



City of Charleston

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Addendum #2

City of Charleston Tree Inventory

This addendum is being issued to provide a copy of the general terms and conditions that was inadvertently left out of the initial publishing of Addendum # 1.

Written Questions and Answers for Tree Inventory

Question: *Is there a Sample Contract available for review?*

Response: The City does not have a specific contract for this project and is willing to consider contracts proposed by the high-scoring vendor. However, the City does have a standard addendum to contracts that outlines some items that are generally acceptable and not acceptable in its contracts. A copy of those general terms and conditions is attached to this addendum.

**GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS
FOR
SERVICE AGREEMENTS**

These General Terms and Conditions apply to Service Agreements entered into between the City and Vendor and dominate over any competing terms made a part of the Service Agreement.

1. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION, JURISDICTION AND VENUE** – Any references to arbitration contained in the Agreement are hereby deleted, as is any requirement to waive a jury trial. If any breach, default, or other dispute arises out of this Agreement, the Parties agree that they will exercise good faith and commercially reasonable efforts to resolve said breach, default or other dispute through negotiation and/or mediation. If the parties cannot resolve the matter without litigation, the Parties acknowledge and agree that either the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia or the Federal District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia shall have exclusive jurisdiction to resolve the breach, default or other dispute giving rise to the litigation. Any language requiring or permitting disputes under the Agreement to be resolved in any other court is deleted. Vendor acknowledges and agrees that resolution agreements reached through consultation and negotiation, or any other form of dispute resolution, may be subject to approval by City’s governing body during a public meeting.
2. **NO INDEMNITY** – Any clause requiring the City to indemnify, defend or hold harmless any party is hereby deleted in its entirety. Any language requiring the City to agree to, or be subject to, any form of equitable relief not authorized by the Constitution or laws of the State of West Virginia is deleted.
3. **GOVERNING LAW** – The Agreement shall be deemed to be executed in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, and shall be governed by the laws of the State of West Virginia. This provision replaces any references to any other State’s governing law.
4. **TAXES** – Provisions in the Agreement requiring the City to pay taxes are deleted. As a political subdivision of the State, the City is exempt from Federal, State, and local taxes and will not pay taxes for Vendor or any other party, including individuals, nor will the City file any tax returns or reports on behalf of Vendor or any other party.
5. **PAYMENT** – Any references to prepayment are deleted. Payments for goods or services will be in arrears only upon receipt of a proper invoice, detailing the goods or services provided or receipt of the goods or services, whichever is later. Notwithstanding the foregoing, payments for software licenses, subscriptions, or maintenance may be paid monthly or annually in advance.
6. **INTEREST** – Any language imposing any interest or charges due to late payment are deleted.

7. **RECOUPMENT** – Any language in the Agreement waiving the City’s right to set-off, counterclaim, recoupment, or other defense is hereby deleted.
8. **FISCAL YEAR FUNDING** – Services performed or goods provided under the Agreement may be continued in succeeding fiscal years for the term of the Agreement, contingent upon funds being appropriated by City Council or otherwise being available for the goods or services. In the event funds are not appropriated or otherwise available for the goods or services, the Agreement shall terminate without penalty on the next occurring June 30. After that date, the Agreement becomes of no effect and is null and void. However, the City agrees to use its best efforts to have the amounts contemplated under the Agreement included in its budget. Non-appropriation or non-funding shall not be considered an event of default.
9. **STATUTE OF LIMITATION** – Any clauses limiting the time in which the City may bring suit against Vendor or any lessor, individual, or other party are deleted.
10. **SIMILAR SERVICES** – Any provisions limiting the City’s right to obtain similar services or equipment in the event of default or non-funding during the term of the Agreement are hereby deleted.
11. **ATTORNEY FEES AND OTHER COSTS** – The City shall not be responsible for payment of attorney’s fees, costs of collection, or court costs of Vendor or of any lessor, individual or other party. Any different or conflicting provisions in the Agreement are invalid, null and void, and are deleted.
12. **ASSIGNMENT** – Notwithstanding any clause to the contrary, the City reserves the right to assign the Agreement to another City agency, board or commission upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Vendor. Vendor agrees not to assign the Agreement to any person or entity without the City’s prior written consent, which will not be unreasonably delayed or denied.
13. **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY** – Any provision limiting the Vendor’s liability for direct damages to person or property or limiting the Vendor’s liability under a warranty to a certain dollar amount or to the amount of the Agreement is hereby deleted. In addition, any limitation of Vendor’s liability is null and void to the extent that it precludes any action for injury to persons or for damages to personal property.
14. **RIGHT TO TERMINATE** – City shall have the right to terminate the Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to Vendor.
15. **TERMINATION CHARGES** – Any provision requiring the City to pay a fixed amount or liquidated damages upon termination or cancellation of the Agreement is hereby deleted. The City may only agree to reimburse Vendor for actual costs incurred or losses sustained

