



COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL No. PLN2025-003

for

UNINCORPORATED AREA URBAN FOREST PLAN AND TREE INVENTORY

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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EVENT	DATE/LOCATION
Request Issued	October 23, 2025
Networking/Bidders Conference No. 1	<p>November 3, 2025, 2pm VIA ZOOM: Register in advance: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tWyyMdygQp-CDMklubcimA Meeting ID: 860 4084 5436</p>
Networking/Bidders Conference No. 2	<p>November 4, 2025, 10AM VIA ZOOM: Register in advance: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hwsjTALwR2y7FW5-YwaMCw Meeting ID: 817 7124 2080</p>
Written Questions Due via email: alison.abbors@acgov.org	November 5, 2025, by 5:00 p.m.
List of Attendees	November 6, 2025
Questions & Answers Issued	November 12, 2025
Addendum Issued [only if necessary to amend RFP]	November 12, 2025
Response Due and Submitted via email as PDF to alison.abbors@acgov.org	December 1, 2025, by 2:00 p.m.
Evaluation Period	December 1, 2025 – December 19, 2025
Optional Vendor Interviews	Week of December 15, 2025
Notice of Intent to Award Issued	December 19, 2025
Board Consideration Award Date	January 13, 2026
Contract Start Date	January 19, 2026

NOTE: All dates are tentative and subject to change.

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SPECIFICATIONS, TERMS & CONDITIONS
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I. STATEMENT OF WORK

A. INTENT

It is the intent of these specifications, terms, and conditions to describe a qualified consultant (“Consultant”) with expertise in municipal tree program analysis and planning, municipal tree inventories, arboriculture, and cross-sector stakeholder facilitation, to help coordinate an urban forest analysis and planning project (“Project”) that culminates in the adoption of a comprehensive Urban Forest Plan (UFP) for Alameda County’s urban unincorporated area. The selected Consultant will coordinate the Project alongside the County staff Project Manager, including facilitating robust, equity-focused community engagement; conducting a thorough assessment of existing tree resources, policies, and vulnerabilities; establishing data-driven goals and strategies; identifying key gaps and opportunities; recommending program design elements and funding mechanisms; and delivering an ambitious and actionable 50-year Urban Forest Plan for adoption by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

The County intends to award an approximately 2-year contract to the Bidder selected as the most responsive and responsible Bidder whose response conforms to the RFP and meets the County’s requirements. The term of the contract will commence the date the standard services agreement is signed and will end on March 31, 2028. All work associated with the Project’s current funding source, the California Urban and Community Forestry Inflation Reduction Act 2024 Grant, must be completed by March 31, 2028; however, the contract will include the option to renew for two years as funding allows.

B. SCOPE

The County has identified a total Project Budget of \$562,000 to engage a Consultant with the experience, capacity, and skills necessary to provide the following services, described in greater detail in Section E:

1. **Provide Project Coordination Services:** Bring urban forest planning expertise to the overall process and coordinate all aspects of the Project alongside the County staff Project Manager.
2. **Foster Community Support for Trees and the Urban Forest:** Develop and implement a community engagement strategy that promotes genuine participation and commitment to equitable outcomes to cultivate a connected and informed network of urban forestry champions to drive UFP development and catalyze implementation.
3. **Assess Existing Conditions:** Conduct a multi-pronged analysis of existing policies, programs, staffing, tree resources (including a complete tree inventory), canopy equity concerns, urban heat vulnerability, and fire risk.

4. **Establish Urban Forestry Goals:** Establish data-driven, community-informed, and equity-focused urban forestry and programmatic goals, strategies, and key performance indicators that will allow the County to identify and fill gaps, track long-term success, and ensure accountability.
 5. **Identify Gaps and Opportunities:** Identify existing constraints and needs and propose the structures, policies, partnerships, programs, and funding needed to ensure the long-term growth and sustainable management of the urban forest.
 6. **Develop a Comprehensive Urban Forestry Plan (UFP):** As the Project’s capstone achievement, develop and support adoption of an ambitious and achievable Urban Forest Plan for the urban unincorporated area that sets goals for the next 50 years, outlines an implementation strategy, and positions the County to fund and equitably grow its urban forest for the benefit of current and future generations. Take the UFP through the public consultation and CEQA processes to adoption by the County Board of Supervisors and filing with the state, and plan a small ten-tree planting event to celebrate adoption.
- C. **BACKGROUND AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

Background

The Alameda County Community Development Agency – Planning Department (“Planning Department”) serves the unincorporated communities of Alameda County, which include the census designated places of Ashland, Castro Valley, Cherryland, Fairview, San Lorenzo, Sunol, the community of Hayward Acres, and rural east county communities outside the cities of Livermore, Dublin, and Pleasanton. The Planning Department performs municipal-type land use regulation functions, including general plan development, for unincorporated areas of the County, ensuring compatible land use for the roughly 152,000 residents within its jurisdiction.

The County’s *urban* unincorporated area is a contiguous, 20 square-mile area within the County’s urban growth boundary comprising the communities of Ashland, Castro Valley, Cherryland, Fairview, Hayward Acres, and San Lorenzo. Within this area, the Environmental Justice Element of the County general plan designates a subarea including 16 low-income census tracts¹ and adjacent areas identified consistent with Senate Bill 1000 as the County’s “Environmental Justice (EJ) Priority Communities².” Inequities in the built environment coupled with social vulnerabilities like high poverty, large populations of immigrants and people of color, high unemployment rates, large

¹ Low-income census tracts defined consistent with AB 1550 and CARB California Climate Investments Priority Populations 2023

² Map of Alameda County’s EJ Priority Communities:
<https://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/generalplans/documents/AlamedaCountyEJCommunitymap.pdf>

populations of limited English-speaking households, high percentages of renters, and large populations of young children, highlight a need for focused climate adaptation efforts and community-informed investments that will have direct and meaningful benefits for the EJ Priority Communities’ approximately 85,000 residents.

Residents of the EJ Priority Communities have long promoted tree planting and tree protection as key strategies for creating more livable and sustainable neighborhoods³, and the County recognizes that supporting a thriving urban tree canopy will help improve public health outcomes and climate resilience in the County’s unincorporated communities. Recent data show low tree canopy cover in Hayward Acres (9%), Ashland (11%), Cherryland (13%), and southern Castro Valley (14%) as compared to Castro Valley overall (20%) and some San Lorenzo census tracts (19%), and the County currently lacks the long-range strategy, programming, staffing, and funding to address these inequities. The Environmental Justice Element of the County General Plan⁴ establishes a baseline goal of achieving at least 20% urban tree canopy cover throughout the Priority Communities by 2050 and identifies the development of a comprehensive Urban Forest Plan as a critical first step that the County must take to build its capacity to care for existing trees, plant new trees, examine canopy inequities, develop a robust tree program, and ultimately increase canopy coverage for the benefit of all residents.

To help move the dial toward a thriving and equitably distributed urban forest, the Planning Department engaged a diverse team of County agencies and external partners (see “Project Partners” list in Exhibit C – Background Materials) and developed a proposal to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection’s (CAL FIRE) California Urban and Community Forestry Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) 2024 Grant Program. CAL FIRE awarded the Planning Department a multi-year grant to review the County’s urban forestry resources and develop a comprehensive Urban Forest Plan (UFP) that will guide the County’s urban forest investments over the next 50 years (grant activities are referred to as the “Project”, collectively). The Project area includes all of the County’s urban unincorporated communities, with a focus on engaging and delivering program benefits to the EJ Priority Communities. In addition to activities described in the Consultant’s scope of work, grant-funded Project activities include a workforce development program that will be administered by the County in collaboration with the Hayward Area Recreation and Parks District (HARD.) The Consultant will not be responsible for managing the workforce development component of this Project.

NOTE ABOUT THIS PROJECT’S FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCE: Due to uncertainties related to the future of IRA funding, the County has agreed to comply with a stop work order from CAL FIRE should federal funding be revoked in the future. As a condition of

³ A local non-profit engaged residents to create a 2015 Urban Greening Master Plan for Ashland and Cherryland. Though not an official County document, the 2015 UGMP highlights long-term local interest in trees an urban greening as essential public health interventions.

⁴ [Environmental Justice Element](https://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/generalplans/documents/EJElement_adoptedAug2024.pdf), Policy EJ2.1 (https://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/generalplans/documents/EJElement_adoptedAug2024.pdf)

selection, the Consultant must agree to submit invoices and progress reports to the County on a monthly basis, and may need to comply with an immediate stop work order should funding be revoked. The County will work with the selected Consultant during the contracting phase to identify additional harm-reduction measures to protect the Consultant, the County, Project Partners, and the Project.

Guiding Principles

Focus on Equity, Indigenous Practice, and Authentic Engagement

All phases of the Project will center equity and the needs of disadvantaged or low-income communities, including incorporation of racial equity and Indigenous practices, harm reduction principles, facilitation of authentic community engagement, and assessments of urban forestry resources alongside social vulnerability.

Existing development patterns and canopy coverage in the County's urban unincorporated communities are a result of historical practices and exclusionary policies. With the disproportionate impacts to property value, wealth, and public health, it is essential that the Urban Forest Plan establish equity guardrails such that policies and practices moving forward do not exacerbate existing inequities between the County's unincorporated communities. A successful engagement strategy will clearly serve the needs of the County's low-income communities and the diversity of languages and cultural backgrounds of residents, prioritizing benefits of tree shade to those communities that currently lack tree canopy, including increasing access to decision-making in the planning process.

In addition to racial equity principles, the development of an Urban Forest Plan is an opportunity to incorporate Indigenous practices to increase resilience and to learn more about how the County can improve its urban forestry programming to support the needs and perspectives of Indigenous communities.

Public and stakeholder support are critical to the success of this Project, and the County considers community engagement in urban forestry issues to be one of the Project's major goals. The Community Development Agency has spent many years building trust with residents and community-based organizations, and a successful outreach strategy will both engage known partners and build new connections.

To facilitate broader engagement, especially from within low-income and BIPoC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) communities, the County will provide grant-funded stipends, to be administered by the Consultant, to community-based participants of the planned Tree Advisory Group. The County has also included language access requirements in the Consultant's scope of work (see section E for specific requirements). The Project's workforce development component, which will be administered by the County and the Hayward Area Recreation and Parks District and is not part of the Consultant's scope of work, will train and empower EJ Priority

Community residents through classroom and hands-on learning in landscape horticulture, arboriculture, and urban forest planning.

Integration with County Plans

The Urban Forest Plan should complement and build upon existing County plans, including the General Plan (Environmental Justice Element, Community Climate Action Plan, Eden Area General Plan, Castro Valley General Plan), particularly in holistically addressing green space and climate impacts across the Project area. The UFP should propose changes or updates to County policies or programs where necessary to meet urban forestry goals, and should include recommendations for complying with related State mandates and requirements, such as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), SB 1383, Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance, and California Public Utilities Commission.

Consistency with California Urban and Community Forestry Inflation Reduction Act 2024 Grant Guidelines

Throughout this Project, the Consultant and the County must maintain consistency with the California Urban and Community Forestry Inflation Reduction Act 2024 Grant guidelines (See link in Exhibit C – Background Materials) and other grant requirements, including but not limited to:

- Delivering 100% of Project benefits to disadvantaged or low-income communities, with all on-the-ground activities (community engagement, outreach and education, tree planting, etc.) specifically supporting disadvantaged or low-income communities
- Agreeing to comply with an immediate stop work order from CAL FIRE should funding be revoked
- Submitting monthly invoices and progress reports
- Adhering to CAL FIRE’s Minimum Data Collection Attributes (MDCA) for Urban Tree Inventories and Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) Best Practices (See link in Exhibit C – Background Materials: *California Urban and Community Forestry Inflation Reduction Act 2024 Grant guidelines*, Appendix G)

D. BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS

1. BIDDER Minimum Qualifications

- a. Bidder must be regularly and continuously engaged in the business of providing long-range municipal urban forestry planning and project management services for at least five (5) years, which must be clearly stated or demonstrated in the bid response.

