



**CITY OF VISALIA
REQUEST FOR BID (“RFB”)**

RFB NO. 24-25-41

**ANNUAL CONTRACT
BACKFLOW TESTING, REPAIRS, AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES
AT VARIOUS CITY OWNED LOCATIONS**

BIDS DUE NO LATER THAN 2:00 PM PST ON Thursday, December 11, 2025

The City of Visalia expressly reserves the right to modify, or withdraw from, the process initiated and described herein. No rights shall be vested in any party, individual or entity by virtue of its preparation to participate in, or its participation in, such process. The City expressly reserves the right to modify, for any reason, the schedule and any provision contained herein. The City reserves to itself the selection of winning respondent(s), if any, in the exercise of its sole discretion. No binding commitment shall arise on the part of the City to any respondent under this Request for Bid until and unless the parties sign documents of agreement that become effective in accordance with their terms. Responses to this RFB, however, shall be held firm by Respondent for at least ninety (90) days.

PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT: This is a Public Works Maintenance Contract, therefore it is subject to registration with the Department of Industrial Relations, payment of prevailing wages, submission of certified payroll records to the Labor Commissioner and other requirements listed in the City of Visalia Labor Compliance Manual (attached). **All Bidders, Contractors and Subcontractors must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations.**

Advertisement Dates: 10/31/2025
11/05/2025

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I. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of RFB NO. **24-25-41** the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

1. "City" means the City of Visalia
2. "City Council" means the Council of the City of Visalia
3. "Bidder", "Vendor", "Supplier", "Consultant", "Contractor" and "Subrecipient" are used interchangeably throughout this invitation to mean the person, firm, or corporation or other entity submitting a Bid in response to the Request for Bid.
4. "Bid" and "Proposal" are used interchangeably to mean an individual's or entity's offer in response to this Request for Bid.
5. "RFB" means Request for Bid No. **24-25-41**

II. INTRODUCTION

The City of Visalia Purchasing Division is soliciting Bids for an annual contract for Backflow Testing, Repairs, and Maintenance Services at Various City Owned Locations. The successful bidder shall be responsible for providing all services necessary to fulfill the requirements of this Invitation to Bid upon receipt of the City's Notice to Proceed.

The initial contract term shall be for a twelve (12) month period and shall, at the City's option and with the consent of the CONTRACTOR, be extended annually thereafter for four (4) consecutive one-year periods." Bids are being sought from contractors who have a proven record of experience in providing the services required by this Invitation to Bid.

Under the requirements of Labor Code section 1782 passed by SB7 and in compliance with City of Visalia Ordinance 2014-13, this public works project is subject to State prevailing wages as specified in the specifications. See Section III for additional Department of Industrial Relations Requirements which apply to this project.

The City hereby affirmatively ensures that Minority Business Enterprises and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this notice. Individuals and/or entities submitting bids/proposals to the City of Visalia will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, or military and veteran status in any consideration leading to the award of contract.

No qualified disabled person shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participating in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity leading to the award of a contract.

This Request for Bids is being issued by the City of Visalia Purchasing Division. Unless otherwise directed, all communications regarding this RFB should be directed to the Purchasing Division at (559) 713-4334. To prevent misinterpretations, the Purchasing Division prefers that all questions be sent by e-mail to purchasing@visalia.gov.

Any revisions to the Invitation to Bid will be issued and distributed as addenda. Bidders are specifically directed not to contact any other City personnel for meetings, conferences, or technical discussions related to this Invitation to Bid. Failure to adhere to this policy may be grounds for rejection of Bids.

The City of Visalia reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

III. DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS REQUIREMENTS

A. Public Works Contractor Registration Program and Project Labor Agreements

Notice is hereby given that this contract is considered a public works contract and therefore, subject to DIR monitoring. All contractors and subcontractors bidding and performing work on Public Works Projects must be currently registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR). Awarded Contractor is required to furnish electronic payroll records for new projects to the Labor Commissioner.

No contract will be awarded unless that contractor and/or subcontractors are registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR). Bids by unregistered contractors submitted after March 1, 2015 may be rejected as non-responsive.

A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in this chapter, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5. It is not a violation of this section for an unregistered contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is awarded.

If a project labor agreement (the term "project labor agreement" is defined in Public Contract Code 2500(b)(1) as a prehire collective bargaining agreement that establishes terms and conditions of employment for a specific construction project or projects and is an agreement described in Section 158(f) of Title 29 of the United States Code) is used, then it must comply with the taxpayer protection provisions set forth in Public Contract Code section 2500(a). City of Visalia has no ordinances requiring or prohibiting such agreements.

The following statements and requirements are to be included in all City of Visalia public work contracts that require the payment of prevailing wages in accordance with California Labor Code (CLC). This RFB document becomes a part of the public works contract for this project and therefore, the CLC contract language requirements are incorporated into the contract.

- ☐ As set forth in CLC section 1771.1(a), all contractors and subcontractors must be currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to CLC section 1725.5 to be qualified to bid, be listed in a bid proposal, or perform any public work for the City of Visalia. Proof of registration for each contractor and subcontractor listed on the bid is required.
- ☐ As set forth in CLC section 1771.4 (a)(1), notice is given that this project is a public work, subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.
- ☐ As set forth in CLC section 1771.4(a)(2), the prime contractor is required by the City of Visalia to post job site notices, as prescribed by regulation. Information on required workplace postings may be found on the Department of Labor website at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/wpnodeb.html>.
- ☐ The contractor and each subcontractor shall maintain all project records required under CLC for public works projects and preserve them for a minimum 3-year period to begin on the date a Notice of Completion is filed for the project. Please refer to the retention period required for any grant or specialized project funding. Some funding sources require an extended time period for records retention.

- ❑ In accordance with CLC section 1773.2, the contractor is required, by the City of Visalia, to post a copy of the determination of the Director of Labor Standards prevailing rate of per diem wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the contract at each job site.
- ❑ In accordance with labor code section 1776 and its enforcement (1771.4(a)(3)), for initial contracts awarded on or after April 1, 2015 each project contractor and subcontractor shall;
 - Maintain and furnish directly to the Labor Commissioner, bi-weekly, a certified copy of each weekly payroll as specified in section 1776 containing a statement of compliance with labor code sections 1771, 1811 and 1815, signed under penalty of perjury.
 - Make available or provide a certified copy of these payroll records and their supporting documentation within 10 days to all authorized parties upon written request and be subject to penalties for non-compliance as detailed in labor code section 1776.
 - Inform the City of Visalia of the location of the payroll records kept in compliance with labor code section 1776(g) and notify the City of Visalia within 5 working days of any change in their location.
- ❑ The City of Visalia will comply with any prevailing wage monitoring and enforcement activities required by the labor compliance programs of the Department of Industrial Relations including the withholding of contract payments in the amount of any underpayment of prevailing wage and applicable penalties as directed by the Department of Labor Standards Enforcement in accordance with CLC section 1727(a). Any amount withheld will be released as directed by the Labor Commissioner upon receipt of a certified copy of a final order no longer subject to judicial review in accordance with CLC section 1742(f).
- ❑ As set forth in labor code section 1775(b), the following subcontractor provisions shall be included in any contract executed between the contractor and a subcontractor for performance of work on this public work project:
 - As set forth in CLC section 1775(b)(1), any contract executed between a contractor and a subcontractor for the performance of work on a City of Visalia public works project shall include a copy of the provisions of Labor Code sections 1771, 1776, 1777.5, 1813, and 1815. ***These labor code sections must be included within or as attachments to the contract.***
 - As set forth in CLC section 1776, the subcontractor shall maintain and furnish directly to the Labor Commissioner, bi-weekly, a certified copy of each weekly payroll as specified in section 1776 containing a statement of compliance with labor code sections 1771, 1776, 1811 and 1815, signed under penalty of perjury.
 - As set forth in CLC section 1775(b)(2), the contractor shall monitor the payment of the specified general prevailing rate of per diem wages by the subcontractor to the employees, by periodic review of the certified payroll records of the subcontractor.
 - As set forth in CLC section 1775(b)(3), upon becoming aware of the failure of the subcontractor to pay his or her workers the specified prevailing rate of wages, the contractor shall diligently take corrective action to halt or rectify the failure, including, but not limited to, retaining sufficient funds due the subcontractor for work performed on the public works project.

