
I
INVITATION TO BID
INSTRUCTIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR:

**Village of Oak Park Street Lighting
Viaduct Conduit Repair Project
Bid Number: 24-131
Issuance Date: 10/09/2024**

The Village of Oak Park will receive Bids from qualified contractors to upgrade the existing traffic signal controllers. Bids will be accepted at the Public Works Center, 201 South Blvd., Oak Park, IL 60302 Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. until Friday October 18th, 2024. Bids will be reviewed in private (no public bid opening) and the results of the review will be presented to the Village Manager of the Village of Oak Park.

Bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked
“Village of Oak Park Viaduct Conduit Repair Project 24-131”

Specifications and Bid forms may be obtained at the Public Works Center at the address listed above, by calling 708-358-5743 or by e-mail request to tfulton@oak-park.us.

The Village of Oak Park reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Bids or to waive technicalities, or to accept any item of any Bid. Information is available from the Street and Street Lighting Superintendent Tom Fulton, at 708-358-5743.

In responding to this Request for Proposals, the official logo of the Village of Oak Park is not to be used in any form. Use of the Village logo is strictly prohibited by law and such use could subject the proposer to disqualification.

The documents constituting component parts of their agreement, comprised of pages, are the following:

Do not detach any portion of this document. Upon formal award to the successful contractor, a written agreement will be executed in substantially the form attached.

Submission of Bids

The Bid shall be submitted on the Bid form included herewith. The Bid shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and shall bear the return address of the contractor, and shall be addressed as follows:

TO: Tom Fulton, Street and Street Lighting Superintendent
Department of Public Works
201 South Blvd.
Oak Park, IL 60302

SECTION I
BID INSTRUCTIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS and REFERENCES

Preparation and Submission of Bid:

All Bids must be delivered to the Public Works Center by the specific time indicated on the cover page. Bids arriving after the specified time will not be accepted. Mailed Bids that are received by the Village after the specified hour will not be accepted regardless of the post-marked time on the envelope. Bids must be signed by an officer of the company who is authorized to enter into agreements on behalf of the company. Bids shall be sealed in an envelope and marked as stated on the cover page.

Contract Bond

The successful contractor shall, within ten (10) calendar days after award of the Bid, furnish a contract bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price. The bond shall ensure faithful performance of the work, and the payment for materials, labor and of the subcontractors. The bond shall be with a surety or sureties with a rating of "A" or better by A.M. Best and Company and such sureties shall be approved by the Village. Bonds in the form of certified or cashier's check shall be made payable to the Village of Oak Park, Illinois. The contract bond shall be furnished in the same number of copies as the number of copies of the agreement to be executed.

Bid Bond

The contractor shall provide a Bid bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total Bid price. The attached form may be used or the contractor may provide cash or a certified check in the amount specified. The Bid bonds, cash or checks will be returned once the selected contractor has entered into an agreement for this work and provided the Contract bond in an amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total approved Bid price.

Award of Agreement

The agreement will be awarded in whole or in part to the responsible contractor whose Bid, conforming to the request for Bids, will be most advantageous to the Village; price and other factors considered.

Costs of Preparation

The Village will not be responsible for any expenses incurred in preparing and submitting a Bid or entering into the applicable agreement.

Taxes not Applicable

The Village of Oak Park as an Illinois municipality pays neither Illinois Sales Tax nor Federal Excise Tax (State Tax Exemption Identification Number E9998-1823-06). Contractors should exclude these taxes from their prices.

Withdrawal of Bids:

Any contractor may withdraw its Bid at any time prior to the time specified in the advertisement as the closing time for the receipt of Bids, by signing a request therefore. No contractor may withdraw or cancel its Bid for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the advertised closing time for the receipt of Bids. The successful contractor may not withdraw or cancel its Bid after having been notified that the Bid was accepted by the Village Board of Trustees.

Investigation of Contractors

The Village will make such investigations as are necessary to determine the ability of the contractor to fulfill Bid requirements. If requested, the contractor should be prepared to present evidence to the Village of Oak Park of ability and possession of necessary facilities and financial resources to comply with the terms of the attached specifications and Bids. In addition, the contractor shall furnish the Village with any information the Village may request, and shall be prepared to show completed work of a similar nature to that included in its Bid. The Village reserves the right to visit and inspect the premises and operation of any contractor.

Rejection of Contractor

The Village will reject any Bid from any person, firm or corporation that appears to be in default or arrears on any debt, agreement or the payment of any taxes. The Village will reject any Bid from a contractor that failed to satisfactorily complete work for the Village under any previous agreement.

Conditions

Contractors are advised to become familiar with all conditions, instructions and specifications governing the work. Contractors shall be presumed to have investigated the work site, conditions and scope of the work before submitting a Bid.

Compliance with Applicable Laws

The contractor will strictly comply with all ordinances of the Village of Oak Park and Village Code and laws of the State of Illinois.

Governing Law

All agreements entered into by the Village of Oak Park are governed by the laws of the State of Illinois without regard to conflicts of law. Any action brought to enforce an agreement with the Village of Oak Park must be brought in the state and federal courts located in Cook County, Illinois.

Subletting of Agreement

No agreement awarded by the Village of Oak Park shall be assigned or any part sub-agreement without the written consent of the Village of Oak Park or as noted in the contractor's Bid. In no case shall such consent relieve the contractor from its obligations or change the terms of the agreement.

