

## **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

### **I. SUBMISSION AND RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS**

1. Proposals to receive consideration must be received on or prior to the specified time and date of opening, as designated in the proposal.
2. Unless otherwise specified, Firms **MUST** use the proposal form(s) furnished by the City. Failure to do so may be cause for rejection of proposal. Removal of any part of the proposal forms may invalidate proposal.
3. Proposals having any erasure or corrections **MUST** be initialed by the Proposer in **INK**. Proposals shall be signed in INK; all forms shall be typewritten or printed with pen and ink.

### **II. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

These General Terms and Conditions apply to all responses made to the City of Hallandale Beach by all prospective Proposers. The City of Hallandale Beach reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any informalities or irregularities in any proposals received, to re-advertise for proposals, to enter into contract negotiations with the selected Proposer(s) or take any other actions that may be deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Hallandale Beach.

#### **1. CONE OF SILENCE:**

- (a) *Purpose.* A cone of silence shall be applicable to all requests for proposal (RFP), invitations to bid (ITB), RFLI, or any other advertised solicitations for the provision of goods and services, professional services, and public works or improvements for amounts greater than fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars, unless otherwise exempted in this section.
- (b) *Definition.* The term "cone of silence" means a prohibition on:
  - (1) Any communication regarding a particular RFP, RFQ, ITB, RFLI, or any other advertised solicitation between a potential proposer, offeror, respondent, bidder, lobbyist or consultant and the City's staff including, but not limited to, the City Manager and his/her staff;
  - (2) Any communication regarding a particular RFP, RFQ, RFLI, ITB or any other advertised solicitation between a potential proposer, offeror, respondent, bidder, lobbyist, or consultant and any member of the selection/evaluation committee therefor;
  - (3) Any communication regarding a particular RFP, RFQ, RFLI, ITB or any other advertised solicitation between a potential proposer, offeror, respondent,

bidder, lobbyist, or consultant and the mayor and commissioners and their respective staff.

(c) *Exemptions.* Notwithstanding the foregoing, the cone of silence shall not apply to:

- (1) Communications between a potential proposer, offeror, respondent, bidder, consultant and City purchasing staff, prior to bid opening date or receipt of proposals, provided the communication is limited strictly to matters of process or procedure already contained in the corresponding solicitation document;
- (2) Duly noticed pre-bid/proposal conferences and site inspections;
- (3) Duly noticed site visits to determine the competency of bidders/proposers regarding a particular solicitation during the time period between the opening of bids/receipt of proposals and the time the City Manager presents his/her written recommendation to the city commission;
- (4) Emergency procurements;
- (5) Communications with the City Attorney;
- (6) Sole source procurements;
- (7) Those purchases that are exempted from competitive requirements in accordance with Code of Ordinances, Section 23-8
- (8) Bid waivers;
- (9) Oral presentations before selection/evaluation committees and communications occurring during duly noticed meetings of selection/evaluation committees;
- (10) Public presentations made to the city commission and communications occurring during any duly noticed public meeting;
- (11) Communications in connection with the collection of industry comments or the performance of market research regarding a particular RFP, RFQ, RFLI, ITB or any other advertised solicitation by the purchasing staff;
- (12) Contract negotiations that occur after an award; and
- (13) Any communication regarding a particular RFP, RFQ, RFLI, ITB or any other advertised solicitation between the city manager and his/her staff, and the mayor and city commission and their staff, following the evaluation process, to discuss the documents released by the city as well as documents received from responders. The city manager shall make available to the mayor and the city commission all documents reviewed by the evaluation committee for the top three ranked responders.

(d) *Procedure.*

- (1) *Imposition.* A cone of silence shall be imposed upon each RFP, RFQ, RFLI, ITB or any other advertised solicitation when the solicitation is advertised. At the time of imposition of the cone of silence, the city manager or his/her designee shall issue a notice thereof to the affected department, the city clerk, mayor and city commission and shall include in any advertised

solicitation a statement disclosing that the solicitation is subject to the cone of silence.