- As set forth in CLC section 1775(b)(4), prior to making final payment to the subcontractor for work performed on the public works project, the contractor shall obtain an affidavit signed under penalty of perjury from the subcontractor that the subcontractor has paid the specified general prevailing rate of per diem wages to his or her employees on the public works project and any amounts due pursuant to Section 1813. Prior to the release of retention to the contractor, the COV will require a copy of the affidavit(s) completed by each listed subcontractor.
- ❑ In accordance with CLC section 1777.5(e), prior to commencing work on a contract for public work; every contractor shall submit contract award information to an applicable apprenticeship program that can supply apprentices to the site of the public work.
- ❑ Only apprentices, as defined in CLC section 3077, in training under apprenticeship standards approved by the Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DAP) and party to written apprentice agreements under CLC section 3070-3098 may be employed at the apprentice wage rate on public works.
- ❑ Unless exempted under CLC section 1777.5(j), a contractor working on a public works contract of \$30,000 or more shall employ the number of apprentices or the ratio of apprentices to journeymen stipulated in the applicable apprenticeship standards (CLC 1777.5(n)). In no event shall the ratio be less than one hour of apprentice work for every five hours of journeyman work.
- ❑ The prime contractor is responsible for compliance with the requirements of CLC section 1777.5 for all apprenticeable occupations employed on the contract. As stated in 1777.5 (o), the apprenticeship requirement does not apply to contracts of general contractors or to contracts of specialty contractors not bidding for work through a general or prime contractor when the contract is less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000).
- ❑ As stated in section 1777.7(e), the prime contractor will not be liable for any penalties assessed for violations of section 1777.5 if they have complied with the following requirements:
 - The contract executed between the contractor and the subcontractor for the performance of work on the public works project shall include a copy of the provisions of section 1771, 1775, 1776, 1777.5, 1813 and 1815. ***These labor code sections must be included within or as attachments to the contract.***
 - The contractor shall continually monitor a subcontractors use of apprentices required to be employed on the public works project pursuant to subdivision (d) of section 1777.5, including, but not limited to, periodic review of the certified payroll of the subcontractor.
 - Upon becoming aware of a failure of the subcontractor to employ the required number of apprentices, the contractor shall take corrective action, including , but not limited to, retaining funds due to the subcontractor for work performed on the public works project until the failure is corrected.
 - Prior to making a final payment to the subcontractor for work performed on the public works project, the contractor shall obtain a declaration signed under penalty of perjury from the subcontractor that the subcontractor has employed the required number of apprentices on the public works project.
- ❑ The prime contractor is required to provide a signed affidavit declaring their compliance with California Labor Code sections 1771 (prevailing wage) and 1777.5 (apprenticeship) for all workers employed on the contract before final payment will be made on the contract by the City of Visalia.

Contract inclusion and/or attachments: The following item is required to be included either in the body of, as attachments to, or addendums of all public work contracts:

- ❑ As set forth in CLC section 1773, the City of Visalia shall obtain the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work in the locality in which the public work is to be performed for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the contract from the Director of Industrial Relations. This will include the apprenticeship prevailing wage for all apprenticeable trades. In accordance with labor code section 1773.2, this information is to be included in the contract itself.

10 days before the closing date of the bid, the project manager will review the prevailing wage rates included in any requests for bid proposals for updates and issue an addendum to notify interested bidders of any changes. General prevailing wage determinations made by the director of industrial relations for journeyman and apprentices may be found at:

<http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/PWD/index.htm> and
<http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/PWAppWage/PWAppWageStart.asp>

IV. INSTRUCTIONS

1. Fill out attached Bid Form (Exhibit “A”) in ink or typewriting completely.
2. Cross out and initial mistakes in ink and place the correct response next to same.
3. Timely submit Bid in a sealed envelope addressed and marked as follows:

To: City of Visalia Purchasing Division
707 W. Acequia Avenue
Visalia, California 93291

From: Bidders Name & Mailing Address

Marked: RFB NO. 24-25-41 Backflow Testing, Repairs, and Maintenance Services
Deadline: Thursday, December 11, 2025 @ 2:00 PM PST

Delivery of Bid: When sending a bid via Fed Ex, UPS, etc., it is the responsibility of the Bidder to ensure that Bid is received during open office hours. Office Hours are 7:30am – 5:00pm Monday through Thursday. We are closed on Fridays and major holidays. Bids are not delivered or received when office is closed.

The City utilizes an outside service for delivery and sorting incoming mail, and therefore, mailing a bid via U.S. Mail is not recommended as there could be a delay in receiving bids by the deadline. Bids must be received prior to the deadline. The City will not accept a postmark as evidence of delivery.

Night Drop Box: If delivering a bid after hours, a Night Drop Box is located at Visalia City Hall, 707 W. Acequia Avenue, Visalia, CA 93291. Enter the west parking lot of the building off of Stevenson Street. The Drop Box is labeled “Night Drop” and is located on the building across from the bicycle racks. The Night Drop Box should only be utilized if City Offices are Closed. The Night Drop Box is checked prior to the bid deadline.



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4. Submit each of the required Certifications, Affidavits, Statements and Questionnaires as well as optional waiver(s) to City with the sealed Bid. City will not consider Bids which are not accompanied by the required completed forms.
5. Submit copies of Backflow Assembly Tester Certificates for any personnel employed by the Contractor or Subcontractor who will be performing tasks under this contract.
6. Inquiries: Instructions to Vendor, Specifications and Bid Forms may be inspected and obtained by visiting our web site at visaliapurchasing.org or by calling (559) 713-4334. However, to prevent misinterpretations, the Purchasing Division would prefer that all questions be sent by email to purchasing@visalia.gov.

Questions regarding this RFB are due no later than Wednesday, November 26, 2025 at 4:00PM

V. SCOPE OF SERVICES/PROJECT

Contractor shall provide all labor, materials and services to test, repair, overhaul or maintain backflow prevention assemblies. Currently there are approximately 785 backflow device locations to be maintained under this contract. Additional locations will be added to this contract as needed by the City.

A. WORK ASSIGNMENTS

1. Testing and Certification of all the backflow preventers per the appropriate standard as referenced in this RFB and conforming to all regulations of the State of California, Cal Water Service, OSHA and Health and Safety Codes.
2. Prior to conducting any tests, the contractor must specify the type of test performed and should provide a report for the same. The Contractor shall only perform tests that are essential for certification purposes.
3. If a backflow preventer system fails during the preliminary tests due to sedimentation and deposits on the backflow preventer, then the system should be cleaned. This operation should be carried out only if necessary for the backflow preventer to pass the certification tests. The contractor will not be paid for any unnecessary cleaning that is not necessary to make the preventer pass the test. The contractor must include comments in the report indicating the reason a cleaning operation is necessary for the Backflow Preventer to pass functional requirements.
4. If the backflow preventer does not pass the test after a cleaning operation and the contractor determines the repairs are minor in nature (cleaning dirt, o-ring or gasket replacement, etc.) then the contractor does not have to submit appropriate justification in a report to make the repair. The repair can be made in the field and this type of minor repair shall be considered as included in Contractor's bid price. Should repairs be major in nature (backflow change), then the contractor shall submit appropriate justification in a report to the Project Manager. If there is any question as to the determination of the repair, whether minor or major in nature, the contractor shall contact the Project Manager by telephone to obtain direction as to the step(s) to take to proceed. All major repairs are performed at the Contractor's hourly rate price (on bid sheet) and must be authorized in advance by the City.
5. The tester will be responsible for making reports on repairs to the City of Visalia Project Manager and Cal Water Service Company. Reports shall be completed using the forms and

methods approved and provided by the water purveyor and/or health agency having jurisdiction (Cal Water Service).

6. Contractor shall be responsible for insuring that all work performed under this contract conform to, and comply with, all applicable fire and safety regulations as issued by, but not limited to, the Cal Water Service Company, the Federal Government, the State of California, and the City of Visalia.
7. Contractor **MUST** respond to **emergency** backflow repair calls within two (2) hours of notification from the Project Manager or contact person. Contractor shall provide a 24-hour emergency contact number.
8. Contractor **MUST** submit required backflow repairs to the project manager with an itemized cost estimate for approval prior to making any repairs.
9. If the contractor is either unable to or cannot make repairs when requested, the City reserves the right to contact other companies to make the repairs.
10. All backflows that require replacement must be replaced with Febco or Wilkins Backflows, or a City approved equal.
11. Contractor must have City's approval to replace a complete backflow.
12. Contractor must have City approval to replace backflow shut-off valves.

B. COMMUNICATION AND SERVICE CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Contractor shall acknowledge all communications from the City, including emails and phone calls, within 1 business day of receipt. Acknowledgment must include an expected response timeline. For emergency repair calls, Contractor must respond within two (2) hours of notification, as outlined in Section A.7. Contractor shall maintain a 24-hour emergency contact number and ensure that emergency communications are prioritized and responded to promptly.
2. Contractor shall provide written confirmation of services performed under this contract. Confirmation shall include the date of service, location, technician name, and a brief description of the work completed.

Due to the volume of locations, Contractor may submit confirmations in batch format on a weekly basis, unless otherwise requested by the Project Manager. All confirmations shall be submitted electronically to the Project Manager.

3. Contractor shall ensure that all personnel performing work under this contract always conduct themselves in a professional manner. Repeated complaints regarding unprofessional behavior will be documented and may result in corrective action.

C. DEVIATION FROM SCOPE OF WORK

1. No deviations shall be made from this contract. Should the Contractor find any time during the progress of the work, that in his judgment conditions make desirable or necessary modifications in the requirements covering any particular item or items, he shall report such matters promptly to the Project Manager for instructions.

2. Please refer to Exhibit "D-1" of this RFB for a list of Backflow Locations. Additional backflow locations may be added during the term of this contract.
3. Contractor is to obtain authorization from the Project Manager prior to making any major repairs to the device.

D. CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

1. Contractor must be named on California Water Services' list of approved Backflow Preventer Testers.
2. Any personnel employed by the Contractor who will be performing tasks under this contract must be certified backflow preventer assembly testers. Contractor shall submit to the City a copy of the Backflow Assembly Tester Certificates for all personnel who will be performing tasks under this contract. Certificates must be submitted at time of bid. If Contractor hires new staff or replaces staff involved with performing work under this project, Contractor must submit a copy of the new staff person's Backflow Assembly Tester Certificate prior to having the new person perform service under the contract.
3. Where indicated on the Bid Form, The Contractor shall furnish three references for performing work (similar in size and scope to the requirements of this contract) in the California Water Service jurisdiction. References to include name of entity for which work was being done, date, contact information and scope of work.
4. Contractor must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations and maintain valid registration annually for the life of the contract.
5. Contractor must be duly licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the State of California Business and Professions Code to perform all aspects of work required under this contract. A current Class C-36, Plumbing license is required. See Section III for additional Department of Industrial Relations Requirements which apply to this project
6. Use of Subcontractors: Your proposal may include subcontractors, and you should clearly delineate the responsibilities of each of those participants within your proposal. However, the City will recognize the party legally signing the Bid Proposal as prime contractor and contacting party, who, as such, will assume ultimate responsibility for ensuring compliance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the Invitation to Bid.

