

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**

**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

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**November 10, 2014**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL # 15-43**

**RFP – Voluntary Group Vision Plan**

**2015-2018**

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#### **DECISION TO USE COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS**

The Chief Procurement Officer has determined that in order to select the most advantageous proposal for Voluntary Group Vision Plan for the City of Somerville Human Resources Department, comparative judgments of technical factors, in addition to price, will be necessary. This proposal is being sought to insure that the best services available for Voluntary Group Vision Plan are received by the City of Somerville and its employees at competitive costs.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Services to be covered include assistance to the City of Somerville Human Resources Department in the administration of a Voluntary Group Vision Plan for eligible City of Somerville employees. Currently, the City of Somerville offers health insurance through the Group Insurance Commission (GIC) for medical insurance. The GIC offers 16 different plan options with various carriers and different schedule of benefits. The vision benefit covers at least one eye exam every 24 months.

The names of City employees and those participating in the Voluntary Group Vision Plan cannot be used for solicitation purposes or sold. The administration of the Voluntary Group Vision Plan shall consist in the adjudication and processing of claims and reimbursement of funds to participants who sign up for this plan.

The Voluntary Group Vision Plan will be offered to all employees/retirees. Once enrolled, the Employee's participation will continue from month-to-month and year-to-year until the Employee's participation ceases. The City of Somerville will not fund the full cost for the Voluntary Group Vision plan, it will be 100% subscriber paid.

## KEY DATES FOR THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP Issued	Monday, November 10, 2014
Deadline for submitting questions on RFP	Monday, November 17, 2014 – 4:30 PM
Proposals due, proposals screened, evaluation begins	Tuesday, November 24, 2014 – 11:30 AM
Anticipated Contract Award	Monday, December 1, 2014
Services commence	January 1, 2015

## PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

- A. **GOVERNING LAW and DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:** All proposals must be submitted in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, § 6, to the Chief Procurement Officer in the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 **NO LATER THAN 11:30 a.m. , Monday, November 24, 2014. Proposals must be submitted in two separate sealed envelopes, one marked “Technical Proposal” the other marked “Price Proposal”. Price Proposals shall NOT be submitted with Technical Proposal. Any Technical Proposal containing any part of a Price Proposal shall be deemed non-responsive.**

**Three (3) copies of the Technical Proposal** must be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked:

Technical Proposal, RFP # 15-43

“Voluntary Group Vision Plan”

Along with your company name on the front of the envelope.

**One (1) copy of the Price Proposal**, sealed and marked RFP # 15-43

“Voluntary Group Vision Plan”

along with your company name on the front of the envelope

**Faxed proposals shall not be accepted.**

Proposals will not be opened publicly. Proposal contents will be kept confidential and not disclosed until after the evaluation and award. A listing of proposers will be available online

at: [www.cityofsomerville.gov](http://www.cityofsomerville.gov)

The submission proposals must be addressed to:

City of Somerville  
Purchasing Dept.  
***ATTN: Orazio DeLuca, MCPPO***  
93 Highland Avenue  
Somerville, MA 02143

Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered. The name of all parties submitting proposals will be recorded but no proposal content will be made public until the City has completed the evaluation of the submittals.

- B. **QUESTIONS:** Inquiries involving procedural or technical matters shall be in writing to **[purchasing@Somervillema.gov](mailto:purchasing@Somervillema.gov)** or faxed to:

Orazio DeLuca  
City of Somerville, Purchasing Department  
93 Highland Avenue  
Somerville, MA 02143

- C. **EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS:** Each proposer shall be satisfied as to the requirements of the contemplated services to enable the intelligent preparation of this proposal. The proposer shall be familiar with all RFP Documents before submitting the proposals in order that no misunderstanding shall exist in regard to the nature and character of the contemplated services to be performed. No allowance will be made for any claim that the proposal is based on incomplete information. Any questions must be submitted in writing to the Chief Procurement Officer at the above address.

- D. **EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS:** The Technical proposals shall be evaluated by Barbara Brown, Benefit Specialist, Mary Alice Lally, Benefit Coordinator and Jennifer Comeiro, Benefit Manager,. They shall prepare their evaluation based on the criteria contained herein. An interview may be required as part of the evaluation of this proposal.

