



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

ITEM NUMBER: CC-12

SUBJECT: BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

FROM: OFFICE OF THE CEO

PRESENTATION BY: THOMAS R. HATCH, CEO

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: THOMAS R. HATCH @ (714) 754-5328

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize staff to release the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Building Inspection Services (Attachment 3) based upon the analysis provided by both the Building Inspection Services Contracting Committee and Development Services Department.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

Council Policy 100-6 provides guidelines for evaluating the potential contracting of on-going City services on a long-term or permanent basis. As set forth in the policy, a committee was formed and comprised of three segments: Project Responsibility, Department Representative and Employee Representative. The committee was tasked with the following:

- Hearing a presentation from department representatives and asking questions about the specific proposal under consideration;
- Working together to outline how to evaluate a comparable City effort to provide the same or similar service;
- Having the project facilitator draft an analysis addressing the available alternatives for service delivery as outlined by the committee; and,
- Determining if outside comparative data would be useful.

On August 24, 2011 the Building Inspection Contracting Committee met to discuss the duties and responsibilities of the Building Inspection program and determine "the available alternatives for service delivery." After hearing a presentation by department staff and asking questions, the Contracting Committee determined the following alternatives for the Building Inspection program:

1. Retain existing service level at existing cost.
2. Retain existing service level at lower cost by reorganization.
3. Lower level of service at a lesser cost.
4. Eliminate some or all of the service provided to the City and Community.
5. Contract with a private provider.
6. Contract with another public entity.

On August 30, 2011 and September 8, 2011, the Contracting Committee met to discuss, clarify and finalize the alternatives/options and the draft RFP. The following is an explanation of the attachments.

Attachment 1, a memo from the Contracting Committee to the City CEO Tom Hatch, provides identification and analysis of each alternative and survey information provided by other agencies.

Attachment 2, a memo from the Interim Development Services Director Khanh Nguyen to the City CEO Tom Hatch, provides a written evaluation (including pros and cons) of each option addressed by the Contracting Committee.

Attachment 3, the draft RFP for Building Inspection Services, prepared by the Development Services Department and reviewed and finalized by the Contracting Committee.

Based on the attached information it appears that the most viable alternatives are to retain the existing service level but at a lower cost through reorganization or contracting with either a public entity or private company for services. It is difficult to determine which of these alternatives would provide the highest level of service at the lowest cost without issuing an RFP so that appropriate cost analysis and comparisons in level of service can be made.

A few items should be noted with regard to the draft RFP. While we have identified in the draft RFP the current level of expected service in terms of response time for conducting inspections and answering calls, we have done so on the assumption that the Council wishes to retain the existing level of service, whoever provides it. However, the draft also includes a specific request to proposers to identify "innovative and/or creative approaches for providing the service that will maximize efficient, cost-effective operations or increase performance capabilities." This would allow the Council to evaluate either a different level of service, method of delivery, or other alternative that could maintain or enhance service levels at a lower overall cost. The RFP also requests proposers to offer information about hiring existing city employees and possible acquisition of City equipment currently used to perform the service.

Also note, that employees or groups of employees, who wish to submit a proposal in response to the RFP, will be permitted to do so. Staff recommends that employees who wish to submit bids or responses to RFPs as contract providers, should be advised to do so in compliance with the RFP requirements and at the same time as other bidders.

As directed under Council Policy 100-6, the above is an analysis addressing the available alternatives for service delivery as outlined by the Building Inspection Services Contracting Committee.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

The City Council may decide not to release the RFP and direct the CEO to evaluate other alternatives identified by the Building Inspection Services Contracting Committee.

FISCAL REVIEW:

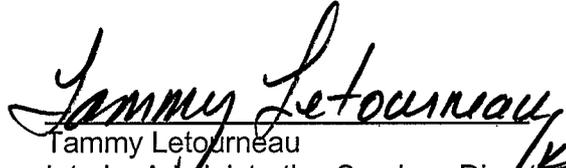
The fiscal impact for outsourcing the identified City service is unknown at this time. If the City Council directs staff to release the RFP a complete analysis of the proposals and the costs for each will be provided to the City Council at that time.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends releasing the RFP for Building Inspection Services based upon the analysis provided by both the Building Inspection Services Contracting Committee and the Development Services Department.



Thomas R. Hatch
Chief Executive Officer



Tammy Letourneau
Interim Administrative Services Director

Attachment:

Attachment 1
Attachment 2
Attachment 3

Contract Committee Analysis Memo
Departmental Analysis
Draft Request for Proposal

DISCLOSURE OF GOVERNMENT POSITIONS

Each Proposer shall disclose below whether any owner or employee of the firm currently hold positions as elected or appointed officials, directors, officers, or employees of a governmental entity or held such positions in the past twelve months. List below or state "None."



**CITY OF COSTA MESA
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

TO: THOMAS R. HATCH, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

FROM: TAMARA S. LETOURNEAU, INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR

DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

SUBJECT: BUILDING INSPECTION CONTRACTING COMMITTEE

Council Policy 100-6 provides guidelines for evaluating the potential contracting of on-going City services on a long-term or permanent basis. As set forth in the policy, a committee should be formed and comprised of three segments: Project Responsibility, Department Representative and Employee Representative. The committee is tasked with the following:

- Hearing a presentation from department representatives and asking questions about the specific proposal under consideration;
- Working together to outline how to evaluate a comparable City effort to provide the same or similar service;
- Having the project facilitator draft analysis addressing the available alternatives for service delivery as outlined by the committee; and,
- Determining if outside comparative data would be useful.

On August 24, 2011 the Building Inspection Contracting Committee met to discuss the duties and responsibilities on the Building Inspection program and determine “the available alternatives for service delivery”. After hearing a presentation by department staff and asking questions, the Committee developed a list of alternatives.

On August 30, 2011 the Committee met to further discuss and clarify the draft RFP and alternatives/options. The following alternatives for contracting building inspection services are described below.

1. Retain existing service level at existing cost.

Currently building inspection services are provided by an in-house and contract staff which consists of 5 budgeted positions listed below:

- 1 Chief of Inspection (currently vacant)
- 1 Senior Electrical Inspector
- 1 Combination Building Inspector (currently vacant, filled by contract)
- 1 Office Coordinator (currently being performed by “move-up” employee)
- 1 Office Specialist II

Thus, the current services are provided through a hybrid of in-house City staff and contract staff. The FY 2011-12 budget includes \$1.3 million for these services.

2. Retain existing service level at lower cost by reorganization.

A possible reorganization plan would be to eliminate the Senior Electrical Inspector, Combination Building Inspector and Office Coordinator positions. The Chief of Inspection would be responsible for overseeing the contract inspectors and the Office Specialist II position. Essentially, the Chief of Inspection would become the contract administrator for the inspection services. The workload of the Office Specialist II position would not be contracted out but instead the workload would be shifted to other individuals in the division to further reduce costs.

3. Lower level of service at a lesser cost.

This option would require the elimination of the Senior Electrical Inspector, Combination Building Inspector and Officer Coordinator positions. However, the City would retain the Chief of Inspection to oversee the contract inspectors and the Office Specialist II position. However, the City would contract with fewer contract inspectors to reduce costs. This would result in an increase in the time it takes to provide inspections.

4. Eliminate some or all of the service provided to the City and Community.

Maintaining building inspection services is a vital part of a quality community and enhancing economic development, and is required by the California Health and Safety Code. It is important to ensure that inspection services are done according to the City's rules and regulations and the services are provided in a timely manner. Thus, the elimination of this service all together is not a viable option; however, reducing service levels as discussed above is possible but will have a significant impact on the current service levels.

5. Contract with a private provider.

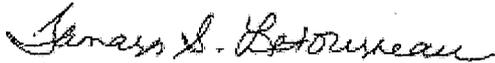
The City could contract with a private provider for the same level of service as is currently provided. There are other local government agencies across the country which contract for building inspection services at some level. It is a best practice to maintain in-house staff to administer and manage the contract including the daily management of the inspectors. The cost to contract out this entire service area is unknown at this time, but one type of possible contract arrangement is that a private contractor would receive a specified percentage of building inspection fees. The Committee believes that retaining in-house expertise to oversee the contract inspectors is critical to providing quality customer service to the community.

