contract and/or are brought on a City site.

Worker's Compensation & Employers Liability – Contractor agrees to maintain Worker's Compensation Insurance in accordance with North Carolina General Statute Chapter 97 with statutory limits and employees liability of no less than \$1,000,000 each accident.

Additional Insured – Contractor agrees to endorse the City as an Additional insured on the Commercial General Liability, Auto Liability and Umbrella Liability if being used to meet the standard of the General Liability and Automobile Liability. The Additional Insured shall read: 'City of Raleigh is named additional insured as their interest may appear'.

Certificate of Insurance – Contractor agrees to provide the City a Certificate of Insurance evidencing that all coverages, limits and endorsements required herein are maintained and in full force and effect, and Certificates of Insurance shall provide a minimum thirty (30) day endeavor to notify, when available, by Contractor's insurer.

If Contractor receives a non-renewal or cancellation notice from an insurance carrier affording coverage required herein, or receives notice that coverage no longer complies with the insurance requirements herein, Contractor agrees to notify the City within five (5) business days with a copy of the non-renewal or cancellation notice, or written specifics as to which coverage is no longer in compliance.

The Certificate Holder address should read:

City of Raleigh
Post Office Box 590
Raleigh, NC 27602-0590

Umbrella or Excess Liability – Contractor may satisfy the minimum liability limits required above under an Umbrella or Excess Liability policy. There is no minimum Per Occurrence limit of liability under the Umbrella or Excess Liability, however, the Annual Aggregate limits shall not be less than the highest 'Each Occurrence' limit for required policies. Contractor agrees to endorse City of Raleigh as an 'Additional Insured' on the Umbrella or Excess Liability, unless the Certificate of Insurance states the Umbrella or Excess Liability provides coverage on a 'Follow-Form' basis.

Professional Liability – Limits of no less than \$1,000,000 each claim. This coverage is only necessary for professional services such as engineering, architecture or when otherwise required by the City.

All insurance companies must be authorized to do business in North Carolina and be acceptable to the City of Raleigh's Risk Manager.

10. Indemnity

- A. To the fullest extent allowed by law, the Engineer shall indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, officials, employees, agents, or indemnities (collectively called "Indemnified Parties") from and against those Losses, liabilities, damages, and costs proximately caused by, arising out of, or resulting from the sole negligence of the Engineer, the Engineer's agents, or the Engineer's employees.
- B. In matters other than those covered by subsection A. above, and to the fullest extent allowed by law, the Engineer shall indemnify and hold harmless the Indemnified Parties from and against those Losses, liabilities, damages, and costs caused by, arising out of, resulting from, or in connection with the execution of the work provided for in this contract when the Fault of the Engineer or its Derivative Parties is a proximate cause of the Loss, liability, damage, or expense indemnified.
- C. Costs and expenses shall include attorneys' fees, litigation or arbitration expenses, or court costs actually incurred by the Indemnified Parties to defend against third-party claims alleged in any court, tribunal, or alternative dispute resolution procedure required of any of the Indemnified Parties by law or by contract, only if the Fault of the Engineer or its Derivative Parties is a proximate cause of the attorney's fees, litigation or arbitration expenses, or court costs to be indemnified.
- D. Only to the extent provided pursuant to a policy of insurance, the Engineer shall defend the Indemnified Parties against claims alleged in any court, tribunal, or alternative dispute resolution procedure if the Fault of the Engineer or its Derivative Parties is a proximate cause of such claims.
- E. The Engineer's duty to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless described hereinabove shall survive the termination or expiration of this Contract.
- F. Definitions:
 - i. For the purposes of this section, the term "Fault" shall mean any breach of contract; negligent, reckless, or intentional act or omission constituting a tort under applicable statutes or common law; or violation of applicable statutes or regulations.
 - ii. For the purposes of this section, the term "Loss" or "Losses" shall include, but not be limited to, fines, penalties, and/or judgments issued or levied by any local, state, or federal governmental entity.
 - iii. For the purposes of this section, the term "Derivative Parties" shall mean any of the Engineer's subcontractors, agents, employees, or other persons

or entities for which the Engineer may be liable or responsible as a result of any statutory, tort, or contractual duty.