- b. Bidder **or** key personnel assigned must be regularly and continuously engaged in the business of providing municipal tree inventory services for at least five (5) years, which must be clearly stated or demonstrated in the bid response.
- c. Bidder team must include an arboriculture professional who has earned certification from the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), which must be clearly demonstrated in the bid response packet, such as providing a copy of the certification.
- d. Bidder **or** key personnel assigned must be regularly and continuously engaged in the business of providing community engagement and facilitation services for at least five (5) years, which must be clearly stated or demonstrated in the bid response.
- e. Bidder team must include a facilitator trained in the Institute of Cultural Affairs' (ICA) Technology of Participation® (ToP®) facilitation methodology *or similar methodology* that promotes inclusive and meaningful participation and fosters shared ownership and commitment among stakeholders. Relevant qualification must be clearly demonstrated in the bid response packet, such as providing a copy of the certification.
- f. Bidder must possess all permits, licenses, and professional credentials necessary to supply products and perform services specified under this RFP. Unless noted otherwise in the RFP, for example the item(s) stated above, including any Addendum, Bidder is not required to submit copies or verification of the permits, licenses and credentials; however, Bidder must provide such proof if requested by County.

E. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

The selected Contractor will demonstrate specialized expertise in working with public agency staff to coordinate urban forest planning projects and successfully producing evidence-based and community-driven long-range municipal urban forest plans. The selected Contractor and/or their subcontractor(s) will demonstrate expertise in urban arboriculture in California, municipal tree inventory practice, municipal tree program analysis, and cross-sector stakeholder engagement and facilitation. The selected Contractor will be expected to be, or become, familiar with Alameda County's urban unincorporated communities, including their microclimates, demographics, and governance structures.

County staff will undertake the following roles and responsibilities for the Project:

- Act as Project Manager and lead contact for the CAL FIRE grant, from the concept proposal state through to completion, including making Project plans and decisions and overseeing all components and actions of the Project to ensure that scope of work and deliverables are completed as described in the grant agreement and any CAL FIRE - approved modifications and amendments
- Coordinate with Consultant and provide oversight of Consultant's work progress and execution of tasks
- Provide Consultant with access to relevant County plans, data, staff, program details, and other resources needed to produce a comprehensive review of existing conditions
- Equip Consultant with Project Partner contacts, community contacts, and specific outreach considerations and resources for effectively facilitating engagement of residents of the urban unincorporated Project area
- Address and respond to any input, recommendations or solutions suggested by the Consultant(s) to advance the quality of the Project scope, tasks, and deliverables
- Review and approve the Consultant(s') draft and final work products
- Monitor task completion status against project deliverables and invoices rendered
- Coordinate any modification, changes, or amendments to the scope and/or Task Order, should changes or additional or alternate resources or budget be required to complete the project
- Coordinate with County IT to host Project website and listserv
- Process Consultant's invoices on a monthly basis
- In the case of a stop-work order from Project funders, ensure that Consultant is paid for all work done to date
- Assist Consultant with identifying with local, community-based interpreter(s) to assist Consultants with fulfilling Project's language access requirements
- In partnership with the Hayward Area Recreation and Parks District, administer the workforce development component of the Project

The Consultant's roles and responsibilities include the following:

- Bring technical urban forest planning expertise to the overall process
- Coordinate the overall Project alongside County staff Project Manager
- Plan, analyze and recommend solutions to advance the quality of the project scope, tasks, schedule and deliverables, that are tailored to the County's needs and its diversity of stakeholder and community members
- Take the lead on scheduling and facilitating meetings with clear goals and agendas with the County staff, and be available for regular check-ins with County staff by email or phone about project progress

- Oversee all subcontractors and monthly subcontractor invoicing
- Pay all expenses incurred in carrying out the agreed-upon scope of work
- Provide County staff with the opportunity to review and comment on all deliverables at least three (3) times
- Ensure Project consistency with CAL FIRE’s California Urban and Community Forestry Inflation Reduction Act 2024 Grant Guidelines (See link in Exhibit C – Background Materials)
- Ensure that all digital content (PDFs, websites, etc.) associated with this Project is easily accessible and navigable, in alignment with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 Level AA standards and consistent with final rules published on April 24, 2024, by the Department of Justice (DOJ) under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Lead the execution, management and completion of all tasks and deliverables, including facilitation, revisions to and/or completion of Key Documents, as further specified and outlined below:

The Consultant’s tasks are:

- Task 1: Provide Project Coordination Services
- Task 2: Foster Community Support for Trees and the Urban Forest
- Task 3: Assess Existing Conditions
- Task 4: Establish Urban Forestry Goals
- Task 5: Identify Gaps and Opportunities
- Task 6: Develop a Comprehensive Urban Forest Plan (UFP)

The scope of work for these tasks is anticipated to include, but is not limited to, the work detailed below, and the Deliverables/Reports identified in Section F. The Key Documents which are identified and underlined below are the primary documents that will guide the planning and implementation of the Project.

Task 1: Provide Project Coordination Services

- Coordinate, attend, and keep a record of all internal and public-facing meetings, emails, and phone calls
- Review all relevant background information for the Project, including but not limited to all documents referenced in Exhibit B of this RFP, and facilitate a discussion of key findings with Staff
- Plan, coordinate, and facilitate a minimum of two kick-off meetings with County staff for project initiation and scoping, to confirm project procedures and schedule, discuss key findings from background information review, and discuss strategies for managing the uncertainty of a potential stop-work order

- Prepare a Project Schedule (Key Document) containing major milestones, review, and deliverable due dates. Maintain and update the Project Schedule to track due dates, completion of and progress on tasks
- Provide monthly invoicing that reports progress of costs against Project budget and tracks deliverables at a level that designates disadvantaged or low-income communities
- Communicate with County staff about Project progress on a weekly basis via email, phone, and/or Teams/Zoom, or as agreed with relevant County staff
- Provide and maintain a cloud-based folder for all project materials accessible to County staff
- Pay for all expenses associated with the project, including but not limited to subcontractor invoices, tree planting expenses, and community engagement expenses

Task 2: Foster Community Support for Trees and the Urban Forest

- Work with County staff to establish a cross-sector Tree Advisory Group (TAG) that will help guide Project development and foster a connected and informed network of urban forestry champions to catalyze UFP implementation. Recommend additional TAG participants to round out County-identified Project Partners that have already agreed to participate, including recommending strategies for engaging Indigenous partners. (Note that the TAG will include participants of the Project's workforce development program. The workforce development program is not part of the Consultant's scope of work, but the Consultant will be expected to engage with participants of the workforce development program as part of its work with the TAG.)
- Plan and facilitate 8-12 TAG meetings over the course of the Project. Arrange for and provide Spanish-language translation and interpretation as a standard at all TAG meetings
- Develop and implement an Outreach Plan (Key Document), focused on the EJ Priority Communities, that facilitates learning opportunities and ongoing and substantial engagement in UFP development. Outreach Plan must propose harm-reduction strategies related to the potential for a stop-work order from Project funders. Outreach Plan must define criteria for TAG participant stipends, must include outreach in key languages (Spanish and Chinese), and must employ Institute of Cultural Affairs' (ICA) Technology of Participation® (ToP®) facilitation methodology *or similar methodology* that promotes inclusive and meaningful participation and foster shared ownership and commitment among stakeholders
- Distribute stipends to participants of the Tree Advisory Group based on agreed-upon criteria defined in the Outreach Plan. The County estimates that the Consultant should dedicate a minimum of \$50,000 of its total budget to pay for participant stipends.

- Design a Project website, to be hosted by the County, and provide ongoing content updates as the Project progresses
- Establish a Project email listserv via the County’s listserv provider and draft listserv updates at regular intervals as agreed upon with County staff
- Host a minimum of four community workshops that specifically support participation in disadvantaged or low-income communities. Provide professional translation and interpretation in Spanish and Chinese
- Support County staff with preparing for and delivering presentations at up to thirty (30) County public hearings during the development and adoptions phases of the Project, including hearings of the Eden Area Municipal Advisory Council (MAC), Castro Valley MAC, Fairview MAC, Agricultural Advisory Committee, Parks, Recreation, and Historical Commission, Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors Unincorporated Services Committee and Transportation/Planning Committee, and the Board of Supervisors, including preparing staff reports, slides, and graphics, attending meetings via Zoom or in person, and recording and tracking comments
- Promote Project activities at a minimum of six community events (e.g. street fairs, health fairs, etc.) at locations that specifically support participation in disadvantaged or low-income communities and BIPoC communities
- Produce a Community Engagement Report (Key Document) summarizing community engagement activities

Task 3: Assess Existing Conditions

- Produce an Existing Conditions Report (Regulatory and Program Analysis) (Key Document) that:
 - Reviews and assesses Alameda County’s urban forestry-related policies, plans, and ordinances
 - Reviews and assesses the structure, function, and budget of the County’s existing tree program(s)⁵, including current staffing and contracts, roles and responsibilities, program resources, backlog, emergency response, interdepartmental coordination, current level of service, and budgetary resources, and considers relevant nexus of urban forestry planning efforts with the County’s Vegetation Management Program⁶
 - Reviews and recommends updates to the County’s Recommended Tree List⁷ to prioritize drought tolerant, shade-producing species that will thrive in a warming climate, with special consideration given to native species that meet these criteria

⁵ <https://www.acpwa.org/programs-services/transportation/tree.page>

⁶ <https://www.acpwa.org/programs-services/maintenance/vegetation-management.page>

⁷ <https://www.acpwa.org/acpwa-assets/docs/programs-services/streets-roads/Tree-Program/RECOMMENDEDTREELIST-2018.pdf>

- Produce an Existing Conditions Report (Tree and Canopy Analysis) (Key Document) that incorporates the following:
 - A comprehensive Public Tree Inventory of all trees in public rights-of-way, public parks, and public schools in the County’s urban unincorporated communities of Ashland, Castro Valley, Cherryland, Fairview, Hayward Acres, and San Lorenzo—including approximately 490 miles of County roads, 400 acres of public school grounds, and 410 acres of public park grounds (owned by the Hayward Area Recreation and Parks District, or “HARD”.) The inventory must be consistent with CAL FIRE’s Minimum Data Collection Attributes (MDCA) for Urban Tree Inventories (See link in Exhibit C – Background Materials: *California Urban and Community Forestry Inflation Reduction Act 2024 Grant guidelines*, Appendix G) and must also identify public planting opportunity sites that can accommodate trees. Consultant must use a GPS-based data collection system and must provide the Tree Inventory Data Output (Key Document) to Alameda County in ESRI shapefile format.
 - A Tree Canopy Equity and Urban Heat Analysis, at census tract level or smaller, that analyzes extent and quality of tree canopy, impervious surface coverage, hot spots, and social and environmental vulnerabilities to highlight equity priority areas for tree planting
 - A Tree Planting Priority List that prioritizes public planting opportunity sites in relation to equity priority ratings
 - A Fire Risk Analysis that assesses risks and recommends strategies for reducing tree-related fire risks in wildland-urban interface
 - (Optional and encouraged) Engage participants of the Project’s workforce development program in learning opportunities related to the Public Tree Inventory and/or Existing Conditions Report

Task 4: Establish Urban Forestry Goals

- Produce an Urban Forestry Goals Report (Key Document) based on the findings of the Existing Conditions analyses, local ecological considerations, and best practices in urban forestry that:
 - Confirms or recommends augmentation of the County’s adopted goal of achieving at least 20% urban tree canopy cover throughout the EJ Priority Communities by 2050
 - Proposes achievable tree planting timelines and action steps to help the County reach its tree canopy cover goal, including tree planting on public land and opportunities to encourage tree planting on private land
 - Proposes goals for the County’s urban forestry programming, including goals related to ongoing tree care and maintenance, ongoing community engagement, program funding, and tree planting etc.
 - Proposes performance indicators and reporting structures