6. Contract with another public entity.

The City could explore working with another public agency to provide building inspection services. However, the Department staff shared with the Committee that this has been looked at in the past few months and it has not been successful because each City was only staffing to address their own building inspection needs and they were not interested in providing the services or developing a joint contract at that time. Given that cities across the nation are looking for ways to increase efficiency their willingness to discuss this may have increased. However, the Committee is mindful that this may not result in a reduction in costs over Costa Mesa contracting out the services alone.

As directed under Council Policy 100-6, the above is an analysis addressing the available alternatives for service delivery as outlined by the Building Inspection Contracting Committee. The Committee has also drafted a Request for Proposal (RFP) should you desire to present this to the City Council.

The Building Inspection Contract Committee is available should you have any questions or request more information.



Tamara S. Letourneau
Interim Director of Administrative Services

Attachment: Survey of other Cities

08/29/2011

Building Inspections Comparative Data

Respondent	City of Huntington Beach	City of Orange	City of Westminster
Representative	Debra Gilbert	Sharon Pentilla	Scroosh Rahbari
What are the numbers of permits you process per year?	Average 8,000	2,600 permits are issued each year	1,383 Permits (we issue all-in-one permit and don't issue separate permits for elect, mech, plumb.)
What is your total budget for building inspections?	\$1,086,235	\$560,000	\$1,117,628 is our budget for entire Building Division (we don't have a separate budget for inspections)
What is the number of City employees that are assigned to building inspection?	13	5-full time combination building inspectors	9 (8 full-time, 2 part-time) employees in Building Division which includes 4 inspectors (2 building inspectors, 1 NPDES inspector, 1 Business License inspector).
What is the number of Contract employees that are assigned to building inspections?	0.5 person to handle seasonal staffing needs, and vacations	No contract inspectors	0
Total population within your city?	189,992 (2010 Census)	136,998	92,000 give or take few thousand

City of Costa Mesa

Inter Office Memorandum

TO: TOM HATCH, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

FROM: KHANH NGUYEN, INTERIM DEVELOPMENT SVS. DIRECTOR

DATE: SEPTEMBER 12, 2011

SUBJECT: ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES PROPOSED BY THE BUILDING INSPECTION CONTRACTING COMMITTEE

In reference to the September 8, 2011 memorandum on Building Inspection Contracting Committee, the Development Services Department have reviewed the 6 options and offered the following analysis.

Option 1: Retain existing service level at existing cost.

Pros: Existing high level of service is maintained through a balance of City staff and highly qualified contract inspectors. The City has the flexibility to add or reduce contract staff as needed. The City also has the ability to choose between 3 current vendors to select most qualified staff at a favorable rate.

Cons: Due to the current workload and recent attrition, more contract inspectors are serving our community and it takes time for the contract inspectors to learn our policies and for our customers to become familiar with those inspectors.

Option 2: Retain existing service level at lower cost by reorganization.

Pros: Similar to Option 1, existing high level of service is maintained through a balance of City staff and highly qualified contract inspectors. The City has the flexibility to add or reduce contract staff as needed. The City also has the ability to choose between 3 current vendors to select most qualified staff at a favorable rate.

The elimination of the Office Coordinator position would provide additional cost savings and the duties of that position would be shifted to other support staff in the Division. In addition, the recent automation package for field staff will reduce the workload for support staff.

Cons: Similar to Option 1, due to the current workload and recent attrition, more contract inspectors are serving our community and it takes time

for the contract inspectors to learn our policies and for our customers to become familiar with those inspectors.

With the elimination of the Office Coordinator position, other office support staffs and supervisors would need to absorb those duties.

Option 3: Lower level of service at a lesser cost.

Pros: The City can further reduce cost by reducing the number of contract inspectors.

Cons: Turnaround time on some inspection requests will increase from 24 to 48 hours.

Option 4: Eliminating some or all of the service provided to the City and Community.

This is not a viable option as State law requires the City to provide minimum Building Safety services.

Option 5: Contract with a private provider.

Pros: The private provider may be able to provide the same level of service at a lower cost but it is unknown at this time.

Cons: There will be limited oversight with this option as the contract administrator duties will be shared by the part time Building Official and the Director.

Option 6: Contract with another public entity.

Pros: This option would allow seasoned inspectors from other jurisdictions to assist as needed without having to add permanent employees to our payroll. Surrounding cities have been contacted regarding this option; and while there seems to be some interest, they do not have sufficient staff at this time to participate.

Cons: We would not have the ability to reciprocate and would have to rely on other jurisdictions to provide reliable staffing. This option limits our ability to control staffing and service level.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

FOR

BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES



Development Services Department

CITY OF COSTA MESA

Released on _____, 2011

BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Dear Proposers:

The City of Costa Mesa (hereinafter referred to as the “City”) is requesting proposals from a qualified public entity or private firm, to establish a contract for Building Inspection Services. The term is expected to be for three (3) years with two (2) one-year options to renew. Longer initial and extended terms will be considered depending upon the Proposer’s submission regarding use of City facilities and equipment.

1. BACKGROUND

On March 1, 2011, the City Council agreed to move forward with a comprehensive review and analysis of outsourcing 18 City services, one of which is Building Inspection Services, as outlined in the *Outsourcing of City Services Council Agenda Report*, dated February 24, 2011.

The City of Costa Mesa is a general law city, which operates under the council/manager form of government with a General Fund budget of over \$94 million and a total of over \$107 million of fiscal year 2010-2011.

The City of Costa Mesa, incorporated in 1953, has an estimated population of 116,479 and has a land area of 16.8 square miles. It is located in the southern coastal area of Orange County, California, and is bordered by the cities of Santa Ana, Newport Beach, Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley and Irvine.

The City is a “full service city” and provides a wide range of services. These services include: police and fire protection; animal control; emergency medical aid; building safety regulation and inspection; street lighting; land use planning and zoning; housing and community development; maintenance and improvement of streets and related structures; traffic safety maintenance and improvement; and full range of recreational and cultural programs.

The City of Costa Mesa is home of the Segerstrom Center for the Arts, Orange County Fairgrounds, South Coast Repertory Theater and the South Coast Plaza Shopping Center, which is the single largest commercial activity center in the City. The volume of sales generated by South Coast Plaza, secures its place as the highest volume regional shopping center in the nation.

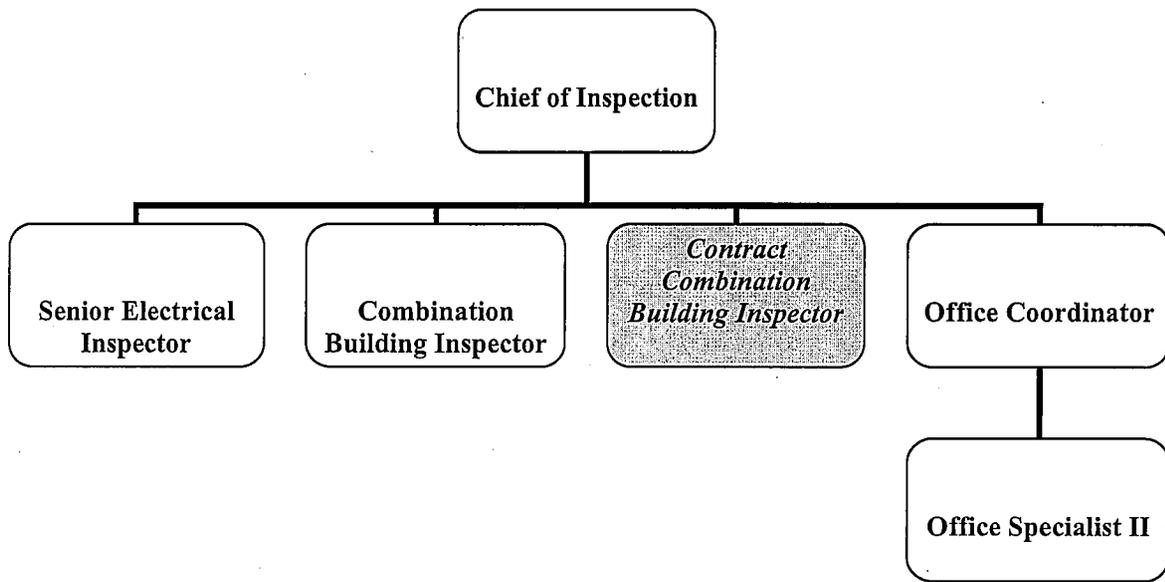
It is the City’s intent to choose one (1) firm to provide all of the requested services.

