

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) 2-2655

DIVERSITY OUTREACH SERVICES



ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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Key RFP Dates

Issue Date:	July 26, 2022
Pre-Proposal Conference Date:	August 2, 2022
Question Submittal Date:	August 5, 2022
Proposal Submittal Date:	August 17, 2022
Interview Date:	September 7, 2022

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July 26, 2022

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

RFP 2-2655: "DIVERSITY OUTREACH SERVICES"

TO: ALL OFFERORS

FROM: ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

The Orange County Transportation Authority (Authority) invites proposals from qualified consultants to assist with the planning, implementing, and evaluation of a diversity outreach program for Orange County's diverse communities. The budget for this project is \$350,000 for a two (2)-year initial term.

Please note that by submitting a Proposal, Offeror certifies that it is not subject to any Ukraine/Russia-related economic sanctions imposed by the State of California or the United States Government including, but not limited to, Presidential Executive Order Nos. 13660, 13661, 13662, 13685, and 14065. Any individual or entity that is the subject of any Ukraine/Russia-related economic sanction is not eligible to submit a Proposal. In submitting a Proposal, all Offerors agree to comply with all economic sanctions imposed by the State or U.S. Government.

Proposals must be submitted, electronically, through the following URL link: <http://www.octa.net/Proposal Upload Link>, at or before the deadline of 2:00 p.m. on August 17, 2022. The link has an upload file size limit of 80MB. Authority will not accept hard copy proposals for this RFP.

Offerors are instructed to click the upload link, select "**RFP 2-2655**" from the drop-down menu, and follow the instructions as prompted to upload the proposal. The upload link will expire at the submittal deadline and will not allow proposals to be uploaded.

Should Offerors encounter technical issues with uploading the proposals via the link provided, Offerors are required to contact the Contract Administrator prior to the submission deadline. Proposals and supplemental information to proposals received after the date and time specified above will be rejected.

Firms interested in obtaining a copy of this RFP may do so by downloading the RFP from CAMM NET at <https://cammnet.octa.net>.

All firms interested in doing business with the Authority are required to register their business on-line at CAMM NET. The website can be found at <https://cammnet.octa.net>.

To receive all further information regarding this RFP 2-2655, firms and subconsultants must be registered on CAMM NET with at least one of the following commodity codes for this solicitation selected as part of the vendor's on-line registration profile:

<u>Category:</u>	<u>Commodity:</u>
Marketing, Advertising & Media Services	Advertising - Public Relations Communications Marketing Services Graphic Arts Design Services (Not Printing) Public Relations/Outreach Services Web Page Graphic Design Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Outreach
Services (General)	

A pre-proposal conference will be held via teleconference on August 2, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Prospective Offerors may join or call-in using the following credentials:

- [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- OR Call-in Number: 916-550-9867
- Conference ID: 219 563 132 739

An on-site/in-person conference will not be held. A copy of the presentation slides and pre-proposal conference registration sheet will be issued via addendum prior to the date of the pre-proposal conference. All prospective Offerors are encouraged to attend the pre-proposal conference.

The Authority has established September 7, 2022, as the date to conduct interviews. All prospective Offerors will be asked to keep this date available.

Offerors are encouraged to subcontract with small businesses to the maximum extent possible.

All Offerors will be required to comply with all applicable equal opportunity laws and regulations.

The award of this contract is subject to receipt of federal, state, and/or local funds adequate to carry out the provisions of the proposed agreement including the identified Scope of Work.

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B. EXAMINATION OF PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS

By submitting a proposal, Offeror represents that it has thoroughly examined and become familiar with the work required under this RFP and that it is capable of performing quality work to achieve the Authority's objectives.

C. ADDENDA

The Authority reserves the right to revise the RFP documents. Any Authority changes to the requirements will be made by written addendum to this RFP. Any written addenda issued pertaining to this RFP shall be incorporated into the terms and conditions of any resulting Agreement. The Authority will not be bound to any modifications to or deviations from the requirements set forth in this RFP as the result of oral instructions. Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of addenda in their proposals. Failure to acknowledge receipt of Addenda may cause the proposal to be deemed non-responsive to this RFP and be rejected.

D. AUTHORITY CONTACT

All communication and/or contacts with Authority staff regarding this RFP are to be directed to the following Contract Administrator:

Iris Deneau, Senior Contract Administrator
Contracts Administration and Materials Management Department
Phone: 714.560. 5786
Email: ideneau@octa.net

Commencing on the date of the issuance of this RFP and continuing until award of the contract or cancellation of this RFP, no offeror, subcontractor, lobbyist, or agent hired by the offeror shall have any contact or communications regarding this

RFP with any Authority's staff; member of the evaluation committee for this RFP; or any contractor or consultant involved with the procurement, other than the Contract Administrator named above or unless expressly permitted by this RFP. Contact includes face-to-face, telephone, electronic mail (email), or formal written communication. Any offeror, subcontractor, lobbyist, or agent hired by the offeror that engages in such prohibited communications may result in disqualification of the offeror at the sole discretion of the Authority.

E. CLARIFICATIONS

1. Examination of Documents

Should an Offeror require clarifications of this RFP, the Offeror shall notify the Authority in writing in accordance with Section E.2. below. Should it be found that the point in question is not clearly and fully set forth, the Authority will issue a written addendum clarifying the matter which will be sent to all firms registered on CAMM NET under the commodity codes specified in this RFP.

2. Submitting Requests

- a. All questions, including questions that could not be specifically answered at the pre-proposal conference, must be put in writing and received via email at ideneau@octa.net no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 5, 2022.
- b. Requests for clarifications, questions and comments must be clearly labeled, "Written Questions RFP 2-2655," in the subject line of the email. The Authority is not responsible for failure to respond to a request that has not been labeled as such.

3. Authority Responses

Responses from the Authority will be posted on CAMM NET no later than August 10, 2022. Offerors may download responses from CAMM NET at <https://cammnet.octa.net>, or request responses be sent via email.

To receive email notification of Authority responses when they are posted on CAMM NET, firms and subconsultants must be registered on CAMM NET with at least one of the following commodity codes for this solicitation selected as part of the vendor's on-line registration profile:

Category:

Marketing, Advertising & Media
Services

Commodity:

Advertising - Public Relations
Communications Marketing
Services
Graphic Arts Design Services
(Not Printing)

Services (General)

Public Relations/Outreach
Services
Web Page Graphic Design
Disadvantaged Business
Enterprises Outreach

Inquiries received after 5:00 p.m. on August 5, 2022 will not be responded to.

F. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

1. Date and Time

Proposals are due at or before August 17, 2022.

a) Technical Proposal

Proposals must be submitted, electronically, through the following URL link: <http://www.octa.net/Proposal Upload Link>, at or before the deadline of **2:00 p.m. on August 17, 2022. The link has an upload file size limit of 80MB. Authority will not accept hard copy proposals for this RFP.**

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b) Price Proposal

The Offeror shall complete the "Price Summary Sheet" form included with this RFP (Exhibit B), **as a separate sealed package from the electronically submitted proposal. The Offeror shall submit one (1) hard copy original price proposal mailed to the Authority's office at or before 2:00 p.m. on August 17, 2022. No information regarding individual hourly rates shall be mentioned anywhere in the contents of the technical proposal.**

Price proposals delivered in person or by a means other than the U.S. Postal Service shall be submitted to the following:

**Orange County Transportation Authority
Contracts Administration and Materials Management (Camm)
600 South Main Street, (Lobby Receptionist)
Orange, California 92868
Attention: Iris Deneau, Senior Contract Administrator**

Price proposals delivered using the U.S. Postal Services shall be addressed as follows:

**Orange County Transportation Authority
Contracts Administration and Materials Management (Camm)
P.O. Box 14184
Orange, California 92863-1584
Attention: Iris Deneau, Senior Contract Administrator**

Note: The Authority utilizes a third-party delivery service; therefore, anticipate a 48-hour delay in delivery of proposals mailed to the P.O. Box listed above. Price proposals are considered received once time stamped at the Authority's physical address.

2. Acceptance of Proposals

- a. The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals, or any item or part thereof, or to waive any informalities or irregularities in proposals.
- b. The Authority reserves the right to withdraw or cancel this RFP at any time without prior notice and the Authority makes no representations that any contract will be awarded to any Offeror responding to this RFP.
- c. The Authority reserves the right to issue a new RFP for the project.
- d. The Authority reserves the right to postpone proposal openings for its own convenience.
- e. Each proposal will be received with the understanding that acceptance by the Authority of the proposal to provide the services described herein shall constitute a contract between the Offeror and Authority which shall bind the Offeror on its part to furnish and deliver at the prices given and in accordance with conditions of said accepted proposal and specifications.
- f. The Authority reserves the right to investigate the qualifications of

any Offeror, and/or require additional evidence of qualifications to perform the work.

- g. Submitted proposals are not to be copyrighted.

G. PRE-CONTRACTUAL EXPENSES

The Authority shall not, in any event, be liable for any pre-contractual expenses incurred by Offeror in the preparation of its proposal. Offeror shall not include any such expenses as part of its proposal.

Pre-contractual expenses are defined as expenses incurred by Offeror in:

1. Preparing its proposal in response to this RFP;
2. Submitting that proposal to the Authority;
3. Negotiating with the Authority any matter related to this proposal; or
4. Any other expenses incurred by Offeror prior to date of award, if any, of the Agreement.

H. JOINT OFFERS

Where two or more firms desire to submit a single proposal in response to this RFP, they should do so on a prime-subcontractor basis rather than as a joint venture. The Authority intends to contract with a single firm and not with multiple firms doing business as a joint venture.