- (2) Termination; city commission awarding authority. Except as otherwise provided herein, the cone of silence shall terminate at the date and time of the city commission meeting where the award will be made; provided, however, that if the city commission defers the matter to a future date, the cone of silence shall be re-imposed until such time as the matter is brought back before the city commission for further deliberation. In the event the city commission decides to reject all bids, then the cone of silence shall be lifted.
- (3) City Manager awarding authority. Except as otherwise provided herein, the cone of silence shall terminate at the time the originating department issues a written recommendation to the city manager; provided, however, that if the city manager refers the recommendation back for further review, the cone of silence shall be reinstated until such time as the city manager issues a recommendation for award pending the bid protest period.
- (e) Penalties. Violation of the cone of silence by a particular bidder or proposer shall render the award to said bidder or proposer voidable by the city commission. A violation of this section by a particular bidder, proposer, offeror, respondent, lobbyist or consultant shall subject said bidder, proposer, offeror, respondent, lobbyist or consultant to five hundred (\$500.00) dollar fine per violation and debarment.

**2. CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL**

The Proposer must include any materials it asserts to be exempted from public disclosure under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, in a separate bound document labeled "Attachment to Request for Proposals, (*Name of RFP*) - Confidential Material". The Proposer must identify the specific Statute that authorizes exemption from the Public Records Law. Any claim of confidentiality on materials the Proposer asserts to be exempt from public disclosure and placed elsewhere in the proposal will be considered waived by the Proposer upon submission, effective after opening.

**3. SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS**

Any person with a qualified disability requiring special accommodations at a pre-proposal conference, public meeting, oral presentation and/or opening shall contact the Office of the City Clerk at (954) 457-1340, at least five (5) working days prior to the event. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact this office by using the Florida Relay Services which can be reached at 1 (800) 955-8771 (TDD).

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The City complies with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you are a disabled person requiring any

accommodations or assistance, please notify the Office of the City Clerk at (954) 457-1340 of such need.

**4. DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFITS REQUIREMENT:**

A requirement for City of Hallandale Beach Contractors to provide equal benefits for domestic partners. Contractors with five (5) or more employees contracting with the City of Hallandale Beach, in an amount valued over \$50,000, must provide benefits to employees' spouses and the children of spouses. All Firms must complete and provide with their response the Domestic Partnership Certification Form.

**Equal Benefits Requirements**

As part of the competitive solicitation and procurement process a Contractor seeking a Contract shall certify that upon award of a Contract it will provide benefits to Domestic Partners of its employees on the same basis as it provides benefits to employees' spouses. The certification shall be in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the Contractor. Failure to provide such certification shall result in a Contractor being deemed non-responsive.

**Contracts**

Every Contract, unless otherwise exempt as per the section below, shall contain language that obligates the Contractor to comply with the applicable provisions of this section. The Contract shall include provisions for the following:

- (i) The Contractor certifies and represents that it will comply with this section during entire term of the Contract.
- (ii) The failure of the Contractor to comply with this section shall be deemed to be a material breach of the contract, entitling the City to pursue any remedy stated below or any remedy provided under applicable law.
- (iii) The City may terminate the Contract if the Contractor fails to comply with this section.
- (iv) The City may retain all monies due or to become due until the Contractor complies with this section.

**Exception and waiver**

The provision of this section shall not apply where:

- a. The contractor provides benefits neither to employees' spouses nor spouse's dependents.
- b. The contractor is a religious organization, association, society or any non-profit charitable or educational institution or organization operated, supervised or controlled by or in conjunction with a religious organization, association or society.
- c. The contractor is a governmental entity.

- d. The contract is for the sale or lease of property.
- e. The covered contract is necessary to respond to an emergency.
- f. The provision of this section would violate grant requirements, the laws, rules or regulations of federal or state law.
- g. The City Commission waives compliance of this section in the best interests of the city, including but not limited to, the following circumstances:
  - 1. Where only one (1) solicitation response is received.
  - 2. Where more than one (1) solicitation response is received, but the solicitation demonstrates that none of the proposed solicitations can comply with the requirements of this section.

