



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Community Planning & Economic Development

Date: May 16, 2006

To Council Member Lisa Goodman, Community Development
:
Committee

Subject: Request for proposals for architectural and engineering services at the Target Center

Recommendation: Authorize staff to issue a Request for Proposals for architectural and engineering services at the Target Center.

Previous Directives: On March 10, 1995 the City Council and Board of Commissioners approved the terms of the Target Center Purchase Agreement and related Lease and financing documents, and the issuance of \$72,000,000 in City of Minneapolis General Obligation Bonds and \$12,650,000 in MCDA Subordination Revenue Bonds. On April 15, 1996, the Board of Commissioners authorized a contract with Setter, Leach & Lindstrom for architectural and engineering services for the Target Center Capital Improvement Program. On May 21, 1999, the Board of Commissioners approved a waiver of MCDA procurement policy and amended the Professional Services Contract with Setter, Leach & Lindstrom to provide for a revised fee schedule and the extend the term for a three year initial period with two one-year extensions at the option of the Executive Director. On May 8, 2002, the Interim Executive Director approved the first one-year extension and revised fee schedule. On May 10, 2003, the Deputy Executive Director approved the second, and last, one-year extension, revised fee schedule and change in firm name.

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Phone: 612-673-5181

Approved by: Chuck Lutz, Deputy Director CPED _____

Permanent Review Committee (PRC) Approval Not Applicable

Note: To determine if applicable see <http://insite/finance/purchasing/permanent-review-committee-overview.asp>

Presenter in Committee: Jerome Patton

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget or Operating Budget.
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves.

- Business Plan: Action is within the plan. Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Neighborhood Notification: N/A

City Goals: Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy, vital and safe City.

Comprehensive Plan: 3.2 – The Target Center is one of the cultural amenities that make Downtown Minneapolis the entertainment and cultural capital of the region.

Zoning Code: N/A

Other: N/A

Background/Supporting Information:

Leo A Daly (LAD) [formally Setter Leach and Lindstrom (SLL)] has provided architectural and engineering and other professional design services for the MCDA and City of Minneapolis at the Target Center since 1996. The initial contract (C-10449), between the MCDA and SLL, and three approved amendments expired on May 31, 2004. Since this time, the city has conducted business with LAD by means of approved Standard Agreements executed on a project by project basis. Because of projected increase in Target Center Architecture and Engineering expenditures, the City's procurement policy requires utilizing an RFP to competitively select a professional service provider. The proposed RFP is attached to this report for your review.

A related report requesting a temporary waiver of City procurement policy until the RFP process is complete is also before the City Council for review.

[Date]

Vendor Name

Vendor Address

Vendor City, State Zip Code

To whom it may concern [identify specific name, if known]:

Attached is a Request for Proposal for architectural, engineering, and project management services. These services are needed for the Target Center. Please consider submitting a proposal for providing these services if your firm meets the qualifications and is available. Please review the attachment for details.

Proposals are due by 4:30 PM on 7/7/06. An optional pre-proposal conference and tour will be held at the Timberwolves Offices at the Target Center on 6/12/06 at 10:00 AM.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lee Sheehy

Community Planning and Economic Development

Request for Proposal

April 28, 2006

City of Minneapolis

**Community Planning and Economic
Development (CPED)**

1. Opening Statement

The City of Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) department is soliciting proposals from qualified companies for architectural, engineering, and project management consulting services. In general, the services to be performed include project management and the development of reports, bidding specifications, and construction documents for capital improvements and capital equipment at the Target Center Arena. Previously, these services were provided by Leo A Daly. The successful respondent shall be approved by the City Council and enter into a 2 year contract with three 2 year extension possibilities.

2. Scope of Services

The consultant shall diligently and professionally perform services requested by the City of Minneapolis which may include, but are not limited to the services set forth below:

- Provide architectural, engineering, and design services related to the Target Center building, electrical and mechanical systems design.
- Review of proposed capital improvements and capital equipment installation in the Target Center.
- Provide construction documentation preparation and review.
- Provide construction site observation, supervision, and inspection.
- Prepare conceptual plans for proposed developments.
- Provide written reports and designs as requested.
- Other related or non-related work as directed.