Any Contractor utilizing a subcontractor is required to supply the City with copies of the Subcontractor's Backflow Preventer Assembly Tester Certifications at time of bid submittal. The subcontractor must also be registered and maintain registration with the Department of Industrial Relations.

E. SAFETY

1. The Contractor is responsible for compliance with all OSHA and other applicable safety regulations.
2. The Contractor shall take precautions to prevent citizens and others from coming in contact with the work being carried that may be hazardous to the safety of those individuals.
3. The Contractor must ensure that during all testing and inspection processes that damage does not occur to any equipment in and around the facility.

F. BID REQUIREMENTS

1. Submit costs for the testing and reports of Pressure Vacuum Breaker Backflows and Reduced Pressure Backflows allowing for the consideration of the City of Visalia supplying the replacement parts.
2. Contractor shall be reimbursed for parts and materials required for repairs or replacement. Contractor is to submit receipts for any authorized parts and materials purchased and itemize those on his monthly invoice. Invoices and receipts should clearly indicate the location and serial number for which the parts were purchased.

G. BACKFLOW LOCATIONS (See Attachment D-1)

The List of Current Locations are provided as an attachment to this RFB (Exhibit D-1). Additional backflow locations may be added during the term of this contract.

H. TIME OF COMPLETION

In February of each year, City of Visalia receives the testing notifications from Cal Water Service. The City will then notify the Awarded Contractor of the units to be tested and provide Contractor with the appropriate compliance forms. Cal Water requires that the City's units be tested and compliant **prior to June 16 of each year.**

Therefore, a Time of Completion Date has been established as follows: **The Contractor will be allowed FOUR (4) MONTHS from the date City provides Contractor with testing forms to complete testing and required maintenance of the units. An additional ten (10) business days will be allowed to complete testing on any additional backflow locations added during the term of the contract.**

I. MONTHLY PROJECT MEETINGS

In an effort to ensure that the City is in compliance with the requirements of California Water Service and that the Contractor is making progress with the testing and maintenance of the units it will be a requirement that the Contractor meet with the City's Project Manager on a monthly basis during the testing period (Mar. – June).

These meetings shall be held sometime during the first week of each month and shall be arranged by the Awarded Contractor, who will telephone the City Project Manager at 559-713-4295 to schedule the time/date and location for each meeting.

Meetings may be held in a City building or office if necessary. At these meetings, the Contractor shall provide the Project Manager with a status report on the number of notifications received from Cal Water and the number of units that have been tested to that point.

VI. PRE-BID AND CONTRACT MEETINGS

1. A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting. An informational pre-bid meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 18, 2025**, beginning at **10:00 AM** (PST) at the Visalia City Hall, 707 W. Acequia, Visalia, CA. Attendance at this meeting is not required to submit a Bid in response to this RFB. Information regarding the project will be provided at that time. It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to have acquired full knowledge of the job site, scope of work and any problems or difficulties that may affect the work proposed.

2. Post Award Meeting. Subsequent to the award of contract, the Contractor shall meet with the Project Manager prior to the start of work to discuss any problems or questions that may arise. Contractor shall contact the Project Manager within ten (10) days of the date of the Notice to Proceed to arrange this meeting.

City Project Manager: Zach Huff
Department: Parks and Facilities

VII. BID OPENING AND CONFIDENTIALITY

1. Bid Opening. Bids shall be opened publicly in the presence of attendees, if any, on **Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 2:00 PM** at 707 W Acequia, Visalia CA, City Hall. The name of each Bidder and the amount of each Bid shall be open to public inspection at the Bid opening and after an award decision has been made. Other Bid information will not be available for public review during the evaluation phase.
2. Bid Confidentiality. The City favors full and open disclosure of all Bid records. The City will not expend public funds defending claims for access to, inspection of, or to be provided copies of any such records. By submitting a Bid, a Bidder agrees to indemnify and defend the City against all claims or actions brought against it to seek access to, or compel disclosure of, any records or documents in the City's possession.

After the award, the City intends that its selection process will be open and public. Respondents are advised that the California Public Records Act ("PRA") provides that any person may inspect or be provided a copy of any identifiable public record or document that is not exempted from disclosure by the express provisions of the Act. The Federal Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") contains a similar provision. Each Bidder shall clearly identify any information within its Bid that it intends to ask the City to withhold as exempt under either the PRA or FOIA. Any information contained in a Bidder's submission which the Bidder believe qualifies for exemption from public disclosure as "Proprietary" or "Confidential" must be identified as such at the time of first submission of Bidder's Bid to this RFB. Any failure to identify information contained in a Bidder's Bid to this RFB as "Proprietary" or "Confidential" shall constitute a waiver of Bidder's right to object to the release of such information upon request under either Act.

VIII. AWARD

1. Most Responsive, Responsible Bidder. A Contract (substantially similar to that attached hereto as Exhibit "C" with Attachments 1-2) shall be awarded with reasonable promptness by appropriate written notice. Award shall be made to the most responsive, responsible Bidder whose Proposal meets the requirements and criteria set forth in this RFB, price and other factors considered, and whose Bid is determined to result in the optimum economic advantage to the City. A responsible Bidder is one who has the capability, financial capacity and integrity to perform the contract. A responsive Bidder is one who commits to all of the material terms, for example, price, quantity, quality and delivery, of this RFB. Contractor must return a signed copy of the contract provided by the City with its Award Notice to City within ten (10) working days of receipt thereof.
2. Reservation of Rights. The City reserves the right to reject any item or items in the Bid; to waive informalities, technical defects, and minor irregularities in Bids received; and to select the Bid(s) deemed most advantageous to the City.

IX. PROTESTS/APPEALS

Because it is essential that Bidders have confidence in the procurement procedures for soliciting and awarding contracts, it is the policy of the City to offer Bidders the opportunity to appeal award of contracts. The following procedures shall apply in regard to appeals:

1. Any actual Bidder who is aggrieved in connection with this RFB or award of a contract hereunder may protest to the City of Visalia Purchasing Division in writing within five (5) working days after such aggrieved Bidder knows, should have reasonably known, or could reasonably be expected to know of the facts giving rise thereto; and
2. Should identify only the areas regarding bid contradictions, procurement errors, quotation rating discrepancies, legality of procurement context, conflict of interest in the rating process and inappropriate or unfair competitive procurement grievance regarding the Bid process.
3. The City's Purchasing Division shall have the authority to settle and resolve each protest. The resolution will be provided to Bidder in writing within five (5) working days of receipt of the appeal unless the Bidder is notified more time is required.
4. Further levels of appeal may be made in accordance with the appeals provision contained in Chapter 5 of the City's "Purchasing and Contract Procedures" which is available through City's Purchasing Division.

X. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. Project Administrative Issues

- a. Complete Project. The successful Bidder shall be responsible for providing all materials, labor, equipment and services necessary to fulfill the requirements of this RFB.
- b. Quantities/Change Orders. The City reserves and shall have the right to make such changes to the work as may be necessary and desirable to complete the work originally intended in an acceptable manner. Unless otherwise specified herein, the Project Manager shall be and is hereby authorized to make such changes, in the work as may increase or decrease the originally awarded contract quantities and/or total contract cost. The Contract Price, or the amount due the Contractor will only be reduced/increased after the price change is reviewed and authorized by the City of Visalia.

Excessive altered work shall be covered by supplemental agreement that is subject to funding agency approval as applicable. If the City and the Contractor are unable to agree on a unit adjustment for any contract item that requires a supplemental agreement, the City reserves the right to terminate the contract with respect to the item and to make other arrangements for its completion.
- c. Omitted Items. Project Manager is authorized to omit minor contract items. Major items must be omitted by supplemental agreement.
- d. Extra Work. Contractor is prohibited from doing extra work, unless authorized in writing by Project Manager before the work is done. Payment for approved Extra Work shall be as agreed to in writing. No additional payment is due for unauthorized Extra Work.

- e. Removal of Obstructions. Contractor shall remove and dispose of all structures, debris or other obstructions of any character required for completion of the project. Any temporarily removed or relocated items shall be replaced.
- f. Clean Up. Prior to acceptance and final payment, Contractor shall clean up the site of work, and any areas occupied by Contractor in connection with the project.