**5. LOBBYIST REGISTRATION:**

Annual registration. Every lobbyist shall file a registration form with the City Clerk's Office. The registration form requires the Lobbyist to state under oath the lobbyist's name, business address, the name and business address of each party, person, principal, and/or client represented on city matters, any previous principal, and/or client represented who has, at the time of registration, any pending matters involving the City, and the general and specific areas of lobbyist interest in any City matter, if not previously disclosed. Registration is required annually, along with a payment of an annual registration fee of fifty (\$50.00) Dollars.

**6. SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES:**

The City, entering into a contract for goods or services of \$1 million or more, entered into or renewed on or after July 1, 2011, can terminate such contract at the option of the City if the Firm awarded the contract is found to have submitted a false certification or has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List.

**7. PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE PERIOD:**

Proposer warrants by virtue of submitting a proposal that costs, terms and conditions quoted in the Proposal will remain Firm for acceptance by City Commission until such time as the City Commission approves award of contract.

**8. PUBLIC RECORDS:**

Sealed bids, or replies received by an agency pursuant to a competitive solicitation are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution until such time as the agency provides notice of an intended decision or until 30 days after opening the bids,

proposals, or final replies, whichever is earlier. In the event the City Commission elects to reject all bids and indicates its intent to reissue the solicitation of bids, the submitted proposals remain exempted from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a) Art. I of the State Constitution until the City gives notice of its intent to award the contract under the reissued solicitation.

If the bidder/proposer believes any of the information contained in his or her response is exempt from the Public Records Law, then the Proposer, must in his or her response, specifically identify the material which is deemed to be exempt and cite the legal authority for the exemption. City's determination of whether an exemption applies shall be final, and bidder/proposer agrees to hold harmless and releases the City, and to defend, indemnify, by Counsel chosen by the City Attorney, the City and City's officers, employees, and agents against any loss or damages incurred by any person or entity as a result of the City's treatment of records as public records.

#### **9. ADDENDA AND MODIFICATIONS:**

All addenda and other modifications to the documents or this RFP made prior to the time and date of proposal opening shall be issued as separate documents identified as changes to the proposal project document. The City shall make reasonable efforts to issue addenda within seven days prior to proposal opening.

If any addenda are issued, the City will attempt to notify known prospective Proposers. Addenda to this solicitation will be posted on the City's webpage <http://www.cohb.org/solicitations>.

Firms are solely responsible to check the website or contact the Procurement Department prior to the Proposal submittal deadline to ensure addenda has not been released. All Proposals shall be construed as though all addenda had been received and acknowledged and the submission of his/her Proposal shall constitute acknowledgment of receipt of all addenda, whether or not received by him/her. It is the responsibility of each prospective Proposer to verify that he/she has received all addenda issued before depositing the Proposal with the City.

#### **10. PERFORMANCE:**

It is the intention of the City to obtain the products and services as specified herein from a source of supply that will give prompt and convenient service. The awarded Proposer must be able to perform as required under the Scope of Service. Any failure of Contractor to comply with these conditions may be cause for terminating any resulting contract immediately upon notice by the City. The City reserves the right to obtain these products and services from other sources, when necessary, should Contractor be unable to perform on a timely basis and such delay may cause harm to the using department or City residents.

The City, in its absolute discretion, will consider a Vendor's prior performance on any City of Hallandale Beach contracted project to determine if the Vendor has completed prior contracted projects in a timely fashion and/or has failed in any other way, in the opinion of the City, to perform a prior contract in a satisfactory manner.

**11. DELIVERY:**

Time is of the essence. City reserves the right to cancel orders, or any part thereof, without obligation, if delivery is not made at the time specified on the proposal form.

**12. DEFAULT PROVISION:**

In case of default by the successful Firm the City may procure the products or services from other sources and hold the Firm responsible for any excess cost occasioned or incurred thereby.

**13. COPYRIGHTS AND/OR PATENT RIGHTS:**

Proposer warrants that there has been no violation of copyrights and/or patent rights in the manufacturing, producing or selling the goods, shipped or ordered, as a result of this proposal and the Proposer agrees to hold the City harmless from any and all liability, loss, or expense occasioned by any such violation.

Copyrighted material will be accepted as part of a technical proposal only if accompanied by a waiver that will allow the City to make paper and electronic copies necessary for the use of City staff and agents. It is noted that copyrighted material is not exempt from the Public Records Law, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Therefore, such material will be subject to viewing by the public, but copies of the material will not be provided to the public.