Interpretation of Agreement Documents:

Any contractor with a question about this Bid may request an interpretation thereof from the Village. If the Village changes the Bid, either by clarifying it or by changing the specifications, the Village will issue a written addendum, and will mail a copy of the addendum to all prospective contractors. The Village will not assume responsibility for receipt of such addendum. In all cases, it will be the contractor's responsibility to obtain all addenda issued. Contractors will provide written acknowledgment of receipt of each addendum issued with the Bid submission.

Minority Business and Women Business Enterprise Requirements

The Village of Oak Park, in an effort to reaffirm its policy of non-discrimination, encourages the efforts of contractors and subcontractors to take affirmative action in providing for Equal Employment Opportunity without regard to race, religion, creed, color, sex, national origin, age, handicap unrelated to ability to perform the job or protected veteran's status.

Agreement

The selected contractor shall enter into an agreement with the Village to complete the work in a form substantially similar to the agreement attached hereto. The agreement shall be executed by the contractor and returned, together with the contract bond within ten (10) calendar days after the agreement has been mailed to the contractor. The contractor shall execute three copies of the agreement. One fully executed copy will be returned to the contractor.

Notice to Proceed

Work shall begin within fourteen (14) days from the Notice to Proceed from the Village's Street and Street Lighting Superintendent. All work shall be completed in accordance with the detailed specifications set forth herein, unless the Street and Street lighting Superintendent grants an extension.

Fees and Cost

In the event any action is brought to enforce any agreement entered into by the Village of Oak Park, or to collect any unpaid amount from the Village of Oak Park, each party bears the responsibility of paying its own attorneys' fees and costs.

Dispute Resolution

The Village of Oak Park does not agree to the mandatory arbitration of any dispute.

Hold Harmless

See attached form Agreement.

Insurance

See attached form Agreement.

Termination of Agreement

See attached form Agreement.

SECTION II DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS

Scope of Work

The Village of Oak Park is seeking a contractor to make repairs at several locations of the conduit and lighting underneath the rail bridges.

The first location is at Forest Avenue and North Blvd. At this location there is two damaged conduits leading underground. Sidewalk will need to be removed at the site and a new, matching existing, galvanized rigid conduit will be installed. Restoration of the light wiring to all the lighting fixtures is required of the project. Sidewalk restoration at the site is also required of the selected contractor. All lights in the project zone will be returned to standard operating as a condition of a completed project.

The second location is Clinton Ave between North Blvd and South Blvd. At this location all existing conduit will be removed and replaced with 2-inch PVC coated galvanized rigid conduit. All junction boxes will also be replaced with the project. All junction boxes and fittings will also be PVC coated galvanized. Replacement of all conduit hangars shall be galvanized. Conduit up to the flexible conduit whip will be replaced under the entire project area. The lighting and flexible conduit whip will remain and be reconnected upon completion. All lights in the project zone will be returned to standard operating as a condition of a completed project.

The last location is at Austin Boulevard. At this location the light fixtures will be swapped out. Only the 5 lights on the West side of Austin Boulevard will be replaced, two fixtures are on the street side and three fixtures are on the sidewalk side. A total of 5 wall pack lights will be replaced with Inogeno TL-WMG-60-4-WM-BR – 2835 which shall be furnished by the contractor selected. Each fixture shall be coupled with a ½ inch flexible conduit whip from existing conduit to the provided fixture. Each conduit whip shall be coated in a non-corrosive material. All hardware and hangars shall be galvanized steel. The contractor will be responsible for disposal of all old fixtures.

The selected contractor shall furnish all labor, supervision, supplies, tools, equipment, vehicles and other means necessary or proper for performing and completing the work. The selected contractor shall be responsible for the cleaning up of the job site and shall repair or restore all structures, pavement and property that may be damaged or disturbed during performance of the work to the satisfaction of the Village of Oak Park. Interested contractors are encouraged to visit the above project location to get an accurate assessment of the conditions. Village of Oak Park Street Lighting Electricians will be available to meet on site.

Licenses and Permits

The contractor shall be responsible for becoming a licensed contractor with the Village and shall follow all appropriate and required codes.

Alterations, Omissions and Extra Work

The Village of Oak Park reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity of any item or portion of the work, or to omit portions of the work as may be deemed necessary.

Job Site Conditions

Material Storage: The contractor shall be responsible for the storage and safety of his own materials. The Village assumes no liability whatever for any material damaged or stolen on the premises. Any damage to, or loss by theft or vandalism of any material, appurtenance, or appliance, after such has been applied, connected or installed on Village property, shall be the sole responsibility of the contractor until the project is completed and accepted by the Village.

Safety Precautions: The contractor is solely responsible for implementing effective safety precautions on and around the work site to protect workers and other persons who might be affected and shall exercise every precaution at all times for the protection of the property. The contractor shall not leave any combustible materials or other fire hazards overnight or allowed them to accumulate. The contractor shall abide by all applicable laws, standards, and regulations that apply to the completion of the work, including EPA and OSHA safety standards and regulations.

Damage to Property: Contractor shall repair, at no additional cost to the Village, all damage to Village property caused by the contractor resulting from his work. Where repair of existing work is called for, such patching and replacement shall be made to blend with existing work so that the patch or replacement will be inconspicuous after finishing.

Daily Clean-up: The contractor shall keep the premises clean and orderly during the course of the work and all debris shall be removed on a continuous basis.

Method of Payment

The Village of Oak Park will pay monthly all undisputed invoices billed at the rates set forth in the contractor's Bid within 30 days of approval as provided in the Local Government Prompt Payment Act, 50 ILCS505/4. The maximum interest rate for any payment not made within 30 days of approval is 1%.