B. City-Contractor Relations

- a. Project Manager's Responsibility and Authority. City will designate a Project Manager. All work shall be done under the general supervision of such Project Manager or his or her designee(s). The Project Manager shall decide issues of quality and acceptability of materials, work performance, rate of progress of work, interpretation of drawings and specifications, and all questions related to fulfillment of the contract for the project. Project Manager shall not have control over acts or omissions of the Contractor, Subcontractors, their agents or employees.
- b. Contractor/Contractor's Superintendent. Contractor shall bear all responsibility for, and have all control over, the construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, procedures and safety precautions or programs related to the project. Contractor may designate a superintendent.
- c. Project Site/Existing Utilities and Structures.
 - (1) Contractor shall take care to avoid, but shall be responsible for, all damage to existing structures, including, but not limited to, sewers, water service, drains and culverts, underground utilities and the like.
 - (2) USA Notification. Contractor shall notify underground service alert ("USA") of times and locations of proposed excavations.
 - i. Contractor shall notify owners of and be responsible for damage to utilities and substructures.
 - ii. If damage occurs to an unknown utility, Contractor shall repair the utility.
 - iii. Contractor shall not make connection to or draw water from any hydrant or pipeline without first obtaining permission to do so.
- d. Signs, Barricades, and Notice. Contractor must provide and maintain proper barricades, fences, signal lights, watchmen, and notice in general to the surrounding public, in accord with local, federal, and state requirements.
- e. Labor
 - (1) Workmanship. Workmanship shall be equal to the best general practice of modern day fabrication shops and good construction practice.
 - (2) Qualification. Contractor shall ensure that each employee who works on this project is qualified to perform their assigned duty in a safe manner.
- f. Control of Materials:
 - (1) Source of Supply and Quality of Materials Guarantee. All materials, parts and equipment supplied by the Contractor shall be new and of a quality equal to that specified. Materials which become unfit for use shall not be used for the project.

- (2) Equivalent Materials. Trade names or manufacturer's catalog information, where used, are a means of indicating kind, type, design, style, finish, durability or quality desired and are not intended to exclude or omit the products of any responsible manufacturer, if such products are equal in every respect to those specified. The burden of proof of compliance with the specifications is the responsibility of Contractor. City shall be the sole judge as to the adequacy of any item for substitution.
- (3) Manufacturer's Directions. Manufactured articles, materials and equipment shall be applied, installed, connected, erected, used, cleaned and conditioned as directed by the manufacturer.
- g. Storage of Materials. Materials shall be stored to ensure the preservation of their quality and fitness for the project.
- h. Materials and Shop Drawing Submittals. If applicable, Contractor shall submit to Project Manager for approval, two (2) copies of the materials list and detailed dimensional shop drawings covering all Contractor-furnished items of equipment. Prior approval by Project Manager is required. Such approval shall not relieve the Contractor from the responsibility of deviation from the Contract unless Contractor has, in writing, called to the attention of the Project Manager such deviations.
- i. Legal Responsibilities. It is the responsibility of Contractor to comply with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations which apply to this project. This includes, but is not limited to, compliance with Uniform Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, Electric, and Fire Codes. Contractor shall provide a safe working environment in compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Act, and California Health and Safety Codes. Additionally, Contractor shall secure all necessary permits, licenses, and similar requirements to carry out the project. Contractor shall comply with all applicable labor laws, and ensure against discrimination.

XI. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. It is the policy of the City to provide equal opportunity to all candidates when selecting Bidders to provide public services. Bidders are expected to be equal opportunity employers.

The City hereby affirmatively ensures that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) will be afforded full opportunity to submit a Bid in response to this notice and will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, gender or religion in any consideration leading to the award of contract.

No qualified disabled person shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participating in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that receives or benefits from Federal financial assistance.

Bidder shall provide to the City a list of all instances within the last ten (10) years where a complaint was filed or pending against Bidder in a legal or administrative proceeding alleging that Bidder discriminated against its employees, subcontractors, vendors or suppliers. A description of the status or resolution of that complaint, including any remedial action taken is required.

2. Post-Closing Date Corrections are prohibited.

3. Bids will not be accepted unless signed in ink (not typed) in the appropriate space(s) by an authorized officer or employee of the Bidder.
4. Bids must be submitted on or before the Closing Date. Any Bids received after the Closing Date shall be returned, unopened, to the Bidder, provided the request number, opening date, and Bidder's return address are on the envelope.
5. Bids may be withdrawn prior to the Bid Closing Date by writing to the Purchasing Division.
6. Telegraphic, telephonic, electronic and facsimile Bids and withdrawal requests will not be accepted.
7. Prices submitted are considered accurate for a period of ninety (90) days and cannot be withdrawn after the Closing Date.
8. All Bids are the property of the City after submission.
9. City is not responsible for Bid errors and omissions.
10. Bids should be prepared in a straightforward, concise manner. Information provided which was not specifically requested will be considered only in City's discretion.
11. A written amendment or addenda issued by City's Purchasing Division is the only method which should be relied on with respect to changes to the RFB. Respondent is responsible to contact City's Purchasing Division prior to submitting a Bid to determine if any amendments were made to the RFB.
12. Any contract resulting from the RFB will be jointly administered by the City's Purchasing Division, and the Department requesting Bids.
13. Prior to conducting business in the City, a business tax certificate (license) must be obtained. Call 559-713-4326 for more information.
14. Bidder shall provide insurance as required by law and as indicated in the proposed contract.
15. Bidder shall maintain all personnel files and payroll records for employees used to implement the proposed contract.
16. Bidder shall withhold, pay and report all taxes and issue W-2 forms at the end of each calendar year for employees used to implement the proposed contract.
17. Pursuant to the City's Charter, all other things being equal, tie Bids shall be awarded to a local merchant to the extent quality and prices are equal. If neither is a local vendor, the Bid shall be awarded by the flip of a coin by the Purchasing Division in the presence of at least one witness.
18. The City may make such investigation of the Bidder and information in the Bid as it determines necessary. This may include the collection of criminal history information, contractual and business associations and practices, employment histories and reputation.
19. All California agencies may purchase off the Proposal submitted at the same prices, terms, conditions and specifications. The City of Visalia shall incur no responsibility in connection with another agency's purchase.

20. Each Bidder, will be required to submit Certifications, Affidavits, Assurances, Statements and Questionnaires which are attached in Exhibit "B".
21. The quantities given on the Bid Proposal form and any related contract documents are approximate only. They are given as a basis for comparison of Bids. The City of Visalia does not, expressly or impliedly agree that the actual amount of work will correspond therewith, but reserves the right to increase or decrease the amount of any class or portion of work, or to omit portion of the work, as the City deems necessary or advisable, at the prices Bid.
22. Bidders shall satisfy themselves by personal examination of the work site, specifications, plans, and other contract documents, and by any other means as they believe necessary, as to the actual physical conditions, requirements, and difficulties under which the project must be performed. The submission of a Bid shall be conclusive evidence that the Bidder has investigated, and is satisfied as to the conditions encountered, as to the character, quality, and quantities of work to be performed, and the materials to be furnished, and as to the requirements of the RFB and the City. No allowance shall subsequently be made because of lack of such examination or knowledge.
23. All Bidders are required to make a Bid on the complete Bid Form (Exhibit "A"). Contractor may be required to submit Proposals on alternate items. The City reserves the right to award to the contract based on the lowest combination or combinations of Proposal items and alternate proposed items.
24. No mention shall be made in the Proposal of sales tax, use tax or any other tax, as all amounts Bid will be deemed and held to include any such taxes, which may be applicable.
25. Only one Bid may be submitted as a "Prime Contractor" for the same work by any firm, individual, partnership, corporation or combination thereof. A Contractor submitting a Bid as a Prime Contractor may not also submit sub-Bids to other competing Prime Contractors. Reasonable grounds for believing that any individual, firm, partnership, corporation or combination thereof is interested in more than one Proposal for the work contemplated will cause the rejection of all Proposals in which such individual, firm, partnership, corporation or combination thereof is interested. A Contractor who is not submitting a Bid as a Prime Contractor may submit any number of sub-Bids to competing Prime Contractors.
26. The City of Visalia is not liable for any costs incurred by Bidder in responding to this Request for Bid.
27. The annual contract resulting from this invitation to bid will be administered by the Parks and Recreation Department. However, the City's Purchasing Division shall be the final judge concerning issues or matters related to contract interpretation or problems regarding the terms, conditions or scope of the contract.
28. The initial contract term shall be for a twelve (12) month period and shall, at the City's option and with the consent of the CONTRACTOR, be extended annually thereafter for four (4) consecutive one-year periods. Contract shall be begin no later than 15 days from the receipt of annual contract.
29. All prices quoted in response to this Invitation to Bid shall be firm and fixed for twelve (12) months from the annual anniversary date of the agreement. In order to protect the interests of the City and to give the vendor a reasonable basis for bidding, a price adjustment feature is hereby incorporated into the specifications. Prices bid by vendor may be adjusted annually at time of contract renewal and upon mutual agreement of

the parties to the contract to allow for price increases or decreases for labor and benefit rates, supplies and materials.

It will be the responsibility of the contractor to request a price adjustment and to provide all documentation necessary. The request for price adjustment must be submitted to the project manager in writing a minimum of thirty (30) but no sooner than ninety (90) calendar days prior to the annual anniversary date of the agreement. Requests filed after this time period will not be considered.

The unit prices for the ensuing contracts shall be based on the movement of the unadjusted figures of the **U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U U.S. City Average, All Items).** The contract unit prices may be changed in an amount equal to the percentage of movement for the most recent twelve-month period closest to the anniversary month of contract. In no instance shall the price increase exceed 5%. The contracts unit price changes as a result of this formula shall be binding on the contractor for the subsequent contract year. The adjustment of the unit bid price shall not be retroactive and shall apply only to changes incurred after approval.

30. This contract may be terminated without cause by the City, in whole or in part, by giving the Contractor fifteen (15) days written notice of the intent to terminate whenever the City determines that termination is in the best interest of the City.