**14. TAXES:**

The City is exempt from any taxes imposed by the State of Florida and/or Federal Government. State Sales Tax Exemption Certificate No. 85-8015922477C-2; United States Treasury Department. Exemption Certificates provided on request.

**15. FAILURE TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL:**

If your Firm does not submit a proposal, PLEASE return the form, "**UNABLE TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL**", stating thereon and request that your name be retained on the City mailing list, otherwise, your Firm's name will be removed from the City's bid mailing list.

**16. SIGNED PROPOSAL CONSIDERED AN OFFER:**

The signed Proposal shall be considered an offer on the part of the Proposer or Firm, which offer shall be deemed accepted upon approval by the City Commission of the City of Hallandale Beach, Florida and in case of default on the part of the successful Proposer

or Firm, after such acceptance, the City may take such action as it deems appropriate, including legal action, for damages or specific performance.

**17. LIABILITY, INSURANCE, LICENSES AND PERMITS:**

Where Proposers are required to enter onto City of Hallandale Beach property to deliver materials or perform work or services, as a result of proposal award, the Proposer will assume full duty, obligation and expense of obtaining all necessary licenses, permits, inspections and insurance, as required. The Proposer shall be liable for any damage or loss to the City occasioned by negligence of the Proposer (or agent) or any person the Proposer has designated in the completion of a contract as a result of the proposal.

**18. RESERVATION FOR REJECTION AND AWARD:**

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to waive irregularities and technicalities, and to request re-submission of proposals. The City also reserves the right to award the contract on such material the City deems will best serve its interests.

The City also reserves the right to waive minor variations to specifications (interpretation of minor variations will be made by applicable City Procurement personnel). In addition, the City reserves the right to cancel any contract by giving thirty (30) days written notice. **The City reserves the right to negotiate the type and cost of specific types of services to be purchased. These negotiations may be held with one or more proposers, as is deemed in the best interest of the City.**

Other conditions which may cause rejection of proposals include, but are not limited to, evidence of collusion among Proposers, obvious lack of experience or expertise to perform the required work, failure to perform or meet financial obligations on previous contracts, or in the event an individual, firm, partnership, or corporation is on the General Services Administration Excluded Parties List. Proposers whose proposals, past performance, or current status do not reflect the capability, integrity, or reliability to fully and in good faith perform the requirements of the Contract may be rejected as non-responsible. The City reserves the right to determine which proposals meet the requirements of this solicitation, and which Proposers are responsive and responsible.

The City Manager shall have the authority to recommend to the City Commission award of contracts. Contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, or as otherwise determined in the best interest of the City. The City Commission shall not be involved in the preparation, submittal and evaluation of Bids, request for proposals and other purchases, including attendance at or participating in presentations to or deliberations by a selection committee or contact with persons, Firms, organizations and corporations submitting Bids or proposals to the City. Following an evaluation of responses received for Bids, request for proposals, and other purchases, the City manager shall have the authority to recommend to the City Commission award of contracts.



**19. OMISSION OF INFORMATION:**

Any omissions of detailed specifications stated herein, that would render the materials/services not suitable for use as specified, will not relieve the Proposer from responsibility.

**20. INSPECTION OF FACILITIES / SITE VISIT:**

Proposers wishing to inspect facilities where services are to be rendered must make an appointment by calling the City's Procurement Department.

**21. PROPOSER'S COSTS:**

The City shall not be liable for any costs incurred by proposers in response to the RFP.

**22. UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS**

The employment of unauthorized aliens by any contractor/Firm is considered a violation of Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. If the contractor/Firm knowingly employs unauthorized aliens, such violation shall be cause for unilateral cancellation of the contract.

**23. NONDISCRIMINATION, EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate against any person in its operations and activities in its use or expenditure of funds or any portion of the funds provided by this Agreement and shall affirmatively comply with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in the course of providing any services funded in whole or in part by CITY, including Titles I and II of the ADA (regarding nondiscrimination on the basis of disability), and all applicable regulations, guidelines and standards.