I. TAXES

Offerors' proposals are subject to State and Local sales taxes. However, the Authority is exempt from the payment of Federal Excise and Transportation Taxes. Offeror is responsible for payment of all taxes for any goods, services, processes and operations incidental to or involved in the contract.

J. PROTEST PROCEDURES

The Authority has on file a set of written protest procedures applicable to this solicitation that may be obtained by contacting the Contract Administrator responsible for this procurement. Any protests filed by an Offeror in connection with this RFP must be submitted in accordance with the Authority's written procedures.

K. CONTRACT TYPE

It is anticipated that the Agreement resulting from this solicitation, if awarded, will be time-and-expense with fully-burdened labor rates and anticipated expenses for work specified in the scope of work, included in the RFP as Exhibit A. The Agreement will have a two (2)-year initial term with one (1), one (1)-year option term.

L. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

All Offerors responding to this RFP must avoid organizational conflicts of interest which would restrict full and open competition in this procurement. An organizational conflict of interest means that due to other activities, relationships or contracts, an Offeror is unable, or potentially unable to render impartial assistance or advice to the Authority; an Offeror's objectivity in performing the work identified in the Scope of Work is or might be otherwise impaired; or an Offeror has an unfair competitive advantage. Conflict of Interest issues must be fully disclosed in the Offeror's proposal.

All Offerors must disclose in their proposal and immediately throughout the course of the evaluation process if they have hired or retained an advocate to lobby Authority staff or the Board of Directors on their behalf.

Offerors hired to perform services for the Authority are prohibited from concurrently acting as an advocate for another firm who is competing for a contract with the Authority, either as a prime or subcontractor.

M. CODE OF CONDUCT

All Offerors agree to comply with the Authority's Code of Conduct as it relates to Third-Party contracts which is hereby referenced and by this reference is incorporated herein. All Offerors agree to include these requirements in all of its subcontracts.

N. OWNERSHIP OF RECORDS/PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

All proposals and documents submitted in response to this RFP shall become the property of the Authority and a matter of public record pursuant to the California Public Records Act, Government Code sections 6250 et seq. (the "Act"). Offerors should familiarize themselves with the provisions of the Act requiring disclosure of public information. Offerors are discouraged from marking their proposal documents as "confidential" or "proprietary."

If a Proposal does include "confidential" or "proprietary" markings and the Authority receives a request pursuant to the Act, the Authority will endeavor (but cannot guarantee) to notify the Offeror of such a request. In order to protect any information submitted within a Proposal, the Offeror must pursue, at its sole cost and expense, any and all appropriate legal action necessary to maintain the confidentiality of such information. The Authority generally does not consider pricing information, subcontractor lists, or key personnel, including resumes, as being exempt from disclosure under the Act. In no event shall the Authority or any of its officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, or consultants be liable to a Offeror for the disclosure of any materials or information submitted in response to the RFP or by failing to notify a Offeror of a request seeking its

Proposal. The Authority reserves the right to make an independent decision to disclose records and material.

Notwithstanding the above, all information regarding proposal responses will be held as confidential until such time as the evaluation has been completed; an award has been made by the Board of Directors or Authority Staff, as appropriate; and the contract has been fully negotiated.

SECTION II: PROPOSAL CONTENT

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A. PROPOSAL FORMAT AND CONTENT

1. Format

Proposals should be typed with a standard 12-point font, double-spaced. Proposals should not include any unnecessarily elaborate or promotional materials. Proposals should not exceed fifty (50) pages in length, excluding any appendices, cover letters, resumes, or forms.

2. Letter of Transmittal

The Letter of Transmittal shall be addressed to Iris Deneau, Senior Contract Administrator, and must, at a minimum, contain the following:

- a. Identification of Offeror that will have contractual responsibility with the Authority. Identification shall include legal name of company, corporate address, telephone and fax number, and email address. Include name, title, address, email address, and telephone number of the contact person identified during period of proposal evaluation.
- b. Identification of all proposed subcontractors including legal name of company, contact person's name and address, telephone and fax number, and email address; relationship between Offeror and subcontractors, if applicable.
- c. Acknowledgement of receipt of all RFP addenda, if any.
- d. A statement to the effect that the proposal shall remain valid for a period of not less than 120 days from the date of submittal.
- e. Signature of a person authorized to bind Offeror to the terms of the proposal.
- f. Signed statement attesting that all information submitted with the proposal is true and correct.

3. Technical Proposal

a. Qualifications, Related Experience, and References of Offeror

This section of the proposal should establish the ability of Offeror to satisfactorily perform the required work by reasons of: experience in performing work of a similar nature; demonstrated competence in the services to be provided; strength and stability of the firm; staffing

capability; work load; record of meeting schedules on similar projects; and supportive client references.

Offeror to:

- (1) Provide a brief profile of the firm, including the types of services offered; the year founded; form of the organization (corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship); number, size, and location of offices; and number of employees.
- (2) Provide a general description of the firm's financial condition and identify any conditions (e.g., bankruptcy, pending litigation, planned office closures, impending merger) that may impede Offeror's ability to complete the project.
- (3) Describe the firm's experience in performing work of a similar nature to that solicited in this RFP, and highlight the participation in such work by the key personnel proposed for assignment to this project.
- (4) Demonstrate ability to work objectively and communicate complex transportation projects, plans, and issues in a compelling way with Spanish and Vietnamese speaking populations.
- (5) Demonstrate ability to decipher technical findings and communicate them to diverse populations in understandable and culturally relevant terms.
- (6) Describe principles and practices of effective diversity outreach and participation with non-native English-speaking communities, including the ability to identify and engage diverse stakeholders, integrate technical findings into a public involvement program, and facilitate the development of consensus among diverse interests.
- (7) Identify subcontractors by company name, address, contact person, telephone number, email address, and project function. Describe Offeror's experience working with each subcontractor.
- (8) Identify all firms hired or retained to provide lobbying or advocating services on behalf of the Offeror by company name, address, contact person, telephone number and email address. This information is required to be provided by the Offeror immediately during the evaluation process, if a lobbyist or advocate is hired or retained.

- (9) Provide as a minimum three (3) references for the projects cited as related experience, and furnish the name, title, address, telephone number, and email address of the person(s) at the client organization who is most knowledgeable about the work performed. Offeror may also supply references from other work not cited in this section as related experience.

b. Proposed Staffing and Project Organization

This section of the proposal should establish the method, which will be used by the Offeror to manage the project, as well as identify key personnel assigned.

Offeror to:

- (1) Identify key personnel proposed to perform the work and include major areas of subcontract work. Include the person's name, current location, proposed position for this project, current assignment, level of commitment to that assignment, availability for this assignment, and how long each person has been with the firm.
- (2) Furnish brief resumes (not more than two [2] pages each) for the proposed Project Manager and other key personnel that includes education, experience, and applicable professional credentials.
- (3) Include a project organization chart, which clearly delineates communication/reporting relationships among the project staff.
- (4) Include a statement that key personnel will be available to the extent proposed for the duration of the project acknowledging that no person designated as "key" to the project shall be removed or replaced without the prior written concurrence of the Authority.

c. Work Plan

Offeror should provide a narrative, which addresses the Scope of Work, and shows Offeror's understanding of Authority's needs and requirements.

Offeror to:

- (1) Describe the approach to completing the work specified in the Scope of Work. The approach to the work plan shall be of such detail to demonstrate the Offeror's ability to accomplish the project objectives and overall schedule.

- (2) Provide a project budget spreadsheet that, at a minimum, identifies the following information: a) the activities that would be undertaken in completing the work; b) specify who would perform them; c) the number of hours anticipated for each member of the project staff; d) other direct costs; and e) the total proposed project cost. ***Note: Specific individual hourly rates for proposed project team shall not be included in this spreadsheet.***
- (3) Identify methods that Offeror will use to ensure quality control, as well as budget and schedule control for the project.
- (4) Identify any special issues or problems that are likely to be encountered in this project and how the Offeror would propose to address them.
- (5) Offeror is encouraged to propose enhancements or procedural or technical innovations to the Scope of Work that do not materially deviate from the objectives or required content of the project.
- (6) Provide samples of past collateral for similar diversity outreach campaigns

d. Exceptions/Deviations

State any technical and/or contractual exceptions and/or deviations from the requirements of this RFP, including the Authority's technical requirements and contractual terms and conditions set forth in the Scope of Work (Exhibit A) and Proposed Agreement (Exhibit C), using the form entitled "Proposal Exceptions and/or Deviations" included in this RFP. This Proposal Exceptions and/or Deviations form (Exhibit G) must be included in the original proposal submitted by the Offeror. If no technical or contractual exceptions and/or deviations are submitted as part of the original proposal, Offerors are deemed to have accepted the Authority's technical requirements and contractual terms and conditions set forth in the Scope of Work (Exhibit A) and Proposed Agreement (Exhibit C). Offerors will not be allowed to submit the Proposal Exceptions and/or Deviations form (Exhibit G) or any technical and/or contractual exceptions after the proposal submittal date identified in the RFP. Exceptions and/or deviations submitted after the proposal submittal date will not be reviewed by Authority.

All exceptions and/or deviations will be reviewed by the Authority and will be assigned a "pass" or "fail" status. Exceptions and deviations that "pass" do not mean that the Authority has accepted the change

but that it is a potential negotiable issue. Exceptions and deviations that receive a “fail” status means that the requested change is not something that the Authority would consider a potential negotiable issue. Offerors that receive a “fail” status on their exceptions and/or deviations will be notified by the Authority and will be allowed to retract the exception and/or deviation and continue in the evaluation process. Any exceptions and/or deviation that receive a “fail” status and the Offeror cannot or does not retract the requested change may result in the firm being eliminated from further evaluation.