- E. The contract award will be made within 30 days, only to a responsive and responsible proposer who is determined to be the most advantageous taking into consideration evaluative criteria and is capable of performing the services contemplated and meeting the minimum criteria set forth in the RFP. Each proposal will be screened in order to determine whether it meets all of the proposal submission requirements as described in the RFP. One or two contracts for a Voluntary Group Vision Plan may be awarded at the sole discretion of the City.

**SCOPE OF WORK: Voluntary Group Vision Plan:**

**PLANS TO BE COVERED:**

The City is going out to bid for the Voluntary Group Vision Plan.

**COVERED EMPLOYEES:**

The City of Somerville has thirty two hundred (3,200) benefits eligible employees and retirees. 1,800 of those individuals are employees.

**CURRENT ENROLLMENT and COSTS:**

The City is exempt from ERISA and does not require the preparation of Form 5500.

## **SERVICES OUTLINE:**

The successful bidder will:

1. Provide all necessary plan documents
2. Provide all descriptive literature
3. Provide points of contact for employees to call regarding questions information, etc.
4. Provide the City of Somerville with sample reports necessary for the administration. The reporting for the City of Somerville will require two different sub-groups for reporting 1) Active employees and 2) Retirees. Administration of the Group Voluntary Vision plan 1) monthly reports by employee showing amounts paid for the benefit. 2) An end of plan year report showing, by employee 3) other reports commonly provided for the administration of the Group Voluntary Vision plan.
6. Provide on-line access to enter in enrollments to the Group Voluntary Vision Plan Vendor or Electronic Feed File (EFT) for enrollments.
7. Provide the necessary plan documents and required updates due to legal and/or regulatory changes
8. Provide the appropriate notices to participants and employees and any required updates/changes as required by the Affordable Care Act and any other federal/state law updates.
9. Provide a price per employee for individual/family plans.
10. The reporting

## **INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED WITH PROPOSALS:**

1. A list of at least five (5) client references with whom the proposer has had contracts over the last three current (3) years. Two of the references must be municipal clients. Information should include a contact person and telephone number. Identify all clients with 1,500 or more employees.
2. A description of all services that would be provided by your company under this proposal. Do you have insurance and/or bonding of your staff to guarantee the safety of our funds? If so, to what extent are you insured and/or bonded? How do you accept funding from your client's? Do you perform account reconciliation each year and match up the payroll deductions with the amounts reimbursed?
3. Please list the number of Voluntary Group Vision Plans that your company services, and the average number of employees per plan. How many years has your company been providing this service?
4. A description of the communications system that you use to allow our employees to receive information on their Group Voluntary Vision Plan. Include type of phone, Internet, or other network systems utilized, the hours live operators are available, and the hours that an automated or voice mail information system is available. What, if any, Internet access is available to either employees or employer?
5. Please note how many members of your staff will be dedicated to the City of Somerville account for implementation and then ongoing administration should you get awarded the administration of the program. Please provide a sample of your implementation schedule, enrollment procedures for Group Voluntary Vision plan and communication materials. Please state how you would tailor your communication program to municipal government employees.
6. Resumes of key personnel, who will direct, oversee and provide service for the City of Somerville account.
7. Please indicate any reservations or qualifications you may have concerning the fulfillment of this proposal.
8. What is the process for letters/mailings to employees/retirees regarding enrollment. Is there on-line access for company administrators to process these types of transactions?
9. Please provide information on an On-Line portal if available from the vendor and the reporting that is available on-line. Will vendor be able to communicate with vendor directly on any Group Voluntary Vision plan changes?
10. Please describe the annual open enrollment process for Vision participants and does the vendor provide COBRA notifications to the participants?
11. Please describe the customer service support the Vision participants will receive.
12. Is this plan subject to HealthCare Reform or ACA requirements?

## **MINIMUM CRITERIA**

### **Any proposer submitting a proposal must satisfy the following criteria in order for its proposal to be considered:**

1. Proposers must be in the business of administering Voluntary Group Vision Plan and have at least five-(5) years experience in such business.
2. Proposers must have experience administering Voluntary Group Vision Plan for ten (10) or more clients, all of which have fifteen hundred (1500) or more employees.