Task 5: Identify Gaps and Opportunities

- Produce a comprehensive Gaps and Opportunities Report (Key Document) that outlines all applicable resources needed to meet urban forest goals with required competencies including staffing, tools, budget, software, policy, and community engagement, including:
 - Identifying recommended changes to current County policies and plans
 - Identifying gaps in County staffing and program budgets and recommending optimal program, budgetary, and staffing structure needed to meet urban forest goals
 - Identifying potential sources of revenue or funding to support program needs
 - Identifying opportunities for continued community engagement in urban forest management, including recommended partnerships, outreach, programming, events, educational offerings, incentives, assistance, and communications tools
 - Identifying areas subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
 - Identifying strategies for complying with related State mandates and requirements, such as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), SB 1383, Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance, and California Public Utilities Commission

Task 6: Develop a Comprehensive Urban Forest Plan (UFP)

- Synthesize learnings from Tasks 1-5 to produce a Draft UFP (Key Document) that will prepare the County to equitably increase tree canopy over the next 50 years with a focus on providing urban greening benefits to residents in the County's EJ Priority Communities. At minimum, the UFP must:
 - Adhere to Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) Best Practices (See link in Exhibit C – Background Materials: *California Urban and Community Forestry Inflation Reduction Act 2024 Grant guidelines*, Appendix G)
 - Include an implementation plan
 - Include a schedule for County review of the UFP every 10 years
 - Ensure consistency and integration with relevant County policies and the General Plan
- Prepare appropriate Draft CEQA document(s) (Key Document) consistent with state CEQA guidelines
- Present draft UFP and draft CEQA document(s) at a community workshop and at County public hearings, as described in Task 2, and revise UFP based on comments received

- Present Revised Draft UFP (Key Document) and relevant CEQA Document(s) to advisory bodies and to the Board of Supervisors for adoption
- Publish Final Adopted UFP (Key Document) as a web document on County server
- Finalize CEQA Document(s) (Key Document) and process/file consistent with State CEQA guidelines

Task 7: Plan Celebratory Tree Planting Event

- Plan and implement a community event to celebrate UFP adoption that:
 - Engages key Project Partners (i.e. public schools and public parks districts) to identify a site or sites suitable for the community celebration and planting of 10 Coast Live Oaks (*Quercus agrifolia*) or alternative species as agreed upon by County staff and CAL FIRE
 - Engages Project Partners, TAG members, elected officials, and/or members of the public in planting activities and provides educational opportunities related to the UFP
 - Adheres to tree planting requirements outlined in the California Urban and Community Forestry Inflation Reduction Act 2024 Grant Guidelines (See link in Exhibit C – Background Materials), including ensuring site steward’s commitment to tree maintenance for a minimum of three years after the end of the grant period

F. DELIVERABLES / REPORTS

The following deliverables correspond to the Tasks above. The Key Documents are the primary documents that will guide the planning and implementation of the project. As identified above, the Contractor(s) shall produce the deliverables listed below, and shall provide the County Staff Project Team the opportunity to review and comment on all deliverables at least three (3) times:

- **Task 1 Deliverables:**
 - Facilitated discussion with Staff of background information key findings
 - Minimum two meetings with County staff
 - Project Schedule (Key Document)
 - Weekly check-ins
 - Monthly Invoicing & Progress Updates
 - Project Materials Folder
 - Payment of Project Expenses
- **Task 2 Deliverables:**
 - 8 to 12 meetings of Tree Advisory Group facilitated with Spanish translation/ interpretation provided as a standard
 - Outreach Plan (Key Document)
 - Project website

- Project listserv and copy for regular email updates to subscribers
 - Minimum of four community workshops with professional translation/ interpretation in Spanish and Chinese
 - Support with presentations at up to thirty (30) County public hearings
 - Public hearings materials and comment tracking
 - Participation in minimum of six community events
 - Community Engagement Report (Key Document)
 - (Optional and recommended) Agreement with local, community-based Spanish-language interpreter to provide additional language access flexibility
- **Task 3 Deliverables:**
 - Existing Conditions Report (Regulatory and Program Analysis) (Key Document) including:
 - Review and assessment of County’s urban forestry-related policies, plans, and ordinances
 - Review and assessment of County’s right-of-way Tree Program
 - Updates to County’s Recommended Tree List
 - Existing Conditions Report (Tree and Canopy Analysis) (Key Document) including:
 - GPS-based Public Tree Inventory of trees in the public right-of-way, public parks, and public schools
 - Tree Inventory Data Output (Key Document) in ESRI shapefile format
 - Identified public planting opportunity sites
 - Tree Canopy Equity and Urban Heat Analysis
 - Tree Planting Priority List
 - Fire Risk Analysis
 - (Optional) Engage of workforce development program participants in learning opportunities related to tree inventory/existing conditions analysis activities
- **Task 4 Deliverables:**
 - Urban Forestry Goals Report (Key Document) that includes:
 - Long-term tree canopy cover goal
 - Tree planting timelines and action steps
 - Goals for County’s urban forestry programming
 - Performance indicators and reporting structures
- **Task 5 Deliverables:**
 - Gaps and Opportunities Report (Key Document) that:
 - Recommends changes to County policies and documents
 - Identifies gaps in County staffing and program budget
 - Identifies potential revenue sources
 - Identifies ongoing community engagement opportunities

- **Task 6 Deliverables:**
 - Draft Urban Forest Plan (UFP) (Key Document)
 - Draft CEQA document(s) (Key Document)
 - Revised Draft UFP (Key Document)
 - Community Workshop (see Task 2 Deliverables)
 - Presentations at County Public hearings, including adoption hearing with Board of Supervisors (see Task 2 Deliverables)
 - Final Adopted UFP (Key Document)
 - Finalize CEQA Document(s) (Key Document)
 - Process/file CEQA Document(s) with state

- **Task 7 Deliverables:**
 - Tree planting event to celebrate adoption
 - 10 Coast Live Oaks (*Quercus agrifolia*) planted
 - Ensure maintenance of planted trees for minimum of 3 years after end of grant period

G. BIDDERS CONFERENCE(S)

1. The Bidders Conferences held will be held via Zoom on the dates specified in the Calendar of Events.
2. Bidders Conference(s) will be held to:
 - a. Provide an opportunity for small businesses and large firms to network and develop subcontracting relationships to participate in the contract(s) that may result from this RFP.
 - b. Provide an opportunity for Bidders to request clarification on this RFP and ask specific questions about the project, goods, and services.
 - c. Provide the County with an opportunity to receive feedback related to this RFP.
3. The Bidders Conference(s) Attendees List will be released in a separate document.
4. Written questions submitted by the stated deadline will be addressed in a posted RFP Questions and Answers (Q&A) following the Bidders Conference(s). Should there be a need to amend or revise the RFP, an Addendum will be issued. Any verbal statements, including at any Bidders Conference(s) are not binding. Only the written documents will be binding.

5. Questions regarding these specifications, terms, and conditions are to be submitted in writing as specified in the Calendar of Events.
6. Attendance at the Bidders Conference(s) is highly recommended but are not mandatory. Vendors who attend the Bidders Conference(s) will be added to the Vendor Bid List.

II. COUNTY PROCEDURES, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS

H. EVALUATION CRITERIA / SELECTION COMMITTEE

1. **Initial Evaluation (Completeness of Response and Debarment and Suspension).** All proposals will first be reviewed to determine if they pass the initial Evaluation Criteria (Section A), which are determined on a pass/fail basis.
2. **Evaluation by County Selection Committee.** All proposals that have passed the initial Evaluation Criteria will be evaluated by a County Selection Committee (CSC). The CSC may be composed of County staff and other parties that may have expertise or experience related to the goods or services that are being procured. The CSC will score the proposals according to the Evaluation Criteria set forth in this RFP. Other than the initial pass/fail Evaluation Criteria, the evaluation of the proposals will be within the sole judgment and discretion of the CSC.
3. **Unrealistic Bids.** Bidders should bear in mind that any proposal that is unrealistic in terms of the technical or schedule commitments or unrealistically high or low in cost may be deemed reflective of an inherent lack of technical knowledge or indicative of a failure to comprehend the complexity and risk of the County's requirements as set forth in this RFP.
4. **Price Discrepancy.** In the case of a discrepancy between the unit price and an extension, the unit price will be used for evaluation purposes.
5. **Evaluation Criteria Descriptions.** The items listed in the Evaluation Criteria should be considered as minimum requirements. All information contained in a proposal and presented in vendor interviews (if there are interviews) will be considered during the evaluation process and included in scoring within the appropriate Evaluation Criteria.
6. **Evaluation Scores.** Proposals will be evaluated and scored on the zero to five-point scale within each Evaluation Criteria below. Scores for all Evaluation Criteria (see the section below) will then be added, according to their assigned weight (below), to arrive at a weighted score for each proposal. A proposal with a higher-weighted total will be deemed of higher quality than a proposal with a lesser-weighted total.

7. **Shortlist Process.** The evaluation process may include a two-stage approach including a preliminary evaluation of the written proposal and preliminary scoring to develop a shortlist of Bidders that will continue to the final stage of optional vendor interview, and reference checks. The preliminary scoring will be based on the total points, excluding any points allocated to references, and optional vendor interview. The 3 Bidders receiving the highest preliminary scores may advance to the next evaluation phase. All other Bidders will be deemed eliminated from the process. All Bidders will be notified of the shortlist participants; however, the preliminary scores at that time will not be communicated to Bidders.
8. **Reference Checks.** The County reserves the right to conduct reference check(s) on all Bidders who submitted a bid proposal. The CSC will then score the reference check(s), as identified in the Evaluation Criteria below, which will then be included in the final score.
9. **Optional Vendor Interviews.** The County may in its sole discretion, conduct vendor interviews. Should the County opt to conduct a vendor interview, the interview may include responding to standard and specific questions from the CSC regarding the Bidders' proposal. Whether or not a shortlist process is used, the score of any evaluation criterion below may be revised or informed based on the vendor interview.
10. **Final Score.** The final maximum score for any procurement is 500 points. Proposals will be ranked by their final scores.
 - a. Without Vendor Interview. In procurements where there are no vendor interviews, the score received by the evaluation of the written proposal with the references score added will be the final score.
 - b. With Vendor Interview. In procurements where there are vendor interviews, the CSC will consider the interview and may adjust the scores received by the evaluation of the written proposal which, with the reference scores added, will be the final score.
11. **Contact During Evaluation Process.** All contact during the evaluation phase must be through the CDA – Planning Department only. Bidders must neither contact nor lobby CSC during the evaluation process. Attempts by Bidders to contact and/or influence members of the CSC may result in disqualification of Bidders.
12. **Determining Award.** As a result of this RFP, the County intends to award a contract to the highest-ranked responsible Bidder(s), as determined by the combined weight of the Evaluation Criteria, whose response conforms to the RFP and whose bid presents the greatest value to the County considering all

Evaluation Criteria. The combined weight of the Evaluation Criteria is greater in importance than the cost in determining the best value to the County. The County may award a contract of higher qualitative competence over the lowest priced response.

13. The zero to five-point scale range is defined as follows:

0	Not Acceptable	Non-responsive, fails to meet RFP specifications. The approach has no probability of success. If the unmet specification is a mandatory requirement, this score may result in the disqualification of the proposal.
1	Poor	Below average, falls short of expectations, is substandard to that which is the average or expected norm, has a low probability of success in achieving objectives per RFP.
2	Fair	Has a reasonable probability of success; however, some objectives may not be met.
3	Average	Acceptable and likely to achieve all objectives in a reasonable fashion per RFP specification. This will be the baseline score for each item with adjustments based on the interpretation of the proposal by CSC members.
4	Above Average / Good	Better than that which is average or expected as the norm. Excellent probability of success in achieving all objectives of the RFP requirements and expectations.
5	Excellent / Exceptional	Exceeds expectations, is very innovative, clearly superior to that which is average or expected as the norm. Excellent probability of success in achieving all objectives and meeting RFP specifications.