4. Cost and Price Proposal

As part of the cost and price proposal, the Offeror shall submit proposed pricing to provide the services described in Exhibit A, Scope of Work.

The Offeror shall complete the "Price Summary Sheet" form included with this RFP (Exhibit B), and furnish any narrative required to explain the prices quoted in the schedules. It is anticipated that the Authority will issue a time-and-expense price contract specifying fully-burdened labor rates and anticipated expenses to complete the Scope of Work.

5. Appendices

Information considered by Offeror to be pertinent to this project and which has not been specifically solicited in any of the aforementioned sections may be placed in a separate appendix section. Offerors are cautioned, however, that this does not constitute an invitation to submit large amounts of extraneous materials. Appendices should be relevant and brief.

B. FORMS

1. Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form

In conformance with the statutory requirements of the State of California Government Code Section 84308, part of the Political Reform Act and Title 2, California Code of Regulations 18438 through 18438.8, regarding campaign contributions to members of appointed Board of Directors, Offeror is required to complete and sign the Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form provided in this RFP and submit as part of the proposal.

This form **must** be completed regardless of whether a campaign contribution has been made or not and regardless of the amount of the contribution.

The prime contractor, subconsultants, lobbyists and agents are required to report all campaign contributions made from the proposal submittal date up to and until the Board of Directors makes a selection.

2. Status of Past and Present Contracts Form

Offeror shall complete and sign the form entitled "Status of Past and Present Contracts" provided in this RFP and submit as part of its proposal. Offeror shall identify the status of past and present contracts where the firm has either provided services as a prime vendor or a subcontractor during the past five (5) years in which the contract has been the subject of or may be involved in litigation with the contracting authority. This includes, but is not limited to, claims, settlement agreements, arbitrations, administrative proceedings, and investigations arising out of the contract. Offeror shall have an ongoing obligation to update the Authority with any changes to the identified contracts and any new litigation, claims, settlement agreements, arbitrations, administrative proceedings, or investigations that arise subsequent to the submission of Offeror's proposal.

A separate form must be completed for each identified contract. Each form must be signed by the Offeror confirming that the information provided is true and accurate.

3. Proposal Exceptions and/or Deviations Form

Offerors shall complete the form entitled "Proposal Exceptions and/or Deviations" provided in this RFP and submit it as part of the original proposal. For each exception and/or deviation, a new form should be used, identifying the exception and/or deviation and the rationale for requesting the change. Exceptions and/or deviations submitted after the proposal submittal date will not be reviewed nor considered by the Authority.

SECTION III: EVALUATION AND AWARD

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A. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Authority will evaluate the offers received based on the following criteria:

- 1. Qualifications of the Firm 25%**
 Technical experience in performing work of a closely similar nature; strength and stability of the firm; strength, stability, experience, and technical competence of subcontractors; assessment by client references.
- 2. Staffing and Project Organization 25%**
 Qualifications of project staff, particularly key personnel and especially the Project Manager; key personnel's level of involvement in performing related work cited in "Qualifications of the Firm" section; logic of project organization; adequacy of labor commitment; concurrence in the restrictions on changes in key personnel.
- 3. Work Plan 30%**
 Depth of Offeror's understanding of Authority's requirements and overall quality of work plan; logic, clarity, and specificity of work plan; reasonableness of proposed schedule; utility of suggested technical or procedural innovations; quality of samples.
- 4. Cost and Price 20%**
 Reasonableness of rates; competitiveness with other offers received; adequacy of data in support of figures quoted.

B. EVALUATION PROCEDURE

An evaluation committee will be appointed to review all proposals received for this RFP. The committee is comprised of Authority staff and may include outside personnel. The committee members will evaluate the written proposals using criteria identified in Section III A. A list of top-ranked proposals, firms within a competitive range, will be developed based upon the totals of each committee members' score for each proposal.

During the evaluation period, the Authority may interview some or all of the proposing firms. The Authority has established September 7, 2022 as the date to conduct interviews. All prospective Offerors are asked to keep this date available. No other interview dates will be provided, therefore, if an Offeror is unable to attend the interview on this date, its proposal may be eliminated from further discussion. The interview may consist of a short presentation by the Offeror after which the

evaluation committee will ask questions related to the firm's proposal and qualifications.

At the conclusion of the proposal evaluations, the evaluation committee will score the proposals to develop a competitive range. Offerors remaining within the competitive range may be asked to submit a Best and Final Offer (BAFO). In the BAFO request, the firms may be asked to provide additional information, confirm or clarify issues, and submit a final cost/price offer. A deadline for submission will be stipulated.

At the conclusion of the evaluation process, the evaluation committee will recommend to the Legislative and Communications Committee, the Offeror with the highest final ranking or a short list of top ranked firms within the competitive range whose proposal(s) is most advantageous to the Authority. The Board Committee will review the evaluation committee's recommendation and forward its recommendation to the Board of Directors for final action.

C. AWARD

The Authority's Board of Directors will consider the selection of the firm(s) recommended by the Board Committee.

The Authority may also negotiate contract terms with the selected Offeror prior to award, and expressly reserves the right to negotiate with several Offerors simultaneously and, thereafter, to award a contract to the Offeror offering the most favorable terms to the Authority.

Offeror acknowledges that the Authority's Board of Directors reserves the right to award this contract in its sole and absolute discretion to any Offeror to this RFP regardless of the evaluation committee's recommendation or recommendation of a Board Committee.

The Authority reserves the right to award its total requirements to one Offeror or to apportion those requirements among several Offerors as the Authority may deem to be in its best interest. In addition, negotiations may or may not be conducted with Offerors; therefore, the proposal submitted should contain Offeror's most favorable terms and conditions, since the selection and award may be made without discussion with any Offeror.

The selected Offeror will be required to submit to the Authority's Accounting department a current IRS W-9 form prior to commencing work.

D. NOTIFICATION OF AWARD AND DEBRIEFING

Offerors who submit a proposal in response to this RFP shall be notified via CAMM NET of the contract award. Such notification shall be made within three (3) business days of the date the contract is awarded.

Offerors who were not awarded the contract may obtain a debriefing concerning the strengths and weaknesses of their proposal. Unsuccessful Offerors, who wish to be debriefed, must request the debriefing in writing or electronic mail and the Authority must receive it within three (3) business days of notification of the contract award.

EXHIBIT A: SCOPE OF WORK

SCOPE OF WORK
Diversity Outreach Services for
Orange County Transportation Authority Trust-Building Campaign

OVERVIEW

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is committed to enhancing communications and outreach with residents, businesses, nonprofits, faith-based organizations, civic groups, and other stakeholders that represent diversity in Orange County with the purpose of creating meaningful opportunities for two-way dialogue and engagement, especially in hard-to-reach communities.

Most recently, OCTA has been actively working through its outreach program to build relationships with diverse and historically disenfranchised communities with the objective of overcoming bureaucratic and/or cultural communication barriers with a diversity outreach campaign. With presentations, community meetings and celebrations, outreach events, business organization meetings, expos and conferences, OCTA representatives take advantage of opportunities to meet face-to-face with the members of the public whose future support is key to delivering on OCTA's promise of transit services and capital projects, as well as equity and inclusion in future transportation planning efforts. Through its continued outreach efforts, OCTA is fostering relationships with numerous civic, social, faith, and business communities to serve an increasingly diverse population in Orange County that continues to grow and evolve.

Since 2015 when OCTA's Diversity Outreach Program Strategy and Work Plan was completed, OCTA continues to work with diverse communities based upon research and findings of the civic organizations, faith groups, social groups, and businesses in Orange County. To continue with these efforts and foster ongoing relationships of trust with the diverse population in Orange County, OCTA implemented an eighteen (18)-month long trust-building campaign from early 2021 to June 2022 (Phase I) – a multicultural and diversity strategy developed to increase involvement of the aforementioned groups as part of an effort to gauge and increase trust and general awareness of OCTA among these key constituencies. To view the metrics from the previous trust-building campaign, click [here](#).

OCTA's Diversity Outreach Team is seeking to expand the outreach program which continues to cultivate relations with diverse communities, increase awareness of OCTA beyond its transit services, increase participation and engagement among diverse community members. OCTA is interested in utilizing a Consultant to help provide necessary support to continue with the expansion, implementation, and evaluation of the trust-building campaign, which essentially would be a Phase II approach.

Because of OCTA's leading role in planning, funding, administering, and delivering transportation projects and programs, it is increasingly important to promote and facilitate meaningful opportunities of dialogue with historically disenfranchised community

members. This program will consist of two (2) primary components designed to engage with the two (2) largest non-English language populations in Orange County, Spanish- and Vietnamese-language speakers, as well as continue to increase awareness of OCTA and its projects and plans with other diverse communities. The program also will include other historically underrepresented racial or ethnic groups, including: Blacks or African Americans, American Indians or Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and other Asian and Pacific Islanders groups along with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) populations.

As COVID-19 restrictions ease and there is a transition to in-person contact, it's imperative to keep in mind that some industries and communities have been deeply affected. Above all, transparency, empathy, and vulnerability — in all efforts — are more important than ever before.