11. Intellectual Property

Any information, data, instruments, documents, studies, reports or deliverables given to, exposed to, or prepared or assembled by the Engineer under this Contract shall be kept as confidential proprietary information of the City and not divulged or made available to any individual or organization without the prior written approval of the City. Such information, data, instruments, documents, studies, reports or deliverables will be the sole property of the City and not the Engineer.

The Engineer shall maintain the right of reuse to any drawings or specifications provided or furnished by the Engineer. The City acknowledges that such drawings or specifications are not intended or represented to be suitable for reuse by the City or others on extensions of the project or on any other project.

All intellectual property, including, but not limited to, patentable inventions, patentable plans, copyrightable works, mask works, trademarks, service marks and trade secrets invented, developed, created or discovered in performance of this Contract shall be the property of the City.

Copyright in and to any copyrightable work, including, but not limited to, copy, art, negatives, photographs, designs, text, software, or documentation created as part of the Engineer's performance of this project shall vest in the City. Works of authorship and contributions to works of authorship created by the Engineer's performance of this project are hereby agreed to be 'works made for hire' within the meaning of 17 U.S.C. 201.

12. Force Majeure

Except as otherwise provided in any environmental laws, rules, regulations or ordinances applicable to the parties and the services performed under this Contract, neither party shall be deemed to be in default of its obligations hereunder if and so long as it is prevented from performing such obligations by an act of war, hostile foreign actions, nuclear explosion, earthquake, hurricane, tornado, or other catastrophic natural event or act of God. Either party to the Contract must take reasonable measures and implement reasonable protections when a weather event otherwise defined as a force majeure event is forecast to be eligible to be excused from the performance otherwise required under this Contract by this provision.

13. Advertising

The Engineer shall not use the existence of this Contract, or the name of the City of Raleigh, as part of any advertising without the prior written approval of the City.

14. Acknowledgement of City Brand and Tree Logo Ownership and Restrictions

The City of Raleigh has developed proprietary branding (the "City Brand") centered around the Raleigh tree mark logo (the "Tree Logo"). The City's exclusive rights and ownership in and to the Tree Logo are protected under trademark and copyright, including U.S. Copyright Reg. No. VAu1-322-896, N.C. State Trademark Registration

Reg. No. T-23070 and Federal Trademark Registration Reg. No. 5,629,347, as well as under other federal and state laws.

Contractor acknowledges and understands that the City is not conferring any license to Contractor under this Agreement to use or depict the Tree Logo or other aspects of the City Brand.

Contractor shall not make any use or depiction of the Tree Logo or other aspects of the City Brand without the prior express written approval of the City. In this regard, should any materials being produced by Contractor for the City under this Agreement contemplate use or depiction of the Tree Logo, including, but not limited to, printed materials, digital media, signage and/or display materials, Contractor shall proceed under the auspices and direction of the City's Communications Department and shall comply with all guidelines and restrictions governing use or depiction of the Tree Logo.

15. Cancellation

The City may terminate this Contract at any time by providing thirty (30) days written notice to the Engineer. In addition, if Engineer shall fail to fulfill in timely and proper manner the obligations under this Contract for any reason, including the voluntary or involuntary declaration of bankruptcy, the City shall have the right to terminate this Contract by giving written notice to the Engineer and termination will be effective upon receipt. Engineer shall cease performance immediately upon receipt of such notice.

In the event of early termination, Engineer shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for costs incurred prior to receipt of notice of termination and for the satisfactory work completed as of the date of termination and delivered to the City. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event will the total amount due to Engineer under this section exceed the total amount due Engineer under this Contract. The Engineer shall not be relieved of liability to the City for damages sustained by the City by virtue of any breach of this Contract, and the City may withhold any payment due to the Engineer for the purpose of setoff until such time as the City can determine the exact amount of damages due the City because of the breach.