## **COMPARATIVE EVALUATION CRITERIA (Listed by Priority)**

The City of Somerville will use the following criteria to evaluate the technical proposals. All proposals will be reviewed Jennifer Comeiro, Benefits Manager, Mary Alice Lally, Benefits Coordinator and Barbara Brown, Benefit Specialist. Please provide information and supporting documents so that your proposal can be evaluated according to these criteria. Answers to the following questions will be evaluated as follows:

HA - Highly Advantageous  
A - Advantageous  
NA - Not Advantageous  
U - Unacceptable

- 1.) The number of clients with 1500 or more employees.  
HA - Five or more clients with 1500 or more employees  
A - Four clients with 1500 or more employees  
U - Less than four clients with 1500 or more employees
- 2.) The number of years that the bidder has been administering Voluntary Group Vision Plan.  
HA - Over Five years  
A - Five years  
U - Less than five years
- 3.) Communications system available for employees to access information on their Voluntary Group Vision Plan.  
HA - Internet access with 24 hr. availability  
A - Live operators available for extended weekday business hours (such as 7am to 9pm) or partial weekend coverage (such as Saturdays 9am to 1pm)  
NA - Live operators available only during regular business hours during the week (8:30 am to 5:00 pm).  
U - No access to service representatives
- 4.) Turnaround time for enrolling participants onto the Group Voluntary Vision Plan.  
HA - Immediate enrollment on-line  
A - within 7 days of receipt  
U - within 14 days of receipt
- 5) HR Portal information for the City of Somerville to process terminations/qualifying events electronically:  
HA - All terminations and qualifying events can be processed via electronically with vendor's web portal  
NA - process terminations and qualifying events via paper no access to web portal.
- 6) Creation of Electronic Feed File to process terminations/qualifying events:  
HA- Highly Advantageous  
A - Advantageous  
NA - Not Advantageous  
U- Unacceptable
- 7) In-House Legal Counsel  
HA - provides regular legal updates on federal and state legislation and has in-house counsel  
A - Offers access to legal updates and legal counsel is not part of the staff.

## **PLAN COSTS**

Proposers must quote the costs on a price per employee per month listed in the pricing proposal provided in this package. Costs quoted should reflect the actual cost of services during the three-year period. Please quote a standard plan NOTE: There are no commissions for these voluntary plans. The rates will include the same cost for active employees and retirees. Please ensure to include what the minimum enrollment requirements are on the plan.

The monthly premium rates should include all expenses associated with the provision and maintenance of employee Group Voluntary Vision plan accounts.

## **PROPOSAL PRICE ANALYSIS**

Proposals will be evaluated over a thirty-six (36) month period; considering the total cost over the three year period.

## **CONTRACT PERIOD**

The contract period shall be from **January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015** with an option to renew for two (2) additional one- (1) year terms. This option is to be exercised at the sole discretion of the City.

## **CONFIDENTIALITY & OTHER CONDITIONS**

Medical claims processing must be confidential, and no information shall be transmitted to the City of Somerville, or any other party, except the employee, that indicates the nature of any claim without the written authorization of the employee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City of Somerville or its designee shall have access to all records for the purpose of auditing reimbursements in the detection and prevention of fraud.

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**GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. TAXES

Purchases incurred by the City are exempt from Federal Excise Taxes, Massachusetts Sales Tax, and RFP prices must exclude any such taxes. Tax Exemption Certificates will be furnished upon request. City of Somerville's Massachusetts Tax Exempt Number is MO46 001 414.

2. FREIGHT ON BOARD (F.O.B)

All prices are to be firm F.O.B. delivered destination (Somerville, MA), to the address specified on the "Notice to Proposers" or any other department location doing business for the City of Somerville in need of such services.

3. UNIT PRICE

In case of error in extension of prices quoted herein, the unit price will govern.

4. PRICE REDUCTION

It is understood and agreed that should any price reductions occur between the opening of this RFP and completion of this delivery. The benefits of all such reductions will be extended.

5. GUARANTEES

The proposer, to whom a contract is awarded, guarantees to the City of Somerville all supplies, equipment, related services/maintenance, and labor for a period of at least one (1) year. Upon inspection, any defective or inferior equipment, supplies/materials shall be replaced without additional cost to the City. The contractor will assume any additional cost accrued by the City.

6. INDEMNIFICATION

The vendor agrees to take all necessary precautions to prevent injury to any persons or damage to property during the term of this agreement and shall indemnify and save the City of Somerville harmless against all loss and expense resulting in any way, from any negligent or willful act or omission on the part of the Vendor, its agents, employees, or sub-contractors or resulting directly or indirectly from Vendor's performance under this Agreement.