Certified Payroll

Contractor shall be solely responsible to maintain accurate records reflecting its payroll for its employees who perform any of the Work for the Village pursuant to this Contract and shall submit certified payroll records to the Village's Director of Public Works at any time during the term of this Contract. Contractor shall provide said certified payroll records within seven (7) days upon the request of the Director of Public Works.

Change Orders

Change Orders: Changes in the Work may be agreed to after execution of the agreement, and without invalidating the agreement, if the change order is in writing and signed. Any changes to the scope of work which result in an increase in the agreement price will be subject to an agreement addendum which must be signed by both parties. Any such change

order will be prepared by the Village. The contractor may only proceed with the change upon receipt of the written change order signed by the Village.

Emergency Changes: Contractor may perform work not included in the scope of work if necessary to remedy a condition that poses an immediate threat to persons or property. Work of this nature shall be carried out only to the extent of bringing the condition under control. The Village shall be notified immediately. A change order will then be negotiated and executed for the work performed, and for work remaining, if any.

Minor Changes (Field Orders): The Village may verbally authorize minor changes in the scope of work in order to prevent a delay in the progression of the work. These field orders may not involve a change in the agreement price or be inconsistent with the scope of work.

Changes Due to Unknown Conditions: The contractor is not responsible for changes in the work that are due to conditions that were not reasonably observable or conditions that have changed. In such cases, the contractor shall notify the Village and a change order will be negotiated.

Any change which results in a total agreement price in excess of \$10,000 must be approved by the Village of Oak Park Board of Trustees.

Correction of Work Prior To Final Payment

The Village has the right to stop work if the contractor fails to carry out the work in a manner acceptable to the Village. If the Village deems the contractor's work unacceptable, at the Village's election, the contractor shall do one of the following:

1. Promptly repair or replace the defective work, without expense to the Village, including costs associated with repairing any damage to property caused by the replacement work; or;
2. If the Village deems it unacceptable to have the contractor correct work which has been incorrectly done, a deduction from the agreement price shall be made based on the costs to the Village to have the work repaired. Such a deduction from the agreement price shall in no way affect the Village's other remedies or relieve the contractor from responsibility for defects and related damage occurring as a result of defective or unacceptable work.

Contractor's Representative

The contractor shall have at all times a competent foreman or superintendent on the job that shall have full authority to act for the contractor, and to receive and execute orders from the Director of Public Works or appointed representative. Any instructions given to such superintendent or person executing work for the contractor shall be binding on the contractor as though given to him personally. Contractor's representative must be proficient in the use and interpretation of the English language.

Workers

The contractors shall employ competent laborers and shall replace, at the request of the Street & Street Lighting Superintendent any incompetent, unfaithful, abusive or disorderly

workers in their employ. Only workers expert in their respective branches of work shall be employed where special skill is required. Inappropriate behavior or examples of unproductive work effort will not be tolerated. The Village has the right to require a contractor's employee to be immediately removed from the work crew if the above behavior is exhibited.

Time of Work

Contractor shall only work on weekdays, (Monday through Friday), from 6:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. No work will be allowed on weekends or on legal holidays as recognized by the Village of Oak Park, except as authorized by the Streets Superintendent.

Dispute Resolution

All disputes, including collection disputes, shall be brought in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois. This agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois. In any dispute resolution process, each party shall bear its own costs, including attorney's fees. Any purported agreement between the parties that states terms contrary to this paragraph M will be deemed per se invalid.

Mandatory Qualifications for Contractor's Personnel

Crews shall include at least one (1) supervisor during any given shift.

1. No more than 50% of the crew may be trainees at any one time.
2. Supervisors must be fluent in the English language and capable of reading and writing English.
3. The Village reserves the right to require immediate removal of any employee of the contractor selected deemed unfit for service for any reason. This right is non-negotiable and the contractor selected agrees to this condition by accepting this agreement. The contractor selected shall have enough qualified personnel to replace a terminated employee within 24 hours. Failure to do so can result in the termination of the agreement.

Failure of the contractor selected or his/her employees to comply with all applicable laws, regulations and rules shall permit the Village to immediately terminate this agreement without liability.

Prevailing Wage

This work will require conformance with prevailing wage laws. See paragraph 18. in the Independent Contractor Agreement at the end of this RFP.

MUNICIPAL QUALIFICATION REFERENCE SHEET

MUNICIPALITY

ADDRESS

CONTACT

PHONE

WORK

PERFORMED

MUNICIPALITY

ADDRESS

CONTACT

PHONE

WORK

PERFORMED

MUNICIPALITY

ADDRESS

CONTACT

PHONE

WORK

PERFORMED

**SECTION III
CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION**

_____, as part of its Bid on an agreement for construction Work
(Name of Contractor selected) for the Village of Oak Park, hereby certifies that said contractor selected is not barred from proposing on the aforementioned agreement as a result of a violation to either Section 33E-3 or 33E-4 of Article 33E of Chapter 38 of the Illinois Revised Statutes or Section 2-6-12 of the Oak Park Village Code relating to "Proposing Requirement.

(Authorized Agent of Contractor selected)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Notary Public's Signature

- Notary Public Seal -

**SECTION IV
TAX COMPLIANCE AFFIDAVIT**

_____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

that he/she is _____ of
(partner, officer, owner, etc.)

(Contractor selected)

The individual or entity making the foregoing Bid or Bid certifies that he/she is not barred from entering into an agreement with the Village of Oak Park because of any delinquency in the payment of any tax administered by the Department of Revenue unless the individual or entity is contesting, in accordance with the procedures established by the appropriate revenue act, liability for the tax or the amount of the tax. The individual or entity making the Bid or Bid understands that making a false statement regarding delinquency in taxes is a Class A Misdemeanor and, in addition, voids the agreement and allows the municipality to recover all amounts paid to the individual or entity under the agreement in civil action.