during the current fiscal year due to termination by the City prior to the end of any current agreement term.

16. **RENEWAL** – Any reference to automatic renewal, modification, or extension of the Agreement is hereby deleted. The Agreement may be renewed only upon authorized and mutual written agreement of the parties.
17. **INSURANCE** – Any provision requiring the City to insure equipment or property of any kind and name the Vendor as beneficiary or as an additional insured is hereby deleted.
18. **RIGHT TO NOTICE** – Any provision for repossession of equipment without notice is hereby deleted. However, the City does recognize a right of repossession upon default and with notice.
19. **NO WAIVER** – City does not waive and expressly preserves its right to due process and any and all immunities afforded the City under West Virginia State law. Any provision requiring the City to waive any rights, claims or defenses is hereby deleted.
20. **ACCELERATION** – Any reference to acceleration of payments in the event of default or non-funding is hereby deleted.
21. **DELIVERY** – All deliveries under the Agreement will be FOB destination unless the City expressly and knowingly agrees otherwise. Any contrary delivery terms are hereby deleted.
22. **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** – Vendor acknowledges that City is a public entity and is subject to mandatory disclosure of certain information upon request under W.Va. Code § 29B-1-1 *et seq.* (the “Freedom of Information Act”) and W.Va. Code § 6-9A-1 *et seq.* (the “Open Governmental Proceedings Act”). Any provisions regarding confidential treatment or non-disclosure of the terms and conditions of the Agreement are hereby deleted. City contracts are public records under the Freedom of Information Act and public procurement laws. This Agreement and other public records may be disclosed without notice to the Vendor at the City’s sole discretion. Any provision regarding confidentiality or non-disclosure related to contract performance are only effective to the extent they are consistent with the Freedom of Information Act and incorporated into the Agreement through a separately approved and signed non-disclosure agreement.
23. **WARRANTIES** – Any reference to the waiver or exclusion of any specific or general warranties of merchantability or warranties of fitness or any other warranties are hereby deleted.
24. **PRICING ADJUSTMENTS** – To the extent the Agreement contains any provision allowing Vendor to escalate or otherwise increase prices or costs for services as set forth in the Agreement, no such provision shall be valid or enforceable. No prices or costs may be

increased by Vendor until and unless notice of proposed increase is provided to City by Vendor and agreed to in writing by City.

25. **THIRD-PARTY SOFTWARE** – If this Agreement contemplates or requires the use of third-party software, the vendor represents that none of the mandatory click-through, unsigned, or web-linked terms and conditions presented or required before using such third-party software conflict with any term of these General Terms and Conditions or that it has the authority to modify such third-party software’s terms and conditions to be subordinate to these General Terms and Conditions. The Vendor shall indemnify and defend the City against all claims resulting from an assertion that such third-party terms and conditions are not in accord with, or subordinate to, these General Terms and Conditions.

26. **AMENDMENTS** – All amendments, modifications, alterations or changes to the Agreement shall be by mutual agreement, in writing, and signed by both parties. Any language to the contrary is deleted. No amendment, modification, alteration or change may be made to these General Terms and Conditions without the authorized and express written approval of the Mayor of the City of Charleston.

27. **LIABILITY OF INDIVIDUALS** – The Parties agree that the Agreement shall be not construed to extend any personal liability to individuals executing or administering the Agreement on behalf of City or Vendor. Notwithstanding, this provision shall not be construed to prevent Vendor or City from taking any and all legal action against any individual who commits fraud related to this Agreement.