7. INSURANCE

Vendor's liability insurance shall be purchased and maintained by the Vendor to protect him from claims under Worker's Compensation Acts and other employee benefits acts, claims from damages because of bodily injury, including death, and from claims for damages, other than to the work itself, to property which may arise out of or result from the Vendor's operation under this agreement, whether such operation by himself or anyone employed by them. This insurance shall be written for not less than any limits of law, whichever is the greater and shall include contractual liability applicable to Vendor's obligations. The Vendor shall deposit with the City of Somerville standard certificates of insurance thereof for any insurance about to expire at least ten (10) days before such expiration. All such insurance policies shall contain an endorsement or provision requiring thirty (30) days written notice to the City of Somerville prior to cancellations or material change in coverage, scope, or amount of any such policy or policies. Compliance by Vendor with the insurance requirement, however, shall not relieve Vendor from liability under the indemnity provisions. Vendor shall require subcontractors to provide and maintain the required insurance at subcontractors' expense. Subcontractors shall list the City of Somerville and Contractor as additional insured where applicable.



8. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Vendor is not an agent or employee of the City of Somerville and is not authorized to act on behalf of the City of Somerville.

9. COMPLETE AGREEMENT

This agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings between the parties and may not be changed unless mutually agreed upon in writing by both parties.

10. ASSIGNMENT

Vendor shall not assign the Agreement, or any interest therein, without prior written consent of the City of Somerville.

11. SUB CONTRACTORS

Vendor shall not engage any other company, sub-contractor or individual to perform any obligation hereunder, without the prior written consent of the City of Somerville.

12. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

13. ENFORCEABILITY

In the event any provision of this Agreement is found to be legally unenforceable, such unenforceability shall not prevent enforcement of any other provision of the Agreement.

14. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Proposer certifies that no official or employee of the City of Somerville has a financial interest in this proposal or in the contract which the proposer offers to execute or in the expected profits to arise there from, unless there has been compliance with provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 43, sec. 27 (Interest in Public Contract by Public Employees), and Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 268A, sec. 20 (Conflict of Interest), and that this proposal is made in good faith without fraud or collusion or connection with any other person submitting a proposal.

15. TERMINATION

- a. For Cause: The City of Somerville shall have the right to terminate this agreement if (i) Vendor neglects or fails to perform or observe any of these obligations hereunder and a cure is not effected by Vendor within fifteen (15) days next following its receipt of a termination notice issued by the City of Somerville, or (ii) if a judgment or decree is entered against Vendor approving a petition for any arrangement, liquidations, dissolution or similar relief relating to bankruptcy or insolvency and such judgment or decree remains unvacated for thirty (30) days; or (iii) immediately if Vendor shall file a voluntary petition in bankruptcy or any petition or answer seeking any arrangement, liquidation or dissolution relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or other relief or debtors shall seek or consent or acquiesce an appointment of any trustee, receiver of liquidation of any of Vendor's property; or (iv) funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in any fiscal year succeeding the first year of this Agreement. The City of Somerville shall pay all reasonable and supportable costs incurred prior to termination, which payment shall not exceed the value of service provided.
- b. Return of Property: Upon termination, Vendor shall immediately return to the City of Somerville, without limitation, all documents, plans, drawings, tools and items of any nature whatsoever, supplied to the Vendor by the City of Somerville or developed by the Vendor in accordance with this Agreement.

16. DISCRIMINATION

It is understood and agreed that it shall be a material breach of any contract resulting from this RFP for the contractor to engage in any practice which shall violate any provision of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter

151B, relative to discrimination in hiring, discharge, compensation, or terms, conditions or privileges of employment because of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, sex, or ancestry.

17. INTERPRETATION OF SPECIFICATION/TERMS.

All interpretations of the RFP and supplemental instructions will be in the form of written addenda to the RFP specifications. Requests for clarification or any questions about information contained in the RFP should be addressed via email, or in writing, to Orazio DeLuca, MCPPO, Contract Manager, Purchasing Department, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 odeluca@somervillema.gov. Questions and answers will be compiled and sent to all proposers who requested a copy of the RFP, before the proposal deadline, by addendum via email. No requests or questions will be accepted after the deadline for questions stated at the beginning of this RFP or as updated in an addendum, if such addendum were issued.