Payment of compensation specified in this Contract, its continuation, or any renewal thereof, is dependent upon and subject to the allocation or appropriation of funds to the City for the purpose set forth in this Contract.

16. Laws/Safety Standards

The Engineer shall comply with all laws, ordinances, codes, rules, regulations, safety standards and licensing requirements that are applicable to the conduct of its business, including those of Federal, State, and local agencies having jurisdiction and/or authority.

Engineer must comply with *North Carolina Occupational Safety and Health Standards for General Industry 13 NCAC 07F (29CFR 1910)*. In addition, Engineer shall comply with all applicable occupational health and safety and environmental rules and regulations.

Engineer shall effectively manage their safety and health responsibilities including:

a. Accident Prevention

Prevent injuries and illnesses to their employees and others on or near their job site. Contractor managers and supervisors shall ensure personnel safety by strict adherence to established safety rules and procedures.

b. Environmental Protection

Protect the environment on, near, and around their work site by compliance with all applicable environmental regulations.

c. Employee Education and Training

Provide education and training to all contractors employees before they are exposed to potential workplace or other hazards as required by specific OSHA Standards.

17. Applicability of North Carolina Public Records Law

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Contract, this Contract and all materials submitted to the City by the Engineer are subject to the public records laws of the State of North Carolina and it is the responsibility of the Engineer to properly designate materials that may be protected from disclosure as trade secrets under North Carolina law as such and in the form required by law prior to the submission of such materials to the City. Engineer understands and agrees that the City may take any and all actions necessary to comply with federal, state, and local laws and/or judicial orders and such actions will not constitute a breach of the terms of this Contract. To the extent that any other provisions of this Contract conflict with this paragraph, the provisions of this section shall control.

18. Miscellaneous

The Engineer shall be responsible for the proper custody and care of any property furnished or purchased by the City for use in connection with the performance of this Contract and will reimburse the City for the replacement value of its loss or damage.

The Engineer shall be considered to be an independent contractor and as such shall be wholly responsible for the work to be performed and for the supervision of its employees. Nothing herein is intended or will be construed to establish any agency, partnership, or joint venture. Engineer represents that it has, or will secure at its own expense, all personnel required in performing the services under this Contract. Such employees shall not be employees of or have any individual contractual relationship with the City.

This Contract may be amended only by written agreement of the parties executed by their authorized representatives.

19. Right of Audit and Examination of Records

a. The City may conduct an audit of any services performed and fees paid subject to this Contract. The City, or its designee, may perform such an audit throughout the contract period and for three (3) years after termination thereof or longer if otherwise required by law.

b. The Contractor and its agents shall maintain all books, documents, papers, accounting records, contract records and such other evidence as may be appropriate to substantiate costs incurred under this Contract. The City, or its designee, shall have the right to, including but not limited to: review and copy records; interview

current and former employees; conduct such other investigation to verify compliance with contract terms; and conduct such other investigation to substantiate costs incurred by this Contract.

- c. "Records" shall be defined as data of every kind and character, including but not limited to books, documents, papers, accounting records, contract documents, information, and materials that, in the City's sole discretion, relate to matters, rights, duties or obligations of this Contract.
- d. Records and employees shall be available during normal business hours upon advanced written notice. Electronic mail shall constitute written notice for purposes of this section.
- e. Contractor shall provide the City or its designee reasonable access to facilities and adequate and appropriate workspace for the conduct of audits.
- f. The rights established under this section shall survive the termination of the Contract, and shall not be deleted, circumvented, limited, confined, or restricted by contract or any other section, clause, addendum, attachment, or the subsequent amendment of this Contract.
- g. The Contractor shall reimburse the City for any overcharges identified by the audit within ninety (90) days of written notice of the City's findings.
- h. Contractor shall, upon request, provide any records associated with this engagement to the North Carolina State Auditor that are necessary to comply with the provisions of G.S. § 147-64.7.