If the Contractor shall fail to provide services or perform satisfactorily the work required by the terms and conditions of the contract, or materially breaches any of its obligations under this agreement the City may terminate the contract, in whole or in part by written notice. Termination shall take effect ten (10) calendar days after the date of mailing said termination notice.

Any assignment, subletting or transfer of the interest of the contractor, either in whole or in part, without the written consent of the City shall be cause for the City to immediately terminate the agreement for default.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this agreement, this agreement may be terminated by the City upon a single violation of this agreement.

31. Executive Order N-6-22 – Russia Sanctions On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-6-22 (the EO) regarding Economic Sanctions against Russia and Russian entities and individuals. “Economic Sanctions” refers to sanctions imposed by the U.S. government in response to Russia’s actions in Ukraine, as well as any sanctions imposed under state law. By submitting a bid or proposal, Contractor represents that it is not a target of Economic Sanctions. Should the State determine Contractor is a target of Economic Sanctions or is conducting prohibited transactions with sanctioned individuals or entities, that shall be grounds for rejection of the Contractor’s bid/proposal any time prior to contract execution, or, if determined after contract execution, shall be grounds for termination by the State.

XII. POST AWARD RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Written Contract with City. A written agreement in a form similar to that attached to this Request for Bid as Exhibit “C” with Attachments 1-2 must be entered into between the City and the Contractor to whom the project is awarded. The Agreement forms the basis for the contractual obligation between the parties regarding the project. A contract will be provided with the Notice of Award and must be executed and returned to City within ten (10) working days of the date of award notification unless otherwise agreed.

2. Post-Award Responsibilities. Upon execution of the Agreement between the City and the Contractor, the Contractor shall immediately report all changes in its Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, or Tax-Exempt status to the City.
3. Insurance. Contractor shall obtain and maintain the minimum insurance coverage outlined Exhibit "C", Attachment 2. Contractor shall provide evidence of such insurance to City's Purchasing Division prior to commencement of work.
4. Required Bonds (Performance Bond): **The Bidder(s) awarded contract(s) pursuant to this RFB will be required to provide to the City of Visalia: a "Performance Bond" in the amount of 100% of the contract amount within ten (10) working days of the date of the "Notice of Award".** According to City standard the surety company must be either a California Admitted Surety to its specified dollar limitation AND a current A.M. Fest A: VIII rated surety. The Performance bond shall remain in force for one year after the date of completion.

Upon determination by the City that a contract has been entered and Contractor has provided all of the information that it is required to provide pursuant to this RFB, City will issue, in writing, a notice to proceed on the project to Contractor.

XIII. EXHIBITS

A. BID FORM

EXHIBIT "A"

RFB NO. 24-25-41

Project: BACKFLOW TESTING, REPAIRS, AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES AT VARIOUS CITY OWNED LOCATIONS

TO: THE CITY OF VISALIA PURCHASING DIVISION:

In compliance with the City's Notice Inviting Sealed Bids No. 24-25-41 dated: _____, the undersigned BIDDER hereby proposes to furnish all materials, equipment, tools, labor appurtenances and incidentals required for the above stated project as set forth in the RFB, including all Exhibits and related contract documents therefore, and to perform all work in the manner and time prescribed therein.

BIDDER declares that this proposal is based upon careful examination of the work site, Instructions to BIDDERS, and the contract requirements. If this proposal is accepted for award, BIDDER agrees to enter into a contract with CITY at the unit and/or lump sum prices set forth in the following Bid Schedule.

BIDDER understands that a bid is required for the entire work and that final compensation under the contract will be based upon the actual quantities of work satisfactorily completed. It is agreed that all prices bid include all appurtenant expenses, taxes, royalties and fees. All bids will be checked for accuracy. In the case of discrepancies in amounts bid, unit prices shall govern over extended amounts.

BIDDER hereby agrees to supply insurance certificates, a performance bond and execute a contract within ten (10) working days, or such further time as may be allowed in writing by the Purchasing Division, after receiving notification of the acceptance of this Bid, and it is hereby mutually understood and agreed that in case the BIDDER does not, said Purchasing Division may proceed to award the contract to others.

BIDDER agrees to commence the work on the start date agreed between BIDDER and Project Manager, only after the contract is fully executed and Notice to Proceed has been issued.

BIDDER further declares that he/she has not either directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with said bid.

LOWEST BIDDER will be determined by the Total Annual Cost. The quantities given on the Bid Proposal form and any related contract documents are estimates only. They are given as a basis for comparison of Bids. The City of Visalia does not, expressly or impliedly agree that the actual amount of work will correspond therewith, and reserves the right to increase or decrease the amount of any class or portion of work, or to omit portion of the work, as the City deems necessary or advisable, at the prices Bid.

BIDDER has read and hereby agrees to the conditions stated in this proposal by affixing his/her signature on the Bid Form.

Per Specifications RFB-24-25-41 Testing and Reports for Pressure Vacuum Breaker Backflows and Reduced Pressure Backflows including maintenance & minor repairs (City pays for parts)	Per Service Cost (Unit Price)	Estimated Annual Quantity	Total Annual Cost
	\$_____per backflow	785	\$_____
Contractor's Hourly Rate (for major repairs beyond routine maintenance & minor repairs if requested by Project Manager)	\$_____per hour	40 hrs.	\$_____
	Total Annual Cost		\$_____

Note: Minor repairs (e.g., o-rings, gaskets, cleaning) are included in the unit price. Major repairs must be pre-approved and will be billed at the hourly rate listed above.

(1) _____
Bidding Firm

(2) _____
Corporation, Partner, Joint Venture

(3) _____
Business Address City State Zip Code

Telephone Number Fax Number

E-mail Address

(4) _____
Signature of Authorized Person (Date)

Type or Print Authorized Person's Name

PLEASE SEE THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING SIGNATURE

(1) If the BIDDER is an individual, enter name here in style used in business; if a joint venture, exact name of entities joining in the venture; if a partnership, the correct trade style of the partnership; if a corporation, the exact name of the corporation.

(2) If BIDDER is other than an individual, identify here its character, i.e., joint venture, partnership, corporation, including the state of incorporation. If BIDDER is an individual operating under a trade name, state "an individual dba (trade name in full)".

(3) State on this line, the address to which all communications and notices regarding the Bid Proposal, and any contract awarded thereunder, are to be addressed.

(4) If BIDDER is a joint venture, signature must be by one of the joint venturers, and if one or both of the joint venturers is a partnership or a corporation, each participating partnership must sign by a general partner, and each corporation by an authorized officer or employee; if a partnership, by a general partner; if a corporation, by an authorized officer or employee. The title of the person signing must appear after his/her signature. Where BIDDER is a partnership or corporation, the names of all other general partners, or the president or secretary of the corporation and their business addresses must be shown below.

Note: All names must be typewritten under written signature. All Addresses must be complete with street

BIDDING AGENCY:_____

BIDDING CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE INFORMATION:

STATE CONTRACTOR'S LIC. CLASS:_____ **#** _____ **EXP. DATE:**_____

STATE D.I.R. REGISTRATION # _____

FEDERAL TAX I.D. # _____

CITY OF VISALIA BUSINESS TAX CERTIFICATE # _____ (A City Business Tax Certificate (license) is not required to submit a bid; however, vendor is required to obtain a City License prior to commencement of work or if vendor is presently transacting business within the City of Visalia, regardless of whether the business address is actually located within the City. Contact the business License Division for clarification of questions at 559-713-4326.

CONTRACTOR'S REFERENCES: The following are the names, addresses, and telephone numbers for at least three (3) agencies for which BIDDER has performed work similar in size and scope within the past two (2) years.

REFERENCE 1

NAME OF AGENCY:_____ **CONTACT PERSON:**_____

AGENCY ADDRESS:_____ **PHONE #:**_____

REFERENCE 2

NAME OF AGENCY:_____ **CONTACT PERSON:**_____

AGENCY ADDRESS:_____ **PHONE #:**_____

REFERENCE 3

NAME OF AGENCY:_____ **CONTACT PERSON:**_____

AGENCY ADDRESS:_____ **PHONE #:**_____

DESIGNATION OF SURETIES

The following are the names, addresses, and telephone numbers for all brokers and sureties from whom BIDDER intends to procure insurance.

COMPANY NAME:_____ **TYPE OF INSURANCE:**_____

ADDRESS:_____ **TELEPHONE#** _____

COMPANY NAME:_____ **TYPE OF INSURANCE:**_____

ADDRESS:_____ **TELEPHONE#** _____

COMPANY NAME:_____ **TYPE OF INSURANCE:**_____

ADDRESS:_____ **TELEPHONE#** _____

SUBCONTRACTOR LISTING

BIDDING AGENCY: _____

The undersigned hereby designates below for the project, opposite various portions of the work, the names and locations of the places of business of each subcontractor who will perform work or labor in an amount in excess of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) of the of the total bid. All work not listed below shall be performed by the undersigned BIDDER. It is understood that the BIDDER, if awarded the contract, shall not substitute any subcontractor in place of the subcontractors herein designated without the approval of the Project Manager.