Building Inspection safeguards life, property and ensures public safety by applying current City and State building code standards, including standards for disabled access, energy conservation, seismic, structural, grading, historical building preservation, etc. to both public and private property/projects. Adopted City Building Codes and local amendments include the 2010 California Code versions of the Building, Residential, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, Energy, and Green Building Standards.

Current Staffing and Workload Indicators

Building Inspection services for the City are currently provided by an in-house staff of 3 and contract staff of 5 part-time inspectors filling the 5 budgeted positions (1 Chief of Inspection, 1 Senior Electrical Inspector, 1 Combination Inspector, 1 Office Coordinator, and 1 office support staff) and 1 Contract Combination Inspector as illustrated in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Fiscal Year 10/11 Building Inspection Organization



General Data

	Permit Revenues	Inspections Performed	Permits Issued	Total Valuation
FY 09-10	\$720,500	15,904	1,836	\$67 million
FY 10-11	\$886,800	13,837	2,017	\$79 million

The office support staff received approximately 45 phone calls per day, processed 1 to 2 public records requests per week, and prepared 40 plans and documents per month for imaging. The Division received approximately 1 accessibility complaint per month, and processed 2 certificate of occupancy and 2 temporary certificate of occupancy requests per month. The City's expected

level of service is to respond to all inspection requests within 24 hours and to answer all phone calls within four rings. Inspection support is provided to Code Enforcement approximately 1 hr per week.

2. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

This request for proposal will be governed by the following schedule:

Release of RFP	_____	, 2011
Deadline for Written Questions	_____	, 2011
Responses to Questions Posted on Web	_____	, 2011
Proposals are Due	_____	, 2011
Interview (if held)	_____	, 2011
Approval of Contract		TBD

All dates are subject to change at the discretion of the City

3. SCOPE OF WORK

The successful vendor will provide personnel to act independently in accomplishing work for the City.

A. Building Inspection Services

These positions are responsible for all Building Inspection services, counter assistance, inspection, and public inquiries, including, but not limited to:

1. Provide inspection support staff at City Hall – Office hours are 7 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday.
2. Provide building inspection services – Office hours are 7-8 AM and 3-4 PM; Field hours are 8 AM to 3 PM, Monday through Friday.
3. Assign and coordinate daily inspections.
4. Prepare daily inspection run and count.
5. Coordinate and attend pre-construction meetings as requested by the general contractor or building official.
6. Provide inspection services for code, accessibility, grading, erosion control, building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing work, etc.
7. Handle inspection inquiries, resolve complaints.
8. Update and maintain inspection results in Permits Plus.
9. Follow up on all expired permits during less than normal inspection call days.
10. Process public records requests.
11. Update and maintain Building Safety Procedures Manual related to inspection services.

12. Investigate accessibility complaints.
13. Process certificate of occupancy and temporary certificate of occupancy requests.
14. Maintain building records; prepare documents for storage and/or imaging on a monthly basis.
15. Provide administrative support coverage for Planning and Code Enforcement services as needed.
16. Provide inspection support to Code Enforcement as needed”.

B. Maximum Service Delivery Timeframes (Level of Service)

The City has established “Maximum Timeframes” for the delivery of Building Inspection Services. The consultant shall provide adequate personnel, based on the level of development activity within the City at any given time, to ensure that the following timeframes are met.

Service	Maximum Timeframe for Service Delivery
Building and Grading inspection	The following working day if request is received before 4PM
Update inspection results	At the end of each business day
Prepare daily inspection run and count	Prior to 8AM on the day of inspection
Assign and coordinate daily inspections	Prior to 8AM on the day of inspection
Assistance at the public counter or provide administrative support coverage for Planning and Code Enforcement services	Immediate during City Hall hours
Public records request	As directed by the Building Official or City Clerk (responses typically due within ten days of request)
Return calls received outside of business hours	In the AM the following working day
Investigate accessibility complaints	Within 48 hours
Process certificate of occupancy or temporary certificate of occupancy requests	Within 24 hours
Answer calls through the general	Within 4 rings

inspection line	
Monthly statistical accounting and preparation of plans for imaging	Completed at the end of each month
Provide inspection support to Code Enforcement as requested by the Chief of Code Enforcement	Within 48 hours

C. Minimum Qualifications

The consultant shall be responsible to ensure all personnel assigned to the City of Costa Mesa have sufficient on-going training to perform their assigned duties.

1. All contract inspectors must have a minimum of four years experience at the journey level in inspection or the construction trade with emphasis in construction, structural, electrical, plumbing or mechanical and engaged in a wide variety of construction and installation work, and graduation from high school.
2. All inspectors shall be certified by the International Code Council in one or more discipline, and may only perform inspection with the appropriate certification.
3. Accessibility complaints must be performed by a Certified Access Specialist inspector.

The ideal proposal will include full-time staff, all of whom have a proven record of customer service and success in managing multiple tasks, assignments, and responsibilities. The successful firm or public entity will ensure that it has assigned personnel – with contact and coverage information clearly communicated to the City – that are required to be available to respond to emergency situations that may require building inspection services at times when City Hall is closed for business.

Currently, the City utilizes a proprietary Permits Plus system for issuance of building permits and tracking inspection results. All inspection services staff will be required to update inspection results and provide inspection status using Permits Plus, which is used by several other departments within the City to access information.

The Proposer should also identify who will perform the following administrative/management functions and how the City will be provided with information concerning contractor compliance:

- Review and approve time cards.
- Review and approve payments.
- Track all monthly invoices.
- Monitor service delivery.
- Monitor level of service delivered.

D. City Provided Office Space and Equipment

The City will provide only the following office space and equipment for use in performing building inspection services:

1. Use of office space at City Hall that is approximately the same square footage and configuration currently occupied by building inspection personnel.
2. Use of approximately 8 City land line phones – 2 of which are dedicated to specific purposes, an Inspection Request Line and general inquiry line – and 1 fax line.
3. Use of office furniture.
4. Use of 2 City network computers.
5. Use of 1 Copier and 1 printer.

The vendor is responsible to provide vehicles, field units/laptops with broadband access, cell phones, code books, measuring tools, and other related equipment to perform their duties. The City may be willing to lease or sell city owned vehicles to vendor, but would do so under a separate negotiation and agreement following award of contract.

4. **PROPOSAL FORMAT GUIDELINES**

Interested entities or contractors are to provide the City of Costa Mesa with a thorough proposal using the following guidelines:

Proposal should be typed and should contain no more than 20 typed pages using a 12-point font size, including transmittal letter and resumes of key people, but excluding Index/Table of Contents, tables, charts, and graphic exhibits. Each proposal will adhere to the following order and content of sections. Proposal should be straightforward, concise and provide “layman” explanations of technical terms that are used. Emphasis should be concentrated on conforming to the RFP instructions, responding to the RFP requirements, and on providing a complete and clear description of the offer. Proposals which appear unrealistic in terms of technical commitments, lack of technical competence or are indicative of failure to comprehend the complexity and risk of this contract, may be rejected. The following proposal sections are to be included in the Proposer’s response:

- **Vendor Application Form and Cover Letter**

Complete Appendix A, “Request for Proposal-Vendor Application Form” and attach this form to the cover letter. A cover letter, not to exceed three pages in length, should summarize key elements of the proposal. An individual authorized to bind the consultant must sign the letter. The letter must stipulate that the proposal price will be valid for a period of at least 180 days. Indicate the address and telephone number of the contractor’s office located nearest to Costa Mesa, California and the office from which the project will be managed.

- **Background and Project Summary Section**

The Background and Project Summary Section should describe your understanding of the City, the work to be done, and the objectives to be accomplished. Refer to Scope of Work of this RFP.

- **Methodology Section**

Provide a detailed description of the approach and methodology to be used to accomplish the Scope of Work of this RFP. The Methodology Section should include:

1. An implementation plan that describes in detail (i) the methods, including controls by which your firm or entity manages projects of the type sought by this RFP; (ii) methodology for soliciting and documenting views of internal and external stakeholders; (iii) and any other project management or implementation strategies or techniques that the respondent intends to employ in carrying out the work.
2. Detailed description of efforts your firm or entity will undertake to achieve client satisfaction and to satisfy the requirements of the "Scope of Work" section.
3. Detailed project schedule, identifying all tasks and deliverables to be performed, durations for each task, and overall time of completion, including a complete transition plan. Include your plan to deal with fluctuation in service needs and any associated price adjustments.
4. Detailed description of specific tasks you will require from City staff. Explain what the respective roles of City staff and your staff would be to complete the tasks specified in the Scope of Work.
5. Proposers are encouraged to provide additional innovative and/or creative approaches for providing the service that will maximize efficient, cost-effective operations or increased performance capabilities. In addition, the City will consider proposals that offer alternative service delivery means and methods for the services desired.
6. Firms, public entities and individuals wishing to be considered shall include in their submissions the steps they will, if selected, implement and adhere to for the recruitment, hiring and retention of former employees of the City who have been or may be displaced due to layoff or outsourcing of functions and services formerly provided by the City.
7. Proposers are also requested to identify any City owned facilities or property which Proposer would propose to use or lease, purchase, or rent from the City in connection with the services to be performed, including information about the terms of any proposed lease, purchase or use of such equipment and facilities, and how this proposed structure affects the overall cost proposal to the City.