The expected results include full service architecture, engineering, and project management services. Schedule constraints include being directed to provide services at a frequent or non-frequent basis with varying levels of scope or direction. Additionally, the scope of all work performed shall be agreed to, including compensation, on a project by project basis. Finally, as the Target Center is an event driven facility, event and Timberwolves schedules may take scheduling priority. Minimum qualifications for a proposer are ten years experience providing architectural and engineering consulting services with similar building types.

3. Specific Tasks

The specific tasks involved with the services include, but are not limited to:

- Attending bimonthly capital project update meetings and keep minutes.
- Researching potential projects for scope and cost estimates.
- Providing reports including project scope and cost estimates.
- Providing project specifications and addendums for City bidding process.
- Attending bid openings and provide analysis and recommendations.
- Providing construction documents.

- Attending construction progress meetings and reporting progress to City.
- Verifying construction timelines, progress updates, punch lists, and completions.

In the proposal, proposers may propose additional tasks or activities if they improve the project result.

4. Schedule

The following is a listing of key proposal and project milestones:

RFP Release	5/29/06
Optional Pre-proposal conference and tour	10:00 AM on 6/16/06
Proposals due	4:30 PM on 7/06/06
Estimated selection	7/13/06
Estimated contract approval	8/4/06
Estimated contract execution	8/7/06
Estimated services start	8/14/06
Estimated services end	8/14/08

5. Optional Pre-Proposal Conference and Tour

A pre-proposal conference will be held at **10:00am** at the skyway level outside the **Timberwolves office in the Target Center**. The tour will leave at 10:05am. Latecomers will not be invited to tour but, may wait for the conference that will occur after the tour.

6. Proposal Due Date and Location

RFP submittals are due at 4:30 pm on **7/06/06** at the following location:

City of Minneapolis Procurement Division
552 Towle Building
330 Second Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55401-2211

Late proposals may not be accepted and the envelope must be marked referencing the project: **Proposal for Target Center Architecture and Engineering**. Contractors must supply five (5) copies of the proposal.

7. Department Contact / Requests for Clarification

Prospective responders may direct questions in writing only to:

Jerome Patton
Project Coordinator
City of Minneapolis
105 5th Avenue South – Suite 200
Minneapolis, MN 55401
Email: Jerome.patton@ci.minneapolis.mn.us

All questions are due no later than **6/23/06**. Questions will be answered in writing by Jerome Patton and will be sent to all proposers who were originally provided this RFP or who have requested a copy of the answers. The department contact person is the only individual who can be contacted about the project by proposers before proposals are submitted. The department contact cannot vary the terms of the RFP.

8. Proposal Format and Submittals

Please provide the original plus five (5) copies of the proposal. To allow for easier comparison of proposals during evaluation, the proposal format and submittals must be as follows:

- A. Scope of Services- Describe how service will be provided. Include a detailed listing and description of tasks and deliverables. Provide an example of similar size and scope that includes design and project management components. Please include the project scope, a description of services provided, an accounting of hours used per classification type, a comprehensive invoice, and a reference including contact information.
- B. Experience and Capacity- Describe background and experience demonstrating ability to provide required services. Indicate if company expansion is required to provide service.
- C. References- List references from contracts similar in size and scope.
- D. Personnel Listing- Show involved individuals with resumes and specific applicable experience. Subcontractors should also be listed, including the identification of any that are certified in the City of Minneapolis Small & Underutilized Business Program.

- E. Cost - Indicate proposed cost of service including how determined; rates; direct costs and payment billing schedule; list of charges per classification of employee.
- F. Insurance – Indicate proposed insurance coverage for the project as required in Section H. 5 of the RFP General Requirements.
- G. Grant-funded Services - Include a copy of the most recent audit report and management letter if vendor receives over \$50,000 in City contracts annually and if vendor is not an individual proprietor.

9. Evaluation Criteria

The following are the key criteria that will be used to evaluate the proposals (100 pts):

- A. Quality, thoroughness and clarity of proposal. (5 pts)
- B. Qualifications and experience of staff. (15 pts)
- C. Quality of references. (10 pts)
- D. How well the scope of services offered meets department objectives. (30 pts)
- E. Financial responsibility and capacity of company. (10 pts)
- F. Organization and management approach and involvement. (10 pts)
- G. Small & Underutilized Business participation. (5 pts)
- H. Cost of services proposed. (10 pts)
- I. Insurance coverage as appropriate for the services. (5 pts)

10. Special Contract Requirements

The following special contract requirements should be considered when submitting a proposal. By proposing, the Proposer agrees to be bound by these requirements unless otherwise noted in the Proposal. The Proposer may suggest alternative language to any section. Some negotiation is possible to accommodate Proposer's suggestions.