CONTRACTOR's decisions regarding the delivery of services under this Agreement shall be made without regard to or consideration of race, age, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation (Broward County Code, Chapter 16 ½), gender identity, gender expression, national origin, marital status, physical or mental disability, political affiliation or any other factor which cannot be lawfully or appropriately used as a basis for service delivery.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act regarding nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in employment and further shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, age, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, marital status, political affiliation, or physical or mental disability. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall take affirmative steps to ensure nondiscrimination in employment against disabled persons. Such actions shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff, termination, rates of pay, other forms of compensation, terms and conditions or employment, training (including apprenticeship, and accessibility).

CONTRACTOR shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and employees are treated without regard to race, age, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation (Broward County Code, Chapter 16 ½), gender identity, gender expression, national origin, marital status, political affiliation, or physical or mental disability during employment. Such actions shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff; termination, rates of pay, other forms of compensation, terms and conditions of employment, training (including apprenticeship), and accessibility.

CONTRACTOR shall not engage in or commit any discriminatory practice in violation of the Broward County Human Rights Act (Broward County Code, Chapter 16 ½) in performing any services pursuant to this Agreement.

#### **24. PROTEST PROCEDURES:**

Any party may present a written protest about the award of a contract as a result of an RFP, RFQ or Bid to the Director of Procurement. Emergency procurements, purchases for goods, supplies, equipment, and services, the estimated cost of which does not exceed fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars, are not subject to protests.

(1) Time for Protest

The submission of a protest about the award of a contract, as a result of an RFP, RFQ or Bid, to the Director of Procurement must be made no later than ten (10) calendar days of approval of Notice of Award.

(2) Form and Content of Protest

The protest shall be filed in writing with the Director of Procurement and shall state the contested information about the RFP, RFQ or Bid.

The Procurement Director will provide a copy of the written protest to the City Attorney and/or City Attorney and other appropriate City staff.

(3) Protest Filing Fee

The written protest must be accompanied by a filing fee in the form of a money order or cashier's check payable to the City of Hallandale Beach in an amount equal to one (1%) percent of the contract value, which resulted from an RFP, RFQ or Bid, but no greater than five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars. The filing fee shall guarantee the payment of all costs which may be adjudged against the protestor in any administrative or court proceeding. If a protest is upheld by the Director of Procurement, the filing fee shall be refunded to the protestor less any costs assessed under section 4. "Costs" below.

(4) Costs

All costs accrued from a protest shall be assumed by the protestor.

(5) Authority to resolve protests

The Procurement Director shall have the authority, subject to the approval of the City Manager Executive Director and the City Attorney, to settle and resolve any written protest within thirty (30) days after receipt of the written protest.

(6) Special Magistrate

In the event the protest is not resolved by the Procurement Director, a hearing shall be scheduled by the City before a special magistrate selected by the City, who shall only determine whether procedural due process has been afforded, whether the essential requirements of law have been observed, and whether the Procurement Director's findings are arbitrary, capricious, or an abuse of discretion. Any hearing shall be limited to two (2) hours per side, unless the special magistrate rules otherwise. This requirement is a jurisdictional prerequisite to the institution of any civil action regarding the same subject matter.

**25. QUALIFICATIONS OF PROPOSER:**

Proposals shall be considered only from Firms normally engaged in performing the type of work specified within the RFP Project Document. The Firm proposing must have adequate organization, facilities, equipment, and personnel to ensure prompt and efficient service to the City. In determining a Proposer's responsibility and ability to perform the contract, the City has the right to investigate the financial condition, experience record, personnel, equipment, facilities, and organization of the Proposer. The City has the right to conduct further investigation of the Firm's responsibility. The unreasonable failure of Proposer or Firm to promptly supply information in connection with an inquiry with respect to responsibility may be grounds for determination of non-responsibility with respect to such Proposer or Firm.

**26. TAX SAVINGS DIRECT PURCHASES (TSDP)**

The City of Hallandale Beach is recognized by the State of Florida as being exempt from state sales tax and use tax and is therefore, qualified for an exemption from Florida and all other state sales taxes on the purchase of tangible personal property if certain criteria are met. The City may realize savings of sales tax on selected material and equipment needed for use in public works contracts. Public works contracts are Projects for public use or enjoyment, financed and owned by the City, in which private firms install tangible property that becomes part of a City facility. See Rule 12A-1.094 and Section 212.08(6) Florida Statutes.