By:
Its:

(name of contractor if the contractor is an individual)
(name of partner if the contractor is a partnership)
(name of officer if the contractor is a corporation)

The above statement must be subscribed and sworn to before a notary public.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2024

Notary Public's Signature

- Notary Public Seal -

Reporting Requirements

The following forms must be completed in their entirety, notarized and included as part of the Bid document. Failure to respond truthfully to any question on the list or failure to cooperate fully with further inquiry by the Village of Oak Park will result in disqualification of your Bid.

SECTION V
ORGANIZATION OF PROPOSING FIRM

Please fill out the applicable section:

A. Corporation:

The contractor is a corporation, legally named _____ and is organized and existing in good standing under the laws of the State of _____. The full names of its officers are:

President _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

Registered Agent Name and Address: _____

The corporation has a corporate seal. (In the event that this Bid is executed by a person other than the President, attach hereto a certified copy of that section of Corporate By-Laws or other authorization by the Corporation that permits the person to execute the offer for the corporation.)

B. Sole Proprietor:

The contractor is a Sole Proprietor. If the contractor does business under an assumed name, the

assumed name is _____, which is registered with the Cook County Clerk. The contractor is otherwise in compliance with the Assumed Business Name Act, 805 ILCS 405/0.01, et. seq.

C. Partnership:

The contractor is a partnership which operates under the name _____

The following are the names, addresses and signatures of all partners:

Signature	Signature

(Attach additional sheets if necessary.) If so, check here _____.

If the partnership does business under an assumed name, the assumed name must be registered with the Cook County Clerk and the partnership is otherwise in compliance with the Assumed Business Name Act, 805 ILCS 405/0.01, et. seq.

D. Affiliates: The name and address of any affiliated entity of the business, including a description of the affiliation: _____

Signature of Owner

**SECTION VII
CONTRACT BOND (for reference)**



Contract Bond

_____, as PRINCIPAL, and _____ as SURETY, are held and firmly bound unto the Village of Oak Park (hereafter referred to as “Village”) in the penal sum of _____, well and truly to be paid to the Village, for the payment of which its heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, are bound jointly to pay to the Village under the conditions of this instrument.

WHEREAS, THE CONDITION OF THE FOREGOING OBLIGATION IS SUCH that, the Principal has entered into a written contract with the Village, acting through its President and Board of Trustees, for the construction of work, which contract is hereby referred to and made a part hereof as if written herein at length, and whereby the Principal has promised and agreed to perform the work in accordance with the terms of the contract, and has promised to pay all sums of money due for any labor, materials, apparatus, fixtures or machinery furnished to such Principal for the purpose of performing such work, including paying not less than the prevailing rate of wages in Cook County, where the work is for the construction of any public work subject to the Prevailing Wage Act, and has further agreed to save and indemnify and keep harmless the Village against all liabilities, judgments, costs and expenses which may in any manner accrue against the Village in consequence of granting such contract or which may in any manner result from the carelessness or neglect of the Principal, his agents, employees or workmen in any respect whatever; and has further agreed that this bond will inure to the benefit of any person, firm, company, or corporation, to whom any money may be due from the Principal, subcontractor or otherwise, for any such labor, materials, apparatus, fixtures or machinery so furnished and that suit may be maintained on such bond by any such person, firm, company, or corporation, for the recovery of any such money.

NOW THEREFORE, if the Principal shall well and truly perform the work in accordance with the terms of the contract, and shall pay all sums of money due or to become due for any labor, materials, apparatus, fixtures or machinery furnished to it for the purpose of constructing such work, and shall commence and complete the work within the time prescribed in the contract, and shall pay and discharge all damages, direct and indirect, that may be suffered or sustained on account of such work during the time of performance thereof and until the work shall have been accepted, and shall save and indemnify and keep harmless the Village against all liabilities, judgments, costs and expenses which may in any manner accrue against the Village in consequence of granting such contract or which may in any manner result from the carelessness or neglect of the Principal, his agents, employees or workmen in any respect whatever; and shall in all respects fully and faithfully comply with all the provisions, conditions, and requirements of the contract, then this obligation will be void; otherwise it will remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the PRINCIPAL and the SURETY have caused this instrument to be signed by their respective officers this ____ day of _____, 2024.

NAME OF PRINCIPAL

By: _____
Signature

By: _____
Printed Name

Its: _____

Title

Subscribed to and Sworn before me on the

_____ day of _____, 2024.

Notary Public

NAME OF SURETY

By: _____
Signature of Attorney-in-Fact

Subscribed to and Sworn before me on the

_____ day of _____, 2024.

Notary Public

SECTION VIII
COMPLIANCE AFFIDAVIT

I, _____, (print name) being first duly sworn on oath depose and state:

1. I am the (title) _____ of the proposing company and am authorized to make the statements contained in this affidavit on behalf of the company;
2. I have examined and carefully prepared this Bid based on the request and have verified the facts contained in the Bid in detail before submitting it;
3. The proposing company is organized as indicated above on the form entitled "Organization of Proposing Company."
4. I authorize the Village of Oak Park to verify the company's business references and credit at its option;
5. Neither the proposing company nor its affiliates¹ are barred from proposing on this project as a result of a violation of 720 ILCS 5/33E-3 or 33E-4 relating to Bid rigging and Bid rotating, or section 2-6-12 of the Oak Park Village Code relating to "Proposing Requirements".
6. The proposing company has the M/W/DBE status indicated below on the form entitled "EEO Report."
7. Neither the proposing company nor its affiliates is barred from agreementing with the Village of Oak Park because of any delinquency in the payment of any debt or tax owed to the Village except for those taxes which the proposing company is contesting, in accordance with the procedures established by the appropriate revenue act, liability for the tax or the amount of the tax. I understand that making a false statement regarding delinquency in taxes is a Class A Misdemeanor and, in addition, voids the agreement and allows the Village of Oak Park to recover all amounts paid to the proposing company under the agreement in civil action.
8. I am familiar with Section 13-3-2 through 13-3-4 of the Oak Park Village Code relating to Fair Employment Practices and understand the contents thereof; and state that the proposing company is an "Equal Opportunity Employer" as defined by Section 2000(E) of Chapter 21, Title 42 of the United States Code Annotated and Federal Executive Orders #11246 and #11375 which are incorporated herein by reference. **Also complete the attached EEO Report or Submit an EEO-1.**
9. I certify that the contractor is in compliance with the Drug Free Workplace Act, 41 U.S.C.A, 702

Signature: _____

Name and address of Business: _____

Telephone _____

E-Mail _____

Subscribed to and sworn before me this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Notary Public

- Notary Public Seal -

¹ Affiliates means: (i) any subsidiary or parent of the agreementing business entity, (ii) any member of the same unitary business group; (iii) any person with any ownership interest or distributive share of the agreementing business entity in excess of 7.5%; (iv) any entity owned or controlled by an executive employee, his or her spouse or minor children of the agreementing business entity.

SECTION IX
M/W/DBE STATUS AND EEO REPORT

Failure to respond truthfully to any questions on this form, failure to complete the form or failure to cooperate fully with further inquiry by the Village of Oak Park will result in disqualification of this Bid. For assistance in completing this form, contact the Department of Public Works at 708-358-5700.

1. Contractor Name: _____

2. Check here if your firm is:

- Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) (A firm that is at least 51% owned, managed and controlled by a Minority.)
- Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) (A firm that is at least 51% owned, managed and controlled by a Woman.)
- Owned by a person with a disability (DBE) (A firm that is at least 51% owned by a person with a disability)
- None of the above

[Submit copies of any W/W/DBE certifications]

3. What is the size of the firm's current stable work force?

_____ Number of full-time employees

_____ Number of part-time employees

4. Similar information will be requested of all sub-contractors working on this agreement. Forms will be furnished to the lowest responsible contractor with the notice of agreement award, and these forms must be completed and submitted to the Village before the execution of the agreement by the Village.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

EEO Report

Please fill out this form completely. Failure to respond truthfully to any questions on this form, or failure to cooperate fully with further inquiry by the Village of Oak Park will result in disqualification of this Bid. An incomplete form will disqualify your Bid. For assistance in completing this form, contact the Department of Public Works at 708-358-5700.

An EEO-1 Report may be submitted in lieu of this report _____

Contractor Name _____

Total Employees _____

Job Category	Total # of Empl.	Total Males	Total Females	Black	Males				Females				Total Minorities
					Hispanic	American Indian	Alaskan Native	Asian & Pacific Islander	Hispanic	American Indian	Alaskan Native	Asian & Pacific Islander	
Officials & Managers													
Professionals													
Technicians													
Sales Workers													
Office & Clerical													
Semi-Skilled													
Laborers													
Service Workers													
Management Trainees													
Apprentices													

This completed and notarized report must accompany your Bid. It should be attached to your Affidavit of Compliance. Failure to include it with your Bid will be disqualify you from consideration.

_____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is the _____

(Name of Person Making Affidavit)

(Title or Officer)

of _____ and that the above EEO Report information is true and accurate and is submitted with the intent that it

be relied upon. Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2024.

(Signature)

(Date

SECTION X
NO BID EXPLANATION

#24- VILLAGE OF OAK PARK TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROLLER PROJECT

If your company does not wish to propose on the attached specifications, the Village of Oak Park would be interested in any explanation or comment you may have as to what prevented your firm from submitting a Bid.

Thank you.

Bid Name: Project No. 24- Village of Oak Park Traffic Signal Controller Project

Village of Oak Park

Comments:

Signed: _____

Phone: _____



INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT (for reference)

THIS INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT (“Contract”) is entered into on this _____ day of _____, 2024, by and between the Village of Oak Park, an Illinois home rule municipal corporation (hereinafter the “Village”), and _____, a _____ (hereafter the “Contractor”).

WHEREAS, Contractor submitted a Bid dated _____, _____, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, to provide _____ (hereinafter referred to as the “Work”) for the _____ (hereinafter referred to as the “Project”) pursuant to the Village’s Request for Bids dated _____, _____, incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor represented in said Bid that it has the necessary personnel, experience, and competence to promptly complete the Project and the Work required hereunder (hereinafter referred to as the “Work”); and

WHEREAS, Contractor shall perform the Work pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual promises contained in this Contract, and other good and valuable consideration received and to be received, it is mutually agreed by and between the parties as follows:

1. RECITALS INCORPORATED

The above recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

Contractor shall perform the Work for the Project in accordance with its Bid for a price not to exceed \$_____ plus \$_____ contingency for unforeseen conditions for a total cost of \$_____ (“Contract Price”). Contractor shall complete the Work in accordance with any applicable manufacturers’ warranties and in accordance with its Bid, the Village’s Request for Bids, and this Contract, all of which, together shall constitute the “Contract Documents.” The Contractor acknowledges that it has inspected the site(s) where the Work is to be performed and that it is fully familiar

with all of the conditions at the site(s), and further that its Bid has adequately taken into consideration all of the conditions at the sites. The Contractor hereby represents and warrants that it has the skill and experience necessary to complete the Work in a good and workmanlike manner in accordance with the Contract Documents, and that the Work shall be free from defects. Contractor shall achieve completion of all work required pursuant to the Contract Documents by _____, _____ (“Contract Time”). The Contract Time is of the essence. In the event the Contractor fails to complete the Work on or before said date, the Village shall be entitled to liquidated damages in the amount of \$500.00 per day for each day the Work remains uncompleted beyond the completion date set forth above. This amount is not a penalty, and the parties agree to said amount given the difficulties associated with determining or calculating damages to the Village in the event the Work is not completed on time. Contractor shall have no claim for damages, for compensation in excess of the Contract Price, or for a delay or extension of the Contract Time based upon conditions found at, or in the vicinity of, the site(s).

3. DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES

Contractor shall designate in writing a person to act as its designated representative with respect to the Work to be performed under this Contract who shall have the power and authority to make or grant or do all things, certificates, requests, demands, approvals, consents, notices and other actions required that are ministerial in nature or described in this Agreement for and on behalf of Contractor and with the effect of binding Contractor. The Village is entitled to rely on the full power and authority of the person executing this Contract on behalf of Contractor as having been properly and legally given by Contractor. Contractor shall have the right to change its designated representative by providing the Village with written notice of such change which notice shall be sent in accordance with Section 12 of this Agreement.

The Village’s _____ shall be deemed the Village’s authorized representative for purposes of this Agreement, unless applicable law requires action by the Corporate Authorities, and shall have the power and authority to make or grant or do those things, certificates, requests, demands, approvals, consents, notices and other actions required that are ministerial in nature or described in this Agreement for and on behalf of the Village and with the effect of binding the Village as limited by this Contract. Contractor is entitled to rely on the full power and authority of the person executing this Agreement on behalf of the Village as having been properly and legally given by the Village. The Village shall have the right to change its authorized representative by providing Contractor with written notice of such change which notice shall be sent in accordance with Section 12 of this Agreement.

4. TERM OF CONTRACT

Contractor shall perform the Work pursuant to this Contract beginning on the effective date as defined herein and ending on the date that the Work is completed as determined by the Village. The Contractor shall invoice the Village for the Work provided pursuant to this Contract at the rates set forth in its Bid. The term of this Contract may be extended in writing for additional periods of time pursuant to the consent of the parties.

5. PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Contractor shall, as a condition precedent to its right to receive any payment, submit to the Village an application for payment and such receipts, vouchers, and other documents as may be necessary to establish the Contractor's payment for all labor and material and the absence of any interest whether in the nature of a lien or otherwise of any party in any property, work, or fund with respect to the Work performed hereunder. Such documents shall include, where relevant, the following forms, copies of which are attached hereto:

- (i) Contractor's sworn statement;
- (ii) Contractor's partial or final waiver of lien;
- (iii) Subcontractor's sworn statement(s); and
- (iv) Subcontractor's partial or final waiver of lien.

Payment by the Village shall be conditioned upon an inspection by the Village of the Work completed and submission of required waivers by the Contractor. Payment by the Village shall in no way constitute a waiver of, or relieve the Contractor from, any defects in the work. All payments shall be made in accordance with the Illinois Local Government Prompt Payment Act, 50 ILCS 505/1 *et seq.* Final payment for any Work performed by the Contractor pursuant to an invoice by Contractor shall be made by the Village to the Contractor when Contractor has fully performed the work and the work has been approved by the Village and submission of required waivers and paperwork by Contractor. Approval of the work and issuance of the final payment by the Village shall not constitute a waiver of, or release Contractor from, any defects in the work.

The Village shall have the right to withhold from any payment due hereunder such amount as may reasonably appear necessary to compensate the Village for any actual or prospective loss due to Work which is defective or does not conform to the Contract Documents; damage for which Contractor is liable hereunder; liens or claims of liens; claims of third parties, subcontractors, or material men; or any failure of the Contractor to perform any of its obligations under this Contract. The Village may apply any money withheld or due Contractor hereunder to reimburse itself for any and all costs, expenses, losses, damages, liabilities, suits, judgments, awards, and attorney's fees incurred, suffered, or sustained by the Village and chargeable to Contractor.

6. TERMINATION

The Village may terminate this Contract for cause, which includes but is not necessarily limited to, the Contractor's failure to perform the work pursuant to this Contract. The Village shall provide the Contractor with five (5) days' written notice of a termination for cause pursuant to the provisions of Section 12 below. The Village may also terminate this Contract when it determines the same to be in its best interests by giving fourteen (14) days' written notice to Contractor pursuant to the provisions of Section 12 below. In such event, the Village shall pay to Contractor all amounts due for the work performed up to the date of termination.

7. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS

Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and rules promulgated by any federal, state, county, municipal and/or other governmental unit or regulatory body now in effect during the performance of the work. By way of example only and not as a limitation, the following are included within the scope of the laws, regulations and rules with which the Contractor must comply: all forms of workers' compensation Laws, all terms of the equal employment opportunity rules and regulations of the Illinois Department of Human Rights, statutes relating to contracts let by units of government, and all applicable civil rights and anti-discrimination laws and regulations.

8. INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall waive any right of contribution against the Village and shall indemnify and hold harmless the Village and its officers, officials, employees, volunteers and agents from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including, but not limited to, legal fees (attorney's and paralegal's fees, expert fees and court costs) arising out of or resulting from the performance of the Contractor's work, provided that any such claim, damage, loss or expense is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or injury to or destruction of property, other than the work itself, including the loss of use resulting therefrom, or is attributable to misuse or improper use of trademark or copyright-protected material or otherwise protected intellectual property, to the extent it is caused in whole or in part by any wrongful or negligent act or omission of Contractor, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable. Such obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge or otherwise reduce any other right to indemnity which the Village would otherwise have. Contractor shall similarly protect, indemnify and hold and save harmless, the Village, its officers, officials, employees, volunteers and agents against and from any and all claims, costs, causes, actions and expenses, including, but not limited to, legal fees incurred by reason of the Contractor's breach of any of its obligations under, or Contractor's default of, any provisions of this Contract. The indemnification obligations under this Section shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation, or benefits payable by or for the Contractor or any subcontractor under Workers' Compensation or Disability Benefit Acts or Employee Benefit Acts.

9. INSURANCE

Contractor shall at Contractor's expense secure and maintain in effect throughout the duration of this Contract, insurance of the following kinds and limits set forth in this Section. Contractor shall furnish "Certificates of Insurance" to the Village before beginning work on the Project pursuant to this Contract. All insurance policies shall be written with insurance companies licensed to do business in the State of Illinois and having a rating of at least A according to the latest edition of the Best's Key Rating Guide; and shall include a provision preventing cancellation of the insurance policy unless thirty (30) days prior written notice is given to the Village. This provision shall also be stated on each Certificate of Insurance: "Should any of the above described policies be canceled before the expiration date, the issuing company shall mail fifteen thirty (30) days written notice to the certificate holder named to the left."

The limits of liability for the insurance required shall provide coverage for not less than the following amounts, or greater where required by law:

(A) Commercial General Liability:

- i. Coverage to include Broad Form Property Damage, Contractual and Personal Injury.
- ii. Limits:

General Aggregate	\$ 2,000,000.00
Each Occurrence	\$ 1,000,000.00
Personal Injury	\$ 1,000,000.00
- iii. Coverage for all claims arising out of the Contractor's operations or premises and anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Contractor.

(B) Workers' Compensation:

- i. Workers' compensation insurance shall be provided in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois, including occupational disease provisions, for all employees who perform the Work pursuant to this Contract, and if work is subcontracted pursuant to the provisions of this Contract, Contractor shall require each subcontractor similarly to provide workers' compensation insurance. In case employees engaged in hazardous work under this Contract are not protected under the Workers' Compensation Act, Contractor shall provide, and shall cause each subcontractor to provide, adequate and suitable insurance for the protection of employees not otherwise provided.

(C) **Comprehensive Automobile Liability:**

i. Comprehensive Automobile Liability coverage shall include all owned, hired, non-owned vehicles, and/or trailers and other equipment required to be licensed, covering personal injury, bodily injury and property damage.

ii. Limits:
Combined Single Limit \$1,000,000.00

(D) **Umbrella:**

i. Limits:
Each Occurrence/Aggregate \$5,000,000.00

(E) The Village, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers shall be named as additional insureds on all insurance policies set forth herein except Workers' Compensation. The Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of any deductibles for said insurance policies. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to the Village, its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers.

(F) Contractor understands and agrees that any insurance protection required by this Contract or otherwise provided by Contractor, shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless, and defend the Village, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers as herein provided.

10. GUARANTY

Contractor warrants and guarantees that its Work provided for the Project to be performed under this Contract, and all workmanship, materials, equipment, and supplies performed, furnished, used, or installed under this Contract, performed, furnished, used, or installed under this Contract, shall be free from defects and flaws in workmanship or design; shall strictly conform to the requirements of this Contract; and shall be fit and sufficient for the purposes expressed in, or reasonably inferred from, this Contract. Contractor further warrants and guarantees that the strength of all parts of all manufactured materials, equipment, and supplies shall be adequate and as specified and that the performance requirements of this Contract shall be fulfilled.

Contractor shall, at no expense to the Village, correct any failure to fulfill the above guaranty that may appear at any time. In any event, the guaranty herein expressed shall

not be sole and exclusive, and is additional to any other guaranty or warranty expressed or implied.

11. AFFIDAVIT OR CERTIFICATE

Contractor shall furnish any affidavit or certificate in connection with the work covered by this Contract as required by law.

12. NOTICES

Any notice required to be given by this Contract shall be deemed sufficient if made in writing and sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, by personal service, or by email or facsimile transmission to the persons and addresses indicated below or to such addresses and persons as either party hereto shall notify the other party of in writing pursuant to the provisions of this Section:

To the Village:

Village Manager
Village of Oak Park
123 Madison St.
Oak Park, Illinois 60302-4272

To Contractor:

Email: tfulton@oak-park.us

Email: _____

Mailing of such notice as and when above provided shall be equivalent to personal notice and shall be deemed to have been given at the time of mailing.

Notice by facsimile or email transmission shall be effective as of date and time of facsimile transmission, provided that the notice transmitted shall be sent on business days during business hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Chicago time). In the event facsimile or email notice is transmitted during non-business hours, the effective date and time of notice is the first hour of the first business day after transmission.

13. AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE

The individuals executing this Contract on behalf of Contractor and the Village represent that they have the legal power, right, and actual authority to bind their respective parties to the terms and conditions of this Contract.

14. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this Contract as reflected above and below shall be the date that the Village Manager executes this Contract on behalf of the Village.