20. E – Verify

Contractor shall comply with E-Verify, the federal E-Verify program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security and other federal agencies, or any successor or equivalent program used to verify the work authorization of newly hired employees pursuant to federal law and as in accordance with N.C.G.S. §64-25 et seq. In addition, to the best of Contractor's knowledge, any subcontractor employed by Contractor as a part of this contract shall be in compliance with the requirements of E-Verify and N.C.G.S. §64-25 et seq.

21. Iran Divestment Act Certification

Contractor certifies that, as of the date listed below, it is not on the Final Divestment List as created by the State Treasurer pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 147-86.55, *et seq.* In compliance with the requirements of the Iran Divestment Act and N.C.G.S. § 147-86.59, Contractor shall not utilize in the performance of the contract any subcontractor that is identified on the Final Divestment List.

22. Companies Boycotting Israel Divestment Act Certification

Contractor certifies that it has not been designated by the North Carolina State Treasurer as a company engaged in the boycott of Israel pursuant to N.C.G.S. 147-86.81.

APPENDIX VI

City of Raleigh Federal Contract Provisions and Requirements

1. [Access to Records and Record Retainage](#)
2. [Age Discrimination Act of 1975](#)
3. [Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990](#)
4. [Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment](#)
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6. [Civil Rights Act of 1968](#)
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12. [Debarment and Suspension](#)
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16. [Energy Policy and Conservation Act](#)
17. [Environmental reviews/assessments](#)
18. [Equal Employment Opportunity](#)
19. [Fly America Act of 1974](#)
20. [Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990](#)
21. [Limited English Proficiency](#)
22. [Patents and Intellectual Property Rights](#)
23. [Procurement of Recovered Materials](#)
24. [Rehabilitation Act of 1973](#)
25. [Remedies](#)
26. [Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement](#)
27. [Telecommunications Huawei / ZTE Ban](#)
28. [Termination](#)
29. [Terrorist Financing](#)
30. [Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000](#)
31. [Universal Identifier and System of Award \(SAM\)](#)
32. [USA Patriot Act of 2001](#)
33. [Whistleblower Protection Act](#)

All recipients of federally funded grants or use federal assistance to support procurements must comply with the applicable provisions of the Federal procurement standards 2 CFR pt. 200. As result, firms awarded federally funded contracts by City of Raleigh, in addition to contract clauses required by North Carolina law and other applicable federal regulations specific to a federal award, must comply with the following contract provisions set forth herein, unless a particular award term or condition specifically indicates otherwise. These terms and conditions are hereby incorporated into any resulting contract.

1. **Access to Records and Record Retainage.** In general, all official project records and documents must be maintained during the operation of this project and for a period of five years following close out. The City of Raleigh, the comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives shall have access to any books documents papers and records of the of the Administering Agency which are pertinent to the execution of the Agreement for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions.
2. **Age Discrimination Act of 1975.** All suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and sub- consultants must comply with the requirements of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (Title 42 U.S. Code, § 6101 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.
3. **Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.** All suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and sub- consultants must comply with the requirements of Titles I, II, and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits discriminating on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities. (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101– 12213).
4. **Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment.** All suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and sub- consultants must comply with the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended). Suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and sub-consultants who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.
5. **Civil Rights Act of 1964 – Title VI.** All suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and sub-consultants must comply with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.), which provides that no person in the United States will, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.
6. **Civil Rights Act of 1968.** All suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and sub-

consultants must comply with Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which prohibits discriminating in the sale, rental, financing, and advertising of dwellings, or in the provision of services in connection therewith, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, familial status, and sex (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.), as implemented by the Department of Housing and Urban Development at 24 C.F.R. Part 100. The prohibition on disability discrimination includes the requirement that new multifamily housing with four or more dwelling units—i.e., the public and common use areas and individual apartment units (all units in buildings with elevators and ground-floor units in buildings without elevators)—be designed and constructed with certain accessible features (See 24 C.F.R. § 100.201).