14. The Evaluation Criteria and their respective weights are as follows:

	Evaluation Criteria	Weight
A.	<p>Completeness of Response:</p> <p>Responses to this RFP must be complete. Responses must address all the requirements identified within this RFP and all related documents, including any Addenda. Failure to meet the Bidder Minimum Qualifications may also be considered an incomplete response and may result in the disqualification of the Bidder.</p>	Pass/Fail
	<p>Debarment and Suspension:</p> <p>Bidders, its principal, and named subcontractors are not identified on the list of Federally debarred, suspended, or other excluded parties located at www.sam.gov/SAM.</p>	Pass/Fail

B.	<p>Cost:</p> <p>The points for Cost will be computed by dividing the amount of the lowest responsive and responsible bid received by each Bidder’s total proposed cost.</p> <p>Cost evaluation points may be adjusted by considering:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reasonableness (i.e., how well does the proposed pricing accurately reflect the Bidder’s effort to meet requirements and objectives?). 2. Realism (i.e., is the proposed cost appropriate to the nature of the services to be provided?). 3. Participants stipends (i.e., does the proposed cost include funds to be administered as participant stipends? Is the amount proposed for participant stipends reasonable?) 	15 Points
C.	<p>Description of Proposed Services:</p> <p>Proposals will be evaluated considering the RFP specifications and the questions below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How well has Bidder demonstrated a thorough understanding of the purpose and scope of the project? 2. How well does the description of proposed services depict a logical approach to fulfilling the requirements of the RFP? 3. How well does the description of proposed services achieve all the requirements in the RFP, including the deliverables and reports the County expects it to provide? 4. How well has Bidder identified pertinent issues and potential problems related to the project? 5. How well has Bidder addressed the County’s community engagement requirements and explained its approach to fostering equitable participation, addressing language access needs, and cultivating a connected and informed network of urban forestry champion? 	25 Points
D.	<p>Schedule:</p> <p>Evaluation will include the likelihood that Bidder’s proposed schedule is reasonable and will meet the County’s requirements. Identification and planning for mitigation of risks that Bidder believes may adversely affect any portion of the County’s schedule may be considered.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How effectively did the Bidder’s plan and schedule detail the information provided in the RFP? 	15 Points

	2. How well has the Bidder demonstrated that it understands the County’s schedule and can meet it?	
E.	<p>Relevant Experience:</p> <p>Proposals will be evaluated, including considering the RFP specifications and the questions below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much experience does the Bidder have with related and recent Urban Forest Plan experience of similar scope and complexity in regions with similar issues? 2. How much experience do the individuals assigned to the project have experience on similar projects? 3. How extensive are the applicable education and expertise of the assigned project team (in-house or sub-consultants)? 4. How extensive/successful are previous working relationships between the personnel designated to work on the project? 	25 Points
F.	<p>(Optional and encouraged) – Engage workforce development program participants in tree inventory/existing conditions analysis:</p> <p>Does the Bidder’s response propose opportunities to engage participants of the Project’s workforce development program in learning opportunities related to the tree inventory/existing conditions analysis activities?</p>	5 Points
G.	References (See Exhibit A – Bid Response Packet)	15 Points
H.	<p>Vendor Interview</p> <p>Should the County opt to conduct a vendor interview, the interview may include responding to standard and specific questions from the CSC regarding the Bidder’s proposal. Whether or not a shortlist process is used, the scores of any evaluation criterion above may be revised or informed based on the vendor interview.</p>	Interview may be used to revise / inform above scores

I. CONTRACT EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT

1. During the initial 120-day period of any contract awarded, the County may review the proposal, the contract, any goods or services provided, and/or meet with the Contractor to identify any issues or potential problems.
2. The County reserves the right to determine, at its sole discretion, whether:
 - a. The Contractor has complied with all terms of this RFP and the contract; and

- b. Any problems or potential problems with the proposed goods and/or services were evidenced, which makes it unlikely (even with possible modifications) that such goods and/or services have met or will meet the County requirements.
3. If, as a result of such determination, the County concludes that it is not satisfied with the Contractor's performance under any awarded contract and/or Contractor's goods and services as contracted for therein, the Contractor may be notified that the contract is being terminated. The Contractor must be responsible for returning County facilities to their original state at no charge to the County. The County will have the right to invite the next qualified Bidder(s) to enter into a contract. The County also reserves the right to re-bid this project if it is determined to be in its best interest to do so. The County's right to go to the next qualified Bidder(s) and/or rebid is not limited by the award of a contract or the 120-day period.

J. NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

1. At the conclusion of the RFP response evaluation period, all Bidders will be notified in writing by email of the contract award recommendation, if any, by CDA - Planning. The document providing this notification is the Notice of Intent to Award/Non-Award.

The Notice of Intent to Award/Non-Award will provide the following information:

- a. The name(s) of the Bidder(s) being recommended for contract award; and
 - b. The names of all other parties that submitted proposals.
2. The submitted proposals will be made available upon request no later than five calendar days before approval of the award and contract is scheduled to be considered by the Board of Supervisors.

K. BID PROTEST / APPEALS PROCESS

The County of Alameda prides itself on the establishment of fair and competitive contracting procedures and the commitment made to follow those procedures. The following is provided in the event that Bidders wish to protest the bid process or appeal the recommendation to award a contract once the Notices of Intent to Award/Non-Award have been issued. Bid protests submitted prior to issuance of the Notices of Intent to Award/Non-Award will not be accepted by the County.

1. Any bid protest must be submitted in writing by 5:00 p.m. on the SEVENTH (7th) calendar day following the date of issuance of the Notice of Intent to Award/ Non-Award, not the date received by the Bidder. The bid protest must be submitted to the office that has been designated for review of protests for this procurement (the Protest Evaluator). For this procurement, the Protest Evaluator is:

CDA–Planning Department
ATTN: Planning Director
SUBJECT: BID PROTEST
Email: planninginfo@acgov.org

A bid protest received after 5:00 p.m. is considered received as of the next calendar day. A protest received after 5:00 p.m. on the SEVENTH (7th) calendar day following the date of issuance of the Notice of Intent to Award/Non-Award will not be considered under any circumstances by the Protest Evaluator or their designee.

Generally, the County will promptly send an email acknowledging receipt of the protest; it is the responsibility of the protestor to confirm that the protest was timely received.

- a. The bid protest must contain a complete statement of the reasons and facts for the protest.
 - b. The protest must refer to the specific portions of all documents that form the basis for the protest.
 - c. The protest must include the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the person submitting the protest on behalf of the protesting party.
 - d. The Department Representatives will send a notification to Bidders if a protest is received.
2. The Protest Evaluator, or their designee, will review and evaluate the protest and issue a written decision. The Protest Evaluator may, at its discretion, do any of the following: investigate the protest, obtain additional information, provide an opportunity to settle the protest by mutual agreement, and/or schedule a meeting(s) with the protesting Bidder and others (as appropriate) to discuss the protest. The decision on the bid protest must be final prior to the Board hearing.

A notification of the decision will be communicated by email and/or US Postal Service mail to the protestor. Notification will be provided to Bidders when a decision has been made on the protest and whether or not the recommendation

to the Board of Supervisors in the Notice of Intent to Award/ Non-Award will stand.

3. The decision on the bid protest by the Protest Evaluator may be appealed to the Auditor-Controller's Office of Contract Compliance & Reporting (OCCR) located at 1221 Oak St., Room 249, Oakland, CA 94612, Email: OCCR@acgov.org, unless the OCCR determines that it has a conflict of interest in which case an alternate will be identified to hear the appeal and all steps to be taken by OCCR will be performed by the alternate. The Bidder whose bid is the subject of the protest, all Bidders affected by the Protest Evaluator's decision on the protest, and the protestor have the right to appeal if they feel the Protest Evaluator's decision is incorrect. All appeals to the Auditor-Controller's OCCR must be in writing and submitted within SEVEN (7) calendar days following the issuance of the decision, not the date the decision is received by the Bidder. An appeal received after 5:00 p.m. is considered received as of the next calendar day. An appeal received after 5:00 p.m. on the SEVENTH (7th) calendar day following the date of issuance of the decision by the Protest Evaluator will not be considered under any circumstances by the Auditor-Controller OCCR or their designee.
 - a. The appeal must specify the decision being appealed and all the facts and circumstances relied upon in support of the appeal.
 - b. In reviewing protest appeals, the OCCR will not re-judge the proposal(s). The appeal to the OCCR must be limited to a review of the procurement process to determine if the contracting department materially erred in following the bid or, if applicable, County contracting policies or other laws and regulations.
 - c. The appeal to the OCCR must be limited to the grounds raised in the original protest and the written decision by the Protest Evaluator. As such, a Bidder is prohibited from stating new grounds for a Bid protest in its appeal.
 - d. The Auditor's Office may overturn the results of a bid process for ethical violations by Procurement staff, County Selection Committee members, subject matter experts, or any other County staff managing or participating in the competitive bid process, regardless of timing or the contents of a bid protest.
 - e. The finding of the Auditor-Controller's OCCR is the final step of the appeal process. A copy of the finding of the Auditor-Controller's OCCR will be furnished to the protestor.

- f. The finding on the appeal must be issued before a recommendation to award the contract is considered and contract awarded by the Board of Supervisors.

- 4. The procedures and time limits set forth in this section are mandatory and are each Bidder's sole and exclusive remedy in the event of a bid protest. A Bidder's failure to timely complete both the bid protest and appeal procedures will be deemed a failure to exhaust administrative remedies. Failure to exhaust administrative remedies, or failure to comply otherwise with these procedures, will constitute a waiver of any right to further pursue the bid protest, including filing a Government Code Claim or legal proceedings.

L. TERM / TERMINATION / RENEWAL

- 1. The contract term, which may be awarded pursuant to this RFP, will begin on the date on which the standard services agreement is signed and will end on March 31, 2028 (approximately two years).

- 2. By mutual agreement, any contract, which may be awarded pursuant to this RFP, may be extended for an additional two years.

- 3. The County has and reserves the right to suspend, terminate or abandon the execution of any work, services and/or providing of goods by the Contractor without cause at any time upon giving the Contractor prior written notice. In the event that the County should abandon, terminate or suspend the Contractor's work, services and/or providing of goods, the Contractor will be entitled to payment for services provided hereunder prior to the effective date of said suspension, termination, or abandonment. The County may terminate the contract at any time for cause without written notice upon a material breach of contract or substandard or unsatisfactory performance by the Contractor. In the event of termination with cause, the County reserves the right to seek any and all damages from the Contractor. In the event of such termination, with or without cause, the County reserves the right to invite the next highest-ranked Bidder to enter into a contract or rebid the project if it is determined to be in its best interest to do so.

M. BRAND NAMES AND APPROVED EQUIVALENTS

- 1. Any references in this RFP, including Addendum and other documents, to manufacturers' trade names, brand names, and/or catalog numbers are intended to be descriptive but not restrictive unless otherwise stated and are intended to indicate the quality level desired. Unless otherwise noted, Bidders may offer any equivalent product that meets or exceeds the specifications; however, if the County, in its sole discretion, determines the product proposed is

not equivalent, the Bid may be disqualified, or a lower score awarded by the CSC. Bids based on equivalent products must:

- a. Clearly describe the alternate offered and indicate how it differs from the product specified; and
 - b. Include complete descriptive literature and/or specifications as PDF attachments to the online bid submission as proof that the proposed alternate will be equal to or better than the product named in this RFP.
2. The County reserves the right to be the sole judge of what is equal and acceptable. It may require Bidders to provide additional information and/or samples or disqualify the bid proposal.
 3. If Bidders do not specify otherwise, it is understood that the referenced brand will be supplied.

N. QUANTITIES

Quantities listed herein are estimates and are not to be construed as a commitment. No minimum or maximum is guaranteed or implied.