18. CANCELLATION OF RFP

To withdraw, cancel or modify a RFP at any time prior to the RFP opening date, a proposer must submit such request in writing to the Purchasing Director. Correction or modifications must be sealed when submitted and must indicate on the outside of the envelope whether the correction or modification pertains to the price proposal or the non-price proposal.

19. SAMPLES

All qualified proposers may be requested to submit samples.

20. FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

By submitting a proposal, the proposer authorized the City of Somerville to contact any and all parties referenced by the proposer regarding financial and operational information.

21. PAYMENT

The City of Somerville shall make no payment for a supply or service rendered prior to the execution of the contract.

22. DOCUMENTATION

Please find attached exhibit copies of contract forms which the successful proposer will be required to sign.

23. EXTENSION OF CONTRACT

The City reserves the right to extend the time of any contract resulting from the bid as needed and/or to increase the value by 25% at the sole discretion of the Purchasing Director.

24. The Proposer's proposal will remain in effect for a period of 90 days from the deadline for submission of proposal or until it is formally withdrawn, a contract is executed or this RFP is canceled, whichever occurs first.

25. The contract will be for a period of one year, beginning January 1, 2015, and ending on December 31, 2015, with two (2), one-year options to renew.

26. The City will have the option to cancel the contract provided that written notice is given 90 days prior to the effective termination date.

27. The Procurement Officer shall cancel the contract if funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in any fiscal year succeeding the first year.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS COULD RESULT IN THE CANCELLATION OF YOUR CONTRACT.**

## **REQUIRED FORMS**

In addition to the information listed above as “Information to be Submitted with Proposals,” the following attached forms must be completed and signed for submission with your technical proposal.

- **Certificate of Signature Authority**
- **Certificate of Non-Collusion and Tax Compliance**
- **Somerville Living Wage Ordinance** – Proposer must agree to conform with Somerville’s Living Wage Ordinance and certify their compliance with this ordinance by completing attached Living Wage Ordinance Form.

The following forms are not required at the time of proposal submission, but will be required by the awarded Proposer in order to execute a contract.

- **Insurance Certificate** – Insurance Certificate as outlined on attached form included in this RFP, must be provided by the selected Proposer.
- **Certificate of Good Standing** – The selected Proposer must provide the City with a current “Certificate of Good Standing” from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Additional information related to this requirement is included in this RFP.

The following attached form must be completed and signed for submission with your **price proposal**.

- **Price Form** – Must be submitted in a separately sealed envelope marked as indicated in the instructions.

# CITY OF SOMERVILLE

## DEPARTMENT OF PURCHASING PRICE FORM for RFP 15-43

- A. The undersigned proposes to supply the services specified below in full accordance with the Contract Documents and Project Manual supplied by the City of Somerville entitled:

**Voluntary Group Vision Plan**

for the contract price(s) specified below, subject to additions and deduction according to the terms of the specifications.

- B. The proposed contract price is:

**Voluntary Group Vision Plan**

Proposed Rates:	FY16	FY17	FY18
Single	_____	_____	_____
Family	_____	_____	_____

- C. The undersigned agrees that, if selected as contractor, s/he will within five days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after presentation thereof by the City of Somerville, execute a contract in accordance with the terms of this bid. The undersigned hereby certifies that s/he is able to furnish labor that can work in harmony with all other elements of labor employed or to be employed on the work and that s/he will comply fully with all laws and regulations applicable to awards made subject to M.G.L. Chapter 30B.

The undersigned further certifies under the penalties of perjury that this proposal has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this section the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club or other organization, entity, or group of individuals. The undersigned further certifies under penalty of perjury that the said undersigned is not presently debarred from public contracting or subcontracting in the

Commonwealth under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 29, Section 29F or any other applicable debarment provisions of any other chapter of the General Laws or any rule or regulation promulgated thereunder.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Bidder)

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name and Title of Signatory)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Business Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State Zip)

**NOTE:** If the bidder is a corporation, indicate state of incorporation under signature, and affix corporate seal; if a partnership, give full names and residential addresses of all partners; if an individual, give residential address if different from business address; and, if operating as a d/b/a give full legal identity. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Form: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contract Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Certificate of Authority  
(Corporations Only)**

**Instructions:** Complete this form and sign and date where indicated below.

1. I hereby certify that I, the undersigned, am the duly elected Clerk/Secretary of

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Insert Full Name of Corporation)