SUBCONTRACTOR INFORMATION & TRADE CLASSIFICATION (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)

1.	Subcontractor Name:	Performing _____% of project work	Asbestos	Drywall/Lathers	Operating Engineers	Sheet Metal
			Boilermaker	Electricians	Painters	Sound/Comm
	Business Address:		Bricklayers	Elevator Mechanic	Pile Drivers	Surveyors
	Email Address:		Carpenters	Glaziers	Pipe Trades	Teamster
	CSLB #	Expires:	Carpet/Linoleum	Iron Worker	Plasterers	Tile Worker
	DIR Registration #		Cement Mason	Laborers	Roofers	Other: _____
			Drywall Finisher	Millwrights		
2.	Subcontractor Name:	Performing _____% of project work	Asbestos	Drywall/Lathers	Operating Engineers	Sheet Metal
			Boilermaker	Electricians	Painters	Sound/Comm
	Business Address:		Bricklayers	Elevator Mechanic	Pile Drivers	Surveyors
	Email Address:		Carpenters	Glaziers	Pipe Trades	Teamster
	CSLB #	Expires:	Carpet/Linoleum	Iron Worker	Plasterers	Tile Worker
	DIR Registration #		Cement Mason	Laborers	Roofers	Other: _____
			Drywall Finisher	Millwrights		
3.	Subcontractor Name:	Performing _____% of project work	Asbestos	Drywall/Lathers	Operating Engineers	Sheet Metal
			Boilermaker	Electricians	Painters	Sound/Comm
	Business Address:		Bricklayers	Elevator Mechanic	Pile Drivers	Surveyors
	Email Address:		Carpenters	Glaziers	Pipe Trades	Teamster
	CSLB #	Expires:	Carpet/Linoleum	Iron Worker	Plasterers	Tile Worker
	DIR Registration #		Cement Mason	Laborers	Roofers	Other: _____
			Drywall Finisher	Millwrights		

BIDDING AGENCY:

4.	Subcontractor Name:	Performing ____% of project work	Asbestos Boilermaker Bricklayers Carpenters Carpet/Linoleum Cement Mason Drywall Finisher	Drywall/Lathers Electricians Elevator Mechanic Glaziers Iron Worker Laborers Millwrights	Operating Engineers Painters Pile Drivers Pipe Trades Plasterers Roofers	Sheet Metal Sound/Comm Surveyors Teamster Tile Worker Other: _____
Business Address:						
Email Address:						
CSLB #		Expires:				
DIR Registration #						
5.	Subcontractor Name:	Performing ____% of project work	Asbestos Boilermaker Bricklayers Carpenters Carpet/Linoleum Cement Mason Drywall Finisher	Drywall/Lathers Electricians Elevator Mechanic Glaziers Iron Worker Laborers Millwrights	Operating Engineers Painters Pile Drivers Pipe Trades Plasterers Roofers	Sheet Metal Sound/Comm Surveyors Teamster Tile Worker Other: _____
Business Address:						
Email Address:						
CSLB #		Expires:				
DIR Registration #						
6.	Subcontractor Name:	Performing ____% of project work	Asbestos Boilermaker Bricklayers Carpenters Carpet/Linoleum Cement Mason Drywall Finisher	Drywall/Lathers Electricians Elevator Mechanic Glaziers Iron Worker Laborers Millwrights	Operating Engineers Painters Pile Drivers Pipe Trades Plasterers Roofers	Sheet Metal Sound/Comm Surveyors Teamster Tile Worker Other: _____
Business Address:						
Email Address:						
CSLB #		Expires:				
DIR Registration #						

If more space is needed to list additional subcontractor and trade classifications, please list remaining subcontractors on a separate sheet of paper (providing all of the requested information for each subcontractor) and submit with Bid.

B. CERTIFICATIONS, AFFIDAVITS, ASSURANCES, STATEMENTS, WAIVERS, AND QUESTIONNAIRES WHICH MUST ACCOMPANY BID FORM

Submit with Bid

EXHIBIT “B-1”

B-1 BIDDER’S STATEMENT ON PREVIOUS CONTRACTS
SUBJECT TO EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CLAUSE
(EXECUTIVE ORDER 11246)

The BIDDER shall complete the following statement by checking the appropriate blanks:

The BIDDER has ____ has not ____ participated in a previous contract subject to the Equal Employment Opportunity Clause prescribed by Executive Order 11246, as amended, of September 24, 1965.

The BIDDER has ____ has not ____ submitted all compliance reports in connection with any such contract due under the applicable filing requirements; and that representations indicating submission of required compliance reports signed by proposed subBIDDERS will be awarded prior to award of subcontracts.

If the BIDDER has participated in previous contracts subject to the Equal Employment Opportunity Clause and has not submitted compliance reports due under applicable filing requirements, the BIDDER shall submit a compliance report on Standard Form 100, “Employee Information Report EEO-I” prior to award of the contract.

Note: Failure to complete the blanks may be grounds for rejecting the bid.

Company: _____

Business Address: _____

Signature: _____

Name of Signing Official: _____

Title of Signing Official: _____

Date: _____

Company Seal:

EXHIBIT "B-2"**B-2 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE****(EXECUTIVE ORDER 11246)**Equal Opportunity Clause

Unless exempted by rules, regulations or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Executive Orders 10925, 11114 or Section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, during the performance of each contract with the City of Visalia, the BIDDER agrees as follows:

1. The BIDDER will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, gender, national origin or political affiliation. The BIDDER will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, gender, national origin or political affiliation. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The BIDDER agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
2. The BIDDER will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees, placed by or on behalf of the BIDDER, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, national origin or political affiliation.
3. The BIDDER will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union or the workers' representative of the BIDDER's commitments under Section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice on conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
4. The BIDDER will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and the rules, regulations and relevancy orders of the Secretary of Labor.
5. The BIDDER will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records and accounts by the contracting agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations and orders.
6. In the event of the BIDDER's non-compliance with the non-discrimination clauses of this subcontract or with any of such rules, regulations or orders, this subcontract may be canceled, terminated or suspended, in whole, or in part and the BIDDER may be declared ineligible for further government contracts in accordance with the procedures authorized in accordance with Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation or order of the Secretary of Labor, or otherwise provided by law.
7. The BIDDER will include the provisions of Paragraphs (1) through (7) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each SUBBIDDER or vendor. The BIDDER will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the contracting agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for non-compliance. Provided, however, that in the event the BIDDER becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation with a SUBBIDDER or vendor as a result of such direction by the contracting agency, the BIDDER may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interest of the United States.

Company Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name of Signing Official (Print or Type): _____

Title of Signing Official: _____ Company Seal:

EXHIBIT "B-3"**B-3 CERTIFICATE OF NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES****(BIDDERS/SUBCONTRACTORS)**

1. "Segregated facilities," as used in this provision, means any waiting rooms, work areas, rest rooms and wash rooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees, that are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise.

2. By the submission of a bid, the BIDDER certifies that it does not and will not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments, and that it does not and will not permit its employees to perform their services at any location under its control where segregated facilities are maintained. The BIDDER agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the Equal Opportunity clause in the contract.

3. By submission of the bid, the BIDDER further agrees that (except where it has obtained identical certifications from proposed SUBCONTRACTORS for specific time periods) it will:

- (a) Obtain identical certifications from proposed SUBCONTRACTORS before the award of subcontracts under which the SUB-BIDDER will be subject to the Equal Opportunity clause;
- (b) Retain such certifications in its files; and
- (c) Forward this certification and the following notice to the proposed SUBCONTRACTORS:

**NOTICE OF PROSPECTIVE SUBCONTRACTORS OF REQUIREMENT
FOR CERTIFICATION OF NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES**

A certificate of Nonsegregated Facilities must be submitted before the award of a subcontract under which the SUBCONTRACTOR will be subject to the equal Opportunity clause. The certification may be submitted either for each SUBCONTRACTOR for all subcontracts during a period (i.e., quarterly, semi-annually, or annually).

4. By commencing performance of the Contract work, the selected BIDDER certifies to the Nonsegregated Facilities provisions above.

Company: _____

Business Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name of Signing Official (Print or Type) : _____

Title of Signing Official: _____

Company Seal:

EXHIBIT "B-4"

B-4 NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

(Title 23 United States Code Section 112 and Public Contract Code Section 7106)

To Accompany Bid Form

In accordance with Title 23 United States Code section 112 and Public Contract Code 7106 the bidder declares that bid is not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, any undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization, or corporation; that the bid is genuine and not collusive or sham; the bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other bidder to put in a false or sham bid, and has not directly or indirectly colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed with any bidder or anyone else to put in a sham bid, or that anyone shall refrain from bidding; that the bidder has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, communication, or conference with anyone to fix the bid price of the bidder or any other bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of the bid price, or of that of any other bidder, or to secure any advantage against the public body awarding the contract of anyone interested in the proposed contract; that all statements contained in the bid are true; and, further, that the bidder has not, directly or indirectly, submitted his or her bid price or any breakdown thereof, or the contents thereof, or divulged information or data relative thereto, or paid, and will not pay, any fee to any corporation, partnership, company association, organization, bid depository, or to any member or agent thereof to effectuate a collusive or sham bid.

Signature_____
Date

Note: The above Non-collusion Affidavit is part of the Bid/Proposal.

Bidders are cautioned that making a false certification may subject the certifier to criminal prosecution.

EXHIBIT B-5**B-5 WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE CERTIFICATE****(CALIF. LABOR CODE § 3700)**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss
CITY OF VISALIA)

I am aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code which requires every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code, and I will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work under this contract.

Company: _____

Business Address: _____

Signature: _____

Name of Signing Official: _____

Title of Signing Official: _____

Date: _____

Company Seal:

EXHIBIT "B-6"**B-6 CERTIFICATION OF ANTI-KICKBACK COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE****(48 Stat. 948; 62 Stat. 740; 63 Stat. 108; Title 18 U.S.C. § 8741; and 40 U.S.C. (c))**

By submission of a Bid, the BIDDER certifies that neither it nor any of its employees has performed or participated in any prohibited actions, as defined in that provision, relating to the award of the Contract. By commencing performance of the Contract work, the selected BIDDER certifies to Anti-Kickback Compliance.