O. PRICING

1. All pricing as quoted will not increase, but except as noted below, remain fixed and firm for the term of any contract that may be awarded as a result of this RFP.
2. Unless otherwise stated, Bidder agrees that, in the event of a price decline, the benefit of such a lower price will be extended to the County.
3. Reasonable price increases or decreases for subsequent contract terms may be negotiated between Contractor and County after completion of the initial term.
4. Taxes and freight charges:
 - a. All prices are to be Freight On Board (F.O.B.) destination. Any freight/delivery charges are to be included in the bid price.
 - b. The County is soliciting a total price for this project. The price(s) quoted must be the total cost the County will pay for this project, including all taxes (excluding Sales and Use taxes) and all other charges.
 - c. No charge for delivery, drayage, express, parcel post packing, cartage, insurance, license fees, permits, costs of bonds, or for any other purpose,

except taxes legally payable by the County, will be paid by the County unless expressly included and itemized in the bid proposal.

- d. Amount paid for the transportation of property to the County of Alameda is exempt from Federal Transportation Tax. An exemption certificate is not required where the shipping papers show the consignee as Alameda County as such papers may be accepted by the carrier as proof of the exempt character of the shipment.
 - e. Articles sold to the County of Alameda are exempt from certain Federal excise taxes. If applicable, and upon request, the County will furnish an exemption certificate.
5. The total price must be divided, and costs advised for each of the following phases, described in greater detail in Section E – Specific Requirements:
- a. Task 1: Provide Project Coordination Services
 - b. Task 2: Foster Community Support for Trees and the Urban Forest
 - c. Task 3: Assess Existing Conditions
 - d. Task 4: Establish Urban Forestry Goals
 - e. Task 5: Identify Gaps and Opportunities
 - f. Task 6: Develop a Comprehensive Urban Forest Plan (UFP)
6. All prices quoted must be in United States dollars.
7. Price quotes must include any and all payment incentives available to the County.
8. In the evaluation of cost, if applicable, it will be assumed that the unit price quoted is correct in the case of a discrepancy between the unit price and an extension, and the Bidder must honor the unit price quoted.
9. Federal and State minimum wage laws apply. The County has no requirements for living wages. The County is not imposing any additional requirements regarding wages.

P. AWARD

- 1. Most Responsive and Responsible Bidder(s)
 - a. The award will be made to the highest-ranked Bidder(s) who meet the requirements of these specifications, terms, and conditions.
 - b. Awards may also be made to the subsequent highest ranked Bidder(s) who will be called in order should the County need to contract with another Bidder(s).

- c. An award will be recommended for the Bidder(s) that submitted the proposal(s) that best serves the overall interests of the County by attaining the highest overall point score. The award may not necessarily be made to the Bidder(s) with the lowest price.
2. **Federal Contract Provisions:** Funds used for payment of contract(s) awarded from this procurement may be from, or subject to reimbursement, by state and/or federal funds. Some of these funding sources require additional contractual obligations. Bidder must agree to federal contracting terms and conditions, that supplement the County's Standard Services Contract General Terms and Conditions which are attached as hereto as **Exhibit B, [ADDITIONAL CONTRACT PROVISIONS – FEDERAL PROVISION](#)**. The successful Bidder(s) must meet federal requirements and agree to the terms including, but not limited to, meeting all contracting requirements as set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200.326 and 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II.
3. **Small Local Emerging Business (SLEB) Program.** This Project's funding source prohibits the use of statutorily or administratively imposed state, local, or tribal geographical preferences in the evaluation of bids or proposals. The County's SLEB contracting policies do not apply to this RFP.
4. County Rights
 - a. The County reserves the right to reject any or all responses that materially differ from any terms contained in this RFP, including Exhibits and any Addendums, to waive informalities and minor irregularities in responses received, and to provide an opportunity for Bidders to correct minor and immaterial errors contained in their submissions. The decision as to what constitutes a minor irregularity will be made solely at the discretion of the County.
 - b. Any bid proposals that contain false or misleading information may be disqualified by the County.
 - c. The County reserves the right to award to a single or multiple Contractors.
 - d. The County reserves the right to conduct additional procurements for the same or similar goods and/or services or to award to additional contract(s), including to other Bidder(s), during the term of the contract if it determines that additional Contractors are needed to supplement goods and/or services being provided.
 - e. The County has the right to decline to award this contract or any part thereof for any reason.

5. Procedures

- a. Board approval to award a contract is required.
- b. A contract must be fully executed by the recommended awardee and the County prior to any services and goods being provided or work being performed.
- c. The County uses its Standard Services Agreement terms and conditions for purchases and services. Any terms that are not acceptable to a Bidder must be identified on the [Exceptions and Clarifications](#) form in Exhibit A - Bid Response Packet. Bidder may access a copy of the Standard Services Agreement template at:

[**Alameda County Federal Standard Services Agreement Template**](#)

[\[https://acgovt.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/GSADigitalLibrary/EcP9Z6qYJsVEtFJU8ZTS-7MBs6nT4AjOufE4yZTg-KoJGA?e=yyvBfu\]](https://acgovt.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/GSADigitalLibrary/EcP9Z6qYJsVEtFJU8ZTS-7MBs6nT4AjOufE4yZTg-KoJGA?e=yyvBfu)

The template contains minimal standard language and specific contract terms, including the scope of services that may be drafted and negotiated based on this RFP and the bid proposal(s). As noted above, **Exhibit B, [ADDITIONAL CONTRACT PROVISIONS – FEDERAL PROVISION](#)**, will be part of the contract.

- d. The RFP specifications, terms, conditions, Exhibits, RFP Addenda, and Bidder’s proposal may be incorporated into and made a part of any contract that may be awarded as a result of this RFP.

Q. METHOD OF ORDERING

1. A written Purchase Order (PO) will be issued after an executed contract and Board approval. If there is any conflict in terms of any PO and the executed contract, the contract will control, even if a PO is issued later. Payment cannot be made to any Contractor until a PO is issued.
2. POs and payments for goods and/or services will be issued only in the name of the Contractor, as identified on the contract.
3. The Contractor must adapt to changes to the method of ordering procedures as required by the County during the term of the contract.
4. Any change orders must be agreed upon in writing by Contractor and County and issued as needed by County.
5. Written PO will be issued upon approval of written itemized quotations received from the Contractor.

6. Individual order price quotations must be provided upon request per project. They must include, but not be limited to, an identifying (quotation) number, date, requestor name, and phone number, ship-to location, itemization of products and/or services with complete description (including model numbers, fabric and finish grade, description, color, etc.) and price per item and a summary of the total cost for the product, services, shipping, and tax.

R. WARRANTY

1. Bidder expressly warrants that all goods and/or services to be furnished pursuant to any contract awarded arising from the proposal will conform to the descriptions and specifications contained herein, in the submitted proposal, and in supplier catalogs, product brochures, and other representations, depictions or models, and will be free from defects, of merchantable quality, good material, and workmanship. Bidder expressly warrants that all goods and/or services to be furnished pursuant to such award will be fit and sufficient for the purpose(s) intended. This warranty must survive any inspections, delivery, acceptance, or payment by the County. Bidder warrants that all goods and/or work and/or services furnished hereunder will be guaranteed for a period of 3 years from the date of acceptance by the County.

S. INVOICING

1. Contractor must invoice the requesting department, unless otherwise directed by County, upon satisfactory receipt of goods and/or performance of services.
2. County will use reasonable efforts to make payment within 30 days following receipt and review of invoice and complete satisfactory receipt of goods and/or performance of services.
3. County will notify the Contractor of any adjustments or corrections that must be made to receive payment on an invoice.
4. Invoices submitted by the Contractor must contain the County PO number, invoice number, remit to address, itemized goods and/or services description, and price as quoted and must be accompanied by an acceptable proof of delivery and any other information requested by the County.
5. Contractor must utilize a standardized invoice format upon request.
6. Invoices must be issued by, and payments made to, the Contractor who is awarded a contract.

7. The County will pay the Contractor, after receipt and approval of an invoice, monthly, not to exceed the total contract amount. The County will not pay for goods and/or services in advance.
8. In the event the Contractor's performance and/or deliverable goods have been deemed unsatisfactory by a review committee, the County reserves the right to withhold future payments until the performance and/or deliverable goods are deemed satisfactory.

T. **FEDERAL STOP WORK ORDER.** Bidder acknowledges and agrees that performance of any contract awarded pursuant to this RFP is subject to the authority of the Federal Government to issue a stop work order, at any time, and the Federal Government may refuse to pay federal funds associated with the Project which may be owed to the Consultant. The County has no control over the issuance, duration, or scope of any such federal stop work order by the Federal Government. The contract between the County and Consultant will provide that Consultant agrees that the County shall not be liable for any costs, expenses, losses, or damages resulting from or related to a federal stop work order.

U. **ACCOUNT MANAGER / SUPPORT STAFF**

1. The Contractor must provide dedicated support staff to be the primary contact for all issues regarding the response to this RFP and any contract which may arise pursuant to this RFP.
2. Contractor must also provide adequate, competent support staff that will be able to service the County during normal working hours, Monday through Friday, or as otherwise identified in this RFP. Such representative(s) must be knowledgeable about the contract, products, and/or services offered and able to identify and resolve quickly any issues, including but not limited to order and invoicing problems.
3. Contractor must provide a dedicated, competent account manager who will be responsible for the County account/contract and receive all orders. Contractor account manager must be familiar with County requirements and standards and work with the department. to ensure that established standards are adhered to. This includes keeping the County Contract Administrator informed of department requests as needed.

III. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

V. **COUNTY CONTACTS**

1. CDA – Planning is managing the competitive process for this project on behalf of the County. All contact during the competitive process is to be through the CDA

– Planning Department only. Any communication regarding this RFP with other County personnel may result in disqualification.

2. The evaluation phase of the competitive process will begin upon receipt of sealed bid proposals and continue until a contract has been awarded.
3. Contact Information for this RFP:

Alison Abbors, Senior Planner
Alameda County, CDA – Planning
224 W. Winton Ave, Suite 111
Hayward, CA 94544
Email: alison.abbors@acgov.org
Phone: 510-670-5428
4. The GSA Contracting Opportunities website will be the official notification posting place of all bid documents related to this RFP. Each Bidder is responsible for checking the website for any Addendums and other notices related to this RFP. Go to [Alameda County Current Contracting Opportunities](https://gsa.acgov.org/do-business-with-us/contracting-opportunities/) [<https://gsa.acgov.org/do-business-with-us/contracting-opportunities/>] to view the posting for this RFP and other current contracting opportunities.

W. SUBMITTAL OF PROPOSALS

1. Document Submittal
 - a. All proposal documents must be completed and submitted via email as a PDF on the due date specified in the Calendar of Events. The County strongly recommends submitting early; technical difficulties in submitting documents will not extend the due date and time. No hardcopy or facsimile proposals will be considered.
 - b. Bidders **must** submit an electronic version of their proposal in a PDF file, preferably a single file if 20 MB or less.
 - c. The submitted proposal must conform to and include Exhibit A – Bid Response Packet, as amended or revised by Addendum, including additional required documentation. **A Bidder may be disqualified if the most current version of Exhibit A, as revised and published through Addenda, is not used.**
 - d. In whole or in part, proposal responses are NOT to be marked confidential or proprietary. The County may refuse to consider any proposal or part thereof so marked. Bid proposals submitted in response to this RFP may be subject to public disclosure, even if marked

confidential or proprietary. The County will not be liable in any way for disclosure of any such records. Please refer to the County's website at [Alameda County Proprietary and Confidential Information Policies](https://gsa.acgov.org/do-business-with-us/contracting-opportunities/policies-procedures/proprietary-confidential-information/) [https://gsa.acgov.org/do-business-with-us/contracting-opportunities/policies-procedures/proprietary-confidential-information/].

- e. For the proposals to be considered complete, the Bidder **must** provide responses to all information requested in Exhibit A – Bid Response Packet, as revised by any Addenda.

2. Submissions Processes

- a. All costs required for the preparation and submission of a proposal must be borne by the Bidder.
- b. Only one bid proposal will be accepted from any one person, partnership, corporation, or other entity; however, several alternatives may be included in one response. For purposes of this requirement, "partnership" will mean, and is limited to, a legal partnership formed under one or more of the provisions of California or other state's Corporations Code or an equivalent statute.
- c. The final award information will be posted on the County's "Contracting Opportunities" website.
- d. The County reserves the right to reject any proposal.
- e. All bid proposals must remain open to acceptance and irrevocable for a period of not less than 180 days unless otherwise specified in the bid documents.