2. I hereby certify that the following individual \_\_\_\_\_  
(Insert the Name of Officer who Signed the Contract and Bonds)

is the duly elected \_\_\_\_\_ of said Corporation.  
(Insert the Title of the Officer in Line 2)

3. I hereby certify that on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Insert Date: Must be *on or before* Date Officer Signed Contract/Bonds)

at a duly authorized meeting of the Board of Directors of said corporation, at which a quorum was present, it was voted that

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Insert Name of Officer from Line 2) (Insert Title of Officer from Line 2)

of this corporation be and hereby is authorized to make, enter into, execute, and deliver contracts and bonds in the name and on behalf of said corporation, and affix its Corporate Seal thereto, and such execution of any contract of obligation in this corporation's name and on its behalf, with or without the Corporate Seal, shall be valid and binding upon this corporation; and that the above vote has not been amended or rescinded and remains in full force and effect as of the date set forth below.

4. **ATTEST:**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Clerk or Secretary)

**AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL HERE**

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date Must Be *on or after* Date Officer Signed Contract/Bonds)

Form: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contract Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Certificate of Authority  
(Limited Liability Companies Only)**

**Instructions:** Complete this form and sign and date where indicated below.

1. I, the undersigned, being a member or manager of

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Complete Name of Limited Liability Company)

a limited liability company (LLC) hereby certify as to the contents of this form for the purpose of contracting with the City of Somerville.

2. The LLC is organized under the laws of the state of: \_\_\_\_\_.

3. The LLC is managed by (check one) a ☐ Manager or by its ☐ Members.

4. I hereby certify that each of the following individual(s) is:

- a member/manager of the LLC;
- duly authorized to execute and deliver this contract, agreement, and/or other legally binding documents relating to any contract and/or agreement on behalf of the LLC;
- duly authorized to do and perform all acts and things necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of this contract or agreement on behalf of the LLC; and
- that no resolution, vote, or other document or action is necessary to establish such authority.

Name	Title

5. **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Form: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contract Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SOMERVILLE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE CERTIFICATION FORM**  
**CITY OF SOMERVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 2-397 et seq.**

**Instructions:** This form shall be included in all Invitations for Bids and Requests for Proposals which involve the furnishing of labor, time or effort (with no end product other than reports) by vendors contracting or subcontracting with the City of Somerville, where the contract price meets or exceeds the following dollar threshold: \$10,000. If the undersigned is selected, this form will be attached to the contract or subcontract and the certifications made herein shall be incorporated as part of such contract or subcontract. **Complete this form and sign and date where indicated below on page 2.**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this form is to ensure that such vendors pay a "Living Wage" (defined below) to all covered employees (i.e., all employees except individuals in a city, state or federally funded youth program). In the case of bids, the City will award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder paying a Living Wage. In the case of RFP's, the City will select the most advantageous proposal from a responsive and responsible offeror paying a Living Wage. In neither case, however, shall the City be under any obligation to select a bid or proposal that exceeds the funds available for the contract.

**Definition of "Living Wage":** For this contract or subcontract, as of 7/1/2014 "Living Wage" shall be deemed to be an hourly wage of no less than **\$12.05** per hour. From time to time, the Living Wage may be upwardly adjusted and amendments, if any, to the contract or subcontract may require the payment of a higher hourly rate if a higher rate is then in effect.

**CERTIFICATIONS**

1. The undersigned shall pay no less than the Living Wage to all covered employees who directly expend their time on the contract or subcontract with the City of Somerville.
2. The undersigned shall post a notice, (copy enclosed), to be furnished by the contracting City Department, informing covered employees of the protections and obligations provided for in the Somerville Living Wage Ordinance, and that for assistance and information, including copies of the Ordinance, employees should contact the contracting City Department. Such notice shall be posted in each location where services are performed by covered employees, in a conspicuous place where notices to employees are customarily posted.
3. The undersigned shall maintain payrolls for all covered employees and basic records relating hereto and shall preserve them for a period of three years. The records shall contain the name and address of each employee, the number of hours worked, the gross wages, a copy of the social

\* Copies of the Ordinance are available upon request to the Purchasing Department.

Form: \_\_\_\_\_

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security returns, and evidence of payment thereof and such other data as may be required by the contracting City Department from time to time.