Company: _____

Business Address: _____

Signature: _____

Name of Signing Official: _____

Title of Signing Official: _____

Date: _____

Company Seal:

EXHIBIT "B-7"**B-7 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE**

By submission of a bid, the BIDDER certifies it will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C., 12101 et. seq., and will maintain compliance throughout the life of this Contract. By commencing performance of the Contract work, the selected BIDDER certifies to the Americans with Disabilities Act compliance.

Company: _____

Business Address: _____

Signature: _____

Name of Signing Official: _____

Title of Signing Official: _____

Date: _____

Company Seal:

EXHIBIT "B-8"**B-8 OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE AND CALIFORNIA LEVINE ACT STATEMENT**

The following disclosure and statement apply to the Bidder/Proposer/Contractor/Consultant/ Vendor/Supplier or Company:

1. submitting a bid or proposal in response to a solicitation by City of Visalia; or
2. as Awardee of a contract/purchase order which is subject to approval by the Visalia City Council.

OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE

Name of Bidder/Proposer/Contractor/Consultant/Vendor/Supplier or Company

Address

List the names of all principals, partners, and/or trustees. For corporations, provide names of officers, directors and all stockholders owning more than 10% equity interest in corporation:

CALIFORNIA LEVINE ACT STATEMENT

California Government Code Section 84308, also known as the "Levine Act," can prohibit members of the Visalia City Council from participating in any action related to a contract if he or she receives any political contributions totaling more than \$250 within the previous twelve (12) months, and for twelve (12) months following the date a final decision concerning the contract has been made, from the person or company awarded the contract. The Levine Act also requires disclosure of such contribution(s) by a party to be awarded a specific contract.

The following website contains a list of current Visalia City Council Members,
https://www.visalia.city/government/city_council/default.asp. You are responsible for reviewing the names of Visalia City Council Members prior to making the following disclosure:

1. Have you or your company, or any agent on behalf of you or your company, made any political contributions of more than \$250 to a Visalia City Council Member in the twelve (12) months preceding the date of the submission of your proposals or the anticipated date of any City Council action related to this contract?

YES:_____ NO:_____. If yes, please identify the City Council Member(s) and date(s) of contribution in the space below:

Council Member(s) Name

Date of Contribution(s)

Answering YES, does not preclude the City of Visalia from awarding a contract to your firm or from taking any subsequent action related to the contract. It does, however, preclude the identified Visalia City Council Member(s) from participating in any actions related to this contract.

NOTICE: The disclosure duty under state law continues for twelve (12) months after the award. If the above information regarding contributions changes during this time after the award, then the awardee is required to update this disclosure form.

Print or Type Name of Bidder/Proposer/Contractor/Consultant/Supplier/Vendor/Company

Signature of Company Authorized Individual

Print or Type Name of Authorized Individual

Date

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EXHIBIT "B-9"STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STD.21 (REV.12-93)**B-9 DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION**

I, the official named below, hereby swear that I am duly authorized legally to bind the contractor or grant recipient to the certification described below. I am fully aware that this certification, executed on the date below, is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California.

CONTRACTOR/BIDDER FIRM NAME	FEDERAL ID NUMBER
BY(Authorized Signature)	DATE EXECUTED
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING	TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code) ()
TITLE	
CONTRACTOR/BIDDER FIRM'S MAILING ADDRESS	

The contractor or grant recipient named above hereby certifies compliance with Government Code Section 8355 in matters relating to providing a drug-free workplace. The above named contractor or grant recipient will:

1. Publish a statement notifying employees that unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited and specifying actions to be taken against employees for violations, as required by Government Code Section 8355(a).
2. Establish a Drug-Free Awareness Program as required by Government Code Section 8355(b), to inform employees about all of the following:
 - (a) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace,
 - (b) The person's or organization's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace,
 - (c) Any available counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs, and
 - (d) Penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
3. Provide as required by Government Code Section 8355©, that every employee who works on the proposed contract or grant:
 - (a) Will receive a copy of the company's drug-free workplace policy statement, and
 - (b) Will agree to abide by the terms of the company's statement as a condition of employment on the contract or grant.
4. At the election of the contractor or grantee, from and after the "Date Executed" and until _____ (NOT TO EXCEED 36 MONTHS), the state will regard this certificate as valid for all contracts or grants entered into between the contractor or grantee and this state agency without requiring the contractor or grantee to provide a new and individual certificate for each contract or grant. If the contractor or grantee elects to fill in the blank date, then the terms and conditions of this certificate shall have the same force, meaning effect and enforceability as if a certificate were separately, specifically, and individually provided for each contract or grant between the contractor or grantee and this state agency.

EXHIBIT "B-10"**B-10 IRAN CONTRACTING ACT CERTIFICATION**

(Public Contract Code Section 2200 et seq.)

As required by California Public Contract Code Section 2204, the Contractor certifies subject to penalty for perjury that the option checked below relating to the Contractor's status in regard to the Iran Contracting Act of 2010 (Public Contract Code Section 2200 et seq.) is true and correct:

- ☐ The Contractor is not:
- (1) Identified on the current list of persons and entities engaged in investment activities in Iran prepared by the California Department of General Services in accordance with subdivision (b) of Public Contract Code Section 2203; or
 - (2) A financial institution that extends, for 45 days or more, credit in the amount of \$20,000,000 or more to any other person or entity identified on the current list of persons and entities engaging in investment activities in Iran prepared by the California Department of General Services in accordance with subdivision (b) of Public Contract Code Section 2203, if that person or entity uses or will use the credit to provide goods or services in the energy sector in Iran.
- ☐ The City has exempted the Consultants from the requirements of the Iran Contracting Act of 2010 after making a public finding that, absent the exemption, the City will be unable to obtain the goods and/or services to be provided pursuant to the Contract.
- ☐ The amount of the Contract payable to the Contractor for the Project does not exceed \$1,000,00 over the life of the contract (up to 5 years).

Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

Title: _____ Agency Name: _____

Date: _____

Note: In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 2205, false certification of this form shall be reported to the California Attorney General and may result in civil penalties equal to the greater of \$250,000 or twice the Contract amount, termination of the Contract and/or eligibility to bid on contracts for three years.

EXHIBIT “C”

C. SAMPLE CONTRACT (does not need to be submitted with Bid/Proposal)

**Annual Contract for
Backflow Testing, Repairs, and Maintenance Services at Various City Owned Locations
(City of Visalia Bid No. 24-25-41)**

This Agreement, entered into and effective this _____ day of _____, 2025 [“Effective Date”], by and between the City of Visalia, hereinafter referred to as the “CITY”, and _____ hereinafter referred to as the “CONTRACTOR”, “BIDDER”, or “SUBRECIPIENT”.

R E C I T A L S

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR is an _____ (insert individual or entity type) with a primary business address of _____ and SSN or EIN: _____; and

WHEREAS, CITY is a municipal corporation and Charter Law City; and

WHEREAS, City of Visalia reviewed and evaluated responses to the Bid and determined to award an contract to CONTRACTOR for the Annual Project; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR represents it is licensed, qualified and willing to complete the Project pursuant to terms and conditions of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, CITY and CONTRACTOR agree as follows:

1. TERM:

The term of this Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and expire upon completion of all obligations of the parties, unless earlier terminated by the parties. The initial contract term shall be for a twelve (12) month period and shall, at the City’s option and with the consent of the CONTRACTOR, be extended annually thereafter for four (4) consecutive one-year periods. "Additionally, this Agreement may be terminated for convenience. In the event of termination or expiration of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall transfer to CITY any funds and/or accounts receivable on hand attributable to the use of CITY funds.

2. ATTACHMENTS INCORPORATED:

The following are attachments for this Agreement. Said attachments are incorporated into this Agreement as if included in full in the body:

ATTACHMENT NO.	DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHMENT
Attachment 1	General Contract Provisions
Attachment 2	Insurance Requirements
Attachment 3	City of Visalia Bid 24-25-41, Backflow Testing, Repairs, and Maintenance Services at Various City Owned Locations
Attachment 4	CONTRACTOR’s bid in response to Bid No. 24-25-41

3. CONTRACTOR SCOPE OF SERVICES and COMMITMENTS*:

CONTRACTOR shall provide the following services for the stated compensation on or before the stated completion dates (“Scope of Services”):

All work described in Scope of Services in Bid No. 24-25-41.

4. CITY COMMITMENTS:

CITY shall perform the following tasks on or before the stated completion dates:

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TASK	COMPLETION DATE
Pay Contractor as work is completed and invoiced	As requested by Contractor

5. COMPENSATION:

CITY shall pay CONTRACTOR compensation for services as indicated in Paragraph 4 above; however, CITY shall pay not more than the following amount as total compensation under this Agreement, unless otherwise agreed in writing. Such sum shall be expended and paid by CITY on a reimbursement basis for services actually performed based on invoices, receipts, time sheets and similar documents presented by CONTRACTOR to CITY.

Total Compensation:	Not to exceed \$_____ annually and not to exceed Contractor's stated bid prices.
Source of Funds:	Local Revenues
Payment Schedule:	Within 30 days from date of invoice for completed work

6. CONTRACT PRICE ADJUSTMENTS:

All prices shall be firm and fixed for twelve (12) months from the annual anniversary date of the agreement. Prices may be adjusted annually at time of contract renewal and upon mutual agreement of the parties to the contract to allow for price increases or decreases for labor and benefit rates, supplies and materials.