OBJECTIVES

In an effort to continue to enhance OCTA's engagement with the diverse community in Orange County, Consultant shall:

1. Continue the expansion and execution of a diversity trust-building campaign that engages with diverse audiences as OCTA transitions to in-person contact at community centers, shopping centers, senior centers, places of worship, community festivals, cultural events, business events, and other areas of diversity in Orange County
2. Create and execute a communications plan for the trust-building campaign with culturally effective messages that bring awareness to OCTA and its capital projects, programs, and plans utilizing language and cultural references to inform the targeted demographic
3. Utilize both traditional communications and outreach tactics (such as direct mailings and the on-street outreach activities) along with advertising in Spanish and Vietnamese TV, radio, newspapers, social media sites, and other emerging tools
4. Ensure the language used is not a literal translation, but rather uses language that culturally connects with the audience (in-language and in-culture message development)
5. Employ social media and other emerging tools to target diverse constituencies with compelling content to inform and engage Orange County's diverse communities about OCTA and its projects and plans.
6. Identify ways to engage low-income / disadvantaged communities to build into various planning and public involvement programs for planning studies, as well as awareness campaigns for OCTA's construction projects
7. Work in tandem with other OCTA outreach efforts, including: transit marketing efforts, capital project awareness campaigns, planning studies, and other projects, programs, plans, and surveys on an as-needed basis

Helpful strategies and tactics to ensure that Consultant's work with OCTA Diversity Outreach staff will be successful shall include the following:

- Identify resources to target diverse communities through in-person communications rather than just translate information or have interpreters at events as COVID-19 restrictions have lifted
- Include paid and earned media for region's increasingly influential ethnic media and leverage with news side of organization
- Develop fliers, banners, displays, collateral materials, and online content that resonate with the community – not only through language but through cultural references, images, and other visuals directed to the diverse audience
- Make sure the images and language are relevant to the audience
- Utilize connections with local diverse communities and their influencers, media representatives, and other leaders
 - Four (4) to six (6) Vietnamese and Latinx cultural ambassadors were used for Phase I of the trust-building campaign. Among those included were singers, media personalities, physicians, social media influencers, and business leaders

Diversity Community Outreach Assistance

OCTA is seeking Consultant's expertise in working with Spanish and Vietnamese populations along with other diverse and underrepresented community members to implement a public outreach program for Orange County's diverse communities. Consultant shall have a full range of professional multicultural communications and diversity outreach skills along with an in-depth understanding of diversity issues and audiences in Orange County, as well as the technical process required to inform targeted ethnic communities and other diversity stakeholders in order to effectively engage with stakeholder groups that represent diversity.

Consultant team shall have a demonstrated understanding of multicultural communications, experience in working with diverse populations, and a strategic focus to address the full range of cultural and language nuances. Consultant team will be required to attend and participate in meetings as appropriate and will report directly to the OCTA Diversity Outreach and Inclusion team.

Consultant must demonstrate the skills, experience, and knowledge in these key areas:

- Connections with local diverse communities and their influencers, media representatives, and other leaders
- Demonstrated ability to work objectively and communicate complex transportation projects, plans, and issues in a compelling way with Spanish and Vietnamese speaking populations
- Address other diverse, underrepresented populations and non-English-speaking groups

- Ability to decipher technical findings and communicate them to diverse populations in understandable and culturally relevant terms
- Principles and practices of effective diversity outreach and participation with non-native English-speaking communities, including the ability to identify and engage diverse stakeholders, integrate technical findings into a public involvement program, and facilitate the development of consensus among diverse interests

Consultant Management and Role of the Consultant

For this program, OCTA's Manager of Diversity Outreach will be the key contact and will manage Consultant. Under the direction of the OCTA Manager of Diversity Outreach, Consultant shall be responsible for developing and implementing a public outreach program for the diverse communities surrounding capital projects.

CONSULTANT'S SCOPE OF SERVICES

Project Staffing and Administration

Consultant shall ensure adequate staffing to achieve the objectives of the public outreach program. Consultant's project manager shall be responsible for the overall and daily management of Consultant's team and day-to-day communications with the OCTA Manager of Diversity Outreach.

Consultant's project manager shall ensure the timely and integrated production of all public outreach tasks. Consultant's project manager shall communicate and coordinate in a timely manner all work and progress on the public involvement program with the OCTA business relations administrator. Coordination and administration for the diverse community outreach program shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Generate awareness and build relations of trust among stakeholders and influential members of diverse communities
- Proactively cultivate strong working relationships and provide direct ongoing communications and outreach opportunities among targeted diverse groups
- Develop and place an earned and paid media strategy for ethnic news media, blogs, and others
- Develop a way of compiling and sharing potential risks and concerns and solutions to overcome those obstacles
- Develop and share written, visual, video, and other content to optimize understanding of OCTA and its projects, programs and plans among diverse stakeholders

- Generate awareness of OCTA's diversity, equity and inclusion efforts among stakeholders and diverse audiences
- Assist with translations / interpretation services as needed
- Crisis communications and outreach plan for diverse stakeholders and other diverse audiences
- Attendance and staffing at cultural events and pop-up events at community centers, shopping centers, senior centers, places of worship, community festivals, cultural events, business events, and other areas of diversity in Orange County
- Other anticipated and unanticipated services to better communicate with diverse audiences
- Provide materials, equipment, supplies, promotional items, visual services such as photography, videography, drone visuals, etc., additional bilingual labor to staff outreach activities and other unanticipated items and supplies to support the program
- Monthly progress reports, prepared by Consultant's project manager and submitted to the OCTA Manager of Diversity Outreach, shall be included with each monthly invoice. Progress reports shall include: the status of work and budget by task; significant accomplishments; problems encountered and anticipated with potential solutions; decisions to be made by OCTA and/or other agencies; public involvement program schedule updates as needed; and work planned for the next month (by task and responsible person).
- Monthly invoices, prepared by Consultant's project manager including a summary of project budget activity-to-date and show costs against each major task, and/or subtask as appropriate. All deliverables i.e., videos, radio ads, newspaper ads, public notifications, newsletters, online communications, social media activity, meeting minutes, shall be included in each monthly invoice. Specific billing requirements will be provided by OCTA staff upon award of the contract.
- Attendance at monthly project team meetings at OCTA offices, as necessary, will include Consultant's project manager and other consultant staff as appropriate, and the OCTA business relations administrator, in order to review project status and progress in order to effectively coordinate the public involvement program activities with the overall project activities and schedule.

Plan, Execute, and Evaluate Strategic Diversity Outreach for OCTA Trust-Building Campaign

A variety of methods and tools could be used to communicate with the Diverse Community Outreach Program such as youth development programs, cultural event presentations, one-on-one meetings with diversity leaders and other diverse stakeholders, low-income / disadvantaged communities, etc.

Please be sure to provide an example of a method that you would utilize in your proposal. OCTA is seeking Consultant's expertise to determine the best trust-building and influencer strategy to increase awareness of OCTA among Spanish and Vietnamese speaking populations and other diverse, underrepresented populations.

Consultant is responsible for public involvement tasks listed below:

- Planning and implementation of the outreach program through meetings, events, presentations, and other engaging activities
 - Research and identify potential influencers in the respective Latinx and Vietnamese and other ethnic communities
 - Research and identify cost-effective tactics for outreach and communications
 - Coordinate the creation videos, radio content, and/or other in-language copy and production of collateral for print ads, mailings, social media, and other distribution channels
- Execution of different outreach and communications tactics
- Evaluation of public input and results of activities of the trust-building campaign
 - Preparation of reports after conclusion of each major campaign or major activity

Other Tasks as Deemed Necessary

With any outreach project, other tasks related to the Scope of Work but not outline above may arise over the course of the project. Consultant may be asked to perform related tasks not outlined in the above tactics. Consultant shall anticipate and adapt to unforeseen events that may need diversity outreach assistance.

EXHIBIT B: COST AND PRICE FORMS

PRICE SUMMARY SHEET

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) 2-2655

Pricing Instructions:

The Offeror must submit this Exhibit B, Price Summary Sheet, **as a separate sealed package from the proposal**. No information regarding hourly rates shall be mentioned anywhere in the proposal content.

The Offeror shall provide proposed price for the services described in the Scope of Work, Exhibit A. Hourly rates shall be fully-burdened rates to include all direct costs, indirect costs, tax, and profits. The Authority's intention is to award a time-and-expense price contract.

Pricing forms must be completed and properly filled out in order to be deemed responsive.

SCHEDULE I --- HOURLY RATE SCHEDULE

INITIAL TERM: Effective through November 30, 2024

Key Personnel		Fully-Burdened Hourly Rates	
Job Function	Name	Year 1 Effective – 11/30/23	Year 2 12/1/23 – 11/30/24
Senior Account Strategist	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Account Manager	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Community Relations Coordinator	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Vietnamese Outreach Specialist	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Latino Outreach Specialist	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

For Cost Analysis Purposes:

Provide fully-burdened hourly rates for the above-referenced job functions. The fully-burdened hourly rates will be included in the resulting agreement should your proposal be selected for contract award.

Other Labor Charges	Fully-Burdened Hourly Rates	
Job Function	Year 1 Effective – 11/30/23	Year 2 12/1/23 – 11/30/24
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

OPTION TERM: Effective December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2025

Key Personnel		Fully-Burdened Hourly Rates
Job Function	Name	Year 3 12/1/24 – 11/30/25
Senior Account Strategist	_____	\$ _____
Account Manager	_____	\$ _____
Community Relations Coordinator	_____	\$ _____
Vietnamese Outreach Specialist	_____	\$ _____
Latino Outreach Specialist	_____	\$ _____

For Cost Analysis Purposes:

Provide fully-burdened hourly rates for the above-referenced job functions. The fully-burdened hourly rates will be included in the resulting agreement should your proposal be selected for contract award.

Other Labor Charges	Fully-Burdened Hourly Rates
Job Function	Year 3 12/1/24 – 11/30/25
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

SCHEDULE II --- OTHER DIRECT COSTS SCHEDULE

	Type of ODC	Quantity	Unit Rate	Budget Amount
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2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
<i>Additional ODC required and authorized by the Authority but not included in this Agreement will be reimbursed either (a) "At Cost" OR (b) up to the applicable Current Rate listed in this Schedule II, whichever is less.</i> <i>Supporting documentation must accompany invoice.</i>				

***Please note the following:**

- The Authority will not reimburse Consultant for hours charged to perform activities associated with the preparation and review of invoices submitted to the Authority.
- The Authority will not reimburse Consultant for local meals and travel time, unless previously approved, or any other expenses not included within this Exhibit B.