[ADD ANY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THE PARTICULAR RFP.]

11. Addendums

If any addendums are needed for this Request for Proposal, they will be posted on the City of Minneapolis web site at: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/procurement under the link to professional services.

12. RFP General Conditions

The General Requirements are terms and conditions that the City expects all of its Contractors to meet. By proposing the Proposer agrees to be bound by these requirements unless otherwise noted in the Proposal. The Proposer may suggest alternative language to any section. Some negotiation is possible to accommodate Proposer's suggestions.

1 City's Rights

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or parts of proposals, to accept part or all of proposals on the basis of considerations other than lowest cost, and to create a project of lesser or greater expense and reimbursement than described in this Request for Proposal, or the respondent's reply based on the component prices submitted.

2 Interest of Members of City

The Contractor agrees that no member of the governing body, officer, employee or agent of the City shall have any interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, in the Contract.

3 Equal Opportunity Statement

Contractor agrees to comply with the provisions of all applicable federal, state and City of Minneapolis statutes, ordinances and regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination including, without limitation, Minnesota Statutes, Section 181.59 and Chapter 363, and Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, Chapter 139, incorporated herein by reference.

4 Non-Discrimination

The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, affection preference, disability, age, marital status or status with regard to public assistance or as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era. Such prohibition against discrimination 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 Contractor shall agree to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the City, setting forth this nondiscrimination clause. In addition, the Vendor shall, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Vendor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, creed, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, affectional preference, disability, age,

marital status or status with regard to public assistance or status as disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era, and comply in all other aspects with the requirements the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, Chapter 139.

5 Insurance

Insurance secured by the Contractor shall be issued by insurance companies acceptable to the City and admitted in Minnesota. The insurance specified may be in a policy or policies of insurance, primary or excess. Such insurance shall be in force on the date of execution of the Contract and shall remain continuously in force for the duration of the Contract. The Contractor and its sub-Contractors shall secure and maintain the following insurance:

- a) Workers Compensation insurance that meets the statutory obligations with Coverage B- Employers Liability limits of at least \$100,000 each accident, \$500,000 disease - policy limit and \$100,000 disease each employee.
- b) Commercial General Liability insurance with limits of at least \$1,000,000 general aggregate, \$1,000,000 products - completed operations \$1,000,000 personal and advertising injury, 50,000 each occurrence fire damage and \$5,000 medical expense any one person. The policy shall be on an "occurrence" basis, shall include Contractual liability coverage and the City shall be named an additional insured.
- c) Commercial Automobile Liability insurance covering all owned, non-owned and hired automobiles with limits of at least \$500,000 per accident.
- d) Professional Liability Insurance or Errors & Omissions insurance providing coverage for 1) the claims that arise from the errors or omissions of the Contractor or its sub-Contractors and 2) the negligence or failure to render a professional service by the Contractor or its sub-Contractors. The insurance policy should provide coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$1,000,000 annual aggregate. The insurance policy must provide the protection stated for two years after completion of the work.

Acceptance of the insurance by the City shall not relieve, limit or decrease the liability of the Contractor. Any policy deductibles or retention shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. The Contractor shall control any special or unusual hazards and be responsible for any damages that result from those hazards. The City does not represent that the insurance requirements are sufficient to protect the Contractor's interest or provide adequate coverage. Evidence of coverage is to be provided on a City-approved Insurance Certificate. A thirty (30) day written notice is required if the policy is canceled, not renewed or materially changed. The Contractor shall require any of its subcontractors, if sub-Contracting is allowable under this contract, to comply with these provisions.

6 Transfer of Interest

The Contractor shall not assign any interest in the Contract, and shall not transfer any interest in the same either by assignment or novation without the prior written approval of the City, provided, however, that claims for money due or to income due

to the Contractor may be assigned to a bank, trust company or other financial institution, or to a Trustee in Bankruptcy without such approval. Notice to any such assignment or transfer shall be furnished to the City. The Contractor shall not subcontract any services under this Contract without prior approval of the City Department Contract Manager designated herein.