- **Staffing**

Provide a list of individual(s) who will be working on this project and indicate the functions that each will perform and anticipated hours of service of each individual.¹ Include a resume for each designated individual.

Upon award and during the contract period, if the contractor chooses to assign different personnel to the project, the Contractor must submit their names and qualifications including information listed above to the City for approval before they begin work.

- **Qualifications**

The information requested in this section should describe the qualifications of the firm or entity, key staff and sub-contractors performing projects within the past five years that are similar in size and scope to demonstrate competence to perform these services. Information shall include:

Names of key staff that participated on named projects and their specific responsibilities with respect to this scope of work.

A summary of your firm's or entity's demonstrated capability, including length of time that your firm has provided the services being requested in this Request for Proposal.

For private Proposers, provide at least three references that received similar services from your firm. The City of Costa Mesa reserves the right to contact any of the organizations or individuals listed. Information provided shall include:

- Client Name
- Project Description
- Project start and end dates
- Client project manager name, telephone number, and e-mail address.

Any public entity which submits a proposal should describe in detail how it currently performs services like those identified in the scope of work within its or other jurisdictions, including photographs, written policies and/or video of services provided. If you have performed these services under contract for another public entity, please provide references for those entities as set forth above for private Proposers.

- **Financial Capacity**

Provide the Proposer's latest audited financial statement or other pertinent information such as internal unaudited financial statements and financial references to allow the City to reasonably formulate a determination about the financial capacity of the Proposer. Describe any administrative proceedings, claims, lawsuits, or other exposures pending against the Proposer.

¹ Hourly rates for the proposed personnel shall be set forth on Appendix D.

- **Fee Proposal**

All Proposers are required to use the form in Appendix D to be submitted with their proposal. Pricing instructions should be clearly defined to ensure fees proposed can be compared and evaluated. Proposals shall be valid for a minimum of 180 days following submission. As shown on Appendix D, Proposers may propose fee for service or turn-key operation based upon percentage split of permit fees, or both. If Proposer provides Proposals for both, City reserves the right to select either Proposal at its sole discretion.

- **Disclosure**

Please disclose any and all past or current business and personal relationships with any current Costa Mesa elected official, appointed official, City employee, or family member of any current Costa Mesa elected official, appointed official, or City employee. *Any past or current business relationship may not disqualify the firm from consideration.*

- **Sample Agreement**

The firm selected by the City will be required to execute an Agreement for Services (Agreement) with the City. The form of the Agreement is enclosed as Appendix B, but may be modified to suit the specific services and needs of the City. If a Proposer has any exceptions or conditions to the Agreement, these must be submitted for consideration with the proposal. Otherwise, the Proposer will be deemed to have accepted the form of Agreement. See Section 13, below.

- **Checklist of Forms to Accompany Proposal**

As a convenience to Proposers, following is a list of the forms, included as appendices to this RFP, which should be included with proposals

- (1) Vendor Application Form
- (2) Ex Parte Communications Certificate
- (2) Price Proposal Form
- (3) Disclosure of Government Positions
- (4) Disqualifications Questionnaire

5. **PROCESS FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS**

- **Content of Proposal**

The proposal must be submitted using the format as indicated in the proposal format guidelines.

- **Preparation of Proposal**

Each proposal shall be prepared simply and economically, avoiding the use of elaborate promotional material beyond those sufficient to provide a complete, accurate and reliable presentation.

- **Number of Proposals**

Submit one original, Five (5) hard copies plus one disk copy of your proposal in sufficient detail to allow for thorough evaluation and comparative analysis. In the event of a conflict between the original and any hard copy or disk copy, the original shall control.

- **Submission of Proposals**

Complete written proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes marked and received no later than 4:00 p.m. (P.S.T) on _____, 2011 to the address below. Proposals will not be accepted after this deadline. Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.

City of Costa Mesa

City Clerk

77 Fair Drive

Costa Mesa, CA 92626

RE: Building Inspection Services

- **Inquiries**

Questions about this RFP must be directed in writing, via e-mail to:

Richard Amadril, RFP Facilitator

ramadril@ci.costamesa.ca.us

The City reserves the right to amend or supplement this RFP prior to the proposal due date. All amendments, responses to questions received, and additional information will be posted to the Costa Mesa Procurement Registry, [Costa Mesa - Official City Web Site - Business - Bids & RFP's](#); Proposers should check this web page daily for new information. The City will endeavor to answer all written questions timely received no later than _____, 2011. The City reserves the right not to answer all questions.

From the date that this RFP is issued until a firm or entity is selected and the selection is announced, firms or public entities are not allowed to communicate outside the process set forth in this RFP with any City employee other than the contracting officer listed above regarding this RFP. The City reserves the right to reject any proposal for violation of this provision. No questions other than written will be accepted, and no response other than written will be binding upon the City.

- **Conditions for Proposal Acceptance**

This RFP does not commit the City to award a contract or to pay any costs incurred for any services involved in submission of responses. The City, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received as a result of this RFP, to negotiate with any qualified source(s), or to cancel this RFP in part or in its entirety. The City may waive any irregularity in any proposal. All proposals will become the property of the City of Costa Mesa, USA. If any proprietary information is contained in the proposal, it should be clearly identified.

6. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The City's evaluation and selection process will be conducted in accordance with Chapter V, Article 2 of the City's Municipal Code (Code). In accordance with the Code, the lowest responsible bidder will be determined based on evaluation of qualitative factors in addition to price. At all times during the evaluation process, the following criteria will be used. Sub-criteria are not necessarily listed in order of importance. Additional sub criteria that logically fit within a particular evaluation criteria may also be considered even if not specified below.

1. Qualifications of Entity and Key Personnel-----25%

Includes ability to provide the requested scope of services, the Proposer's financial capacity, recent experience conducting work of similar scope, complexity, and magnitude for other public agencies of similar size, references.

2. Approach to Providing the Requested Scope of Services-----25%

Includes an understanding of the RFP and of the project's scope of services, knowledge of applicable laws and regulations related to the scope of services.

3. Price Proposal-----25%

Price Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of the Total Estimated Annual Price submitted in Appendix D.

4. Innovative and/or creative approaches to providing the services that provide additional efficiencies or increased performance capabilities. ----25%

7. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS AND SELECTION PROCESS

In accordance with its Municipal Code, the City will adhere to the following procedures in evaluating proposals. An Evaluation/Selection Committee (Committee), which may include members of the City's staff and possibly one or more outside experts, will screen and review all proposals according to the weighted criteria set forth above. While price is one basic factor for award, it is not the sole consideration.

A. Responsiveness Screening

Proposals will first be screened to ensure responsiveness to the RFP. The City may reject as non-responsive any proposal that does not include the documents required to be submitted by this RFP. At any time during the evaluation process, the City reserves the right to request clarifications or additional information from any or all Proposers regarding their proposals.

B. Initial Proposal Review

The Committee will initially review and score all responsive written proposals based upon the Evaluation Criteria set forth above. The Committee may also contact Proposer's references. Proposals that receive the highest evaluation scores may be invited to the next stage of the evaluation process. The City may reject any proposal in which a Proposer's approach, qualifications, or price is not considered acceptable by the City. An unacceptable proposal is one that would have to be substantially rewritten to make it acceptable. The City may conclude the evaluation process at this point and recommend award to the lowest responsible bidder. Alternatively, the City may elect to negotiate directly with one or more Proposers to obtain the best result for the City prior to making a recommendation or selection.

C. Interviews, Reference Checks, Revised Proposals, Discussions

Following the initial screening and review of proposals, the Proposers included in this stage of the evaluation process may be invited to participate in an oral interview. Interviews, if held, are tentatively scheduled for _____, 2011 and will be conducted at City of Costa Mesa City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. This date is subject to change. The individual(s) from Proposer's firm or entity that will be directly responsible for carrying out the contract, if awarded, should be present at the oral interview. The oral interview may, but is not required to, use a written question/answer format for the purpose of clarifying the intent of any portions of the proposal.