1. I acknowledge receipt of **RFP 2-2655** and Addenda No.(s)____.
2. This offer shall remain firm for _____ days from the date of proposal.
(Minimum of 120)

COMPANY NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

FACSIMILE # _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

SIGNATURE OF PERSON
AUTHORIZED TO BIND OFFEROR _____NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON
AUTHORIZED TO BIND OFFEROR _____

DATE SIGNED _____

EXHIBIT C: PROPOSED AGREEMENT

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B. AUTHORITY's failure to insist in any one or more instances upon CONSULTANT's performance of any terms or conditions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of AUTHORITY's right to such performance or to future performance of such terms or conditions and CONSULTANT's obligation in respect thereto shall continue in full force and effect. Changes to any portion of this Agreement shall not be binding upon AUTHORITY except when specifically confirmed in writing by an authorized representative of AUTHORITY by way of a written amendment to this Agreement and issued in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 2. AUTHORITY DESIGNEE

The Chief Executive Officer of AUTHORITY, or designee, shall have the authority to act for and exercise any of the rights of AUTHORITY as set forth in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 3. SCOPE OF WORK

A. CONSULTANT shall perform the work necessary to complete in a manner satisfactory to AUTHORITY the services set forth in Exhibit A, entitled "Scope of Work," attached to and, by this reference, incorporated in and made a part of this Agreement. All services shall be provided at the times and places designated by AUTHORITY.

B. CONSULTANT shall provide the personnel listed below to perform the above-specified services, which persons are hereby designated as key personnel under this Agreement.

Names

Functions

C. No person named in paragraph B of this Article, or his/her successor approved by AUTHORITY, shall be removed or replaced by CONSULTANT, nor shall his/her agreed-upon function or level of commitment hereunder be changed, without the prior written consent of AUTHORITY. Should the services of any key person become no longer available to CONSULTANT, the resume and qualifications of the proposed replacement shall be submitted to AUTHORITY for approval as soon as

possible, but in no event later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the departure of the incumbent key person, unless CONSULTANT is not provided with such notice by the departing employee. AUTHORITY shall respond to CONSULTANT within seven (7) calendar days following receipt of these qualifications concerning acceptance of the candidate for replacement.

ARTICLE 4. TERM OF AGREEMENT

A. This Agreement shall commence upon execution by both parties, and shall continue in full force and effect through November 30, 2024 (Initial Term), unless earlier terminated or extended as provided in this Agreement.

B. AUTHORITY, at its sole discretion, may elect to extend the term of this Agreement up to an additional twelve (12) months, commencing December 1, 2024, and continuing through November 30, 2025 (Option Term), and thereupon require CONSULTANT to continue to provide services, and otherwise perform, in accordance with Exhibit A, entitled "Scope of Work," and at the rates set forth in Article 5, "Payment."

C. AUTHORITY's election to extend the Agreement beyond the Initial Term shall not diminish its right to terminate the Agreement for AUTHORITY's convenience or CONSULTANT's default as provided elsewhere in this Agreement. The "maximum term" of this Agreement shall be the period extending through November 30, 2025, which period encompasses the Initial Term and Option Term.

ARTICLE 5. PAYMENT

A. For CONSULTANT's full and complete performance of its obligations under this Agreement and subject to the maximum cumulative payment obligation provisions set forth in Article 6, AUTHORITY shall pay CONSULTANT on a time-and-expense basis in accordance with the following provisions.

A. CONSULTANT shall invoice AUTHORITY on a monthly basis for payments corresponding to the work actually completed by CONSULTANT. Drive time may not be charged to AUTHORITY. Work completed shall be documented in a monthly progress report prepared by CONSULTANT, which shall accompany each invoice submitted by CONSULTANT. Invoice shall not include any CONSULTANT expenses not approved by AUTHORITY including but not limited to reimbursement for local meals.

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1 AUTHORITY shall pay CONSULTANT at the rates specified in Exhibit B, entitled "Price Summary Sheet,"
2 which is attached to and by this reference, incorporated in and made a part of this Agreement. These
3 rates shall remain fixed for the term of this Agreement and are acknowledged to include CONSULTANT's
4 overhead costs, general costs, administrative costs and profit. CONSULTANT shall also furnish such
5 other information as may be requested by AUTHORITY to substantiate the validity of an invoice. At its
6 sole discretion, AUTHORITY may decline to make full payment until such time as CONSULTANT has
7 documented to AUTHORITY's satisfaction that CONSULTANT has fully completed all work required.
8 AUTHORITY's payment in full shall constitute AUTHORITY's final acceptance of CONSULTANT's work.

9 B. Invoices shall be submitted by CONSULTANT on a monthly basis and shall be submitted in
10 duplicate to AUTHORITY's Accounts Payable office. CONSULTANT may also submit invoices
11 electronically to AUTHORITY's Accounts Payable Department at vendorinvoices@octa.net. Each invoice
12 shall be accompanied by the monthly progress report specified in paragraph B of this Article.
13 AUTHORITY shall remit payment within thirty (30) calendar days of the receipt and approval of each
14 invoice. Each invoice shall include the following information:

- 15 1. Agreement No. C-2-2655;
- 16 2. Specify the effort for which the payment is being requested;
- 17 3. The time period covered by the invoice;
- 18 4. Labor (staff name, hours charged, hourly billing rate, current charges, and
19 cumulative charges) performed during the billing period;
- 20 5. Total monthly invoice (including project-to-date cumulative invoice amount);
- 21 6. Itemized expenses including support documentation incurred during the billing
22 period;
- 23 7. Monthly Progress Report;
- 24 8. Certification signed by the CONSULTANT or his/her designated alternate that a)
25 The invoice is a true, complete and correct statement of reimbursable costs and progress; b) The backup
26 information included with the invoice is true, complete and correct in all material respects; c) All payments

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due and owing to subcontractors and suppliers have been made; d) Timely payments will be made to subcontractors and suppliers from the proceeds of the payments covered by the certification and; e) The invoice does not include any amount which CONSULTANT intends to withhold or retain from a subcontractor or supplier unless so identified on the invoice.

9. Any other information as agreed or requested by AUTHORITY to substantiate the validity of an invoice.

ARTICLE 6. MAXIMUM OBLIGATION

Notwithstanding any provisions of this Agreement to the contrary, AUTHORITY and CONSULTANT mutually agree that AUTHORITY's maximum cumulative payment obligation (including obligation for CONSULTANT's profit) shall be _____ Dollars (\$_____.00) which shall include all amounts payable to CONSULTANT for its subcontracts, leases, materials and costs arising from, or due to termination of, this Agreement.

ARTICLE 7. NOTICES

All notices hereunder and communications regarding the interpretation of the terms of this Agreement, or changes thereto, shall be effected by delivery of said notices in person or by depositing said notices in the U.S. mail, registered or certified mail, returned receipt requested, postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

To CONSULTANT:

To AUTHORITY:

Orange County Transportation Authority

550 South Main Street

P.O. Box 14184

Orange, CA 92863-1584

ATTENTION:

ATTENTION: Iris Deneau

Title:

Title: Senior Contract Administrator

Phone:

Phone: (714) 560 - 5786

Email:

Email: ideneau@octa.net

ARTICLE 8. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

A. CONSULTANT's relationship to AUTHORITY in the performance of this Agreement is that of an independent contractor. CONSULTANT's personnel performing services under this Agreement shall at all times be under CONSULTANT's exclusive direction and control and shall be employees of CONSULTANT and not employees of AUTHORITY. CONSULTANT shall pay all wages, salaries and other amounts due its employees in connection with this Agreement and shall be responsible for all reports and obligations respecting them, such as social security, income tax withholding, unemployment compensation, workers' compensation and similar matters.

B. Should CONSULTANT's personnel or a state or federal agency allege claims against AUTHORITY involving the status of AUTHORITY as employer, joint or otherwise, of said personnel, or allegations involving any other independent contractor misclassification issues, CONSULTANT shall defend and indemnify AUTHORITY in relation to any allegations made.

ARTICLE 9. INSURANCE

A. CONSULTANT shall procure and maintain insurance coverage in full force and effect during the entire term of the Agreement. Coverage shall be full coverage and not subject to self-insurance provisions. CONSULTANT shall provide the following insurance coverage:

1. Commercial General Liability, to include Products/Completed Operations, Independent Contractors', Contractual Liability, Advertising, Personal and Bodily Injury Liability, and Property Damage with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$2,000,000 general aggregate and \$2,000,000 Products/Completed Operations aggregate;

2. Automobile Liability Insurance to include owned, hired and non-owned autos with a combined single limit of \$1,000,000 for each accident;

3. Workers' Compensation with limits as required by the State of California including a Waiver of Subrogation in favor of AUTHORITY, its officers, directors and employees; and

4. Employers' Liability with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per accident, \$1,000,000 policy limit-disease, and \$1,000,000 policy limit employee-disease.

1 B. Proof of such coverage, in the form of a certificate of insurance and an insurance policy
2 blanket additional insured endorsement, designating the AUTHORITY, its officers, directors and
3 employees as additional insureds on general liability and automobile liability, as required by Agreement.
4 Proof of insurance coverage must be received by AUTHORITY within ten (10) calendar days from the
5 effective date of the Agreement and prior to commencement of any work. Such insurance shall be
6 primary and non-contributive to any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the AUTHORITY.
7 Furthermore, AUTHORITY reserves the right to request certified copies or review all related insurance
8 policies, in response to a related loss.