7 Compliance Requirements

All Contractors hired by the City of Minneapolis are required to abide by the regulations of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) which prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of their disability and will take affirmative action to ensure that all employment practices are free from such discrimination. Such employment practices include but are not limited to the following: hiring, promotion, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff, discharge, compensation and fringe benefits, classification, referral and training. The ADA also requires Contractors associated with the City of Minneapolis to provide qualified applicants and employees with disabilities with reasonable accommodation that does not impose undue hardship. Contractors also agree to post in a conspicuous place, accessible to employees and applicants, notices of their policy on non-discrimination. The above requirements also apply to the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minn. Stat. C. 363.

In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the non-discrimination clauses of this Contract, this Contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended, in whole or part, and the Contractor may be declared ineligible by the Minneapolis City Council from any further participation in City Contracts in addition to other remedies as provided by law.

8 General Compliance

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations governing funds provided under this Contract.

9 Performance Monitoring

The City will monitor the performance of the Contractor against goals and performance standards required herein. Substandard performance as determined by the City will constitute non-compliance with this Contract. If action to correct such substandard performance is not taken by the Contractor within a reasonable period of time after being notified by the City, Contract termination procedures will be initiated. All work submitted by Contractor shall be subject to the approval and acceptance by the City Department Contract Manager designated herein. The City Department Contract Manager designated herein shall review each portion of the work when certified as complete and submitted by the Contractor and shall inform the Contractor of any apparent deficiencies, defects, or incomplete work, at any stage of the project.

10 Independent Contractor

Nothing contained in this Contract is intended to, or shall be construed in any manner, as creating or establishing the relationship of employer/employee between the parties. The Contractor shall at all times remain an independent Contractor with respect to the services to be performed under this Contract. Any and all employees of Contractor or other persons engaged in the performance of any work or services required by Contractor under this Contract shall be considered employees or sub-Contractors of the Contractor only and not of the City; and any and all claims that might arise, including Worker's Compensation claims under the Worker's Compensation Act of the State of Minnesota or any other state, on behalf of said employees or other persons while so engaged in any of the work or services provided to be rendered herein, shall be the sole obligation and responsibility of Contractor.

11 Hold Harmless

The Contractor agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers and employees, from any liabilities, claims, damages, costs, judgments, and expenses, including attorney's fees, resulting directly or indirectly from an act or omission of the Contractor, its employees, its agents, or employees of subcontractors, in the performance of the services provided by this Contract or by reason of the failure of the Contractor to fully perform, in any respect, any of its obligations under this Contract. If a Contractor is a self-insured agency of the State of Minnesota, the terms and conditions of Minnesota Statute 3.732 et seq. shall apply with respect to liability bonding, insurance and liability limits. The provisions of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 466 shall apply to other political subdivisions of the State of Minnesota.

12 Accounting Standards

The Contractor agrees to maintain the necessary source documentation and enforce sufficient internal controls as dictated by generally accepted accounting practices to properly account for expenses incurred under this Contract.

13 Retention of Records

The Contractor shall retain all records pertinent to expenditures incurred under this Contract for a period of six years after the resolution of all audit findings, with the exception that such records shall be kept for a period of ten years after both the terms of a monitoring agreement have been fulfilled and all audit findings have been resolved for abatement programs. Records for non-expendable property acquired with funds under this Contract shall be retained for six years after final disposition of such property.

14 Data Practices

The Contractor agrees to comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act and all other applicable state and federal laws relating to data privacy or confidentiality. The Contractor must immediately report to the City any requests from third parties for information relating to this Contract. The City agrees to promptly respond to inquiries from the Contractor concerning data requests. The Contractor agrees to hold the City, its officers, and employees harmless from any claims resulting from the Contractor's unlawful disclosure or use of data protected under state and federal laws.

All Proposals shall be treated as non-public information until the Proposals are opened for review by the City. At that time, the names of the responders become public data. All other data is private or non-public until the City has completed negotiating the Contract with the selected vendor. At that time, the Proposals and their contents become public data under the provisions of the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. C. 13 and as such are open to public review.

15 Inspection of Records

All Contractor records with respect to any matters covered by this Contract shall be made available to the City or its designees at any time during normal business hours, as often as the City deems necessary, to audit, examine, and make excerpts or transcripts of all relevant data.