The City will implement the TSDP for Projects of \$1 million or above and apply it if applicable to this Project.

**27. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

If you are an employee, board member, elected official(s) or an immediate family member of any such person, please indicate the relationship in the form provided in the Form's Section. Pursuant to the City of Hallandale Beach Standards of ethics any potential conflict of interest must be disclosed and if requested, obtain a conflict of interest opinion or waiver from the City Commission prior to entering into a contract with the City of Hallandale Beach.

**28. SAMPLE FORM CONTRACT:**

The City's Form Contract is attached as part of this solicitation. Submission of a response without identifying variances expressly acknowledges and formally evidences acceptance of all terms and conditions of the form Contract. Any and all variances must be submitted in writing by the Proposer.

**29. AWARD OF CONTRACT:**

The City exercises the right reserved herein to reject any or all solicitations (Bids/RFPs). The Contract shall be awarded by the City to the responsive, responsible Bidder who has submitted either the lowest responsive bid or the lowest responsive bid on the base bid including such alternates as the City determines to be in its own best interests depending upon whichever is applicable to the particular bid.

Services will be authorized to begin when the awarded Firm(s) receives, as appropriate a fully executed contract, a notice to proceed and a purchase order indicating encumbrance of funds.

**30. POLYSTYRENE (STYROFOAM) ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY:**

The City of Hallandale Beach Administrative Policy 2009.002, Expanded Polystyrene Administrative Policy was approved by the City Commission during the April 18, 2018 by City Commission. The Policy is to preserve and enhance the health and quality of the environment in Hallandale Beach by restricting the use of City funds by City employees, contractors and/or vendors to purchase expanded polystyrene (Styrofoam) products for use or sale on City property or City facilities. Under the policy, City funds may not be expended to purchase Styrofoam food services articles for use or sale in City facilities or on City property. This includes funds used by City employees or used to pay City Contractors or vendors. Styrofoam food service articles will no longer be permitted to be sold or used in City facilities or on City properties by contractors or vendors that are paid

with City funds. Click to access [2009.002 Expanded Polystyrene \(Styrofoam\) Administrative Policy](#).

**31. FALSE CLAIMS ORDINANCE NO. 2018-22:**

The City of Hallandale Beach Code of Ordinances, Chapter 19, Article V, False Claims (Ordinance No. 2018-22) was approved by City Commission on August 15, 2018. The False Claims Ordinance purpose is to deter persons from knowingly causing or assisting in causing the City to pay false claims, and to provide remedies for obtaining damages and civil relief for the City if a false claim is sought or obtained from the City. Click link to access [False Claims Ordinance No. 2018-22](#).

**32. SUSTAINABLE PRACTICE ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY:**

The City of Hallandale Beach Administrative Policy 2009.002, Sustainable Practice Policy was approved by the City Manager on October 9, 2019. The Policy is to set a standard of sustainable, environmentally preferable, and resilient practices, purchases, and procurement made to demonstrate the City's commitment to environmental stewardship. Under the policy the city's purchases and procurements must meet certain sustainability qualifications including: (1) copy paper, cardboard, business cards, and office supplies must contain a minimum of 20% recycled content, (2) cleaning and janitorial products must be Green Seal certified including 100% post-consumer recycled content paper products, (3) appliances and electronics must be EnergyStar or EPEAT certified, (4) lighting and light fixtures must be EnergyStar certified, (5) HVAC systems and equipment must be EnergyStar certified whenever possible, (6) indoor and outdoor water fixtures and irrigation must be WaterSense certified, (7) fleet vehicles must be electric or hybrid wherever appropriate and, (8) capital and/or infrastructure projects with a lifespan of 30 years or more shall be designed to withstand 34 inches of sea level rise by 2060, 81 inches of sea level rise if infrastructure's lifespan extends to 2100, and must be able to withstand corrosion caused by exposure to saltwater. Click to access [2009.004 Sustainable Practice Policy](#).