9 C. CONSULTANT shall include on the face of the certificate of insurance the
10 Agreement No. C-2-2655 and, the Senior Contract Administrator's Name, Iris Deneau.

11 D. CONSULTANT shall also include in each subcontract, the stipulation that subconsultants shall
12 maintain insurance coverage in the amounts required of CONSULTANT as provided in the Agreement.
13 Subconsultants will be required to include AUTHORITY as additional insureds on the Commercial
14 General Liability, and Auto Liability insurance policies.

15 E. Insurer must provide AUTHORITY with at least thirty (30) days' prior notice of cancellation or
16 material modification of coverage, and ten (10) days' prior notice for non-payment of premium.

17 **ARTICLE 10. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE**

18 Conflicting provisions hereof, if any, shall prevail in the following descending order of precedence:
19 (1) the provisions of this Agreement, including all exhibits; (2) the provisions of RFP 2-2655;
20 (3) CONSULTANT's proposal dated _____; (4) all other documents, if any, cited herein or
21 incorporated by reference.

22 **ARTICLE 11. CHANGES**

23 By written notice or order, AUTHORITY may, from time to time, order work suspension and/or
24 make changes in the general scope of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the services furnished
25 to AUTHORITY by CONSULTANT as described in the Scope of Work. If any such work suspension or
26 change causes an increase or decrease in the price of this Agreement, or in the time required for its

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1 performance, CONSULTANT shall promptly notify AUTHORITY thereof and assert its claim for
2 adjustment within ten (10) calendar days after the change or work suspension is ordered, and an
3 equitable adjustment shall be negotiated. However, nothing in this clause shall excuse CONSULTANT
4 from proceeding immediately with the Agreement as changed.

ARTICLE 12. DISPUTES

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6 A. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, when a dispute arises between
7 CONSULTANT and AUTHORITY, the project managers shall meet to resolve the issue. If project
8 managers do not reach a resolution, the dispute will be decided by AUTHORITY's Director of Contracts
9 Administration and Materials Management (CAMP), who shall reduce the decision to writing and mail or
10 otherwise furnish a copy thereof to CONSULTANT. The decision of the Director, CAMP, shall be the
11 final and conclusive administrative decision.

12 B. Pending final decision of a dispute hereunder, CONSULTANT shall proceed diligently with
13 the performance of this Agreement and in accordance with the decision of AUTHORITY's Director,
14 CAMP. Nothing in this Agreement, however, shall be construed as making final the decision of any
15 AUTHORITY official or representative on a question of law, which questions shall be settled in
16 accordance with the laws of the State of California.

ARTICLE 13. TERMINATION

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18 A. AUTHORITY may terminate this Agreement for its convenience at any time, in whole or part,
19 by giving CONSULTANT written notice thereof. Upon said notice, AUTHORITY shall pay CONSULTANT
20 its allowable costs incurred to date of termination and those allowable costs determined by AUTHORITY
21 to be reasonably necessary to effect such termination. Thereafter, CONSULTANT shall have no further
22 claims against AUTHORITY under this Agreement.

23 B. In the event either Party defaults in the performance of any of their obligations under this
24 Agreement or breaches any of the provisions of this Agreement, the non-defaulting Party shall have the
25 option to terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the other Party. Upon
26 receipt of such notice, CONSULTANT shall immediately cease work, unless the notice from AUTHORITY

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1 provides otherwise. Upon receipt of the notice from AUTHORITY, CONSULTANT shall submit an invoice
2 for work and/or services performed prior to the date of termination. AUTHORITY shall pay
3 CONSULTANT for work and/or services satisfactorily provided to the date of termination in compliance
4 with this Agreement. Thereafter, CONSULTANT shall have no further claims against AUTHORITY under
5 this Agreement. AUTHORITY shall not be liable for any claim of lost profits or damages for such
6 termination.

ARTICLE 14. INDEMNIFICATION

8 CONSULTANT shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless AUTHORITY, its
9 officers, directors, employees and agents (indemnities) from and against any and all claims (including
10 attorneys' fees and reasonable expenses for litigation or settlement) for any loss or
11 damages, bodily injuries, including death, damage to or loss of use of property caused by the negligent
12 acts, omissions or willful misconduct by CONSULTANT, its officers, directors, employees, agents,
13 subconsultants or suppliers in connection with or arising out of the performance of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 15. ASSIGNMENTS AND SUBCONTRACTS

15 A. Neither this Agreement nor any interest herein nor claim hereunder may be assigned by
16 CONSULTANT either voluntarily or by operation of law, nor may all or any part of this Agreement be
17 subcontracted by CONSULTANT, without the prior written consent of AUTHORITY. Consent by
18 AUTHORITY shall not be deemed to relieve CONSULTANT of its obligations to comply fully with all terms
19 and conditions of this Agreement.

20 B. AUTHORITY hereby consents to CONSULTANT's subcontracting portions of the Scope of
21 Work to the parties identified below for the functions described in CONSULTANT's proposal.
22 CONSULTANT shall include in the subcontract agreement the stipulation that CONSULTANT, not
23 AUTHORITY, is solely responsible for payment to the subcontractor for the amounts owing and that the
24 subcontractor shall have no claim, and shall take no action, against AUTHORITY, its officers, directors,
25 employees or sureties for nonpayment by CONSULTANT.

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Subcontractor Name/AddressesSubcontractor Functions**ARTICLE 16. AUDIT AND INSPECTION OF RECORDS**

CONSULTANT shall provide AUTHORITY, or other agents of AUTHORITY, such access to CONSULTANT's accounting books, records, payroll documents and facilities, as AUTHORITY deems necessary. CONSULTANT shall maintain such books, records, data and documents in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and shall clearly identify and make such items readily accessible to such parties during CONSULTANT's performance hereunder and for a period of four (4) years from the date of final payment by AUTHORITY. AUTHORITY's right to audit books and records directly related to this Agreement shall also extend to all first-tier subcontractors identified in 0 of this Agreement. CONSULTANT shall permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce documents by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably necessary.

ARTICLE 17. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

CONSULTANT agrees to avoid organizational conflicts of interest. An organizational conflict of interest means that due to other activities, relationships or contracts, the CONSULTANT is unable, or potentially unable to render impartial assistance or advice to the AUTHORITY; CONSULTANT's objectivity in performing the work identified in the Scope of Work is or might be otherwise impaired; or the CONSULTANT has an unfair competitive advantage. CONSULTANT is obligated to fully disclose to the AUTHORITY in writing Conflict of Interest issues as soon as they are known to the CONSULTANT. All disclosures must be submitted in writing to AUTHORITY pursuant to the Notice provision herein. This disclosure requirement is for the entire term of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 18. CODE OF CONDUCT

CONSULTANT agrees to comply with the AUTHORITY's Code of Conduct as it relates to Third-Party contracts which is hereby referenced and by this reference is incorporated herein. CONSULTANT agrees to include these requirements in all of its subcontracts.

ARTICLE 19. PROHIBITION ON PROVIDING ADVOCACY SERVICES

CONSULTANT and all subconsultants performing work under this Agreement, shall be prohibited from concurrently representing or lobbying for any other party competing for a contract with AUTHORITY, either as a prime consultant or subconsultant. Failure to refrain from such representation may result in termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 20. FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAWS

CONSULTANT warrants that in the performance of this Agreement, it shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, statutes and ordinances and all lawful orders, rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

ARTICLE 21. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

In connection with its performance under this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, age or national origin. CONSULTANT shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during their employment, without regard to their race, religion, color, sex, age or national origin. Such actions 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.

ARTICLE 22. PROHIBITED INTERESTS

CONSULTANT covenants that, for the term of this Agreement, no director, member, officer or employee of AUTHORITY during his/her tenure in office or for one (1) year thereafter shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement or the proceeds thereof.

ARTICLE 23. OWNERSHIP OF REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS

A. The originals of all letters, documents, reports and other products and data produced under this Agreement shall be delivered to, and become the property of AUTHORITY. Copies may be made for CONSULTANT's records but shall not be furnished to others without written authorization from AUTHORITY. Such deliverables shall be deemed works made for hire and all rights in copyright therein

1 shall be retained by AUTHORITY.

2 B. All ideas, memoranda, specifications, plans, manufacturing, procedures, drawings,
3 descriptions, and all other written information submitted to CONSULTANT in connection with the
4 performance of this Agreement shall not, without prior written approval of AUTHORITY, be used for any
5 purposes other than the performance under this Agreement, nor be disclosed to an entity not connected
6 with the performance of the project. CONSULTANT shall comply with AUTHORITY's policies regarding
7 such material. Nothing furnished to CONSULTANT, which is otherwise known to CONSULTANT or is or
8 becomes generally known to the related industry shall be deemed confidential. CONSULTANT shall not
9 use AUTHORITY's name, photographs of the project, or any other publicity pertaining to the project in
10 any professional publication, magazine, trade paper, newspaper, seminar or other medium without the
11 express written consent of AUTHORITY.

12 C. No copies, sketches, computer graphics or graphs, including graphic artwork, are to be
13 released by CONSULTANT to any other person or agency except after prior written approval by
14 AUTHORITY, except as necessary for the performance of services under this Agreement. All press
15 releases, including graphic display information to be published in newspapers, magazines, etc., are to be
16 handled only by AUTHORITY unless otherwise agreed to by CONSULTANT and AUTHORITY.