3. Legal Requirements

- a. "In submitting a bid to a public purchasing body, the Bidder offers and agrees that if the bid is accepted, it will assign to the purchasing body all rights, title, and interest in and to all causes of action it may have under Section 4 of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. Sec. or under the Cartwright Act (Chapter 2, commencing with Section 16700, of Part 2 of Division 7 of the Business and Professions Code), arising from purchases of goods, materials, or services by the Bidder for sale to the purchasing body pursuant to the bid. Such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the purchasing body tenders final payment to the Bidder". (California Government Code Section 4552).
- b. By submitting a bid proposal, the Bidder expressly acknowledges that it is aware that if a false claim is knowingly submitted (as the terms "claim"

and “knowingly” are defined in the California False Claims Act, Cal. Gov. Code, §12650 et seq.), County will be entitled to civil remedies set forth in the California False Claim Act. Such actions may also be considered fraud and subject to criminal prosecution.

- c. The Bidder, by submitting a proposal, certifies that it is, at the time of bidding, and will be, throughout the period of the contract, licensed by the State of California to do the type of work required under the terms of the RFP and contract documents. Bidder further certifies that it is regularly engaged in the general class and type of work called for in the RFP and contract documents.

- d. The Bidder, by submitting a proposal, certifies that it is not, at the time of bidding, on the California Department of General Services (DGS) list of persons determined to be engaged in investment activities in Iran or otherwise in violation of the Iran Contracting Act of 2010 (Public Contract Code Section 2200-2208).



EXHIBIT A

BID RESPONSE PACKET

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please read **EXHIBIT A – Bid Response Packet** carefully; **INCOMPLETE BID PROPOSALS MAY BE REJECTED.** Alameda County will not accept submissions or documentation after the bid response due date. Successful uploading of a document does not equal acceptance of the document by Alameda County.
2. The bid proposal must comply with all requirements contained in the RFP. **It is strongly recommended that Bidders verify and review all Addenda to confirm the use of the most current forms and provide all information requested.**
3. The bid proposal submission must conform to and include Exhibit A – Bid Response Packet, as amended or revised by Addendum, including additional required documentation. **A Bidder may be disqualified if the most current version of Exhibit A, as revised and published through Addenda, is not used.**
4. The following pages require confirmation, declaration, and /or a signature (✍). These must be either: (1) be printed and have an original signature(s); or (2) be digitally signed via a DocuSign, CongaSign, or other verifiable independent electronic signature services. All signatures must be by an individual authorized to bind the Bidder. These pages must then be submitted via email as specified in the Calendar of Events as part of Bidder’s proposal.
 - a. Exhibit A – Bid Response Packet, [Bidder Acceptance](#)
 - b. Exhibit A – Bid Response Packet, [Debarment and Suspension Certification](#)
 - c. Exhibit B-1 – [Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements; CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING \(APPENDIX A, 44 C.F.R. PART 18\)](#)
5. Each page of the Bid Response Packet must be submitted via email as PDF attachment(s) as specified in the Calendar of Events with all required information included and documents attached; any pages of the Bid Response Packet not applicable to the Bidders are to be submitted with such pages or items clearly marked “N/A” or the bid proposal may be disqualified as incomplete.
6. Bidders must not modify the Bid Response Packet or any other County-provided document unless instructed to do so, or the bid proposal may be disqualified.
7. Bidders must quote price(s) as specified in the RFP.

8. Any clarifications or exceptions to policies or specifications of this RFP, including all Addenda and other documents must be submitted in the [Exceptions and Clarifications](#) form of the Bid Response Packet.
9. Bidders must read all information and follow directions in this RFP.
10. File names are restricted to 64 characters for all files emailed as part of any bid proposal. The file extension (e.g., ".pdf" or ".xls") is counted as part of the file name character limit. Attempting to email file with a file name longer than 64 characters may result in an error message or failure to load.
11. **Bidders who do not comply with the requirements and/or submit incomplete bid proposal packages are subject to disqualification and their bid proposals rejected.**



COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

EXHIBIT A BID RESPONSE PACKET

RFP No. PLN2025-003

**Unincorporated Area Urban Forest Plan
and Tree Inventory**

BIDDER INFORMATION

Official Name of Bidder (Company):					
Street Address Line 1:					
Street Address Line 2:					
City:		State:		Zip Code:	
Webpage:					

Type of Entity / Organizational Structure (check one):

- Corporation
 Joint Venture
 Partnership
 Limited Liability Partnership
 Limited Liability Corporation
 Sole Proprietor
 Non-Profit
 Other:

Jurisdiction of Organizational Structure:	
Date of Organizational Structure:	
Federal Tax Identification Number:	
Alameda County Supplier Identification Number (if applicable):	
DIR Contractor Registration Number (if applicable):	


Primary Contact Information:

Name / Title:			
Telephone Number:		Alternate Number:	
Email Address:			

BIDDER ACCEPTANCE

1. The undersigned declares that the procurement bid documents, including, without limitation, the RFP, Q&A, Addenda, and Exhibits (the Bid Documents), have been read and accepted.
2. The undersigned has reviewed the Bid Documents and fully understands the requirements for this RFP, including, but not limited to, general County requirements, and that each Bidder who is awarded a contract must be, in fact, a prime Contractor, not a subcontractor, to County, and agrees that its bid proposal, if accepted by County, will be the basis for the Bidder to enter into a contract with County in accordance with the intent of the Bid Documents.
3. The undersigned agrees to the following terms, conditions, certifications, and requirements found on the County's website:
 - a. **[General Requirements](https://gsa.acgov.org/do-business-with-us/contracting-opportunities/policies-procedures/general-requirements/)**
[<https://gsa.acgov.org/do-business-with-us/contracting-opportunities/policies-procedures/general-requirements/>]
 - b. **[Debarment & Suspension Policy](https://gsa.acgov.org/do-business-with-us/contracting-opportunities/debarment-suspension-policy/)**
[<https://gsa.acgov.org/do-business-with-us/contracting-opportunities/debarment-suspension-policy/>]
 - c. **[Iran Contracting Act \(ICA\) of 2010](https://gsa.acgov.org/do-business-with-us/contracting-opportunities/policies-procedures/iran-contracting-act-of-2010-ica/)**
[<https://gsa.acgov.org/do-business-with-us/contracting-opportunities/policies-procedures/iran-contracting-act-of-2010-ica/>]
 - d. **[General Environmental Requirements](https://gsa.acgov.org/do-business-with-us/contracting-opportunities/policies-procedures/general-environmental-requirements/)**
[<https://gsa.acgov.org/do-business-with-us/contracting-opportunities/policies-procedures/general-environmental-requirements/>]
4. The undersigned acknowledges that Bidder is and will remain in good standing in the State of California, with all the necessary licenses, permits, certifications, approvals, and authorizations necessary to perform all obligations in connection with this RFP and any contract that is awarded.
5. The undersigned acknowledges that any contract that may be awarded from this procurement is or may be funded in whole or part with federal funds and that it will abide by all federal funding requirements.
6. The undersigned acknowledges that it is the responsibility of each Bidder to be familiar with all of the specifications, terms, and conditions of the RFP and, if applicable, the site condition. By the submission of a bid proposal, the Bidder certifies that if awarded a contract, they will make no claim against the County based upon ignorance of conditions or misunderstanding of the specifications.
7. Bidder agrees to hold the County of Alameda, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from liability of any nature or kind, including cost and expenses, for infringement or use of any patent, copyright, or other proprietary rights, secret process, patented or unpatented invention, article or appliance furnished or used in connection with bid proposal and/or any resulted contract or purchase order.

8. By signing below, the signatory warrants and represents that the signer has completed, acknowledged, and agreed to this Bidder Acceptance in their authorized capacity and that by their signature on this Bidder Acceptance, they and the entity upon behalf of which they acted, acknowledged and agreed to this Bidder Acceptance and that all are true and correct and are made under penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of California.

<p>BIDDER (COMPANY): _____</p> <p>NAME/TITLE OF AUTHORIZED SIGNER: _____</p> <p>SIGNATURE:  _____ DATE: _____</p>


DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION (PROCUREMENTS \$25,000 AND OVER)

The Bidder, under penalty of perjury, certifies that, except as noted below, Bidder, its principal, and any named and unnamed subcontractor:

- Is not currently under suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion, or determination of ineligibility by any federal agency;
- Has not been suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded or determined ineligible by any federal agency within the past three years;
- Does not have a proposed debarment pending; and
- Has not been indicted, convicted, or had a civil judgment rendered against it by a court of competent jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct within the past three years.

If there are any exceptions to this certification, insert the exceptions in the following space. For any exception noted, indicate to whom it applies, initiating agency, and dates of action. Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of the award but will be considered in determining Contractor responsibility.

Notes: Providing false information may result in criminal prosecution or administrative sanctions. The above certification is part of the Proposal. Signing this Response on the signature portion thereof will also constitute the signature of this Certification.

<p>BIDDER (COMPANY): _____</p> <p>NAME/TITLE OF AUTHORIZED SIGNER: _____</p> <p>SIGNATURE:  _____ DATE: _____</p>
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BIDDER MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Instructions: Bidder must respond and/or provide support documentation that fulfills all the minimum qualifications as identified in the RFP documents.

The Bidder must provide proof of any other permits, licenses, and/or professional credentials necessary to supply products and perform services as specified in this RFP if requested by the County.

Maximum Length: None

BID/BUDGET FORM(S)

Instructions: Bidder is to provide a **Bid/Budget Form**.

Bid proposals that do not comply may be rejected.

Bidders may use a budget template of their own choice; however, all costs attributed to the project under the awarded contract **MUST** be listed in the Bid/Budget Form and described in the Budget Detail (see following page). The Bid/Budget Form must itemize, at minimum, the tasks described in Section E (Specific Requirements) of the RFP. The cost quoted must include all taxes (excluding sales and use tax), reimbursables, and all other charges, including travel expenses. The price quoted will be the maximum cost the County will pay for the term of any contract resulting from this RFP.

By submitting a Bid/Budget Form, Bidder certifies to County that all representations, certifications, and statements made by Bidder are true and correct and are made under penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of California.

BUDGET DETAIL AND/OR COST NARRATIVE

Instructions: Bidder is to provide a **Budget Detail/Cost Narrative**.

The *Budget Detail* must provide a breakdown of the cost(s) listed in the *BUDGET/BID FORM*. Bidders may use a budget template of their own choice; however, all costs attributed to the project under the awarded contract **MUST** be listed and described in the *Budget Detail*.

In the case of a discrepancy between the unit price and an extension, the unit price will be used for evaluation purposes unless the County, in its sole discretion, determines the extension to be more favorable.

At a minimum, the Bidder must detail:

1. The work to be performed and all associated costs.
 - a. If coordination with County personnel is needed, it should also be described in the Budget Detail.
 - b. The work to be performed must clearly match up with work performed in the Description of Proposed Services (below).
2. The position and cost of individuals that will perform the services.
 - a. Names of Key Personnel must be included in the narrative; however, they may also be identified in the budget, or identification may be made by position title or program.
 - b. The estimated number of hours for each individual/position, corresponding hourly rates, and extended costs.

Maximum Length: None

TABLE OF KEY PERSONNEL

Instructions: Bidder is to provide a **Table of Key Personnel**. The table is to include all essential personnel associated with providing services to the County, including collaborating partners.

To appropriately evaluate Bidder's qualifications, the table should include the following information for each key person:

1. The person's relationship with Bidder, including job title and years of employment with Bidder.
2. Work contact information includes, but is not limited to, the following: work address, office telephone number, mobile work number, and work email address.
3. The person's role in connection with the RFP and any awarded contract.
4. Educational background; and
5. Related experience on similar projects, certifications, and merits.

If a Bidder collaborates with any other partners or subcontractors, the Bidder must identify all key personnel, subcontractors, subcontractor qualifications, and how they plan to work together. Bidder must identify any existing agreements or MOUs between the Bidder(s) and proposed collaborator(s).