7. **Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act).** All suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and sub-consultants must comply with the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401– 7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251–1387), as amended—when contract amounts exceed \$150,000 and agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251–1387).
8. **Conflict of Interest Provisions.** Interest of Members, Officers, or Employees of the Recipient Members of Local Governing Body or Other Public Officials. No member officer or employee of the recipient or its agent no member of the governing body of the locality in which the program is situated and no other public official of such locality or localities who exercises any functions or responsibilities with respect to the program during his tenure or for one year thereafter shall have any financial interest direct or indirect in any contract or subcontract or the proceeds under this agreement. Immediate family members of said member’s officers, employees and officials similarly barred from having any financial interest in the program. The recipient shall incorporate or cause to be incorporated in all such contracts or subcontracts a provision prohibiting such interest pursuant to the purpose of this section.
9. **Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327-333).** [Where applicable] All contracts awarded by the City in excess of \$100,000 for contracts that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers shall include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.
10. **Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act.** All suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and sub-consultants must comply with the with the Copeland “Anti- Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, “Contractors and Sub- contractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or

in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The Act provides that each contractor or sub-recipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled.

11. **Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148).** When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146- 3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The City must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The City must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The City must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.
12. **Debarment and Suspension.** All suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and sub- consultants are subject to the non-procurement debarment and suspension regulations implementing Executive Orders 12549 and 12689, and 2 C.F.R. Part 180. These regulations restrict awards, subawards, and contracts with certain parties that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs or activities.
13. **Domestic Procurement Preference.** As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the City of Raleigh’s Supplier should, to the greatest extent practicable under a federal award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including, but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products).” For purposes of this clause, (i) “produced in the United States” means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States, and (ii) “manufactured products” means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of nonferrous materials such as aluminum; plastics and polymer based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.
14. **Drug-Free Workplace Regulations.** All suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and sub- consultants must comply with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (41 U.S.C. § 701 et seq.), which requires agreement to maintain a drug-free workplace.

15. **Education Amendments of 1972 (Equal Opportunity in Education Act) – Title IX.** All suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and sub-consultants must comply with the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.), which provide that no person in the United States will, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.
16. **Energy Policy and Conservation Act.** All Suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and sub-consultants must comply with the requirements of 42 U.S.C. § 6201 which contain policies relating to energy efficiency that are defined in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with this Act.
17. **Environmental reviews/assessments.** When required by Federal program legislation, awarded contractors must conduct and complete federally approved process of reviewing a project and its potential environmental impacts to determine whether it meets federal, state, and local environmental standards. The environmental review process is required for most federally assisted projects to ensure that the proposed project does not negatively impact the surrounding environment and that the property site itself will not have an adverse environmental or health effect on end users. Not every project is subject to a full environmental assessment (i.e., every project's environmental impact must be examined, but the extent of this examination varies), but every project must be in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and other related Federal and state environmental laws.
18. **Equal Employment Opportunity.** Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of “federally assisted construction contract” in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity” (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964- 1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, “Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,” and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, “Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.”
19. **Fly America Act of 1974.** All suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and sub-consultants must comply with Preference for U.S. Flag Air Carriers: (air carriers holding certificates under 49 U.S.C. § 41102) for international air transportation of people and property to the extent that such service is available, in accordance with the International Air Transportation Fair Competitive Practices Act of 1974 (49 U.S.C. § 40118) and the interpretative guidelines issued by the Comptroller General of the United States in the March 31, 1981, amendment to Comptroller General Decision B-138942.
20. **Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990.** In accordance with Section 6 of the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990, 15 U.S.C. § 2225a, all suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and sub-consultants must ensure that all conference, meeting, convention, or training space funded in whole or in part with Federal funds complies with the fire prevention and control guidelines of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, as amended, 15 U.S.C. § 2225.