In addition to conducting an oral interview, the City may during this stage of the evaluation process also contact and evaluate the Proposer's references, contact any Proposer to clarify any response or request revised or additional information, contact any current users of a Proposer's services, solicit information from any available source concerning any aspect of a proposal, and seek and review any other information deemed pertinent to the evaluation process.

Following conclusion of this stage of the evaluation process, the Committee will again rank all Proposers according to the evaluation criteria set forth above. The Committee may conclude the evaluation process at this point, and make a recommendation for award, or it may request Best and Final Offers from Proposers. The City may accept the proposal or negotiate the terms and conditions of the agreement with the highest ranked firm, which shall be determined to be the lowest responsible bidder. The City may recommend award without Best and Final Offers, so Proposers should include their best proposal with their initial submission.

Recommendation for award is contingent upon the successful negotiation of final contract terms. Negotiations shall be confidential and not subject to disclosure to competing Proposers unless an agreement is reached. If contract negotiations cannot be concluded successfully within a time period determined by the City, the City may terminate negotiations and commence negotiations with the next highest scoring Proposer or withdraw the RFP.

8. PROTEST PROCEDURES

Failure to comply with the rules set forth herein may result in rejection of the protest. Protests based upon restrictive specifications or alleged improprieties in the proposal procedure which are apparent or reasonably should have been discovered prior to receipt of proposals shall be filed in writing with the RFP Facilitator at least 10 calendar days prior to the deadline for receipt of proposals. The protest must clearly specify in writing the grounds and evidence on which the protest is based.

Protests based upon alleged improprieties that are not apparent or which could not reasonably have been discovered prior to submission date of the proposals, such as disputes over the staff recommendation for contract award, shall be submitted in writing to the RFP Facilitator, within forty-eight hours from receipt of the notice from the City advising of staff's recommendation for award of contract. The protest must clearly specify in writing the grounds and evidence on which the protest is based. The RFP Facilitator will respond to the protest in writing at least three days prior to the meeting at which staff's recommendation to the City Council will be considered. Should Proposer decide to appeal the response of the RFP Facilitator, and pursue its protest at the Council meeting, it will notify the RFP Facilitator of its intention at least two days prior to the scheduled meeting.

9. CONFIDENTIALITY

The California Public Records Act (Cal. Govt. Code Sections 6250 et seq.) mandates public access to government records. Therefore, unless information is exempt from disclosure by law, the content of any request for explanation, exception, or substitution, response to this RFP, protest, or any other written communication between the City and Proposer, shall be available to the public. The City intends to release all public portions of the proposals following the evaluation process at such time as a recommendation is made to the City Council.

If Proposer believes any communication contains trade secrets or other proprietary information that the Proposer believes would cause substantial injury to the Proposer's competitive position if disclosed, the Proposer shall request that the City withhold from disclosure the proprietary information by marking each page containing such proprietary information as confidential. Proposer may not designate its entire proposal as confidential nor designate its Price Proposal as confidential.

Submission of a proposal shall indicate that, if Proposer requests that the City withhold from disclosure information identified as confidential, and the City complies with the Proposer's request, Proposer shall assume all responsibility for any challenges resulting from the non-disclosure, indemnify and hold harmless the City from and against all damages (including but

not limited to attorney's fees that may be awarded to the party requesting the Proposer information), and pay any and all costs and expenses related to the withholding of Proposer information. Proposer shall not make a claim, sue, or maintain any legal action against the City or its directors, officers, employees, or agents concerning the disclosure, or withholding from disclosure, of any Proposer information. If Proposer does not request that the City withhold from disclosure information identified as confidential, the City shall have no obligation to withhold the information from disclosure and may release the information sought without any liability to the City.

10. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Proposers and Proposers' representatives should not communicate with the City Council members about this RFP. In addition, Proposers and Proposers' representatives should not communicate outside the procedures set forth in this RFP with an officer, employee or agent of the City, including any member of the evaluation panel, with the exception of the RFP Facilitator, regarding this RFP until after Contract Award. Proposers and their representatives are not prohibited, however, from making oral statements or presentations in public to one or more representatives of the City during a public meeting.

A "Proposer" or "Proposer's representative" includes all of the Proposer's employees, officers, directors, consultants and agents, any subcontractors or suppliers listed in the Proposer's proposal, and any individual or entity who has been requested by the Proposer to contact the City on the Proposer's behalf. Proposers shall include the Ex Parte Communications form (Appendix C) with their proposals certifying that they have not had or directed prohibited communications as described in this section.

11. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Proposer warrants and represents that it presently has no interest and agrees that it will not acquire any interest which would present a conflict of interest under California Government Code sections 1090 et seq., or sections 87100 et seq., during the performance of services under any Agreement awarded. The Proposer further covenants that it will not knowingly employ any person having such an interest in the performance of any Agreement awarded. Violation of this provision may result in any Agreement awarded being deemed void and unenforceable.

12. DISCLOSURE OF GOVERNMENTAL POSITION

In order to analyze possible conflicts that might prevent a Proposer from acting on behalf of the City, the City requires that all Proposers disclose in their proposals any positions that they hold as directors, officers, or employees of any governmental entity. Additional disclosure may be required prior to contract award or during the term of the contract. Each Proposer shall disclose whether any owner or employee of the firm currently hold positions as elected or appointed officials, directors, officers, or employees of a governmental entity or held such positions in the past twelve months using the attached "Disclosure of Government Positions Form." (See Appendix F.)

13 CONDITIONS TO AGREEMENT, IF ANY.

The selected Proposer will execute an Agreement for Services with the City describing the Scope of Services to be performed, the schedule for completion of the services, compensation, and other pertinent provisions. The contract shall follow the sample form of Agreement provided as Appendix B to this RFP, which may be modified by City. All Proposers are directed to particularly review the indemnification and insurance requirements set forth in the sample Agreement.

The terms of the agreement, including insurance requirements have been mandated by the City and can be modified only if extraordinary circumstances exist. Submittal of a proposal shall be deemed acceptance of all the terms set forth in this RFP and the sample Agreement for Services unless the Proposer includes with its proposal, in writing, any conditions or exceptions requested by the Proposer to the proposed Agreement. In accordance with the Municipal Code, the City may consider the scope and number of conditions in evaluation proposals and determining the lowest responsible bidder.

14. DISQUALIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Proposers shall complete and submit, under penalty of perjury, a standard form of questionnaire inquiring whether a Proposer, any officer of a proposer, or any employee of a Proposer who has a proprietary interest in the Proposer, has ever been disqualified, removed, or otherwise prevented from proposing on, or completing a federal, state, or local government project because of a violation of law or safety regulation and if so, to explain the circumstances. A proposal may be rejected on the basis of a Proposer, any officer or employee of such Proposer, having been disqualified, removed, or otherwise prevented from proposing on, or completing a federal, state, or local project because of a violation of law or a safety regulation. See Appendix E.

15. STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Amendments

The City reserves the right to amend or supplement this RFP prior to the proposal due date. All amendments and additional information will be posted to the Costa Mesa Procurement Registry, [Costa Mesa - Official City Web Site - Business - Bids & RFP's](#); Proposers should check this web page daily for new information.

Cost for Preparing Proposal

The cost for developing the proposal is the sole responsibility of the Proposer. All proposals submitted become the property of the City.

Insurance Requirements

City requires that licensees, lessees, and vendors have an *approved* Certificate of Insurance (not a declaration or policy) or proof of legal self-insurance on file with the City for the issuance of a

permit or contract. Within ten (10) calendar days of award of contract, successful Proposer must furnish the City with the Certificates of Insurance proving coverage as specified within Appendix B

APPENDIX A



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Building Inspection Services

VENDOR APPLICATION FORM

TYPE OF APPLICANT: NEW CURRENT VENDOR

Legal Contractual Name of Corporation: _____

Contact Person for Agreement: _____

Corporate Mailing Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Contact Person for Proposals: _____

Title: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Business Telephone: _____ Business Fax: _____

Is your business: (check one)

NON PROFIT CORPORATION FOR PROFIT CORPORATION

Is your business: (check one)

CORPORATION LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP

INDIVIDUAL SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP

PARTNERSHIP UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION

Names & Titles of Corporate Board Members

(Also list Names & Titles of persons with written authorization/resolution to sign contracts)

Names	Title	Phone
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Federal Tax Identification Number: _____

City of Costa Mesa Business License Number: _____

(If none, you must obtain a Costa Mesa Business License upon award of contract.)