Maximum Length: There is no limit to the table. There is, however, a 2-page limit per résumé or curriculum vitae. Résumé and curriculum vitae are subject to public disclosure and business addresses should be used not home addresses.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED SERVICES

Instructions: Bidder is to provide a **Description of Proposed Services**.

The *Description of Proposed Service* must describe the overall services. The Bidder must address how they will meet or exceed each requirement listed in Section E (SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS) and Section F (DELIVERABLES/REPORTS).

At a minimum, the Bidder must include the following details:

1. Describe how Bidder will meet the program's desired overall goals, anticipated outcomes, measurable objectives, and critical tasks, including how key personnel will be responsible for achieving them.
2. Detail existing data collection infrastructure and demonstrate the ability to interface with County's database(s) or software as described in the RFP and/or provide reporting data to the County for maximum efficiency.
3. Explain any unique resources, procedures, or approaches that make the services of Bidder responsive to meeting the minimum qualifications and requirements of the RFP.
4. Identify any limitations or restrictions that exist for the Bidder to provide the services. Explain what measures will be taken to adequately provide the services. (Please note any requests for exceptions or clarifications **MUST** be identified on the [Exceptions and Clarifications](#) form. **The County is under no obligation to accept any exceptions or clarifications, and any such exceptions and clarifications may be a basis for bid disqualification.**)

Maximum Length: NONE

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND SCHEDULE

Instructions: Bidder is to provide an **Implementation Plan and Schedule**.

In conjunction with the *Description of Proposed Services* and the *Budget Detail*, the Bidder must include an *Implementation Plan and Schedule* that specifically addresses the following:

1. A timeline of project goals, measurable outcomes, and benchmark activities related to the provision of required services and the key personnel assigned to each.
2. The ideal Implementation Plan and Schedule will provide a clear picture of what the County can expect during the contract term and in preparing to start the contract. Bidders should consider the information and questions contained in the Evaluation Criteria and Specific Requirements in preparing the Implementation Plan and Schedule.

Maximum Length: NONE

REFERENCES

Instructions: On the following page is the template that Bidders are to use for providing references. Bidders are to provide a list of three (3) to five (5) references. References must be satisfactory as deemed solely by County.

Services or goods provided by Bidders to the references should have similar scope, volume, and requirements to those outlined in these specifications, terms, and conditions.

Bidder must currently be providing goods and/or services for at least two of the references or have done so within the last five years.

Bidders should verify that the contact information for all references provided is current and valid. If a reference cannot be contacted, it may affect the qualification and scoring of the Bidders' bid proposals.

Bidders are strongly encouraged to notify all references that the County may be contacting them to obtain a reference.

The County may contact some or all the references provided in order to determine items such as Bidders' years of experience and performance records on work similar to that described in this request.

The County reserves the right to contact individuals/entities for references other than those provided in the Response and to use any information obtained in the evaluation process.

NOTE: Bidders should not list the County department requesting services/goods as part of the references.

REFERENCES

RFP No. PLN2025-003

Unincorporated Area Urban Forest Plan and Tree Inventory

Bidder Name: _____

Company Name:	Contact Person:
Address:	Telephone Number:
City, State, Zip:	Email Address:
Services Provided / Date(s) of Service:	

Company Name:	Contact Person:
Address:	Telephone Number:
City, State, Zip:	Email Address:
Services Provided / Date(s) of Service:	

Company Name:	Contact Person:
Address:	Telephone Number:
City, State, Zip:	Email Address:
Services Provided / Date(s) of Service:	

Company Name:	Contact Person:
Address:	Telephone Number:
City, State, Zip:	Email Address:
Services Provided / Date(s) of Service:	

Company Name:	Contact Person:
Address:	Telephone Number:
City, State, Zip:	Email Address:
Services Provided / Date(s) of Service:	

*Use additional pages as necessary

EXCEPTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

Instructions: Bidders must use the **Exceptions and Clarifications** form to identify and list below any and all exceptions and/or clarifications to the RFP and associated Bid Documents and submit them with the bid proposal.

THE COUNTY IS UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO ACCEPT ANY EXCEPTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS; ANY SUCH EXCEPTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS MAY BE A BASIS FOR BID PROPOSAL DISQUALIFICATION.

Reference to:			Description
Page No.	Section	Item No.	
p. 23	D	1.c.	<i>Bidder takes exception to...</i>

*Use additional pages as necessary

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Instructions: Insurance certificates are not required at the time of submission; however, by signing the Bid Response Packet and submitting a bid proposal, the Bidder agrees to meet the minimum insurance requirements and provide any documentation requested by County upon request.

Insurance documentation must be provided to the County before award and include an insurance certificate and additional insured certificate, naming the County of Alameda, which meets the minimum insurance requirements, as stated in the RFP.

The following pages contains the minimum insurance limits required by the County of Alameda to be held by the Contractor performing on a contract issued from this RFP:

COUNTY OF ALAMEDA MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Insurance Requirements can also be viewed here:

https://acgov.org/cao/rmu/documents/STD_Exh_C1_Standard.pdf

Without limiting any other obligation or liability under this Agreement, the Contractor, at its sole cost and expense, shall secure and keep in force during the entire term of the Agreement or longer, as may be specified below, the following minimum insurance coverage, limits and endorsements. The County reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances. If the contractor maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown below, the County requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or the higher limits maintained by the Contractor. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to the County.

TYPE OF INSURANCE COVERAGES		MINIMUM LIMITS
A	Commercial General Liability Premises Liability; Products and Completed Operations; Contractual Liability; Personal Injury and Advertising Liability	\$1,000,000 per occurrence (CSL) Bodily Injury and Property Damage
B	Commercial or Business Automobile Liability All owned vehicles, hired or leased vehicles, non-owned, borrowed and permissive uses. Personal Automobile Liability when extended to cover your business is acceptable for individual contractors with no transportation or hauling related activities	\$1,000,000 per occurrence (CSL) Any Auto or Hired and Non-Owned Autos Bodily Injury and Property Damage
C	Workers' Compensation (WC) and Employers Liability (EL) As required by State of California	WC: Statutory Limits EL: No less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease

D	<p>Endorsements and Conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ADDITIONAL INSURED: County of Alameda, its Board of Supervisors, the individual members thereof, and all County officers, agents, employees, volunteers, and representatives are to be covered as additional insureds on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the Contractor's insurance (at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or if not available, through the addition of both CG 20 10, CG 20 26, CG 20 33, or CG 20 38; and CG 20 37 if a later edition is used). Auto policy shall contain, or be endorsed to contain additional insured coverage for the County. 2. DURATION OF COVERAGE: All required insurance shall be maintained during the entire term of the Agreement. In addition, Insurance policies and coverage(s) written on a claims-made basis shall be maintained and evidence of insurance must be provided during the entire term of the Agreement and for at least five (5) years following the later of termination of the Agreement and acceptance of all work provided under the Agreement, with the retroactive date of said insurance (as may be applicable) concurrent with the commencement of activities pursuant to this Agreement. If coverage is cancelled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a Retroactive Date prior to the contract effective date, the Contractor must purchase "extended reporting" coverage for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of work. Proof of workers' compensation insurance coverage is not required if contractor provides a signed Workers Compensation Written Declaration of Compliance. 3. REDUCTION OR LIMIT OF OBLIGATION: All insurance policies, including excess and umbrella insurance policies, shall be primary and non-contributory coverage at least as broad as ISO CG 20 10 04 13 as respects the County, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor' insurance and shall not contribute with it. Pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement insurance effected or procured by the Contractor shall not reduce or limit Contractor's contractual obligation to indemnify and defend the Indemnified Parties. 4. INSURER FINANCIAL RATING: Insurance shall be maintained through an insurer with an A.M. Best Rating of no less than A:VII or equivalent, shall be admitted to the State of California unless otherwise acceptable by Risk Management, and with deductible amounts acceptable to the County. Acceptance of Contractor's insurance by County shall not relieve or decrease the liability of Contractor hereunder. Self-insured retentions must be declared and approved. Any deductible or self-insured retention amount or other similar obligation under the policies shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor. The policy language shall provide or be endorsed to provide, that the self-insured retention may be satisfied by either the named insured or County. 5. SUBCONTRACTORS: Contractor shall include all subcontractors as an insured (covered party) under its policies or shall verify that the subcontractor, under its own policies and endorsements, has complied with the insurance requirements in this Agreement, including this Exhibit. 6. JOINT VENTURES: If Contractor is an association, partnership or other joint business venture, required insurance shall be provided by one of the following methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Separate insurance policies issued for each individual entity, with each entity included as a "Named Insured" (covered party), or at minimum named as an "Additional Insured" on the other's policies. Coverage shall be at least as broad as in the ISO Forms named above. – Joint insurance program with the association, partnership or other joint business venture included as a "Named Insured". 7. CANCELLATION OF INSURANCE: Each insurance policy required above shall provide that coverage shall not be cancelled, except with notice of cancellation provided to the County in accordance with policy terms and conditions. 8. CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE: Before commencing operations under this Agreement, Contractor shall provide Certificate(s) of insurance and applicable insurance endorsements as set forth in the provisions of this Agreement and this Exhibit C, in forms satisfactory to County, evidencing that all required insurance coverage is in effect. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the Contractor's obligation to provide them. The County reserves the right to require the Contractor to provide complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.
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EXHIBIT B

ADDITIONAL CONTRACT PROVISIONS – FEDERAL PROVISION

Funds used for payment of this Contract may be from or subject to reimbursement by state and/or federal funds. Some of these funding sources require additional contractual obligations and County and Contractor hereby agree to the following additional terms and conditions. The parties agree to each of these terms for reasons including, but not limited to, meeting all contracting requirements as set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200.326 and 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II. These terms supplement the General Terms and Conditions.

I. General Provisions

- A. **Remedies.** In the event of a breach by Contractor of any term or provision of this Agreement, the County shall have the right to pursue all available remedies at law or equity, including recovery of damages and specific performance of this Agreement. The parties hereto agree that monetary damages would not provide adequate compensation for any losses incurred by reason of a breach by Contractor of any of the provisions of this Agreement and hereby further agrees that, in the event of any action for specific performance in respect of such breach, Contractor shall waive the defense that a remedy at law would be adequate. Except as expressly provided elsewhere in this Agreement, each party's rights and remedies under this Agreement are cumulative and in addition to, not exclusive of or in substitution for, any rights or remedies otherwise available to that party.
- B. **Termination.** The County may suspend, terminate, or abandon the execution of any work by the Contractor under this Contract with or without cause at any time upon giving the Contractor prior written notice. In the event that the County should abandon, terminate, or suspend the Contractor's work, the Contractor shall be entitled to payment for services provided hereunder prior to the effective date of said suspension, termination, or abandonment, but in no event shall Contractor be entitled to more than the not to exceed amount of the Contract, or if applicable, the portion of the Contract being terminated.
- C. **Equal Employment Opportunity.** During the performance of this contract, Contractor agrees as follows:
 1. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
 2. The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for

employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

3. The Contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.
4. The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965 and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
5. The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
6. The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to their books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
7. In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this Contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this Contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
8. The Contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph 1 and the provisions of paragraphs 1 through 8 in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the County may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in,

or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

Contractor further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work: Provided, that if the Contractor so participating is a State or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the contract.

The Contractor agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance.

The Contractor further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive Order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon contractors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive Order. In addition, the Contractor agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the applicant under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such Contractor and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.

These provisions are included in addition to the Equal Employment Opportunity Practices Provisions in the General Terms and Conditions and Contractor shall abide by both provisions.

- D. **Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement.** If this Contract is funded in whole or part by a Federal award of funds and the Contract and/or funding meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR § 401.2 (a) and the Contractor (the "recipient or subrecipient") wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient shall comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency. This requirement applies to "funding agreements," but it does not apply to the Public Assistance,

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Fire Management Assistance Grant Program, Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Grant Program, Disaster Case Management Grant Program, and Federal Assistance to Individuals and Households – Other Needs Assistance Grant Program, as FEMA awards under these programs do not meet the definition of “funding agreement.”