21. **Limited English Proficiency (Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VI).** All suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and sub-consultants must comply with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI) prohibition against discrimination on the basis of national origin, which requires taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) to their programs and services.
22. **Patents and Intellectual Property Rights.** Unless otherwise provided by law, suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and sub-consultants are subject to the Bayh-Dole Act, Pub. L. No. 96-517, as amended, and codified in 35 U.S.C. § 200 et seq. All suppliers, contractors, and subcontractors, consultants, sub-consultants are subject to the specific requirements governing the development, reporting, and disposition of rights to inventions and patents located at 37 C.F.R. Part 401 and the standard patent rights clause located at 37 C.F.R. § 401.14.
23. **Procurement of Recovered Materials.** All suppliers, contractors, and subcontractors, consultants, sub-consultants must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 C.F.R. Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition.
24. **Rehabilitation Act of 1973.** All suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and sub-consultants must comply with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 794, as amended, which provides that no otherwise qualified handicapped individual in the United States will, solely by reason of the handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.
25. **Remedies.** All contracts in excess of the small purchase threshold fixed at 41 U.S.C. 403(11) (currently \$250,000) shall contain contractual provisions or conditions that allow for administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances in which a contractor violates or breaches the contract terms.
26. **Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement.** Contracts or agreements for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work shall provide for the rights of the Federal Government and the City in any resulting invention in accordance with 37 CFR part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.
27. **Telecommunications Huawei / ZTE Ban.** 2 C.F.R. 200.216 prohibits non-federal entities receiving federal grant funds from entering into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or system that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system from the Chinese manufacturers Huawei and ZTE.
28. **Termination.** All contracts shall contain suitable provisions for termination by the City, including how termination shall be affected and the basis for settlement. In addition, such

contracts shall describe the conditions under which the contract may be terminated for default as well as conditions where the contract may be terminated due to circumstances beyond the control of the contractor. All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the City, including the manner by which it will be given legal effect, and the basis for settlement. See [2 CFR Appendix II to Part 200\(B\)](#).

29. **Terrorist Financing.** All suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and sub-consultants must comply with E.O. 13224 and U.S. law that prohibit transactions with, and the provisions of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism.
30. **Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000.** All suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and sub-consultants must comply with the requirements of the government-wide award term which implements Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, (TVPA) as amended (22 U.S.C. § 7104). The award term is located at 2 CFR § 175.15, the full text of which is incorporated here by reference in the standard terms and conditions for federally funded procurements.
31. **Universal Identifier and System of Award Management (SAM).** All suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and sub-consultants are required to comply with the requirements set forth in the government-wide Award Term regarding the System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements located at 2 C.F.R. Part 25, Appendix A, the full text of which is incorporated here by reference in the standard terms and conditions for federally funded procurements.
32. **USA Patriot Act of 2001.** All suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and sub-consultants must comply with requirements of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act (USA PATRIOT Act), which amends 18 U.S.C. §§ 175–175c.
33. **Whistleblower Protection Act.** All suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and sub-consultants must comply with the statutory requirements for whistleblower protections (if applicable) at 10 U.S.C § 2409, 41 U.S.C. 4712, and 10 U.S.C. § 2324, 41 U.S.C. §§ 4304 and 4310.

APPENDIX VII

EXCEPTIONS TO THE RFQ

CHECK ONE:

- NO EXCEPTIONS, PROPOSER COMPLIES WITH ALL DOCUMENTS IN RFQ.
- EXCEPTIONS ARE LISTED BELOW:

#	RFQ Page #, Section, Name, Title, Item #	Exceptions (Describe nature of Exception)	Explain Why This is an Issue	Proposed Alternative	Indicate if exception is Negotiable (N), or Non-negotiable (NN)
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FAILURE TO IDENTIFY ANY EXCEPTIONS WILL INDICATE ACCEPTANCE OF ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE RFQ AND ANY CORRESPONDING ADDENDUM ISSUED. THE CITY, AT ITS SOLE DISCRETION, MAY MODIFY OR REJECT ANY EXCEPTION OR PROPOSED CHANGE.

Firm:	Authorized Signature:	Title:
Printed Name of Signer:	Date:	