15. ENTIRE CONTRACT; APPROVAL OF SUBCONTRACTORS

This Contract, including the documents incorporated by reference herein, sets forth the entire Contract between the parties with respect to the accomplishment of the Work. No right or interest in this Contract shall be assigned, in whole or in part, by either party without the prior written consent of the other party. The Village reserves the right to approve the use of subcontractors to complete any portion of the Work and to approve any applicable contract between the Contractor and a proposed subcontractor to perform any of the Work. This Contract shall be binding upon the parties and upon their respective heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors, and assigns, except as herein provided.

16. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Contractor shall have the full control of the ways and means of performing the Work referred to above and that the Contractor and its employees, representatives or subcontractors are not employees of the Village, it being specifically agreed that the Contractor bears the relationship of an independent contractor to the Village. The Contractor shall solely be responsible for the payment of all salaries, benefits and costs of supplying personnel for the Work.

17. CONTRACT BOND

Before commencing the work on the Project, Contractor shall furnish a Contract Bond. The Contract Bond shall be in an amount equal to 100% of the full amount of the Contract Price as security for the faithful performance of its obligations pursuant to the Contract Documents and as security for the payment of all persons performing labor and furnishing materials in connection with the Contract Documents. Such bond shall be on a standard AIA document, shall be issued by a surety satisfactory to the Village, and shall name the Village as a primary co-obligee. The Contract Bond shall become a part of the Contract Documents. The failure of Contractor to supply the required Contract Bond within ten (10) days after the Notice of Award or within such extended period as the Village may grant if the Contract Bond does not meet its approval shall constitute a default, and the Village may either award the Contract to the next lowest responsible proposer or re-advertise for Bids. A charge against Contractor may be made for the difference between the amount of Contractor's Bid and the amount for which a contract for the Work is subsequently executed, irrespective of whether the amount thus due exceeds the amount of the bid guarantee.

18. PREVAILING WAGES

Contractor and any applicable subcontractor shall pay prevailing wages as established

by the Illinois Department of Labor and determined by the Village for each craft or type of work needed to execute the contract in accordance with the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act, 820 ILCS 130/0.01 *et seq.* ("Act"). Contractor shall prominently post the current schedule of prevailing wages at the Project site(s) and shall notify immediately in writing all of its subcontractors of all changes in the schedule of prevailing wages. Any increases in costs to Contractor due to changes in the prevailing rate of wage during the terms of any Contract shall be at the sole expense of Contractor and not at the expense of the Village, and shall not result in an increase to the Contract Price. Contractor shall be solely responsible to maintain accurate records as required by the Act and shall submit certified payroll records to the Village evidencing its compliance with the Act on no less than a monthly basis as required by the Act. Contractor shall be solely liable for paying the difference between prevailing wages and any wages actually received by laborers, workmen and/or mechanics engaged in the Work for the Project.

Contractor shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the Village, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers ("Indemnified Parties") against all regulatory actions, complaints, damages, claims, suits, liabilities, liens, judgments, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, which may in any way arise from or accrue against the Indemnified Parties as a consequence of noncompliance with the Act or which may in any way result therefrom, including a complaint by the Illinois Department of Labor under Section 4(a-3) of the Act, 820 ILCS 130/4(a-3) that any or all of the Indemnified Parties violated the Act by failing to give proper notice to the Grantee or any other party performing work on the Public Improvements that not less than the prevailing rate of wages shall be paid to all laborers, workers and mechanics performing Work on the Project, including interest, penalties or fines under Section 4(a-3). The indemnification obligations of this section on the part of Contractor shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement. In any such claim, complaint or action against the Indemnified Parties, Contractor shall, at its own expense, appear, defend and pay all charges of reasonable attorney's fees and all reasonable costs and other reasonable expenses arising therefrom or incurred in connection therewith, and, if any judgment or award shall be rendered against the Indemnified Parties in any such action, Contractor shall at its own expense, satisfy and discharge such judgment or award.

19. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois both as to interpretation and performance. Venue for any action pursuant to this Contract shall be in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois.

20. AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS

This Contract may be modified or amended from time-to-time provided, however, that no such amendment or modification shall be effective unless reduced to writing and

duly authorized and signed by the authorized representative of the Village and the authorized representative of the Contractor.

21. NON-WAIVER OF RIGHTS

No failure of either party to exercise any power given to it hereunder or to insist upon strict compliance by the other party with its obligations hereunder, and no custom or practice of the parties at variance with the terms hereof, nor any payment under this Contract shall constitute a waiver of either party's right to demand exact compliance with the terms hereof.

22. CONFLICT

In case of a conflict between any provision(s) of the Village's Request for Bids or the Contractor's Bid and this Contract, this Contract and the Village's Request for Bids shall control to the extent of such conflict.

23. HEADINGS AND TITLES

The headings and titles provided in this Contract are for convenience only and shall not be deemed a part of this Contract.

24. COOPERATION OF THE PARTIES

The Village and Contractor shall cooperate in the provision of the Work to be provided by Contractor pursuant to this Contract and in compliance with applicable laws, including, but not limited to, the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.* ("FOIA"), and the provision of any documents and information pursuant to a FOIA request. Contractor shall provide any and all responsive documents to the Village pursuant to a FOIA request at no cost to the Village.

25. COUNTERPARTS; FACSIMILE OR PDF SIGNATURES

This Contract may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be considered an original and together shall be one and the same Contract. A facsimile or pdf copy of this Agreement and any signature(s) thereon will be considered for all purposes as an original.

**[REMAINDER OF PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK -
SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Contract to be signed by their duly authorized representatives on the dates set forth below.

VILLAGE OF OAK PARK

By: Kevin J. Jackson
Its: Village Manager

Date: _____, 2024

By:
Its:

Date: _____, 2024

ATTEST

By:
Its:

Date: _____, 2024