City of Costa Mesa Business License Expiration Date: _____

APPENDIX B

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

CITY OF COSTA MESA

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this __ day of ____, 2011 (“Effective Date”), by and between the CITY OF COSTA MESA, a municipal corporation (“City”), and consultant, a California corporation (“Consultant”).

WITNESSETH:

- A. WHEREAS, City proposes to have Consultant _____ as described herein below; and
- B. WHEREAS, Consultant represents that it has that degree of specialized expertise necessary to practice and perform the services herein contemplated; and
- C. WHEREAS, City and Consultant desire to contract for specific services in connection with the project described below (the “Project”) and desire to set forth their rights, duties and liabilities in connection with the services to be performed; and
- D. WHEREAS, no official or employee of City has a financial interest, within the provisions of California Government Code, Sections 1090-1092, in the subject matter of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1.0. SERVICES PROVIDED BY CONSULTANT

1.1. Scope of Services. Consultant shall provide the professional services described in Consultant’s Proposal (the “Proposal”). A copy of said Proposal is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by this reference.

1.2. Professional Practices. All professional services to be provided by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement shall be provided by personnel experienced in their respective fields and in a manner consistent with the standards of care, diligence and skill ordinarily exercised by professional consultants in similar fields and circumstances in accordance with sound professional practices. It is understood that in the exercise of every aspect of its role, within the scope of work, consultant will be representing the City, and all of its actions, communications, or other work, during its employment, under this contract is under the direction of the City. Consultant also warrants that it is familiar with all laws that may affect its performance of this Agreement and shall advise City of any changes in any laws that may affect Consultant’s performance of this Agreement. No personnel providing services to the City under this Agreement shall be allowed to work under this agreement unless he/she is approved by the City. City also has the right to require Consultant to remove personnel from service under this Agreement upon demand of the City based on performance deficiencies or misconduct of any kind.

1.3. Warranty. Consultant warrants that it shall perform the services required by this Agreement in compliance with all applicable Federal and California employment laws including, but not limited to, those laws related to minimum hours and wages; occupational health and safety; fair employment and employment practices; workers' compensation insurance and safety in employment; and all other Federal, State and local laws and ordinances applicable to the services required under this Agreement. Consultant shall indemnify and hold harmless City from and against all claims, demands, payments, suits, actions, proceedings, and judgments of every nature and description including attorneys' fees and costs, presented, brought, or recovered against City for, or on account of any liability under any of the above-mentioned laws, which may be incurred by reason of Consultant's performance under this Agreement.

1.4. Non-discrimination. In performing this Agreement, Consultant shall not engage in, nor permit its agents to engage in, discrimination in employment of persons because of their race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, age, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, sexual gender or sexual orientation, except as permitted pursuant to Section 12940 of the Government Code. Violation of this provision may result in the imposition of penalties referred to in Labor Code, Section 1735.

1.5. Non-Exclusive Agreement. Consultant acknowledges that City may enter into agreements with other consultants for services similar to the services that are subject to this Agreement or may have its own employees perform services similar to those services contemplated by this Agreement.

1.6. Delegation and Assignment. This is a personal service contract, and the duties set forth herein shall not be delegated or assigned to any person or entity without the prior written consent of City. Consultant may engage a subcontractor(s) as permitted by law and may employ other personnel to perform services contemplated by this Agreement at Consultant's sole cost and expense.

2.0. COMPENSATION AND BILLING

2.1. Compensation. [TBD]

2.2. Additional Services. Consultant shall not receive compensation for any services provided outside the scope of services specified in the Proposal unless the City or the Project Manager for this Project, prior to Consultant performing the additional services, approves such additional services in writing. It is specifically understood that oral requests and/or approvals of such additional services or additional compensation shall be barred and are unenforceable.

2.3. Method of Billing. Consultant may submit invoices to City's affected supervisor for approval on a progress basis, but no more often than two times a month. Said invoice shall be based on the total of all Consultants' services which have been completed to City's sole satisfaction. City shall pay Consultant's invoice within forty-five (45) days from the date City receives said invoice. Each invoice shall describe in detail, the services performed and the associated time for completion. Any additional services approved and performed pursuant to this

Agreement shall be designated as "Additional Services" and shall identify the number of the authorized change order, where applicable, on all invoices.

2.4. Records and Audits. Records of Consultant's services relating to this Agreement shall be maintained in accordance with generally recognized accounting principles and shall be made available to City or its Project Manager for inspection and/or audit at mutually convenient times for a period of three (3) years from the Effective Date.

3.0. TIME OF PERFORMANCE

3.1. Commencement and Completion of Work. The professional services to be performed pursuant to this Agreement shall commence within five (5) days from the Effective Date of this Agreement. Said services shall be performed in strict compliance with the Project Schedule approved by City as set forth in Exhibit "D," attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. The Project Schedule may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties. Failure to commence work in a timely manner and/or diligently pursue work to completion may be grounds for termination of this Agreement.

3.2. Excusable Delays. Neither party shall be responsible for delays or lack of performance resulting from acts beyond the reasonable control of the party or parties. Such acts shall include, but not be limited to, acts of God, fire, strikes, material shortages, compliance with laws or regulations, riots, acts of war, or any other conditions beyond the reasonable control of a party.

4.0. TERM AND TERMINATION

4.1. Term. This Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and continue for a period of three year, unless previously terminated as provided herein or as otherwise agreed to in writing by the parties. At the end of the term period, the City may determine, in its sole discretion, to exercise an option to renew the contract for up to two periods of one (1) year each. The City shall give notice to Consultant of its intention to exercise such option at least 30 days prior to expiration of the base, or option, term.

4.2. Notice of Termination. The City reserves and has the right and privilege of canceling, suspending or abandoning the execution of all or any part of the work contemplated by this Agreement, with or without cause, at any time, by providing written notice to Consultant. The termination of this Agreement shall be deemed effective upon receipt of the notice of termination. In the event of such termination, Consultant shall immediately stop rendering services under this Agreement unless directed otherwise by the City.

4.3. Compensation. In the event of termination, City shall pay Consultant for reasonable costs incurred and professional services satisfactorily performed up to and including the date of City's written notice of termination.

4.4. Documents. In the event of termination of this Agreement, all documents prepared by Consultant in its performance of this Agreement including, but not limited to, inmate intake reports and logs shall be delivered to the City within ten (10) days of delivery of

termination notice to Consultant, at no cost to City. Any use of uncompleted documents without specific written authorization from Consultant shall be at City's sole risk and without liability or legal expense to Consultant.

5.0. INSURANCE

5.1. Minimum Scope and Limits of Insurance. Consultant shall obtain and maintain during the life of this Agreement all of the following insurance coverages:

- (a) Comprehensive general liability, including premises-operations, products/completed operations, broad form property damage, blanket contractual liability, independent contractors, personal injury with a policy limit of not less than Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) per occurrence and Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) in the aggregate.
- (b) Automobile liability for owned vehicles, hired, and non-owned vehicles, with a policy limit of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), combined single limits, per occurrence and aggregate.
- (c) Workers' compensation insurance as required by the State of California. Consultant agrees to waive, and to obtain endorsements from its workers' compensation insurer waiving, subrogation rights under its workers' compensation insurance policy against the City and to require each of its subcontractors, if any, to do likewise under their workers' compensation insurance policies.
- (d) Professional errors and omissions ("E&O") liability insurance with policy limits of not less than Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) per occurrence and Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) in the aggregate. Consultant shall obtain and maintain, said E&O liability insurance during the life of this Agreement and for three years after completion of the work hereunder.

5.2. Endorsements. The comprehensive general liability insurance policy shall contain or be endorsed to contain the following provisions:

- (a) Additional insureds: "The City of Costa Mesa and its elected and appointed boards, officers, agents, and employees are additional insureds with respect to this subject project and contract with City."
- (b) Notice: "Said policy shall not terminate, nor shall it be cancelled, nor the coverage reduced, until thirty (30) days after written notice is given to

City."

- (c) Other insurance: "Any other insurance maintained by the City of Costa Mesa shall be excess and not contributing with the insurance provided by this policy."