17 **ARTICLE 24. PATENT AND COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT**

18 A. In lieu of any other warranty by AUTHORITY or CONSULTANT against patent or copyright
19 infringement, statutory or otherwise, it is agreed that CONSULTANT shall defend at its expense any claim
20 or suit against AUTHORITY on account of any allegation that any item furnished under this Agreement
21 or the normal use or sale thereof arising out of the performance of this Agreement, infringes upon any
22 presently existing U.S. letters patent or copyright and CONSULTANT shall pay all costs and damages
23 finally awarded in any such suit or claim, provided that CONSULTANT is promptly notified in writing of
24 the suit or claim and given authority, information and assistance at CONSULTANT's expense for the
25 defense of same. However, CONSULTANT will not indemnify AUTHORITY if the suit or claim results
26 from: (1) AUTHORITY's alteration of a deliverable, such that said deliverable in its altered form infringes

1 upon any presently existing U.S. letters patent or copyright; or (2) the use of a deliverable in combination
2 with other material not provided by CONSULTANT when such use in combination infringes upon an
3 existing U.S. letters patent or copyright.

4 B. CONSULTANT shall have sole control of the defense of any such claim or suit and all
5 negotiations for settlement thereof. CONSULTANT shall not be obligated to indemnify AUTHORITY
6 under any settlement made without CONSULTANT's consent or in the event AUTHORITY fails to
7 cooperate fully in the defense of any suit or claim, provided, however, that said defense shall be at
8 CONSULTANT's expense. If the use or sale of said item is enjoined as a result of such suit or claim,
9 CONSULTANT, at no expense to AUTHORITY, shall obtain for AUTHORITY the right to use and sell
10 said item, or shall substitute an equivalent item acceptable to AUTHORITY and extend this patent and
11 copyright indemnity thereto.

12 **ARTICLE 25. FINISHED AND PRELIMINARY DATA**

13 A. All of CONSULTANT's finished technical data, including but not limited to illustrations,
14 photographs, tapes, software, software design documents, including without limitation source code,
15 binary code, all media, technical documentation and user documentation, photoprints and other graphic
16 information required to be furnished under this Agreement, shall be AUTHORITY's property upon
17 payment and shall be furnished with unlimited rights and, as such, shall be free from proprietary restriction
18 except as elsewhere authorized in this Agreement. CONSULTANT further agrees that it shall have no
19 interest or claim to such finished, AUTHORITY-owned, technical data; furthermore, said data is subject
20 to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 USC 552.

21 B. It is expressly understood that any title to preliminary technical data is not passed to
22 AUTHORITY but is retained by CONSULTANT. Preliminary data includes roughs, visualizations,
23 software design documents, layouts and comprehensives prepared by CONSULTANT solely for the
24 purpose of demonstrating an idea or message for AUTHORITY's acceptance before approval is given
25 for preparation of finished artwork. Preliminary data title and right thereto shall be made available to
26 AUTHORITY if CONSULTANT causes AUTHORITY to exercise Article 11, and a price shall be

negotiated for all preliminary data.

ARTICLE 26. FORCE MAJEURE

Either party shall be excused from performing its obligations under this Agreement during the time and to the extent that it is prevented from performing by an unforeseeable cause beyond its control, including but not limited to: any incidence of fire, flood; acts of God; commandeering of material, products, plants or facilities by the federal, state or local government; national fuel shortage; or a material act or omission by the other party; when satisfactory evidence of such cause is presented to the other party, and provided further that such nonperformance is unforeseeable, beyond the control and is not due to the fault or negligence of the party not performing.

ARTICLE 27. HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENT

CONSULTANT shall comply with all the requirements set forth in Exhibit __, Level 1 Safety Specifications.

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1 **IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement No. C-2-2655 to be
2 executed as of the date of the last signature below.

3 **CONSULTANT**

4 By: _____

5 **ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

6 By: _____

7 Darrell E. Johnson
8 Chief Executive Officer

9 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

10 By: _____

11 James M. Donich
12 General Counsel

13 **APPROVED:**

14 By: _____

15 Maggie McJilton
16 Executive Director, People and Community
17 Engagement

EXHIBIT D: STATUS OF PAST AND PRESENT CONTRACTS FORM

STATUS OF PAST AND PRESENT CONTRACTS FORM

On the form provided below, Offeror/Bidder shall list the status of past and present contracts where the firm has either provided services as a prime vendor or a subcontractor during the past five (5) years in which the contract has been the subject of or may be involved in litigation with the contracting authority. This includes, but is not limited to, claims, settlement agreements, arbitrations, administrative proceedings, and investigations arising out of the contract.

A separate form must be completed for each contract. Offeror/Bidder shall provide an accurate contact name and telephone number for each contract and indicate the term of the contract and the original contract value. Offeror/Bidder shall also provide a brief summary and the current status of the litigation, claims, settlement agreements, arbitrations, administrative proceedings, or investigations. If the contract was terminated, list the reason for termination.

Offeror/Bidder shall have an ongoing obligation to update the Authority with any changes to the identified contracts and any new litigation, claims, settlement agreements, arbitrations, administrative proceedings, or investigations that arise subsequent to the submission of the bid. Each form must be signed by an officer of the Offeror/Bidder confirming that the information provided is true and accurate.

Project city/agency/other:	
Contact Name:	Phone:
Project Award Date:	Original Contract Value:
Term of Contract:	
(1) Litigation, claims, settlements, arbitrations, or investigations associated with contract:	
(2) Summary and Status of contract:	
(3) Summary and Status of action identified in (1):	
(4) Reason for termination, if applicable:	

By signing this Form entitled "Status of Past and Present Contracts," I am affirming that all of the information provided is true and accurate.

Name

Signature

Title

Date

EXHIBIT E: CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

Information Sheet

ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

The attached Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form must be completed by applicants for, or persons who are the subject of, any proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use pending before the Board of Directors of the OCTA or any of its affiliated agencies. (Please see next page for definitions of these terms.)

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Basic Provisions of Government Code Section 84308

- A. If you are an applicant for, or the subject of, any proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use, you are prohibited from making a campaign contribution of more than \$250 to any board member or his or her alternate. This prohibition begins on the date your application is filed or the proceeding is otherwise initiated, and the prohibition ends three months after a final decision is rendered by the Board of Directors. In addition, no board member or alternate may solicit or accept a campaign contribution of more than \$250 from you during this period.
- B. These prohibitions also apply to your agents, and, if you are a closely held corporation, to your majority shareholder as well. These prohibitions also apply to your subcontractor(s), joint venturer(s), and partner(s) in this proceeding. Also included are parent companies and subsidiary companies directed and controlled by you, and political action committees directed and controlled by you.
- C. You must file the attached disclosure form and disclose whether you or your agent(s) have in the aggregate contributed more than \$250 to any board member or his or her alternate during the 12-month period preceding the filing of the application or the initiation of the proceeding.
- D. If you or your agent have in the aggregate contributed more than \$250 to any individual board member or his/or her alternate during the 12 months preceding the decision on the application or proceeding, that board member or alternate must disqualify himself or herself from the decision. However, disqualification is not required if the board member or alternate returns the campaign contribution within 30 days from the time the director knows, or should have known, about both the contribution and the fact that you are a party in the proceeding. The Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form should be completed and filed with your proposal, or with the first written document you file or submit after the proceeding commences.

1. A proceeding involving "a license, permit, or other entitlement for use" includes all business, professional, trade and land use licenses and permits, and all other entitlements for use, including all entitlements for land use, all contracts (other than competitively bid, labor or personal employment contracts), and all franchises.
2. Your "agent" is someone who represents you in connection with a proceeding involving a license, permit or other entitlement for use. If an individual acting as an agent is also acting in his or her capacity as an employee or member of a law, architectural, engineering, consulting firm, or similar business entity, both the business entity and the individual are "agents."
3. To determine whether a campaign contribution of more than \$250 has been made by you, campaign contributions made by you within the preceding 12 months must be aggregated with those made by your agent within the preceding 12 months or the period of the agency, whichever is shorter. Contributions made by your majority shareholder (if a closely held corporation), your subcontractor(s), your joint venturer(s), and your partner(s) in this proceeding must also be included as part of the aggregation. Campaign contributions made to different directors or their alternates are not aggregated.
4. A list of the members and alternates of the Board of Directors is attached.

This notice summarizes the major requirements of Government Code Section 84308 of the Political Reform Act and California Code of Regulations, Title 2 Sections 18438-18438.8.

ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

RFP Number: _____ RFP Title: _____

Was a campaign contribution made to any OCTA Board Member within the preceding 12 months, regardless of dollar amount of the contribution by either the proposing firm, proposed subconsultants and/or agent/lobbyist? Yes _____ No _____

If no, please sign and date below.

If yes, please provide the following information:

Prime Contractor Firm Name: _____

Contributor or Contributor Firm's Name: _____

Contributor or Contributor Firm's Address: _____

Is Contributor:

- | | | |
|---|-----------|----------|
| <input type="radio"/> The Prime Contractor | Yes _____ | No _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Subconsultant | Yes _____ | No _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Agent/Lobbyist hired by Prime
to represent the Prime in this RFP | Yes _____ | No _____ |

Note: Under the State of California Government Code section 84308 and California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 18438, campaign contributions made by the Prime Contractor and the Prime Contractor's agent/lobbyist who is representing the Prime Contractor in this RFP must be aggregated together to determine the total campaign contribution made by the Prime Contractor.

Identify the Board Member(s) to whom you, your subconsultants, and/or agent/lobbyist made campaign contributions, the name of the contributor, the dates of contribution(s) in the preceding 12 months and dollar amount of the contribution. Each date must include the exact month, day, and year of the contribution.