16 Living Wage Policy

All Contractor employees will be paid at least a living wage. The definition of a Living Wage is at a minimum 110 percent of the current year federal poverty level for a family of four as provided by the federal Department of Health & Human Services for a Contractor that does not supply employer-paid health insurance and 100 percent for a Contractor that does supply employer-paid health insurance.

17 Applicable Law

The laws of the State of Minnesota shall govern all interpretations of this Contract, and the appropriate venue and jurisdiction for any litigation which may arise hereunder will be in those courts located within the County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, regardless of the place of business, residence or incorporation of the Contractor.

18 Conflict and Priority

In the event that a conflict is found between provisions in this Contract, the Contractor's Proposal or the City's Request for Proposals, the provisions in the following rank order shall take precedence: 1) Contract; 2) Proposal; and last 3) Request for Proposals.

19 Travel

If travel by the Contractor is allowable and approved for this Contract, then Contractor travel expenses must be reimbursed in accordance with the Contractor Travel Reimbursement Conditions, available from the City.

20 Ownership of Materials

All finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, maps, models, photographs, reports or other materials resulting from this Contract shall become the property of the City upon final approval of the final report or upon request by the City at any time before then. The City may use, extend, or enlarge any document produced under this Contract without the consent, permission of, or further compensation to the Contractor.

21 Billboard Advertising

Through Ordinance 109.470, City and City-derived funds are prohibited from use to pay for billboard advertising as a part of a City project or undertaking.

21 Conflict of Interest/Code of Ethics

By signing this Contract, the Contractor agrees that it will not represent any other party or other client which may create a conflict of interest in its representation with the City. If the Contractor is unclear if a conflict of interest exists, the Contractor will immediately contact the City department Contract manager and ask for an interpretation.

Contractor agrees to be bound by the City's Code of Ethics, Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15. Contractor certifies that to the best of its knowledge all City employees and officers participating in this Contract have also complied with that Ordinance. It is agreed by the Parties that any violation of the Code of Ethics constitutes grounds for the City to void this Contract. All questions relative to this section shall be referred to the City and shall be promptly answered.

22 Termination

The City may cancel this Contract for any reason without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice, except that if either party fails to fulfill its obligations under the Contract in a proper and timely manner, or otherwise violates the terms of this Contract, the other party shall have the right to terminate this Contract, if the default has not been cured after a ten (10) days written notice has been provided. If termination shall be without cause, the City shall pay Contractor all compensation earned to the date of termination. If the termination shall be for breach of this

Contract by Contractor, the City shall pay Contractor all compensation earned prior to the date of termination minus any damages and costs incurred by the City as a result of the breach. If the Contract is canceled or terminated, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, maps, models, photographs, reports or other materials prepared by the Contractor under this Contract shall, at the option of the City, become the property of the City, and the Contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents or materials prior to the termination.

Notwithstanding the above, the Contractor shall not be relieved of liability to the City for damages sustained by the City as a result of any breach of this Contract by the Contractor. The City may, in such event, withhold payments due to the Contractor for the purpose of set-off until such time as the exact amount of damages due to the City is determined. The rights or remedies provided for herein shall not limit the City, in case of any default by the Contractor, from asserting any other right or remedy allowed by law, equity, or by statute.

23 Intellectual Property

The City owns all rights, title, and interest in all of the intellectual property rights, including copyrights, patents, trade secrets, trademarks, and service marks in any Work created, in progress, produced or completed and paid by this Contract. Work covered includes inventions, improvements, discoveries, databases, computer programs, reports, notes, studies, photographs, negatives, designs, drawings, specifications, materials, tapes, or other media.

All Work under this Contract will be the exclusive property of the City and will be surrendered to the City immediately upon completion, expiration, or cancellation of this Contract. The Contractor represents and warrants that the Work does not and will not infringe upon any intellectual property rights of other persons or entities.

24 Equal Benefits Ordinance

Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, Section 18.200, relating to equal benefits for domestic partners, applies to each Contractor and subcontractor with 21 or more employees that enters into a "Contract", as defined by the ordinance, that exceeds \$100,000. The categories to which the ordinance applies are personal services; the sale or purchase of supplies, materials, equipment or the rental thereof; and the construction, alteration, repair or maintenance of personal property. The categories to which the ordinance does not apply include real property and development Contracts.