4. The undersigned shall submit payroll records to the City upon request and, if the City receives information of possible noncompliance with the provisions the Somerville Living Wage Ordinance, the undersigned shall permit City representatives to observe work being performed at the work site, to interview employees, and to examine the books and records relating to the payrolls being investigated to determine payment of wages.

5. The undersigned shall not fund wage increases required by the Somerville Living Wage Ordinance by reducing the health insurance benefits of any of its employees.

6. The undersigned agrees that the penalties and relief set forth in the Somerville Living Wage Ordinance shall be in addition to the rights and remedies set forth in the contract and/or subcontract.

**CERTIFIED BY:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Duly Authorized Representative of Vendor)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Vendor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Form: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contract Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**INSTRUCTIONS: PLEASE POST**

**NOTICE TO ALL EMPLOYEES  
REGARDING PAYMENT OF LIVING WAGE**

Under the Somerville, Massachusetts' Living Wage Ordinance (Ordinance No. 1999-1), any person or entity who has entered into a contract with the City of Somerville is required to pay its employees who are involved in providing services to the City of Somerville no less than a "Living Wage".

The Living Wage as of 7/1/2014 is **\$12.05** per hour. The only employees who are not covered by the Living Wage Ordinance are individuals in a Youth Program. "Youth Program" as defined in the Ordinance, "means any city, state or federally funded program which employs youth, as defined by city, state or federal guidelines, during the summer, or as part of a school to work program, or in any other related seasonal or part-time program."

For assistance and information regarding the protections and obligations provided for in the Living Wage Ordinance and/or a copy of the Living Wage Ordinance, all employees should contact the City of Somerville's Purchasing Department directly.



# CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

**IMPORTANT:** If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER	CONTACT NAME:	
	PHONE (A/C, No, Ext):	FAX (A/C, No):
	E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE	NAIC #
INSURED	INSURER A:	
	INSURER B:	
	INSURER C:	
	INSURER D:	
	INSURER E:	
	INSURER F:	

**COVERAGES****CERTIFICATE NUMBER:****REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL SUBR INSR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
	<b>GENERAL LIABILITY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR  GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: <input type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC					EACH OCCURRENCE \$ DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ MED EXP (Any one person) \$ PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ \$
	<b>AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS					COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$ \$
	<b>UMBRELLA LIAB</b> <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <b>EXCESS LIAB</b> <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE DED RETENTION \$					EACH OCCURRENCE \$ AGGREGATE \$ \$
	<b>WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY</b> ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) <input type="checkbox"/> Y/N If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	N/A				WC STATUTORY LIMITS <input type="checkbox"/> OTH-ER <input type="checkbox"/> E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (Attach ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, if more space is required)

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT, SOLICITATION NUMBER AND THAT THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE IS A CERTIFICATE HOLDER AND ADDITIONAL INSURED

**CERTIFICATE HOLDER**

CERTIFICATES SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO:

CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
93 HIGHLAND AVE  
SOMERVILLE, MA 02143

**CANCELLATION**

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

## INSURANCE SPECIFICATIONS

### INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARDED VENDOR ONLY:

Prior to commencing performance of any work or supplying materials or equipment covered by these specifications, the contractor shall furnish to the Office of the Purchasing Director a Certificate of Insurance evidencing the following:

#### A. GENERAL LIABILITY - Comprehensive Form

Bodily Injury Liability.....\$ 500,000.00

Property Damage Liability.....\$ 500,000.00

#### B. COVERAGE FOR PAYMENT OF WORKER'S COMPENSATION BENEFIT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 152 OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS IN THE AMOUNT AS LISTED BELOW:

WORKER'S COMPENSATION.....\$ Statutory

EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY.....\$ Statutory

#### C. AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE AS LISTED BELOW:

BODILY INJURY LIABILITY.....\$ STATUTORY

1. A contract will not be executed unless a certificate (s) of insurance evidencing above-described coverage is attached.
2. Failure to have the above-described coverage in effect during the entire period of the contract shall be deemed to be a breach of the contract.
3. All applicable insurance policies shall read:  
"CITY OF SOMERVILLE" as a certificate holder and as an additional insured for general liability only along with a description of operation in the space provided on the certificate.
4. Please comply with our requirement of a **thirty (30) day** notice of cancellation and note on certificate.