E. **Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.** The following provisions apply for all contracts in excess of \$150,000:

1. **Clean Air Act** (42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q).

- a. The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.
- b. The Contractor agrees to report each violation of the Clean Air Act to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- c. The Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

2. **Federal Water Pollution Control Act** (33 U.S.C. 1251–1387).

- a. The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.
- b. The Contractor agrees to report each violation of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- c. The Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

F. **Debarment and Suspension.** In addition to the debarment and suspension requirements in the General Terms and Conditions and executed Debarment certificate, the following terms shall apply:

1. This Contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such, the Contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor’s principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995) or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

2. The Contractor shall comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, and shall include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters.
 3. This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by the County. If it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available the County, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.
 4. The Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C throughout the period of the Contract. The Contractor further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered contracts.
- G. **Conflict of Interest.** By executing this Contract, Contractor certifies that it does not know of any fact which constitutes a violation of Section 66 of County's Charter; Title 9, Chapter 7 of the California Government Code (Section 87100 et seq.), or Title 1, Division 4, Chapter 1, Article 4 of the California Government Code (Section 1090 et seq.), and further agrees promptly to notify the County if it becomes aware of any such fact during the term of this Contract. In addition, Contractor shall be in full compliance with all other conflict of interest requirements, including those contained in 2 C.F.R. § 200.318.
- H. **Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment.** For any contract of \$100,000 or more, Contractor shall complete the required certification (included below) Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient who in turn will forward the certification(s) to the County.
- I. **Procurement of recovered materials.**
1. In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired—
 - a. Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the Contract performance schedule;
 - b. Meeting Contract performance requirements; or
 - c. At a reasonable price.
 2. Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designated items, is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program>.

3. The Contractor also agrees to comply with all other applicable requirements of Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act.

J. Access to Records.

1. The Contractor agrees to provide the County, the Federal Awarding Agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.
2. The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
3. The Contractor agrees to provide the Federal Awarding Agency or its authorized representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.
4. In compliance with the Disaster Recovery Act of 2018, the County and the Contractor acknowledge and agree that no language in this Contract is intended to prohibit audits or internal reviews by the Federal Awarding Agency or the Comptroller General of the United States.

- K. Changes.** The cost of any change, modification, change order, or constructive change shall be allowable, allocable, within the scope of a funding grant or cooperative agreement, and reasonable for the completion of project scope. Changes can be made by either party to alter the method, price, or schedule of the work without breaching the Contract by entering a written amendment executed by authorized representatives. The Contract may not be modified except by a written document signed by both parties. It is mutually understood and agreed that no alterations or variations of the terms of this Contract shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties hereto, and that no oral understanding or agreement not incorporated herein, shall be binding on any of the parties hereto.

- L. Seal, Logo, And Flags.** The Contractor shall not use the Department of Homeland Security, or any other Federal, state or local seals, logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of agency officials without specific Federal Awarding Agency pre-approval.

- M. Compliance with Federal Law, Regulations, and Executive Orders.** This is an acknowledgement that Federal financial assistance may be used to fund all or a portion of the contract. The Contractor will comply with all applicable Federal law, regulations, executive orders, Federal Awarding Agency policies, procedures, and directives.

- N. No Obligation of Federal Government.** The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the Contract.

- O. Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts.** The Contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the Contractor's actions pertaining to this Contract.

- P. **Local Preferences:** To the extent that any local preferences are prohibited by funding, SLEB and other local preferences and policies have already been or are waived.
- Q. **Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act** (40 U.S.C. 3701–3708). For all contracts in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers, the following provisions, from 29 C.F.R §5.5(b) shall apply:
1. Overtime requirements. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.
 2. Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section, in the sum of \$26 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section.
 3. Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The County shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2) of this section.
 4. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (1) through (4) of this section and a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime Contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section.
- R. **Domestic Preferences for Procurements.** As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the contractor and their subcontractor(s), to the greatest extent practicable, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section shall be included in all subawards

including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award. For purposes of this section:

1. “Produced in the United States” means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.
2. “Manufactured products” means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

S. Prohibition on Contracting for Covered Telecommunications Equipment and Services.

1. Definitions. As used in this clause, the terms backhaul; covered foreign country; covered telecommunications equipment or services; interconnection arrangements; roaming; substantial or essential component; and telecommunications equipment or services have the meaning as defined in FEMA Policy 405-143-1, Prohibitions on Expending FEMA Award Funds for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services (Interim), as used in this clause—
2. Prohibitions.
 - a. Section 889(b) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, Pub. L. No. 115-232, and 2 C.F.R. § 200.216 prohibit the head of an executive agency on or after Aug.13, 2020, from obligating or expending grant, cooperative agreement, loan, or loan guarantee funds on certain telecommunications products or from certain entities for national security reasons.
 - b. Unless an exception in paragraph (3) of this clause applies, the contractor and its subcontractors may not use grant, cooperative agreement, loan, or loan guarantee funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to:
 - (1) Procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology of any system;
 - (2) Enter into, extend, or renew a contract to procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology of any system;
 - (3) Enter into, extend, or renew contracts with entities that use covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system; or

- (4) Provide, as part of its performance of this contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system.

3. Exceptions.

- a. This clause does not prohibit contractors from providing—

- (1) A service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or

- b. By necessary implication and regulation, the prohibitions also do not apply to:

- (1) Covered telecommunications equipment or services that:

- (a) Are *not used* as a substantial or essential component of any system; and

- (b) Are *not used* as critical technology of any system.

- (2) Other telecommunications equipment or services that are not considered covered telecommunications equipment or services.

4. Reporting requirement.

- a. In the event the contractor identifies covered telecommunications equipment or services used as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, during contract performance, or the contractor is notified of such by a subcontractor at any tier or by any other source, the contractor shall report the information in paragraph (4)(b) of this clause to the recipient or subrecipient, unless elsewhere in this contract are established procedures for reporting the information.

- b. The Contractor shall report the following information pursuant to paragraph (4)(a) of this clause:

- (1) Within one business day from the date of such identification or notification: The contract number; the order number(s), if applicable; supplier name; supplier unique entity identifier (if known); supplier Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code (if known); brand; model number (original equipment manufacturer number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number); item description; and any readily available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended.

- (2) Within 10 business days of submitting the information in paragraph (4)(b)(i) of this clause: Any further available information about

mitigation actions undertaken or recommended. In addition, the contractor shall describe the efforts it undertook to prevent use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services, and any additional efforts that will be incorporated to prevent future use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services.

5. Subcontracts. The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (5), in all subcontracts and other contractual instruments.

T. **License and Delivery of Works Subject to Copyright and Data Rights.** In order to comply with 2 C.F.R. § 200.315, Contractor grants to the County, a paid-up, royalty-free, nonexclusive, irrevocable, worldwide license in data first produced in the performance of this contract to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, including prepare derivative works, distribute copies to the public, and perform publicly and display publicly such data. For data required by the contract but not first produced in the performance of this contract, the Contractor will identify such data and grant to the County or acquires on its behalf a license of the same scope as for data first produced in the performance of this contract. Data, as used herein, shall include any work subject to copyright under 17 U.S.C. § 102, for example, any written reports or literary works, software and/or source code, music, choreography, pictures or images, graphics, sculptures, videos, motion pictures or other audiovisual works, sound and/or video recordings, and architectural works. Upon or before the completion of this contract, the Contractor will deliver to the County data first produced in the performance of this contract and data required by the contract but not first produced in the performance of this contract in formats acceptable by the County.

U. **Affirmative Socioeconomic Steps for Subcontracts.** As a condition for the approval of any subcontract, the prime contractor is required to take all necessary steps identified in 2 C.F.R. § 200.321(b)(1)-(5) to ensure that small and minority businesses, women’s business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.

II. **Construction and Repair Work.** The following provisions apply to construction or repair work:

Compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act and Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act. For all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 the following terms shall apply:

A. Davis-Bacon Act

1. All transactions regarding this Contract shall be done in compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 5 as may be applicable. The Contractor shall comply with 40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148 and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 5 as applicable.
2. Contractors are required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor.
3. Additionally, contractors are required to pay wages not less than once a week.

B. Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act

1. Contractor shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this contract.
2. The Contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clause above and such other clauses as the Federal Awarding Agency may by appropriate instructions require, and a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime Contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all of these contract clauses.
3. A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12.



EXHIBIT B-1

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING (APPENDIX A, 44 C.F.R. PART 18)

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Contractor, _____, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38, Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements, apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Date

Name

Title



EXHIBIT C

BACKGROUND MATERIALS

Background materials relevant to the preparation of proposals for this Project:

- [California Urban and Community Forestry Inflation Reduction Act 2024 Grant Guidelines](https://34c031f8-c9fd-4018-8c5a-4159cdf6b0d-cdn-endpoint.azureedge.net/-/media/calfire-website/what-we-do/grants/urban-and-community-forestry/ca_ira-grant-guidelines-2024_updated-4-18-2024.pdf?rev=b3552372af144fc99a7e6dab011e0ccc&hash=D5C53C64555C9F8EBF9917BE1BC1DE20) (https://34c031f8-c9fd-4018-8c5a-4159cdf6b0d-cdn-endpoint.azureedge.net/-/media/calfire-website/what-we-do/grants/urban-and-community-forestry/ca_ira-grant-guidelines-2024_updated-4-18-2024.pdf?rev=b3552372af144fc99a7e6dab011e0ccc&hash=D5C53C64555C9F8EBF9917BE1BC1DE20)
- **Alameda County Plans, Documents, and Project Websites**
 - [General Plan - Environmental Justice Element](https://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/EJElement/) (<https://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/EJElement/>)
 - [General Plan - Project website for Community Climate Action Plan and Safety Element updates](https://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/ccapse.htm) (<https://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/ccapse.htm>)
 - [General Plan - all chapters](https://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/generalplans/index.htm) (<https://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/generalplans/index.htm>)
 - [Public Works Agency Tree Program](https://www.acpwa.org/programs-services/transportation/tree.page) (<https://www.acpwa.org/programs-services/transportation/tree.page>)
 - [Public Works Agency Vegetation Management Program](https://www.acpwa.org/programs-services/maintenance/vegetation-management.page?) (<https://www.acpwa.org/programs-services/maintenance/vegetation-management.page?>)
 - [Planning Department - Trees and the Urban Forest website](https://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/trees.htm) (<https://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/trees.htm>)
 - [Planning Department - Cooling Our Communities website](https://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/sustainability/cooling-our-communities.htm) (<https://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/sustainability/cooling-our-communities.htm>)

Project Partners

RFP PLN2025-003: Unincorporated Area Urban Forest Plan and Tree Inventory

The following entities have agreed to participate in this project:

TECHNICAL ADVISORS

- Alameda County Public Works Agency – Maintenance & Operations/Arborist
- Alameda County Public Health Department
- University of California Cooperative Extension
- Merritt College – Landscape Horticulture program
- Trees for Oakland
- Alameda County Supervisorial District 3
- Alameda County Supervisorial District 4

LOCAL AGENCY PARTNERS

- Alameda County Public Works Agency – Tree Program
- Alameda County Health (ACH) Public Health Department (PHD) Community Assessment, Planning, and Evaluation (CAPE) Team
- University of California Cooperative Extension
- Hayward Area Recreation and Parks District (HARD) – primary partner on Project’s workforce development component

SCHOOL DISTRICT PARTNERS

- Castro Valley Unified School District
- San Lorenzo Unified School District

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- 100K Trees for Humanity
- Ashland Community Association
- Cherryland Community Association
- Eden Garden Club
- Forestr.org
- Friends of San Lorenzo Creek
- Grove Way Neighborhoods Association
- Padres Guerreros
- Padres Unidos de Cherryland
- Plantify
- San Lorenzo Hayward Acres Mobilized (SLHAM)
- San Lorenzo Village Homes Association
- Teach Earth Action
- Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center (TVHC)