5.3 If any of such policies provide for a deductible or self-insured retention to provide such coverage, the amount of such deductible or self-insured retention shall be approved in advance by City. No policy of insurance issued as to which the City is an additional insured shall contain a provision which requires that no insured except the named insured can satisfy any such deductible or self-insured retention.

5.4. Certificates of Insurance: Consultant shall provide to City certificates of insurance showing the insurance coverages and required endorsements described above, in a form and content approved by City, prior to performing any services under this Agreement.

5.5. Non-limiting: Nothing in this Section shall be construed as limiting in any way, the indemnification provision contained in this Agreement, or the extent to which Consultant may be held responsible for payments of damages to persons or property.

6.0. GENERAL PROVISIONS

6.1. Entire Agreement: This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties with respect to any matter referenced herein and supersedes any and all other prior writings and oral negotiations. This Agreement may be modified only in writing, and signed by the parties in interest at the time of such modification. The terms of this Agreement shall prevail over any inconsistent provision in any other contract document appurtenant hereto, including exhibits to this Agreement.

6.2. Representatives. The City Manager or his designee shall be the representative of City for purposes of this Agreement and may issue all consents, approvals, directives and agreements on behalf of the City, called for by this Agreement, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement.

Consultant shall designate a representative for purposes of this Agreement who shall be authorized to issue all consents, approvals, directives and agreements on behalf of Consultant called for by this Agreement, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement.

6.3. Project Managers. City shall designate a Project Manager to work directly with Consultant in the performance of this Agreement.

Consultant shall designate a Project Manager who shall represent it and be its agent in all consultations with City during the term of this Agreement. Consultant or its Project Manager shall attend and assist in all coordination meetings called by City.

6.4. Notices: Any notices, documents, correspondence or other communications concerning this Agreement or the work hereunder may be provided by personal delivery, facsimile or mail and shall be addressed as set forth below. Such communication shall be deemed served or delivered: a) at the time of delivery if such communication is sent by personal delivery; b) at the time of transmission if such communication is sent by facsimile; and c) 48 hours after deposit in the U.S. Mail as reflected by the official U.S. postmark if such communication is sent through regular United States mail.

IF TO CONSULTANT:

Consultant

12345 Jefferson Rd.

Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Tel: 555-555-5555

Fax: 555-555-5555

Attn:

IF TO CITY:

City of Costa Mesa

77 Fair Drive

Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Tel: 714-754-5156

Fax: 714-754-5330

Attn: Purchasing

6.5. Drug-free Workplace Policy. Consultant shall provide a drug-free workplace by complying with all provisions set forth in City's Council Policy 100-5, attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and incorporated herein by reference. Consultant's failure to conform to the requirements set forth in Council Policy 100-5 shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and shall be cause for immediate termination of this Agreement by City.

6.6. Attorneys' Fees: In the event that litigation is brought by any party in connection with this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the opposing party all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by the prevailing party in the exercise of any of its rights or remedies hereunder or the enforcement of any of the terms, conditions, or provisions hereof.

6.7. Governing Law: This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of California without giving effect to that body of laws pertaining to conflict of laws. In the event of any legal action to enforce or interpret this Agreement, the parties hereto

agree that the sole and exclusive venue shall be a court of competent jurisdiction located in Orange County, California.

6.8. Assignment: Consultant shall not voluntarily or by operation of law assign, transfer, sublet or encumber all or any part of Consultant's interest in this Agreement without City's prior written consent. Any attempted assignment, transfer, subletting or encumbrance shall be void and shall constitute a breach of this Agreement and cause for termination of this Agreement. Regardless of City's consent, no subletting or assignment shall release Consultant of Consultant's obligation to perform all other obligations to be performed by Consultant hereunder for the term of this Agreement.

6.9. Indemnification and Hold Harmless:

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Consultant assumes liability for and shall save and protect, hold harmless, indemnify, and defend the City and its elected and appointed officials, officers, and employees (all the foregoing, hereinafter collectively, "Indemnitees") from and against all claims, suits, demands, damages, losses, expenses, and liabilities of any kind whatsoever (all the foregoing, hereinafter collectively "Claims") including, without limitation, attorneys' fees, arising out of, resulting from, relating to, or claimed to have arisen out of, resulted from or related to the engagement of Consultant or the performance of this Agreement by the Consultant (including its subcontractors and suppliers)

It is expressly intended by the parties that Consultant's indemnity and defense obligations shall apply, and Indemnitees shall be fully indemnified without offset, deduction or contribution, regardless of any negligence or other fault of Indemnitees, or any of them, and whether or not such Indemnitee negligence or other fault caused or contributed to the arising of the Claims.

"Claims" as used in this section shall include, without limitation, those for personal injuries, wrongful death, mental or emotional distress, loss of consortium, damage to or loss of use of real, personal or intangible property of any kind, loss of income, loss of earning capacity, and business, financial, commercial or pecuniary losses of any kind whatsoever, and attorneys fees, and costs and expenses of any kind whatsoever.

Consultant's indemnity and defense obligations shall cover the acts or omissions of any of Consultant's subcontractors, and suppliers, and the employees of any of the foregoing.

The Consultant's indemnity and defense obligation under this Section includes, without limitation, any claims, suits, demands, damages, losses, expenses, and liabilities arising from allegations of violations of any federal, State, or local law or regulation, and from allegations of violations of Consultant's or its subcontractor's personnel practices or from any allegation of an injury to an employee of the Consultant or subcontractor performing work or labor necessary to carry out the provisions of this Contract.

The indemnification obligations in this Section shall not be construed to negate, abridge or otherwise reduce any other obligation of indemnity the Consultant may have with respect to the City which may otherwise exist. If any judgment is rendered against the City or any of the other individuals enumerated above in any such action, the Consultant shall, at its expense, satisfy and

discharge the same. This indemnification shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.

6.10. Independent Contractor: Consultant is and shall be acting at all times as an independent contractor and not as an employee of City. Consultant shall secure, at his expense, and be responsible for any and all payment of Income Tax, Social Security, State Disability Insurance Compensation, Unemployment Compensation, and other payroll deductions for Consultant and its officers, agents, and employees, and all business licenses, if any are required, in connection with the services to be performed hereunder.

6.11 PERS Eligibility Indemnification. In the event that Consultant or any employee, agent, or subcontractor of Consultant providing services under this Agreement claims or is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or the California Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) to be eligible for enrollment in PERS as an employee of the City, Consultant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless City for the payment of any employee and/or employer contributions for PERS benefits on behalf of Consultant or its employees, agents, or subcontractors, as well as for the payment of any penalties and interest on such contributions, which would otherwise be the responsibility of City.

Notwithstanding any other agency, state or federal policy, rule, regulation, law or ordinance to the contrary, Consultant and any of its employees, agents, and subcontractors providing service under this Agreement shall not qualify for or become entitled to, and hereby agree to waive any claims to, any compensation, benefit, or any incident of employment by City, including but not limited to eligibility to enroll in PERS as an employee of City and entitlement to any contribution to be paid by City for employer contribution and/or employee contributions for PERS benefits.

6.12. Ownership of Documents: All findings, reports, documents, information and data including, but not limited to, computer tapes or discs, files and tapes furnished or prepared by Consultant or any of its subcontractors in the course of performance of this Agreement, shall be and remain the sole property of City. Consultant agrees that any such documents or information shall not be made available to any individual or organization without the prior consent of City. Any use of such documents for other projects not contemplated by this Agreement, and any use of incomplete documents, shall be at the sole risk of City and without liability or legal exposure to Consultant. City shall indemnify and hold harmless Consultant from all claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from City's use of such documents for other projects not contemplated by this Agreement or use of incomplete documents furnished by Consultant. Consultant shall deliver to City any findings, reports, documents, information, data, in any form, including but not limited to, computer tapes, discs, files audio tapes or any other Project related items as requested by City or its authorized representative, at no additional cost to the City.

6.13. Confidentiality: Any City materials to which the Consultant has access, information that reasonably might be construed as private or containing personal identifiable information, or materials prepared by the Consultant during the course of this Agreement (collectively referred to as "confidential information") shall be held in confidence by the Consultant, who shall exercise all reasonable precautions to prevent the disclosure of

confidential information to anyone except the officers, employees and agents of the Consultant as necessary to accomplish the rendition of services set forth in this Agreement. Consultant shall not release any reports, information, private or promotional information or materials, whether deemed confidential or not, to any third party without the approval of the City.