#### Certificate Should Be Made Out To:

City Of Somerville  
Purchasing Department  
93 Highland Avenue  
Somerville, Ma. 02143

**Note: If your insurance expires during the life of this contract, you shall be responsible to submit a new certificate(s) covering the period of the contract. No payment will be made on a contract with an expired insurance certificate.**

Form: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contract Number: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF SOMERVILLE

Rev. 08/01/12



**Non-Collusion Form and Tax Compliance Certification**

**Instructions:** Complete each part of this two-part form and sign and date where indicated below.

**A. NON-COLLUSION FORM**

I, the undersigned, hereby certify under penalties of perjury that this bid or proposal has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person.

As used in this certification, the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club, or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Individual Submitted Bid or Proposal)  
Duly Authorized

Name of Business or Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION**

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 62C, §49A, I certify under the penalties of perjury that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, I am in compliance with all laws of the Commonwealth relating to taxes, reporting of employees and contractors, and withholding and remitting child support, as well as paid all contributions and payments in lieu of contributions pursuant to MGL 151A, §19A(b).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Duly Authorized Representative of Vendor)

Name of Business or Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number or Federal Tax ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
SIGNATURE FORM

NAME OF COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX #: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CONTRACTING OFFICIAL:

\_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

IF COMPANY IS A PARTNERSHIP:

FULL NAME AND RESIDENCE OF EACH PARTNER:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

IF COMPANY IS A CORPORATION:

THE CORPORATE NAME IS: \_\_\_\_\_

THE CORPORATION IS ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF: \_\_\_\_\_

THE PRESIDENT IS: \_\_\_\_\_

THE TREASURER IS: \_\_\_\_\_

THE CLERK/SECRETARY IS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF CORPORATION THAT WILL APPEAR ON A POTENTIAL CONTRACTUAL

AGREEMENT IF DIFFERS FROM ABOVE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SIGNING OF A

POTENTIAL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT IF DIFFERS FROM ABOVE:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF CLERK/SECRETARY WHO WILL ALSO BE SIGNING FOR A POTENTIAL

CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT IF DIFFERS FROM ABOVE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

TO: Vendor

FROM: Purchasing Department

RE: **CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING**

The **Awarded Vendor** must comply with our request for a **CURRENT** "Certificate of Good Standing".

If you require information on how to obtain the "Certificate of Good Standing" or Certificate of Registration (Foreign Corporations) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, please call the Secretary of State's Office at (617) 727-2850 (Press #1) located at One (1) Ashburton Place, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02133 or you may access their web site at: [www.sec.state.ma.us/corp/certificates/certificate\\_request.asp](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/corp/certificates/certificate_request.asp)

If your company is incorporated outside of Massachusetts and therefore is a "foreign corporation", but is registered to do business in Massachusetts, please comply with our request for the Certificate of Registration from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. If your company is a foreign corporation, but is not registered to do business in Massachusetts, please provide the Certificate of Good Standing from your state of incorporation.

Please note that without the above certificate (s), the City of Somerville cannot execute your contract.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Requests for Certificates of Good Standing by mail may take a substantial amount of time. A certificate may be obtained immediately in person at the Secretary's Office at the address above. Also, at this time, the Secretary of State's Office may not have your current annual report recorded. If this is the case, and you are therefore unable to obtain the Certificate of Good Standing, please forward a copy of your annual report filing fee check with your signed contracts. Please forward your original Certificate of Good Standing to the Purchasing Department upon receipt.

Thank You,

Purchasing Director

## Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the  
requester. Do not  
send to the IRS.

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.	Name (as shown on your income tax return)	
	Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	Check appropriate box for federal tax classification: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt payee	
	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Requester's name and address (optional)
	City, state, and ZIP code	
List account number(s) here (optional)		

### Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on the "Name" line to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

**Note.** If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number								

Employer identification number								

### Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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### General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

#### Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

**Note.** If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

**Definition of a U.S. person.** For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

**Special rules for partnerships.** Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.



## CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

JOSEPH A. CURTATONE  
MAYOR

### Vendor Certification

The vendor certifies that it has provided the City of Somerville with an accurate tax identification number (TIN). In the event that the City is fined by the IRS for an incorrect TIN provided by the vendor, the vendor agrees to reimburse the City for the amount of the fine.

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TIN

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Signature

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Printed Name of Person signing

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Company

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Date



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