Please be aware that if a "Contract", as defined by the ordinance, initially does not exceed \$100,000, but is later modified so the Contract does exceed \$100,000, the ordinance will then apply to the Contract. A complete text of the ordinance is

available at: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/citywork/city-coordinator/finance/purchasing/domestic.html>. It is the Contractor's and subcontractor's responsibility to review and understand the requirements and applicability of this ordinance.

26 Small & Underutilized Business Program (SUBP) Requirements

The Proposer must comply with the Small & Underutilized Business Enterprise Program (SUBP), as outlined in Minneapolis City Ordinance Chapter 423 (the "(SUBP) Ordinance"). The SUBP Ordinance applies to any construction/development project, or part thereof, in excess of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), and any Contract for the provision of goods and services in excess of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). In accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract, the rules and regulations as promulgated by the manager of the SUBP, and the SUBP Ordinance, the Proposers must complete and submit as a part of their proposal the "Contractor Participation Form."

Each Proposer, including Proposers that are Women Business Enterprise (WBE) and/or Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) must complete and submit with its proposal the "Contractor Participation Form. Proposers that are W/MBEs are encouraged to further Contract with certified W/MBEs for procurement of goods, services and materials.

Failure to complete and/or submit the "Contractor Participation Form," with the proposal and provide written documentation of the Proposer's efforts or activities to meet the goals as described below, may be grounds for rejecting a proposal as non-responsive.

If established participation levels are not met, the City of Minneapolis will make the final determination as to whether the Proposer made sufficient good faith efforts to achieve the established goals.

The activities listed below must be included and documented in the proposal submitted to establish 'good faith effort' as required by the statute [Ch.423].

Whether or not the Proposer

- Advertised (or posted notices) in general circulation, community newspapers, and with service organizations such as Urban League, Summit Academy OIC, MDCR, MPHA, MEDA, NAMC, and Women Venture concerning the subcontracting and employment opportunities;
- Utilized the services of women and minority Contractor organizations, community organizations, recruitment resources, and business assistance agencies to provide assistance identifying and recruiting women-owned and minority-owned firms. Such service organizations include Urban League, Summit Academy OIC, Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights, Minneapolis Public Housing Authority, MEDA, NAMC, and Women Venture;
- Provided written notice to a reasonable number of certified W/MBE firms that have the capability to perform the work of the Contract that their interest in the Contract is being solicited;
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- Selected portions of the work to be performed by certified W/MBE firms in order to increase the likelihood that W/MBE goals may be met;
- Provided interested certified W/MBE firms with adequate information about the plans, specifications and requirements of the Contract in a timely manner to assist them in responding to a solicitation;
- Negotiated in good faith with interested certified W/MBE firms, not rejecting the firms as unqualified without sound reason(s) based on a thorough investigation of their capabilities;
- Other actions, not listed above, intended to secure participation of women and minority employees, and participation of certified W/MBE firms.

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Proposers who fail to submit the “Contractor Participation Form” may be deemed non-responsive and their proposal may be rejected.

The SUBP goals for this project are __% WBE and __% MBE.

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CONTRACTOR PARTICIPATION FORM

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

WOMEN, MINORITY AND SMALL BUSINESS UTILIZATION PLAN

PROPOSER'S NAME:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

CONTACT NAME:

PROJECT NAME:

RFP NUMBER:

Each proposal shall be accompanied with this document. Proposers who fail to submit this document may be deemed non-responsive and their proposal may be rejected.

1. What percent of the base proposal for this project will be supplied by certified
Minority Businesses _____% Women Businesses _____%

Using the matrix below list the name of each certified women, minority or small business to be utilized on this project, the type of work to be performed and the proposed dollar amount of their Contract. Using the categories below, please document the following information:

Date of Contact	Name of Women or Minority	Certification (WBE/MBE)	Person Contacted	Reason for Contact	Type of Work or Supplies	Contract/ Purchase Amount Result

This page may be photo copied for additional documentation of efforts.

2. List the steps the Proposer will take to insure that certified Women, and Minority Businesses will be given an opportunity to participate on this project.

3. During the performance of this project, will the Proposer join with the City to support training programs or other efforts designed to help certified Women, and Minority? _____ Yes _____ No