6.14. Responsibility for Errors. Consultant shall be responsible for its work and results under this Agreement. Consultant, when requested, shall furnish clarification and/or explanation as may be required by the City's representative, regarding any services rendered under this Agreement at no additional cost to City. In the event that an error or omission attributable to Consultant occurs, then Consultant shall, at no cost to City, provide all necessary design drawings, estimates and other Consultant professional services necessary to rectify and correct the matter to the sole satisfaction of City and to participate in any meeting required with regard to the correction.

6.15. Prohibited Employment: Consultant will not employ any regular employee of City while this Agreement is in effect.

6.16. Order of Precedence: In the event of an inconsistency in this Agreement and any of the attached Exhibits, the terms set forth in this Agreement shall prevail. If, and to the extent this Agreement incorporates by reference any provision of the Proposal, such provision shall be deemed a part of this Agreement. Nevertheless, if there is any conflict among the terms and conditions of this Agreement and those of any such provision or provisions so incorporated by reference, this Agreement shall govern over the Proposal.

6.17. Costs: Each party shall bear its own costs and fees incurred in the preparation and negotiation of this Agreement and in the performance of its obligations hereunder except as expressly provided herein.

6.18. No Third Party Beneficiary Rights: This Agreement is entered into for the sole benefit of City and Consultant and no other parties are intended to be direct or incidental beneficiaries of this Agreement and no third party shall have any right in, under or to this Agreement.

6.19. Headings: Paragraphs and subparagraph headings contained in this Agreement are included solely for convenience and are not intended to modify, explain or to be a full or accurate description of the content thereof and shall not in any way affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

6.20. Construction: The parties have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement. In the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises with respect to this Agreement, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the parties and in accordance with its fair meaning. There shall be no presumption or burden of proof favoring or disfavoring any party by virtue of the authorship of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

6.21. Amendments: Only a writing executed by the parties hereto or their respective successors and assigns may amend this Agreement.

6.22. Waiver: The delay or failure of either party at any time to require performance or compliance by the other of any of its obligations or agreements shall in no way be deemed a waiver of those rights to require such performance or compliance. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of the party against whom enforcement of a waiver is sought. The waiver of any right or remedy in respect to any occurrence or event shall not be deemed a waiver of any right or remedy in respect to any other occurrence or event, nor shall any waiver constitute a continuing waiver.

6.23. Severability: If any provision of this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable in any circumstance, such determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining terms and provisions hereof or of the offending provision in any other circumstance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the value of this Agreement, based upon the substantial benefit of the bargain for any party is materially impaired, which determination as made by the presiding court or arbitrator of competent jurisdiction shall be binding, then both parties agree to substitute such provision(s) through good faith negotiations.

6.24. Counterparts: This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original. All counterparts shall be construed together and shall constitute one agreement.

6.25. Corporate Authority: The persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the parties hereto warrant that they are duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of said parties and that by doing so, the parties hereto are formally bound to the provisions of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by and through their respective authorized officers, as of the date first above written.

CITY OF COSTA MESA,

A municipal corporation

City Manager of Costa Mesa

Date: _____

CONSULTANT

Date: _____

Signature

Name and Title

Social Security or Taxpayer ID Number

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Date: _____

City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO INSURANCE:

Date: _____

Risk Management

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Date: _____

Project Manager

EXHIBIT A

CONSULTANT'S PROPOSAL

EXHIBIT B

CITY COUNCIL POLICY 100-5

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BACKGROUND

Under the Federal Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, passed as part of omnibus drug legislation enacted November 18, 1988, contractors and grantees of Federal funds must certify that they will provide drug-free workplaces. At the present time, the City of Costa Mesa, as a sub-grantee of Federal funds under a variety of programs, is required to abide by this Act. The City Council has expressed its support of the national effort to eradicate drug abuse through the creation of a Substance Abuse Committee, institution of a City-wide D.A.R.E. program in all local schools and other activities in support of a drug-free community. This policy is intended to extend that effort to contractors and grantees of the City of Costa Mesa in the elimination of dangerous drugs in the workplace.

PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this Policy to:

1. Clearly state the City of Costa Mesa's commitment to a drug-free society.
2. Set forth guidelines to ensure that public, private, and nonprofit organizations receiving funds from the City of Costa Mesa share the commitment to a drug-free workplace.

POLICY

The City Manager, under direction by the City Council, shall take the necessary steps to see that the following provisions are included in all contracts and agreements entered into by the City of Costa Mesa involving the disbursement of funds.

1. Contractor or Sub-grantee hereby certifies that it will provide a drug-free workplace by:
 - a. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in Contractor's and/or sub-grantee's workplace, specifically the job site or location included in this contract, and specifying the actions that will be taken against the employees for violation of such prohibition;
 - b. Establishing a Drug-Free Awareness Program to inform employees about:

1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

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2. Contractor's and/or sub-grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 3. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs; and
 4. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
- c. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the contract be given a copy of the statement required by subparagraph A;
- d. Notifying the employee in the statement required by subparagraph 1 A that, as a condition of employment under the contract, the employee will:
1. Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 2. Notify the employer of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction;
- e. Notifying the City of Costa Mesa within ten (10) days after receiving notice under subparagraph 1 D 2 from an employee or otherwise receiving the actual notice of such conviction;
- f. Taking one of the following actions within thirty (30) days of receiving notice under subparagraph 1 D 2 with respect to an employee who is so convicted:
1. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination; or
 2. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health agency, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

3. Making a good faith effort to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of subparagraphs 1 A through 1 F, inclusive.

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- g. Making a good faith effort to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of subparagraphs 1 A through 1 F, inclusive
2. Contractor and/or sub-grantee shall be deemed to be in violation of this Policy if the City of Costa Mesa determines that:
- a. Contractor and/or sub-grantee has made a false certification under paragraph 1 above;
 - b. Contractor and/or sub-grantee has violated the certification by failing to carry out the requirements of subparagraphs 1 A through 1 G above;
 - c. Such number of employees of Contractor and/or sub-grantee have been convicted of violations of criminal drug statutes for violations occurring in the workplace as to indicate that the contractor and/or sub-grantee has failed to make a good faith effort to provide a drug-free workplace.
3. Should any contractor and/or sub-grantee be deemed to be in violation of this Policy pursuant to the provisions of 2 A, B, and C, a suspension, termination or debarment proceeding subject to applicable Federal, State, and local laws shall be conducted. Upon issuance of any final decision under this section requiring debarment of a contractor and/or sub-grantee, the contractor and/or sub-grantee shall be ineligible for award of any contract, agreement or grant from the City of Costa Mesa for a period specified in the decision, not to exceed five (5) years. Upon issuance of any final decision recommending against debarment of the contractor and/or sub-grantee, the contractor and/or sub-grantee shall be eligible for compensation as provided by law.

EXHIBIT C

CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE

APPENDIX C

EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS CERTIFICATION

Please indicate by signing below one of the following two statements. **Only sign one statement.**

I certify that Proposer and Proposer's representatives have not had any communication with a City Councilmember concerning the Building Inspection Services RFP at any time after _____, 2011.

OR

I certify that Proposer or Proposer's representatives have communicated after _____, 2011 with a City Councilmember concerning the Building Inspection Services RFP. A copy of all such communications is attached to this form for public distribution.

APPENDIX D

PRICING PROPOSAL FORM

Building Inspection Services

Provide hourly rates and/or percentages, of Building, Plumbing/Mechanical, Electrical permits, in accordance with the City's current requirements, as set forth in section 3. SCOPE OF WORK. Also provide your firm's proposed Staffing Plan on a separate sheet of paper and/or any other cost associated with the proposal.

Employee	Hourly Rate	Hours worked	Total Cost	Overtime rate
	\$		\$	\$
	\$		\$	\$
	\$		\$	\$
	\$		\$	\$

Note: Optional Pricing²

Percentage of the building permit fee calculated per:	%
City of Costa Mesa Building, Plumbing/Mechanical, Electrical permits.	

² Proposers may propose fee for service (hourly rates) or turn-key operation based upon percentage split of permit fees, or both. If Proposer provides Proposals for both, City reserves the right to select either Proposal at its sole discretion.

APPENDIX E

DISQUALIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

The Contractor shall complete the following questionnaire:

Has the Contractor, any officer of the Contractor, or any employee of the Contractor who has proprietary interest in the Contractor, ever been disqualified, removed, or otherwise prevented from bidding on, or completing a federal, state, or local government project because of a violation of law or safety regulation?

Yes _____ No _____

If the answer is yes, explain the circumstances in the following space.

APPENDIX F