It will be the responsibility of the contractor to request a price adjustment and to provide all documentation necessary. The request for price adjustment must be submitted to the Project Manager in writing a minimum of thirty (30) days but no sooner than ninety (90) days prior to the annual anniversary date of the agreement. Requests filed after this time will not be considered.

The unit prices for the ensuing contracts shall be based on the movement of the unadjusted figures of the **U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U, U.S. City Average, All Items)**. The contract unit prices may be changed in an amount equal to the percentage of movement for the most recent twelve-month period closest to the anniversary date of contract. **In no instance shall the price increase exceed 5%.** The contracts unit price changes as a result of this formula shall be binding on the contractor for the subsequent contract year. The adjustment of the unit bid price shall not be retroactive and shall apply only to changes incurred after approval.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement is executed on the day and year first above written.

CONTRACTOR

Dated: _____

By: _____

Authorized Officer: I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I am fully authorized to execute this Agreement for CONTRACTOR in the capacity I have stated, and that such execution is sufficient to bind the CONTRACTOR.

CITY OF VISALIA

Dated: _____

By: _____

City Manager

Dated: _____

By: _____

City Attorney

Dated: _____

By: _____

City of Visalia Risk Manager

Dated: _____

By: _____

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EXHIBIT "C, Attachment 1"

GENERAL CONTRACT PROVISIONS

- A. Successors and Assigns:** This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of any successors to or assigns of the parties.
- B. Prohibition of Assignment:** Neither party shall assign, delegate or transfer their rights and duties in this Agreement without the written consent of the other party.
- C. Notices:** Notice shall be sufficient hereunder if personally served upon the City Clerk of the CITY or an officer or principal of the CONTRACTOR, or if sent via the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:
- | | |
|--|--|
| CITY OF VISALIA
707 W. Acequia Ave.
Visalia, CA 93291
Attention: City Clerk | CONTRACTOR

Attention: _____ |
|--|--|
- D. Independent Contractor:** It is understood and agreed by the parties herein that CONTRACTOR, in the performance of this Agreement, shall act as an independent contractor, and therefore shall obtain no rights to any fringe benefits that accrue to regular full-time CITY employees.
- E. Jurisdiction/Venue/Waiver Of Removal:** This Agreement shall be administered and interpreted under the laws of the State of California. Jurisdiction of litigation arising from this Agreement shall be in California. Any action brought to interpret or enforce this Agreement, or any of the terms or conditions hereof, shall be brought in Tulare County, California. The CONTRACTOR hereby expressly waives any right to remove any action to a county other than Tulare County as permitted pursuant to Section 394 of the California Code of Civil Procedure.
- F. Integration/Modification:** This Agreement and each of the documents and exhibits or attachments referenced herein, which are incorporated by reference, represents the entire understanding of the parties as to those matters contained herein. No prior oral or written understanding shall be of any force or effect with respect to those matters covered hereunder. This Agreement may not be modified or altered except in writing signed by the parties, unless otherwise explicitly authorized.
- G. Conflict With Law:** If any part of this Agreement is found to be in conflict with applicable laws, such part shall be inoperative, null and void insofar as it is in conflict with said law, but the remainder of the Agreement shall be in full force and effect.
- H. Indemnification:** The CONTRACTOR waives any and all claims and recourse against the CITY, including the right of contribution of loss or damage to person or property arising from, growing out of, or in any way connected with or incidental to the CONTRACTOR's performance of this Agreement, except claims arising from the concurrent or sole negligence of the CITY or its officers, agents or employees. The CONTRACTOR will indemnify, hold harmless, and defend (at CITY's option) the CITY against any and all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, or liability arising out of the CONTRACTOR's performance of this Agreement except for liability arising out of the concurrent or sole negligence of the CITY or its officers, agents, or employees.
- I. Attorney's Fees:** In the event either party commences any action, arbitration or legal proceedings for the enforcement of this Agreement, the prevailing party, as determined by the

court or arbitrator, shall be entitled to recovery of its attorney's fees and court costs incurred in the action brought thereon.

- J. Headings:** Section headings are provided for organizational purposes only and do not in any manner affect the scope or intent of the provisions thereunder.
- K. Firearms Prohibited:** Guns may not be carried by contractors/vendors/consultants while working on City of Visalia premises without the expressed written approval of a City of Visalia Department Head, or an exemption in the contract. If a contractor/vendor/consultant is caught carrying a gun, without City permission, their contract will be terminated.
- L. Executive Order N-6-22 – Russia Sanctions:** On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-6-22 (the EO) regarding Economic Sanctions against Russia and Russian entities and individuals. "Economic Sanctions" refers to sanctions imposed by the U.S. government in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, as well as any sanctions imposed under state law. The EO directs state agencies to terminate contracts with, and to refrain from entering any new contracts with, individuals or entities that are determined to be a target of Economic Sanctions. Accordingly, should the State determine Contractor is a target of Economic Sanctions or is conducting prohibited transactions with sanctioned individuals or entities, that shall be grounds for termination of this agreement. The State shall provide Contractor advance written notice of such termination, allowing Contractor at least 30 calendar days to provide a written response. Termination shall be at the sole discretion of the State.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. **CONTRACTOR Insurance.** CONTRACTOR, at its sole cost and expense, for the full term of this Agreement (and any extensions thereof), shall obtain and maintain at a minimum compliance with all of the following insurance coverage(s) and requirements. Such insurance coverage shall be primary coverage as respects CITY and any insurance or self-insurance maintained by CITY shall be in excess of CONTRACTOR's insurance coverage and shall not contribute to it.
2. **Subcontractor(s)' Insurance.** If CONTRACTOR utilizes one or more subcontractors in the performance of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall obtain and maintain independent insurance as to each subcontractor or otherwise provide evidence of insurance coverage for each subcontractor equivalent to that required of CONTRACTOR.
3. **Types of Insurance and Minimum Limits.** The following types of insurance and minimum limits are required providing at least the following minimum coverage and limits of liability:
 - a. **Worker's Compensation** written in accordance with the laws of the State of California providing coverage for any and all employees of CONTRACTOR in the minimum statutorily required coverage amounts;
 - b. **Automobile Liability Insurance** for each of CONTRACTOR's vehicles used in the performance of this Agreement, including owned, non-owned (e.g. owned by CONTRACTOR's employees or contractors), leased or hired vehicles, in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.
 - c. **Comprehensive or Commercial General Liability Insurance** coverage in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 combined single limit, including coverage for:
 - (1) bodily injury;
 - (2) personal injury;
 - (3) broad form property damage;
 - (4) contractual liability;
 - (5) cross-liability;
 - (6) products and completed operations liability
4. **Other Insurance Provisions.**

If any insurance coverage required in this Agreement is provided on a "Claims Made" rather than "Occurrence" form, CONTRACTOR agrees to maintain the required coverage for a period of three (3) years after the expiration of this Agreement (hereinafter "post agreement coverage") and any extensions thereof. CONTRACTOR may maintain the required post agreement coverage by renewal or purchase of prior acts or tail coverage. This provision is contingent upon post agreement coverage being both available and reasonably affordable in relation to the coverage provided during the term of this Agreement. For purposes of interpreting this requirement, a cost not exceeding 100% of the last annual policy premium during the term of this Agreement in order to purchase prior acts or tail coverage for post agreement coverage shall be deemed to be reasonable.
5. **Endorsements.**

All required Automobile and Comprehensive or Commercial General Liability Insurance shall be endorsed to contain the following clauses:

 - a. The City of Visalia, its officers, agents, employees, representatives, and volunteers are added as additional insureds as respects operations and activities of, or on behalf of the named insured, performed under contract with the City of Visalia.
 - b. It is agreed that any insurance maintained by the City of Visalia shall apply in excess of and not contribute with insurance provided by this policy.

- c. This insurance shall not be canceled, limited in scope or coverage, or non-renewed until after thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to the City Clerk, City of Visalia, 707 W. Acequia, Visalia, CA, 93291

6. Proof of Coverage.

CONTRACTOR agrees to provide its insurance broker(s) with a full copy of these insurance provisions and provide CITY on or before the effective date of this Agreement with Certificate(s) of Insurance for all required coverages. Copies of all the required Endorsements shall be attached to the Certificate(s) of Insurance or other evidence of insurance acceptable to the City of Visalia, which shall be provided by CONTRACTOR's insurance company as evidence of the stipulated coverages. This Proof of Coverage shall then be mailed to the City of Visalia at the following address:

City of Visalia
707 W. Acequia
Visalia, CA 93291
Attn: Purchasing Division

D. BACKFLOW LOCATIONS

D-1 LIST OF CURRENT BACKFLOW LOCATIONS (See Attachment)

E. LABOR COMPLIANCE AND PREVAILING WAGE REQUIREMENTS

E-1 CITY OF VISALIA LABOR COMPLIANCE MANUAL (See Attachment)

The City of Visalia Labor Compliance Manual is provided as a separate attachment and is hereby incorporated by reference into the contract documents. Bidders are required to review and comply with all provisions contained therein.

E-2 STATE OF CALIFORNIA PREVAILING WAGE (See Attachment)

The applicable State of California Prevailing Wage Determinations are provided as a separate attachment and are incorporated by reference into the contract documents. Compliance with these wage determinations is mandatory for all work performed under this contract.