Name of Board Member: _____

Name of Contributor: _____

Date(s) of Contribution(s): _____

Amount(s): _____

Name of Board Member: _____

Name of Contributor: _____

Date(s) of Contribution(s): _____

Amount(s): _____

Date: _____

Signature of Contributor

Print Firm Name

Print Name of Contributor

**ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
AND AFFILIATED AGENCIES**

Board of Directors

Mark A. Murphy, Chairman

Gene Hernandez, Vice Chairman

Lisa A. Bartlett, Director

Doug Chaffee, Director

Barbara Delgleize, Director

Andrew Do, Director

Katrina Foley, Director

Brian Goodell, Director

Patrick Harper, Director

Michael Hennessey, Director

Steve Jones, Director

Fred Jung, Director

Joseph Muller, Director

Tam Nguyen, Director

Vicente Sarmiento, Director

Donald P. Wagner, Director

EXHIBIT F: SAFETY SPECIFICATIONS

LEVEL 1 HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS

PART I – GENERAL

1.1 GENERAL HEALTH, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. The Contractor, its subcontractors, suppliers, and employees have the obligation to comply with all Authority health, safety and environmental compliance department (HSEC) requirements of this safety specification, project site requirements, bus yard safety rules, as well as all federal, state, and local regulations pertaining to scope of work, contracts or agreements with the Authority. Additionally, manufacturer requirements are considered incorporated by reference as applicable to this scope of work.
- B. Observance of repeated unsafe acts or conditions, serious violation of safety standards, non-conformance of Authority health, safety and environmental compliance department (HSEC) requirements, or disregard for the intent of these safety specifications to protect people and property, by Contractor or its subcontractors may be cause for termination of scope or agreements with the Authority, at the sole discretion of the Authority.
- C. The health, safety, and environmental requirements, and references contained within this scope of work shall not be considered all-inclusive as to the hazards that might be encountered. Safe work practices shall be planned and performed, and safe conditions shall be maintained during this work scope.
- D. The Authority Project Manager shall be responsible to ensure a safety orientation is conducted of known potential hazards and emergency procedures for all Contractor personnel, subcontractors, suppliers, vendors, and new employees assigned to the project prior to commencement of the project.
- E. The Contractor shall ensure that all Contractor vehicles, including those of its subcontractors, suppliers, vendors and employees are parked in designated parking areas, and comply with traffic routes, and posted traffic signs in areas other than the employee parking lots.
- F. California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 8 Standards are minimum requirements; each Contractor is encouraged to exceed minimum requirements. When the Contractor's safety requirements exceed statutory standards, the more stringent requirements shall be applied for the safeguard of public and employees.

1.2 REGULATORY

- A. Injury/Illness Prevention Program
The Contractor shall comply with CCR Title 8, Section with California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 8, Section 3203. The intent and elements of the IIPP shall be implemented and enforced by the Contractor and its sub-tier contractors, suppliers, and vendors. The program shall be provided to the Authority's Project Manager, upon request, within 72 hours.

- B. Substance Abuse Prevention Program
Contractor shall comply with the Policy or Program of the Company's Substance Abuse Prevention Policy that complies with the most recent Drug Free Workplace Act. The program shall be provided to the Authority's Project Manager, upon request, within 72 hours.
- C. Heat Illness Prevention Program
Contractor shall comply with CCR Title 8, Section, Section 3395, Heat Illness Prevention. The program shall be provided to the Authority's Project Manager, upon request, within 72 hours.
- D. Hazard Communication Program
Contractor shall comply with CCR Title 8, Section 5194 Hazard Communication Standard. Prior to use on Authority property and/or project work areas Contractor shall provide the Authority Project Manager copies of SDS for all applicable chemical products used, if any. The program shall be provided to the Authority's Project Manager, upon request, within 72 hours.
 - a. All chemicals including paint, solvents, detergents and similar substances shall comply with South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) rules 103, 1113, and 1171.
- E. Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan
The Contractor shall protect property and water resources from fuels and similar products throughout the duration of the contract. Contractor shall comply with Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) requirements. The program or plan if required by scope shall be provided to the Authority's Project Manager, upon request, within 72 hours.

1.3 INCIDENT NOTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION

- A. The Authority shall be promptly notified of any of the following types of incidents including but not limited to:
 - 1. Damage incidents of property (incidents involving third party, contractor or Authority property damage);
 - 2. Reportable and/or Recordable injuries (as defined by the U. S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration), a minor injury, and near miss incidents;
 - 3. Incidents impacting the environment, i.e. spills or releases on Authority projects or property.
 - 4. Outside Agency Inspections; agencies such as Cal/OSHA, DTSC, SCAQMD, State Water Resources Control Board, FTA, CPUC, EPA, USACE and similar agencies.
- B. Notifications shall be made to Authority representatives, employees and/or agents. This includes incidents occurring to contractors, vendors, visitors, or members of the public that arise from the performance of Authority contract work. An immediate verbal notice followed by an initial written incident investigation report shall be submitted to the Authority's Project Manager within 24 hours of the incident.

- C. A final written incident investigative report shall be submitted within seven (7) calendar days and include the following information. The Current Status of anyone injured, photos of the incident area, detailed description of what happened, Photos of the existing conditions and area of the injury/incident, the contributing factors that lead to the incident occurrence, a copy of the company policy or procedure associated with the incident and evaluation of effectiveness, copy of task planning documentation, copy of the Physician's first report of injury, copy of Cal/OSHA 300 log of work related injuries and illnesses, the Cal/OSHA 301 Injury Illness Incident Report, and corrective actions initiated to prevent recurrence. This information shall be considered the minimum elements required for a comprehensive incident report provided to OCTA.
- D. A Serious Injury, Serious Incident, OSHA Recordable Injury/Illness, or a Significant Near Miss shall require a formal incident review at the discretion of the Authority's Project Manager. The incident review shall be conducted within seven (7) calendar days of the incident. This review shall require a company senior executive, company program or project manager from the Contractors' organization to participate and present the incident review as determined by the OCTA Project Manager. The serious incident presentation shall include action taken for the welfare of the injured, a status report of the injured, causation factors that lead to the incident, a root cause analysis (using 5 whys and fishbone methods), and a detailed recovery plan that identifies corrective actions to prevent a similar incident, and actions to enhance safety awareness.
1. Serious Injury: includes an injury or illness to one or more employees, occurring in a place of employment or in connection with any employment, which requires inpatient hospitalization for a period in excess of twenty-four hours for other than medical observation, or in which an employee suffers the loss of any member of the body, or suffers any serious degree of physical disfigurement. A serious injury also includes a lost workday or reassignment or restricted injury case as determined by the Physician's first report of injury or Cal/OSHA definitions.
 2. Serious Incident: includes but not limited to property damage of \$500.00 or more, an incident requiring emergency services (local fire, paramedics and ambulance response), news media or OCTA media relations response, and/or incidents involving other agencies (Cal/OSHA, EPA, AQMD, DTSC, Metrolink, FTA, FRA etc.) notification or representation.
 3. OSHA Recordable Injury / Illness: includes and injury / illness resulting in medical treatment beyond First Aid, an injury / illness which requires restricted duty, or an injury / illness resulting in days away from work.
 4. Significant Near Miss Incident: includes incidents where no property was damaged and no personal injury sustained, but where, given a slight shift in time or position, damage and/or injury easily could have occurred.

1.4 DESIGNATED HEALTH AND SAFETY REPRESENTATIVE

- A. Upon contract award, the contractor within 10 business days shall designate a health and safety representative and provide a resume and qualifications to the Authority project manager, upon request, within 72 hours.
- B. This person shall be a competent or qualified individual as defined by the Occupational, Safety, and Health Administration (OSHA), familiar with applicable CCR Title 8 Standards (Cal/OSHA) and has the authority to affect changes in work procedures that may have associated cost, schedule and budget impacts.

1.5 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- A. The Contractor, its subcontractors, suppliers, and employees are required to comply with applicable personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements while performing work at any Authority project or property. Generally minimum PPE requirements include eye protection; hearing protection, head protection, class 2 or 3 safety reflective vests, and appropriate footwear.
- B. The Contractor, its subcontractors, suppliers, and employees are required to provide their own PPE, including eye, head, foot, and hand protection, safety vests, or other PPE required to perform their work safely on Authority projects or property. The Authority requires eye protection on construction projects and work areas that meet ANSI Z-87.1 Standards.

1.6 REFERENCES

- A. CCR Title 8 Standards (Cal/OSHA)
- B. FCR Including 1910 and 1926 Standards
- C. NFPA, NEC, ANSI, NIOSH Standards
- D. Construction Industry Institute (CII)
- E. OCTA Yard Safety Rules

END OF SECTION

EXHIBIT G: PROPOSAL EXCEPTIONS AND/OR DEVIATIONS

PROPOSAL EXCEPTIONS AND/OR DEVIATIONS

The following form shall be completed for each technical and/or contractual exception or deviation that is submitted by Offeror for review and consideration by Authority. The exception and/or deviation must be clearly stated along with the rationale for requesting the exception and/or deviation. If no technical or contractual exceptions or deviations are submitted as part of the original proposal, Offerors are deemed to have accepted Authority’s technical requirements and contractual terms and conditions set forth in the Scope of Work (Exhibit A) and Proposed Agreement (Exhibit C). Offerors will not be allowed to submit this form or any contractual exceptions and/or deviation after the proposal submittal date identified in the RFP. Exceptions and/or deviations submitted after the proposal submittal date will not be reviewed by Authority.

Offeror:_____

RFP No.:_____ RFP Title: _____

Deviation or Exception No. : _____

Check one:

- Scope of Work (Technical) _____
- Proposed Agreement (Contractual) _____

Reference Section/Exhibit: _____ Page/Article No. _____

Complete Description of Deviation or Exception:

Rationale for Requesting Deviation or Exception:

Area Below Reserved for Authority Use Only: