

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

**306 10th Street, Sparks, NV 89431
Affordable Housing Development Project**

RFP # 24/25-015

SUBMITTALS DUE NOT LATER THAN: August 21, 2025



431 PRATER WAY
P.O. BOX 857
SPARKS, NV 89432-0857

Company Name: _____

**CITY OF SPARKS
NOTICE TO PROPOSERS
306 10th STREET, SPARKS, NV 89431
AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
RFP # 24/25-015**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Sparks, Nevada, will receive written proposals for the project listed above. Said proposals must be in the hands of the Housing Specialist or designee at 431 Prater Way, Sparks, Nevada, NO LATER THAN **4:00 PM ON August 21, 2025**. Proposals postmarked prior to but not received until after this deadline will not be accepted. Vendor submittals may not be sent to the City of Sparks via the Internet/e-mail and will not be entertained for award by the City of Sparks. The right is reserved to reject any Proposal or to accept the Proposal which is deemed by the City of Sparks to be in the best interest of the City of Sparks. The City of Sparks reserves the right to waive any irregularities and/or informalities in the proposal process.

All Proposals are to be marked clearly on the outside “**RFP 24/25-015, for 306 10th STREET SPARKS, NV 89431, AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**”

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The City of Sparks Community Services Department is seeking proposals for the development of affordable housing for households earning at or below 60% of the current Area Median Income (AMI) for Washoe County, Nevada, as published annually by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The parcel on which the affordable housing is to be constructed is owned by the City of Sparks and is addressed as 306 10th Street, Sparks, NV 89431 (APN: 032-191-17). The City of Sparks purchased the property through the Home Means Nevada Initiative (HMNI) administered by the Nevada Housing Division. As required by the HMNI program, the property is deed restricted and requires 100% of the units be leased to households earning at or below 60% of the HUD published AMI for Washoe County. The proposer may choose the type of housing to construct, demographics served (if applicable), unit size, amenities offered, etc. Upon final selection of the project and entity by the Sparks City Council, and concurrence with the Nevada Housing Division, the selected entity will be required to enter into an assignment and assumption agreement, transferring the HMNI grant reporting obligations and other requirements required by the Nevada Housing Division and a Development Agreement with the City of Sparks.

Pursuant to NRS 332.065 any Contract entered into under NRS Chapter 332 in which the estimated annual dollar amount exceeds \$100,000 will require written certification that the bidder is not, and will not be, engaged in a Boycott of Israel throughout the duration of the Contract.

RFP documents and specifications may be obtained from the City of Sparks website. Please visit <http://portal.cityofsparks.us/bids> to obtain complete bid documents. There is no cost to use the system or obtain documents, but registration at the site is required. It is the responsibility of all potential bidders/responders to monitor the Purchasing Division’s website for any changing information or addenda prior to submitting their bid/proposal. The City of Sparks will not be responsible for the timeliness or completeness of information provided by any third party bid listing or re-selling service. For further information, contact the individual responsible for coordinating this bid is: Amy Jones, Housing Specialist at ajones@cityofsparks.us

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Proposer's Checklist

Firms are instructed to complete and return the following forms in order for their proposal to be complete. Failure to return the following items may result in your proposal being declared “non-responsive.”

1. _____ Proposer Information Sheets
2. _____ Acknowledgement and Execution Form
3. _____ Certification Regarding Debarment
4. _____ RFP Submittals as Detailed in the Special Conditions (1 hard copy, signed original and 1 electronic copy (PDF Format on disc or thumb drive) for each service submitted)

Proposer Information

COMPANY INFORMATION:

Company Name:
Contact Name:
Address:
City:
State / Zip Code:
Telephone Number including area code:
Fax Number including area code:
E-mail:

COMPANY BACKGROUND

- 1) Has your company ever failed to complete any contracts awarded to it? No___ Yes___ (If yes, please provide details.)

- 2) Has your company filed any arbitration request or lawsuits on contracts awarded within the last five years? No___ Yes___ (If yes, please provide details.)

- 3) Does your company now have any legal suits or arbitration claims pending or outstanding against it or any officers relating to the performance of a public contract? No___ Yes___ (If yes, please provide details.)

- 4) Does your company now employ any officers or principals who were with another firm when that company failed to complete a contract within the last five years? No___ Yes___ (If yes, please provide details.)

- 5) Has your company had a contract partially or completely terminated for default (cause) within the past five years? No___ Yes___ (If yes, please provide details.)

- 6) Has your company been found non-responsible on a government bid within the last five years? No___ Yes___ (If yes, please provide details.)

Proposer Information

BUSINESS LICENSING INFORMATION All vendors doing business within the City of Sparks are required to obtain and maintain a current business license from the City of Sparks prior to commencement of work (Sparks Municipal Code Section 5.08.020A). Vendor(s) awarded a contract resulting from this bid shall be required to obtain a current business license if they do not already hold one.

City of Sparks Business License Number:
Date Issued:
Date of Expiration:
Name of Licensee:
City, State, Zip Code of Licensee:
Telephone Number of Licensee:
Taxpayer Identification Number:

CONTRACTOR LICENSE INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE):

Nevada State Contractor's License Number (If Applicable):
License Classification(s):
Limitation(s) of License:
Date Issued:
Date of Expiration:
Name of Licensee:
City, State, Zip Code of Licensee:
Telephone Number of Licensee:

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DISCLOSURE OF PRINCIPALS:

a) Individual and/or Partnership:

Owner 1) Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip Code:
Telephone Number:
Owner 2) Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip Code:
Telephone Number:
Other 1) Title:
Name
Other 2) Title:
Name:

b) Corporation:

State in which Company is Incorporated:
Date Incorporated:
Name of Corporation:
Address
City, State, Zip Code:
Telephone Number:
President's Name:
Vice-President's Name:
Other 1) Name:
Title:

Awarded Project Information

If your company is determined to be the awardee of the project for this scope of work, the Development Agreement and assignment and assumption agreement will be routed via electronic means. Therefore, please identify the authorized individual that will be signing the resulting contracts. Presumably this will be the company owner or corporate officer authorized to bind the company for future work.

COMPANY INFORMATION:

Company Name:
Authorized Name:
Title:
Individual E-Mail Address:
Telephone Number including area code:
Mailing Address:

CITY OF SPARKS ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND EXECUTION:

STATE OF _____)
) SS
County of _____)

_____(Name of Principal) being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That he/she is the Bidder, or authorized agent of the Bidder for whom the aforesaid described work is to be performed by; that he/she has read the Plans, Specifications, and related documents including but not limited to, any addenda issued and understands the terms, conditions, and requirements thereof; that if his/her bid is accepted that he/she agrees to furnish and deliver all materials except those specified to be furnished by the City of Sparks (Owner) and to do and perform all work for the **306 10th STREET SPARKS, NV 89431, AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**, Proposal # **24/25-015**, together with incidental items necessary to complete the work to be constructed and/or services to be provided in accordance with the Specifications, Plans, and Contract Documents annexed hereto.

The undersigned, as Bidder, declares that the only persons or parties interested in this proposal, as principals, are those named herein, the Bidder is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached Bid and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such Bid: that this proposal is made without collusion with any other person, firm or corporation; that he/she has carefully examined the location of the proposed site; specifications and requirements incorporated therein referred to and made part thereof; that he/she proposes and agrees if this proposal is accepted, that he/she will contract with the City of Sparks in the form of an assignment and assumption agreement and a Development Agreement to provide all necessary machinery, tools, apparatus and other means of construction, and to perform all the work and furnish all the materials specified in the Development Agreement and, in the manner and time prescribed and according to the requirements of the Project Representative as therein set forth, it being understood and agreed that the quantities shown herein are approximate only and are subject to increase or decrease, and that he/she will accept, in full, payment therefore the indicated prices.

	Contractor/Bidder:
(Printed Name of Contractor/Bidder)	BY: _____
	Firm: _____
	Address: _____
	City: _____
	State / Zip Code: _____
	Telephone Number: _____
	Fax Number: _____
	E-mail Address: _____
(Signature of Principal)	Signature: _____
	DATED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

State of Nevada)
) SS.
County of _____)

On this _____ day of _____, in the year 2025, before me,

/Notary Public, personally appeared _____	Personally known to me (or proved
to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument, and acknowledged that he (she) executed it. WITNESS my hand and official seal.	

Notary's Signature: _____	My commission Expires: _____
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**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER
RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS**

(This form to be signed and returned at the time of bid)

The prospective bidder, _____ certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals:

- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- (b) Have not within a three year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (b) of this certification; and
- (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

I understand that a false statement on this certification may be grounds for rejection of this proposal or termination of the award. Any exceptions provided will not necessarily result in denial of award, but will be considered in determining bidder responsibility and whether or not the City will enter into contract with the party. For any exception noted, indicate on an attached sheet to whom it applies, initiating agency, and dates of action. Providing false information may result in criminal prosecution or administrative sanctions.

Typed Name & Title of Authorized Representative

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

I am unable to certify to the above statement. My explanation is attached.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Please Read Carefully

These Provisions Are a Part of Your Bid and any Contract Awarded

Scope of Bid/Proposal: Bids/Proposals are hereby requested for **306 10th STREET SPARKS, NV 89431, AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**, as per specifications herein.

The bidder agrees that:

- A. Bidder has carefully examined the specifications, and all provisions relating to the item(s) to be furnished or the work to be done; understands the meaning, intent, and requirements; and
- B. Upon selection, bidder will enter into a written Development Agreement and furnish the item(s) or complete the work in the time specified, and in strict conformity with the City of Sparks specifications.

Note: Bidder is defined as any individual, partnership, corporation, or other entity submitting a bid, proposal, or quotation in response to a request for bid (RFB), request for proposal (RFP), request for information (RFI) or request for quotation (RFQ). A bidder may also be referred to as a bidder, contractor, supplier or vendor.

The use of the title "Bidder: "Vendor", "Contractor" or "Consultant" within this solicitation document and any resulting contract shall be deemed interchangeable and shall refer to the person or entity with whom the City of Sparks is soliciting and/or contracting for the service or product referenced within the bid document.

1. Items Offered:

If the item offered by the bidder has a trade name, brand and/or catalog number, such shall be stated in the bid. If the bidder proposes to furnish an item of a manufacturer or vendor other than that mentioned on the face hereof, bidder must specify maker, brand, quality, catalog number, or other trade designation. Unless such is noted on the bid form, it will be deemed that the item offered is that designated even though the bid may state "or equal".

2. Brand Names:

Whenever reference to a specific brand name is made by the City, it is intended to describe a component that has been determined to best meet operational, performance, or reliability standards of the City, thereby incorporating these standards by reference within the specifications. These specifications are not meant to limit the vendor; they are guidelines to minimum qualifications. The bidder shall indicate their compliance or non-compliance for each line of the specification. Any deviations from the specifications or where submitted literature does not fully support the meaning of the specifications must be clearly cited in writing by the bidder. An equivalent ("or equal") may be offered by the bidder, subject to evaluation and acceptance by the City. It is the bidder's responsibility to provide, at bidder's expense, samples, test data, or other documentation the City may require to fully evaluate and determine acceptability of an offered substitute. The City reserves the sole right to reject a substituted component that will not meet or exceed City standards.

3. Samples:

Samples may be required for bid evaluation and testing purposes. Bidders shall agree to provide samples upon request and at no additional cost to the City.

4. Withdrawal of Bids/Proposals:

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Bids/Proposals may be withdrawn by written or facsimile notice received prior to the exact hour and date specified for receipt of bid. A bid may also be withdrawn in person by a bidder, or bidder's authorized representative, prior to the exact hour and date set for receipt of bids. Telephone withdrawals are not permitted.

5. Late Bids, Modifications, or Withdrawals:

Bids, modifications of bids, or bid withdrawals received after the exact time and date specified for receipt will not be considered.

6. Mistake in Bid:

- (a) If the bidder discovers a mistake in bid prior to the hour and date specified for receipt of bid, bidder may correct the mistake by withdrawing the bid in accordance with Item 4 above and resubmit prior to the stated bid deadline.
- (b) If within seventy-two hours of the bid closing and prior to the issuance of a purchase order or a Development Agreement, the apparent low bidder discovers a mistake in bid of a serious and significant nature, bidder may request consideration be given to withdrawing the bid. The mistake must be evident and provable. The right is reserved by the City to reject any and all requests for withdrawal of bids. The decision of the Purchasing Manager is final as regards acceptance or rejection of requests for withdrawal after closing of bids.
- (c) A mistake in bid cannot be considered once a purchase order or contract is issued.

7. Signature:

All bids shall be signed and the title and firm name indicated. A bid by a corporation shall be signed by an authorized officer, employee or agent with his or her title.

8. Exceptions:

A bidder deviating from specifications must specify any and all deviation(s). Failure to note said exceptions shall be interpreted to convey that the bidder shall propose to perform in the manner described and/or specified in this bid solicitation. If exception(s) are taken or alternatives offered, complete descriptions must be shown separately.

9. Confidential Information:

Any information deemed confidential or proprietary should be clearly identified by the bidder as such. It may then be protected and treated with confidentiality only to the extent permitted by state law. Otherwise, the information shall be considered a public record. Information or data submitted with a bid will not be returned.

10. Quality:

Unless otherwise required in the specifications, all goods furnished shall be new and unused.

11. Litigation Warranty:

The bidder, by bidding, warrants that bidder is not currently involved in litigation or arbitration concerning the materials or bidder's performance concerning the same or similar material or service to be supplied pursuant to this contract of specification, and that no judgments or awards have been made against bidder on the basis of bidder's performance in supplying or installing the same or similar material or service, unless such fact is disclosed to the City in the bid. Disclosure may not disqualify the bidder. The City reserves the right to evaluate bids on the basis of the facts surrounding such litigation or arbitration and to require bidder to furnish the City with a surety bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Nevada and approved by The City of Sparks in a sum equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price conditional

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on the faithful performance by bidder of the contract in the event the bid is awarded to bidder, notwithstanding the litigation or arbitration.

12. Royalties, Licenses and Patents:

Unless otherwise specified, the bidder shall pay all royalties, license and patent fees. The bidder warrants that the materials to be supplied do not infringe any patent, trademark or copyright and further agrees to defend any and all suits, actions and claims for infringement that are brought against the City, and to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City from all loss or damages, whether general, exemplary or punitive, as a result of any actual or claimed infringement asserted against the City, the bidder or those furnishing material to bidder pursuant to this contract.

13. Performance Standards:

Performance of work and acceptability of equipment or materials supplied pursuant to any contract or award shall be to the satisfaction and full discretion of the City.

14. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards:

Bidders shall be required to comply with current ADA Standards in preparing their bids and executing work required under any contract resulting from this bid. Completed work must comply with current ADA Standards.

15. Warranties:

- (a) Unless otherwise specified, all workmanship, material, labor or equipment provided under the contract shall be warranted by bidder and/or manufacturer for a minimum of twelve (12) months after acceptance by City. Greater warranty protection will be accepted. Lesser warranty protection must be indicated by bidder on the bid proposal as an exception.
- (b) Bidder shall be considered primarily responsible to the City for all warranty service, parts and labor applicable to the goods or equipment provided by bidder under this bid or award, irrespective of whether bidder is an agent, broker, fabricator or manufacturer's dealer. Bidder shall be responsible for ensuring that warranty work is performed at a local agency or facility convenient to City and that services, parts and labor are available and provided to meet City's schedules and deadlines. If required and defined within the Scope of Work, the Bidder will post a performance bond after contract award to guarantee performance of these obligations. Bidder may establish a service contract with a local agency satisfactory to City to meet this obligation if bidder does not ordinarily provide warranty service.

16. Addenda:

The effect of all addenda to the bid documents shall be considered in the bid, and said addenda shall be made part of the bid documents and shall be returned with them. Before submitting a bid, each bidder shall ascertain whether or not any addenda have been issued, and failure to acknowledge any such addenda may render the bid invalid and result in its rejection.

All potential bidders are responsible for monitoring the City website regarding the availability of new bid documents or addenda (where applicable). The City of Sparks will not be responsible for the results of any potential failures in automatic notification systems to potential bidders or plan holders with respect to these documents and will not adjust bid schedules or requirements due to any potential failures of those systems. It is the responsibility of all potential bidders/responders to monitor the City's purchasing website for any changing

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information prior to submitting their bid/proposal. The City of Sparks will not be responsible for the timeliness or completeness of information provided by any third party bid listing or re-selling service.

17. Specifications to Prevail:

The detailed requirements of the Specifications, Scope of Work or Special Conditions shall supersede any conflicting reference in these General Conditions or the stated language on the City of Sparks Standard Purchase Order that are in conflict therewith.

18. Taxes:

The City is exempt from State, City and County Sales Taxes per NRS 372.325. The City will furnish Exemption Certificates for Federal Excise Tax when applicable. The successful bidder shall pay all taxes, levies, duties and assessments of every nature, which may be applicable to any work or materials under this Contract. The Contract Sum and any agreed variations thereof shall include all taxes imposed by law. The successful bidder shall make any and all payroll deductions required by law. The successful bidder herein indemnifies and holds the City harmless from any liability on account of any and all such taxes, levies, duties, assessments and deductions.

19. Conflict of Interest:

No City employee or elected or appointed member of City government, or member of the employee's immediate family, may participate directly or indirectly in the procurement process pertaining to this bid if they:

- (a) Have a financial interest or other personal interest that is incompatible with the proper discharge of their official duties in the public interest or would tend to impair their independence, judgment or action in the performance of their official duties.
- (b) Are negotiating for or have an arrangement concerning prospective employment with bidder. The bidder warrants to the best of his knowledge that the submission of the bid will not create such conflict of interest. In the event such a conflict occurs, the bidder is to report it immediately to the Purchasing Manager. For breach or violation of this warranty, the City shall have the right to annul this contract without liability at its discretion, and bidder may be subject to damages and/or debarment or suspension.

20. Disqualification of Bidder:

Any one or more of the following may be considered as sufficient for the disqualification of a prospective Bidder and the rejection of the Bid:

- (a) The Bidder is not responsive or responsible.
- (b) The quality of services, materials, equipment or labor offered does not conform to the approved plans and specifications.
- (c) There is evidence of collusion among prospective Bidders (Participants in such collusion will receive no recognition as Bidders).
- (d) The Bidder lacks the correct contractor's license classification required for the defined scope of work.
- (e) Lack of competency, understanding of the scope of work, adequate machinery, plant and/or equipment as revealed in routine due diligence associated with bid evaluation.
- (f) Unsatisfactory performance record as shown by past work for the City of Sparks, judged from the standpoint of workmanship, progress, and quality of services/goods provided.
- (g) Uncompleted work which, in the judgment of the City of Sparks, might hinder or prevent the prompt completion of additional work, if awarded.
- (h) Failure to pay or satisfactorily settle all bills due for labor and/or material on any contract(s).
- (i) Failure to comply with any requirements of the City of Sparks.

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- (j) Failure to list, as required, all subcontractors who will be employed by the Bidder.
- (k) Any other reason determined, in good faith, to be in the best interest of the City of Sparks.

21. Gratuities:

The City may rescind the right of the bidder to proceed under this agreement if it is found that gratuities in the form of entertainment, gifts, cash or otherwise are offered or given by the bidder, or any agent or representative of the bidder, to any officer or employee of the City with the intent of influencing award of this agreement or securing favorable treatment with respect to performance of this agreement.

22. Indemnification:

To the fullest extent permitted by law, upon award, Contractor shall hold harmless, indemnify, defend and protect City, its affiliates, officers, agents, employees, volunteers, successors and assigns ("Indemnified Parties"), and each of them from and against any and all claims, demands, causes of action, damages, costs, expenses, actual attorney fees, losses or liabilities, in law or in equity, of every kind and nature whatsoever ("Claims") arising out of or related to any act or omission of Contractor, its employees, agents, representatives, or Subcontractors in any way related to the performance of work under this Agreement by Contractor, or to work performed by others under the direction or supervision of Contractor, including but not limited to:

1. Personal injury, including but not limited to bodily injury, emotional injury, sickness or disease, or death to persons;
2. Damage to property of anyone, including loss of use thereof;
3. Penalties from violation of any law or regulation caused by Contractor's action or inaction;
4. Failure of Contractor to comply with the Insurance requirements established under this Agreement;
5. Any violation by Contractor of any law or regulation in any way related to the occupational safety and health of employees.

In determining the nature of the claim against City, the incident underlying the claim shall determine the nature of the claim, notwithstanding the form of the allegations against City.

If City's personnel are involved in defending such actions, Contractor shall reimburse City for the time and costs spent by such personnel at the rate charged City for such services by private professionals.

In cases of professional service agreements, requiring professional liability coverage:

If the insurer by which a Consultant is insured against professional liability does not so defend the City and applicable agents and/or staff, and the Consultant is adjudicated to be liable by a trier of fact, the City shall be entitled to reasonable attorney fees and costs to be paid to the City by the Consultant in an amount which is proportionate to the liability of the of the Consultant.

Nothing in this contract shall be interpreted to waive nor does the City, by entering into this contract, waive any of the provisions found in Chapter 41 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

23. Insurance:

BIDDERS' ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS BELOW. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT BIDDERS CONFER WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE INSURANCE CARRIERS OR BROKERS TO DETERMINE IN ADVANCE OF BID SUBMISSION THE AVAILABILITY

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OF INSURANCE CERTIFICATES AND ENDORSEMENTS AS PRESCRIBED AND PROVIDED HEREIN. IF THE APPARENT LOW BIDDER FAILS TO COMPLY STRICTLY WITH THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS, THAT BIDDER MAY BE DISQUALIFIED FROM AWARD OF THE CONTRACT.

The City may, unless otherwise required by law, waive or reduce the insurance requirements itemized here, at the discretion of the city's Contracts and Risk Manager.

Should work be required on City premises or within the public right-of-way, upon award of the contract, the bidder shall provide proof of insurance for the types of coverage, limits of insurance and other terms specified herein, prior to initiation of any services under City, Bid, Proposal or Contract. Coverage shall be from a company authorized to transact business in the State of Nevada and the City of Sparks and shall meet the following minimum specifications:

Contractor shall at its own expense carry and maintain at all times the following insurance coverage and limits of insurance no less than the following or the amount customarily carried by Contractor or any of its subcontractors, whichever is greater. Contractor shall also cause each subcontractor employed by Contractor to purchase and maintain insurance of the type specified herein. All insurers must have AM Best rating not less than A-VII and be acceptable to the City. Contractor shall furnish copies of certificates of insurance evidencing coverage for itself and for each subcontractor. Failure to maintain the required insurance may result in termination of this contract at City's option. If Contractor fails to maintain the insurance as set forth herein, City shall have the right, but not the obligation, to purchase said insurance at Contractor's expense.

Contractor shall provide proof of insurance for the lines of coverage, limits of insurance and other terms specified below prior to initiation of any services. Coverage shall be from a company authorized to transact business in the State of Nevada and the City of Sparks. Contractor and any of its subcontractors shall carry and maintain coverage and limits no less than the following or the amount customarily carried by Contractor or any of its subcontractors, whichever is greater.

Applicable to this Contract	Insurance Type	Minimum Limit	Insurance Certificate	Additional Insured	Waiver of Subrogation
Yes	General Liability/Umbrella (Excess) Liability	\$2,000,000	✓	✓	✓
Yes	Automobile Liability	\$1,000,000	✓	✓	
Yes	Workers' Compensation	Statutory	✓	N/A	✓
Yes	Employer's Liability	\$1,000,000	✓	N/A	
No	Professional Liability	\$1,000,000	✓	N/A	N/A
No	Pollution Legal Liability	\$1,000,000	✓	N/A	N/A

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Commercial General Liability

Contractor shall carry and maintain Commercial General Liability (CGL) and, if necessary to meet required limits of insurance, commercial umbrella/excess liability insurance with a total limit of not less than the limits specified herein.

For contracts that are for the construction or improvement of public facilities, the Contractor shall obtain and maintain products and completed operations liability coverage through the statute of repose after completion of the project. Continuing commercial umbrella coverage, if any, shall include liability coverage for damage to the insured's completed work equivalent to that provided under ISO form CG 00 01.

There shall be no endorsement or modification of the CGL limiting the scope of coverage for liability arising from pollution, explosion, collapse, underground property damage, or damage to the named insured's work unless Subcontractor carries and maintains separate policies providing such coverage and provides Contractor evidence of insurance confirming the coverage.

Minimum Limits of Insurance

\$2,000,000 Each Occurrence Limit for bodily injury and property damage

\$2,000,000 General Aggregate Limit

\$2,000,000 Products and Completed Operations Aggregate Limit

\$10,000 Medical Expense Limit

If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with a general aggregate limit is used, it shall be revised to apply separately to this PROJECT or LOCATION.

Coverage Form

Coverage shall be at least as broad as the unmodified Insurance Services Office (ISO) Commercial General Liability (CGL) "Occurrence" form CG 00 01 04/13 or substitute form providing equivalent coverage and shall cover liability arising from premises, operations, independent contractors, products-completed operations, personal and advertising injury, and liability assumed under an insured contract (including the tort liability of another assumed in a business contract).

Additional Insured

City, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers are to be included as insureds using the applicable ISO additional insured endorsement(s) or substitute forms providing equivalent coverage, in respects to damages and defense arising from: activities performed by or on behalf of Contractor, including the insured's general supervision of Contractor; products and completed operations of Contractor; premises owned, occupied, or used by Contractor. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to City, its officers, employees, or volunteers. Additional insured status for City shall apply until the expiration of time within which a claimant can bring suit per applicable state law.

Primary and Non-Contributory

Contractor's insurance coverage shall apply as primary insurance with respect to any other insurance or self-insurance programs afforded to City, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers. There shall be no endorsement or modification of the CGL to make it excess over other available insurance; alternatively, if the CGL states that it is excess or pro rata, the policy shall be endorsed to be primary with respect to the additional insured. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by City, its officers, employees, or volunteers shall be excess of Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it in any way.

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Waiver of Subrogation

Contractor waives all rights against City and its agents, officers, directors and employees for recovery of damages to the extent these damages are covered by the commercial general liability or commercial umbrella liability insurance maintained pursuant to this agreement. Insurer shall endorse CGL policy as required to waive subrogation against the City with respect to any loss paid under the policy.

Endorsements

Policy forms or endorsements are required confirming coverage for all required additional insureds. The forms or endorsements for CGL shall be at least as broad as the unmodified ISO additional insured endorsement CGO 20 10 07/04 and CG 20 37 07/04 or substitute forms providing additional insured coverage for products and completed operations.

A waiver of subrogation in favor of City shall be endorsed to the policy using an unmodified Waiver of Transfer of Rights of Recovery of Others to Us ISO CG 24 04 05 09, or a substitute form providing equivalent coverage.

Business Automobile Liability

Minimum Limits of Insurance

\$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage or the limit customarily carried by Contractor, whichever is greater. No aggregate limit may apply. Coverage may be combined with Excess/Umbrella Liability coverage to meet the required limit.

Coverage Form

Coverage shall be at least as broad as the unmodified Insurance Services Office (ISO) Business Automobile Coverage form CA 00 01 10/13, CA 00 25 10/13, CA 00 20 10/13 or substitute form providing equivalent coverage. Such insurance shall cover liability arising out of any auto (including owned, hired, and non-owned autos).

Pollution liability coverage at least as broad as that provided under the ISO pollution liability—broadened coverage for covered autos endorsement (CA 99 48) shall be provided, and the Motor Carrier Act endorsement (MCS 90) shall be attached for all contracts involving transportation of “hazardous material” as this term is defined by applicable law, including, but not limited to, waste, asbestos, fungi, bacteria and mold.

Additional Insured

City, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers are to be included as insureds with respect to damages and defense arising from the ownership, maintenance or use of automobiles owned, leased, hired, or borrowed by the Contractor. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to City, its officers, employees, or volunteers. Additional insured status for City shall apply until the expiration of time within which a claimant can bring suit per applicable state law.

Endorsements

A policy endorsement is required listing all required additional insureds. The endorsement for Business Automobile Liability shall be at least as broad as the unmodified ISO CA 20 48 10/13 or a substitute form confirming City’s insured status for Liability Coverage under the Who Is An Insured Provision contained in Section II of the coverage form ISO CA 00 01 10/13.

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Waiver of Subrogation.

Contractor waives all rights against City, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers for recovery of damages to the extent these damages are covered by the commercial general liability or commercial umbrella liability insurance maintained pursuant to this agreement. Contractor's insurer shall endorse policy to waive subrogation against City with respect to any loss paid under the policy.

Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability

Contractor shall carry and maintain workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance meeting the statutory requirements of the State of Nevada, including but not limited to NRS 616B.627 and NRS 617.210 or provide proof that compliance with the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes Chapters 616A-D and all other related chapters is not required. It is understood and agreed that there shall be no coverage provided for Contractor or any Subcontractor of the Contractor by the City. Contractor agrees, as a precondition to the performance of any work under this Agreement and as a precondition to any obligation of the City to make any payment under this Agreement to provide City with a certificate issued by an insurer in accordance with NRS 616B.627 and with a certificate of an insurer showing coverage pursuant to NRS 617.210.

It is further understood and agreed by and between City and Contractor that Contractor shall procure, pay for and maintain the above-mentioned coverage at Contractor's sole cost and expense.

Should Contractor be self-funded for workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance, Contractor shall so notify City in writing prior to the signing of this Contract. City reserves the right to approve said retentions, and may request additional documentation, financial or otherwise, for review prior to the signing of this Contract.

Upon completion of the project, Contractor shall, if requested by City, provide a Final Certificate for itself and each Subcontractor showing that Contractor and each Subcontractor had maintained the required Workers Compensation and Employer's Liability by paying all premiums due throughout the entire course of the project.

Nevada law allows the following to reject workers' compensation coverage if they do not use employees or subcontractors in the performance of work under the contract:

- Sole proprietors (NRS 616B.627 and NRS 617.210)
- Unpaid officers of quasi-public, private or nonprofit corporations (NRS 616B.624 and NRS 617.207)
- Unpaid managers of limited liability companies (NRS 616B.624 and NRS 617.207)
- An officer or manager of a corporation or limited liability company who owns the corporation or company (NRS 616B.624 and NRS 617.207)

If a contractor has rejected workers' compensation coverage under applicable Nevada law, the contractor must indicate the basis for the rejection of coverage and complete, sign and have notarized an Affidavit of Rejection of Coverage. The Affidavit must be completed, signed and notarized prior to performance of any work.

Minimum Limits of Insurance

Workers' Compensation:	Statutory Limits
Employer's Liability:	\$1,000,000 Bodily Injury by Accident – Each Accident
	\$1,000,000 Bodily Injury by Disease – Each Employee
	\$1,000,000 Bodily Injury by Disease – Policy Limit

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Coverage Form

Coverage shall be at least as broad as the unmodified National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) Workers Compensation and Employer's Liability coverage form WC 00 00 07/11 or substitute form providing equivalent coverage.

OTHER INSURANCE COVERAGES (IF APPLICABLE)

Professional Liability Insurance (if Applicable) \$1,000,000 each claim limits of liability or whatever limit is customarily carried by the Contractor, whichever is greater, for design, design-build or any type of professional services. If coverage is required on a claims-made or claims-made and reported basis, any applicable retroactive or pending & prior litigation dates must precede the effective date of this contract. Continuous coverage shall be maintained, or an extended reporting period shall be obtained for a period of at least three (3) years following completion of the project.

ALL COVERAGES

Coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled, or non-renewed by either CONTRACTOR or by the insurer, reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice has been given to CITY except for ten (10) days' notice for nonpayment of premium.

DEDUCTIBLES AND RETENTIONS

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions that exceed \$100,000.00 per occurrence or claim must be declared to and approved by the City's Contracts and Risk Manager and prior to signing this Contract. City is entitled to request and receive additional documentation, financial or otherwise, prior to giving its approval of the deductibles and self-insured retentions. Any changes to the deductibles or self-insured retentions made during the term of this Contract or during the term of any policy must be approved by City's Contracts and Purchasing Manager prior to the change taking effect. Contractor is responsible for any losses within deductibles or self-insured retentions.

OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS

Should City and Contractor agree that higher coverage limits are needed warranting a project policy, project coverage shall be purchased and the premium for limits exceeding the above amount may be borne by City. City retains the option to purchase project insurance through Contractor's insurer or its own source.

Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to City, its officers, agents, employees, or volunteers.

ACCEPTABILITY OF INSURERS

Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a Best's rating of no less than A-VII and acceptable to the City. City, with the approval of the Risk Manager, may accept coverage with carriers having lower Best's ratings upon review of financial information concerning Contractor and insurance carrier. City reserves the right to require that Contractor's insurer be a licensed and admitted insurer in the State of Nevada, or meet any applicable state and federal laws and regulations for non-admitted insurance placement.

VERIFICATION OF COVERAGE

Contractor shall furnish City with certificates of insurance and with original endorsements affecting coverage required by this contract. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf.

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Prior to the start of any Work, Contractor must provide the following documents to City of Sparks, Attention: Purchasing Division, P.O. Box 857, Sparks, NV 89432-0857:

- A. Certificate of Insurance.** Contractor must provide a Certificate of Insurance form to the City of Sparks to evidence the insurance policies and coverage required of Contractor.
- B. Additional Insured Endorsements.** An original Additional Insured Endorsement, signed by an authorized insurance company representative, must be submitted to the City of Sparks, by attachment to the Certificate of Insurance, to evidence the endorsement of the City of Sparks as additional insured.
- C. Policy Cancellation Endorsement.** Except for ten (10) days' notice for non-payment of premium, each insurance policy shall be endorsed to specify that without thirty (30) days prior written notice to the City of Sparks, the policy shall not be suspended, voided, cancelled or non-renewed, and shall provide that notices required by this paragraph shall be sent by certified mailed to the address specified above. A copy of this signed endorsement must be attached to the Certificate of Insurance. If endorsements are not available, Contractor shall be responsible to provide prior written notice to City as soon as practicable upon receipt of any notice of cancellation, non-renewal, reduction in required limits or other material change in the insurance required under this Agreement.
- D. Bonds (as Applicable).** Bonds as required and/or defined in the original bid documents.

All certificates and endorsements are to be addressed to the City of Sparks, Purchasing Division and be received and approved by City before work commences. The City reserves the right to require complete certified copies of all required insurance policies at any time.

SUBCONTRACTORS

Contractor shall include all Subcontractors as insureds under its policies or shall furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each Subcontractor. All coverages for Subcontractors shall be subject to all the requirements stated herein.

MISCELLANEOUS CONDITIONS

- 1. Contractor shall be responsible for and remedy all damage or loss to any property, including property of City, caused in whole or in part by Contractor, any Subcontractor, or anyone employed, directed, or supervised by Contractor.
- 2. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as limiting in any way the extent to which Contractor may be held responsible for payment of damages to persons or property resulting from its operations or the operations of any Subcontractors under it, and such coverage and limits required herein shall not be deemed as a limitation on Contractor's liability under the indemnities granted to City in this contract.
- 3. In addition to any other remedies City may have if Contractor fails to provide or maintain any insurance policies or policy endorsements to the extent and within the time herein required, City may, at its sole option:
 - a. Purchase such insurance to cover any risk for which City may be liable through the operations of Contractor under this Agreement and deduct or retain the amount of the premiums for such insurance from any sums due under the Agreement;

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- b. Order Contractor to stop work under this Agreement and/or withhold any payments which become due Contractor here under until Contractor demonstrates compliance with the requirements hereof; or,
 - c. Terminate the Agreement.
4. If Contractor's liability policies do not contain the standard ISO separation of insureds condition, or a substantially similar clause, they shall be endorsed to provide cross-liability coverage.

24. Safety Program:

Upon award, the Contractor shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining, and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the work. The Contractor shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of, and shall provide all necessary protection to prevent damage, injury, or loss to:

1. All employees on the work site and all other persons who may be affected thereby.
2. All the work, materials, and equipment to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the site.
3. Other property at the site or adjacent thereto, including trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures, and utilities not designated for removal, relocation, or replacement in the course of construction.

Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and others of any public authority having jurisdiction for the safety of persons or property or to protect them from damage, injury, or loss. He shall erect and maintain, as required by existing conditions and progress on the work, all necessary safeguards for safety and protection, including posting danger signs, other warnings against hazards, promulgating safety regulations, and notifying owners and users of adjacent utilities. Contractor shall comply with OSHA'S Hazard Communication Standards.

Contractor shall designate a responsible member of its organization at the site whose duty shall be the prevention of accidents. This person shall be Contractor's superintendent unless otherwise designated in writing by Contractor to the Owner and the Engineer.

25. Award of Contract:

- (a) Bids/Proposals will be analyzed by a committee and final selection will be may by the Sparks City Council, and concurrence with the Nevada Housing Division. The committee will consider proposals for whose bid conforms to the solicitation, provides and the best use of the property for affordable housing. Factors to be considered may include but are not limited to: qualifications of the development team, organizational capacity, financial capacity, project design, project implementation and any other factors which will result in the optimum economic benefit to the City.
- (b) The City reserves the right to reject any item or items, to waive informalities, technical defects and minor irregularities in bids/proposals received; and to select the bid(s) or proposal(s) deemed most advantageous to the City. Should the City elect to waive a right it will not constitute an automatic waiver of that right in the future nor will it impact any other right or remedy. The City may consider bids/proposals submitted on an "all or nothing" basis if the bid/proposal is clearly designated as such.
- (c) The City reserves the right to award one or more contracts on the bids/proposals submitted, either by award of all items to one bidder or by award of separate items or groups of items to various bidders as the interests of the City may require, unless the bidder clearly specifies otherwise in his bid.
- (d) Upon acceptance by the City of Sparks, the solicitation, bid, proposal, or price quotation and issuance of a purchase order issued to the successful bidder shall be deemed to result in a binding contract incorporating those terms and these General Conditions without further action required by either party. Items are to be

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furnished as described in the bid and in strict conformity with all instructions, conditions, specifications, and provisions in the complete contract, as defined by this clause or any related integrated agreement.

26. Request for Proposal (RFP) Submittals:

In the case of Request for Proposals (RFP's), it should be noted that the documents submitted by prospective bidders are competitive proposals and not competitive sealed bids. When proposals are reviewed, information will not be made public until the proposal is awarded. There shall be no disclosure of any bidder's information to competing bidders prior to the award of the proposal.

By their nature, proposals will include a number of variables that will vary based on the complexity of the product or service addressed within the proposal. Therefore, the evaluation of RFP's and the recommendation for award will not be based on price alone. Selection criteria will be better defined for each scope of work in the Special Conditions section of this bid.

Selection of the project will be made by the Sparks City Council during a City Council meeting and, and the proposals will become public information. Accordingly, each proposal should be submitted on the vendor's most favorable terms from a price and technical standpoint.

27. Appeals/Protests – Bids Only (Not Applicable to Request for Proposals):

A person who submits a bid on a contract may, after the bids are opened and within 5 business days after the date the "Recommendation to Award" is issued by the City, unless otherwise stated in the Special Conditions, file a notice of protest regarding the awarding of the contract. The City's "Recommendation to Award" will be dated and posted on the City's public website within the area where bid notices and bid re-caps are posted (Currently: <http://www.cityofsparks.us/bids>).

- (a) A notice of protest must include a written statement setting forth with specificity the reasons the person filing the notice believes the applicable provisions of law were violated.
- (b) A person filing a notice of protest may be required by the governing body or its authorized representative, at the time the notice of protest is filed, to post a bond with a good and solvent surety authorized to do business in this State or submit other security, in a form approved by the governing body or its authorized representative, to the governing body or its authorized representative who shall hold the bond or other security until a determination is made on the protest. A bond posted or other security submitted with a notice of protest must be in an amount equal to the lesser of:
 - (1) Twenty-five percent of the total value of the bid submitted by the person filing the notice of protest; or
 - (2) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000).
- (c) A notice of protest filed in accordance with the provisions of this section operates as a stay of action in relation to the awarding of any contract until a determination is made by the governing body or its authorized representative on the protest.
- (d) A person who submits an unsuccessful bid may not seek any type of judicial intervention until the governing body or its authorized representative has made a determination on the protest and awarded the contract.
- (e) A governing body or its authorized representative is not liable for any costs, expenses, attorney's fees, loss of income or other damages sustained by a person who submits a bid, whether or not the person files a notice of protest pursuant to this section.
- (f) If the protest is upheld, the bond posted or other security submitted with the notice of protest must be returned to the person who posted the bond or submitted the security. If the protest is rejected, a claim may

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be made against the bond or other security by the governing body or its authorized representative in an amount equal to the expenses incurred by the governing body or its authorized representative because of the unsuccessful protest. Any money remaining after the claim has been satisfied must be returned to the person who posted the bond or submitted the security.

28. Documentation:

Due to the time constraints that affect contract performance, all required documents, certificates of insurance and bonds shall be provided to the City within ten (10) calendar days following award or date of request by City, whichever is later. Any failure to comply may result in bid being declared non-responsive and rejected, and at City's option, the bid bond may be attached for damages suffered.

29. Discounts:

- (a) Prompt payment discounts will not be considered in evaluating bids for award. However, offered discounts will be taken if payment is made within the discount period, even though not considered in the evaluation of bids.
- (b) In connection with any discount offered, time will be computed from date of delivery and acceptance, or invoice receipt, whichever is later. Payment is deemed to be made for the purpose of earning the discount on the date of mailing of the City check.
- (c) Any discount offered other than for prompt payment should be included in the net price quoted and not included in separate terms. In the event this is not done, the City reserves the right to accept the discount offered and adjust prices accordingly on the Purchase Order.

30. Seller's Invoice:

Invoices shall be prepared and submitted in duplicate to the address shown on the Purchase Order. Separate invoices are required for each Purchase Order. Invoices shall contain the following information: Purchase Order number, item number, description of supplies or services, sizes, unit of measure, quantity, unit price and extended totals.

31. Inspection and Acceptance:

Inspection and acceptance will be at destination unless specified otherwise, and will be made by the City department shown in the shipping address or other duly authorized representative of the City. Until delivery and acceptance, and after any rejection, risk of loss will be on the bidder unless loss results from negligence of the City.

32. Lost and Damaged Shipments:

Risk of loss or damage to items prior to the time of their receipt and acceptance by the City is upon the bidder. The City has no obligation to accept damaged shipments and reserves the right to return at the bidder's expense damaged merchandise even though the damage was not apparent or discovered until after receipt of the items.

33. Late Shipments:

Bidder is responsible to notify the City department receiving the items and the Purchasing Manager of any late or delayed shipments. The City reserves the right to cancel all or any part of an order if the shipment is not made as promised.

34. Document Ownership:

All technical documents and records originated or prepared pursuant to this project, including papers, reports, charts, and computer programs, shall be delivered to and become the exclusive property of the City and may be copyrighted by the City. Bidder assigns all copyrights to City by undertaking this agreement.

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35. Advertisements, Product Endorsements:

City employees and agencies or organizations funded by the City of Sparks are prohibited from making endorsements, either implied or direct, of commercial products or services without written approval of the City Manager. No bidder may represent that the City of Sparks has endorsed their product or service without prior written approval.

36. Optional Cooperative Purchase Agreement

It is intended that any other public agency (i.e., city, county, district, public agency, municipality or state agency) shall have the option to participate (A.K.A. "join" or "piggyback") in any award made as a result of this solicitation. The City of Sparks shall incur no financial responsibility in connection with purchase orders or contracts made by the bidder with another public agency resulting from this solicitation. The public agency utilizing the original contract shall accept sole responsibility for placing orders and making applicable payments to the vendor. Should the Bidder not wish for a contract resulting from this bid to be used by other public agencies, they have the option to decline that option at the time of request.

37. Vendor Workplace Policies

No Vendor providing a service, program or activity to the public on behalf of the City shall discriminate against any person because of sex, race, color, creed, national origin or disability. Vendor, if providing a service, program or activity to the public on behalf of the City, shall comply with the Americans with Disability Act and City's policies pursuant thereto when providing said service, program or activity.

The City of Sparks is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Bidders shall be cognizant of the requirements for compliance with Executive Order 11246, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity" as amended by Executive Order 11375 and as supplemented in regulations of the U.S. Department of Labor (41 CFR part 60).

38. Business License Requirement:

All companies doing business with, or within, the City of Sparks are required to obtain and maintain a current business license from the City of Sparks prior to the commencement of work pursuant to Sparks Municipal Code Section 5.08.020A. Bidder(s) awarded a contract resulting from this bid shall be required to obtain a current business license if they do not already possess one.

39. City Provisions to Prevail:

Except as indicated in the specifications, the City's standard General Conditions shall govern any contract award. Any standard terms and conditions of bidder submitted by bidder shall not be acceptable to City unless expressly agreed to by the City. The City reserves the right to reject bidder's bid as non-responsive, to consider the bid without bidder's standard terms and conditions, or to require bidder to delete reference to such, as a condition of evaluation or award of the bid. If, after award of contract, bidder (contract vendor) provides materials or services accompanied by new or additional standard terms or conditions, they too shall be considered void and City may require deletion as a further condition of performance by vendor.

40. Invalid Provisions:

In the event that any one or more of the provisions of this agreement shall be found to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect and be enforceable.

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41. Amendments and Modifications:

The City may at any time, by written order, and without notice to the sureties, make a modification to the contract or an amendment to the Purchase Order, within the general scope of this contract, in (1) quantity of materials or service, whether more or less; (2) drawings, designs, or specifications, where the supplies to be furnished are to be specially manufactured for the City; (3) method of shipment or packing; and (4) place of delivery. If any such change causes an increase or decrease in the cost or the time required for the performance of this contract, an equitable adjustment shall be made by written modification of the contract or amendment to the Purchase Order. Any claim by the bidder for adjustment under this clause must be asserted within 30 calendar days from the notification date.

42. Assignment:

Vendor shall not assign or delegate duties or responsibilities under this agreement, in whole or in part, without prior written approval of the City.

43. Disputes After Award:

Except as otherwise provided in these provisions, any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under this contract which is not disposed of by agreement shall be decided by the City Manager or their designee, who shall reduce this decision to writing and mail a copy to the bidder. The decision of the City Manager shall be final and conclusive, unless bidder requests arbitration within ten (10) calendar days. Pending final decision of a dispute, the bidder shall proceed diligently with the performance of the contract and in accordance with the City Manager's decision.

44. Arbitration after Award:

Any and all disputes, controversies or claims arising under or in connection with the contract or Development Agreement resulting from this bid, including without limitation, fraud in the inducement of this Contract or Development Agreement, or the general validity or enforceability of this Contract or Development Agreement, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Nevada without giving effect to conflicts of law principles, may be submitted to binding arbitration before one arbitrator, and shall be conducted in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association in a private manner in Washoe County, Nevada. This award shall be final and judgment may be entered upon it in any court having jurisdiction thereof. In reaching this final award, the arbitrator shall have no authority to change or modify any provision of this Contract. All other expenses of arbitration shall be borne equally by the parties. All fees, including legal fees, shall be borne by the party who incurred them. All costs of enforcement shall be borne by the losing party. Each party shall have the right to discovery in accordance with the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure.

45. Lawful Performance:

Vendor shall abide by all Federal, State and Local Laws, Ordinances, Regulations, and Statutes as may be related to the performance of duties under this agreement. In addition, all applicable permits and licenses required shall be obtained by the vendor, at vendor's sole expense.

46. Annual Appropriation of Funds:

Multi-year term supply and service contracts and leases are subject to annual appropriation of funds by the City Council. The City plans and makes appropriations to the City Budget with respect to a fiscal year that starts July 1st and ends June 30th of each year. Payments made under term contracts and leases are considered items of current expense. Purchase Orders are funded when issued; therefore, they are current expense items and are not subject to any subsequent appropriation of funds.

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Continuance of a multi-year contract beyond the limits of funds available shall be contingent upon appropriation of the requisite funds in the ensuing fiscal year and the termination of this contract due to lack of appropriation shall be without penalty.

47. Extension:

When in the City's best interest, this agreement may be extended on a daily, month-to-month, or annual basis by mutual agreement of both parties. Services and/or materials received under an extension shall be in accordance with pricing, terms, and conditions, as described herein.

48. Termination:

The City may terminate this agreement and be relieved of any consideration to the vendor should vendor fail to perform in the manner required. Furthermore, the City may terminate this agreement for any reason without penalty upon giving thirty (30) days written notice to the vendor. In the event of termination, the full extent of City liability shall be limited to an equitable adjustment and payment for materials and/or services authorized by and received to the satisfaction of the City prior to termination.

49. Venue:

This agreement shall be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of Nevada, and venue for any proceeding shall be in Washoe County.

50. Boycott of Israel (NRS 332.065) (This Section ☒ IS ☐ IS NOT Applicable to this bid):

Pursuant to NRS 332.065 any Contract entered into under NRS Chapter 332 in which the estimated annual dollar amount exceeds \$100,000 will require written certification that the bidder is not, and will not be, engaged in a Boycott of Israel throughout the duration of the Contract. The term "Boycott of Israel" has the meaning ascribed in NRS 332.065(5). Bidder certifies that it is not, and will not be, engaged in a Boycott of Israel throughout the duration of the Contract.

Special Conditions and Specifications (Specific to Project)

In instances where the Special Conditions conflict with the General Conditions, the Special Conditions will prevail with respect to that instance or item(s).



Request for Proposal

For

306 10th Street, Sparks, NV 89431

Affordable Housing Development Project

SECTION 1: General Information

Request for Proposal (RFP): 306 10th Street Affordable Housing Development Project

Contact:

City of Sparks

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SECTION 2: Background, Objectives and Site Information

Background

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was passed by Congress and signed into law. This act established the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSFRF) and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) which jointly appropriated \$350 billion to provide payments to states and certain local governments, the District of Columbia, and U.S. Territories and Tribal governments to assist with recovery and continue navigating the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak. The State of Nevada received approximately \$2.739 billion in CSFRF assistance to help Nevadans.

Former Nevada Governor Sisolak announced he was appropriating \$500 million from the State of Nevada's ARPA funds to support the development of affordable housing through the Home Means Nevada Initiative (HMNI). The funding was divided into four categories:

- \$300 million – New Construction Affordable Housing Multifamily Development
- \$130 million – Affordable Housing Preservation
- \$30 million – Homeownership Opportunities and Rehabilitation

- \$40 million – Land Acquisition for Future Affordable Housing Development (vacant or blighted)

The City of Sparks received \$2,781,000 in HMNI funds for land acquisition. Under the category of land acquisition, the funds allocated to the City may only be used for the purchase of vacant or blighted land. Once acquired, the land can only be used for income-restricted affordable rental housing under the terms of the HMNI Grant.

The City of Sparks continues to experience a shortage of affordable housing attributable to rising rents and low vacancy rates fueled, in part, by an influx of businesses and corresponding population growth. During the fourth quarter of 2024, average rents ranged from \$1,484 to \$1,762, in west and east Sparks, respectively, according to the Johnson Perkins Griffin Apartment Survey – 4th Quarter 2024. Apartment vacancy rates for the region were 3.16%, making it challenging for low- and moderate-income households to find rental housing.

Acquiring land can be a barrier for developers and nonprofits, especially in locations near transit, schools, employment, and grocery stores. City purchase of land with HMNI funds, and making the land available at no cost to a developer or nonprofit, would alleviate this barrier and advance the development of affordable housing. The City has purchased one such parcel located at 306 10th Street, Sparks, NV 89431 (APN: 032-191-17) with HMNI funds, which is the subject of this RFP.

Objectives

This Request for Proposal (RFP) is issued by the City of Sparks Community Services Department to obtain proposals for the development and operation of affordable housing for low-income residents of Washoe County, as provided in the table below, and as these figures may be adjusted in the future:

	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person
Very Low Income (60%)	\$46,440	\$53,040	\$59,700	\$66,300	\$71,580	\$76,920	\$82,200	\$87,540

2025 HUD Publish Area Median Income Limits Washoe County

The parcel on which the affordable housing is to be constructed is owned by the City of Sparks and located at 306 10th Street, Sparks, NV 89431 (APN: 032-191-17).

As part of the City's purchase of this property, the property is deed restricted and the City is required to ensure that any housing constructed on the property is restricted to affordable housing for a 50-year affordability period. The proposer must therefore build affordable housing, but may choose the type of housing to construct, demographics served (if applicable), unit size, amenities offered, etc. All units must be affordable to households earning at or below 60% AMI (see table above) for Washoe County, Nevada, as published by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The housing proposed should be compatible in value, design and amenities with the surrounding neighborhood.

This RFP is designed to seek a qualified development entity to own, design, develop, construct, finance, operate, manage, and lease the property to very low-income households, as defined above, and other

associated tasks that ensure the development and operation of affordable housing units at 306 10th Street, Sparks, NV 89431. Upon final selection of the project and entity by the Sparks City Council, and concurrence with the Nevada Housing Division, the selected entity will be required to enter into an assignment and assumption agreement, transferring the HMNI grant reporting and other compliance obligations required by the Nevada Housing Division, and a Development Agreement with the City of Sparks, to include the transfer of the deed, and associated affordable housing requirements. The expected outcome of this project is the highest and best use of the property for affordable housing.

An existing vacant building is located at the southwest corner of the parcel. According to the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office - Historic Inventory Form completed in August 2005, the existing building was built between the years 1912 and 1925. The Washoe County Assessor's Office lists a construction date of 1913. The building was initially used as a single-family residence and later may have been used as office space prior to 2005. The building is listed as one and one half stories and is approximately 1,628 square feet, with three bedrooms and one bathroom. There is an unfinished basement of approximately 1,209 square feet, which includes a one car garage. It is the only remaining building of the Robinson Addition neighborhood, first recorded in 1903. The building has not been evaluated for eligibility in the National Register or Nevada State Register of Historic Places. The City of Sparks conducted lead based paint and asbestos testing on the building and both were present.

This RFP requires the proposer to address the disposition of the vacant building in the submission. The proposer must describe how the building will be incorporated into the affordable housing project, relocated to another site, or demolished. The development of affordable housing under the HMNI funding requirements are specific to the 306 10th Street parcel and would not be applicable to the building if it is relocated to another site. If the building remains on the site, it must be incorporated into the site design, which may include, but is not limited to, a leasing office, community space, or housing. The building would be required to meet current code (e.g., International Building Code, International Fire Code) and ADA requirements. All costs associated with the disposition of the building will be the responsibility of the proposer.

The HMNI funding and associated deed restriction requires a minimum 50-year affordability period and that all project units be leased only to households whose combined income does not exceed 60 percent of AMI based on the HUD-published income limits (see chart above) for Washoe County, and as this AMI figure will be adjusted into the future. The affordability period and income requirements have been recorded through a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants Running with the Land (Doc #5448383) in the official documents of Washoe County.

Individuals or organizations interested in submitting a proposal must demonstrate the financial capacity to develop the project, have the capacity to carry out the obligations required for the proposed project, have the ability to accomplish specific development goals, and have experience with the successful development of similar projects. Also considered will be the developer's demonstrated sensitivity to quality land use planning, housing development design, and architecture.

The proposer must provide responses to all information requested in the "Proposal Contents" section in a clear and concise manner. Proposals will be evaluated for completeness, including all information and forms required by this Request for Proposal. Additional information may be requested by the City after review of each proposal.

Site Information

The City of Sparks purchased the vacant parcel located at 306 10th Street (APN: 032-191-17) in April 2024 utilizing the Home Means Nevada Initiative grant funding. The parcel is .964± acres in size. The lot is zoned Mixed Use District-Downtown Victorian Square (MUD-DVS). The surrounding neighborhood consists of a mix of single family residences, multi-family apartments, and businesses. The site is paved and there is a vacant building located in the southwest corner of the parcel.



LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Parcel 1:

The West 64 feet of Lots 13 and 14 in Block 13 of ROBISON'S ADDITION, EAST RENO, NOW CITY OF SPARKS, according to the map thereof, filed in the office of the County Recorder of Washoe County, State of Nevada on November 17, 1903 as Tract Map No. 106.

Parcel 2:

The West 38 feet of the East 76 feet of Lots 13 and 14 in Block 13 of ROBISON'S ADDITION, EAST RENO, NOW CITY OF SPARKS, according to the map thereof, filed in the office of the County Recorder of Washoe County, State of Nevada on November 17, 1903 as Tract Map No. 106.

Parcel 3:

The East 38 feet of Lots 13 and 14 in Block 13 of ROBISON'S ADDITION, EAST RENO, NOW CITY OF SPARKS, according to the map thereof, filed in the office of the County Recorder of Washoe County, State of Nevada on November 17, 1903 as Tract Map No. 106.

Parcel 4:

All of Lot 18 in Block 13 of ROBISON'S ADDITION, EAST RENO, NOW CITY OF SPARKS, according to the map thereof, filed in the office of the County Recorder of Washoe County, State of Nevada on November 17, 1903 as Tract Map No. 106.

Parcel 5:

Lots 15, 16 and 17 in Block 13 of ROBISON'S ADDITION, EAST RENO, NOW CITY OF SPARKS, according to the map thereof, filed in the office of the County Recorder of Washoe County, State of Nevada on November 17, 1903 as Tract Map No. 106.

Parcel 6:

the North 16 2/3 feet of Lot 22 and the South 16 2/3 feet of Lot 23 in Block 13 of ROBISON'S ADDITION, EAST RENO, NOW CITY OF SPARKS, according to the map thereof, filed in the office of the County Recorder of Washoe County, State of Nevada on November 17, 1903 as Tract Map No. 106.

Parcel 7:

Lots 19 and 20 in Block 13 of ROBISON'S ADDITION, EAST RENO, NOW CITY OF SPARKS, according to the map thereof, filed in the office of the County Recorder of Washoe County, State of Nevada on November 17, 1903 as Tract Map No. 106.

Parcel 8:

Lot 21 and the South 8 and 1/3 feet of Lot 22 in Block 13 of ROBISON'S ADDITION, EAST RENO, NOW CITY OF SPARKS, according to the map thereof, filed in the office of the County Recorder of Washoe County, State of Nevada on November 17, 1903 as Tract Map No. 106.

Lot 24 and the North 8 and 1/3 feet of Lot 23 in Block 13 of ROBISON'S ADDITION, EAST RENO, NOW CITY OF SPARKS, according to the map thereof, filed in the office of the County Recorder of Washoe County, State of Nevada on November 17, 1903 as Tract Map No. 106

SECTION 3: Information for Proposers

Proposal Contents

Please provide a response to each of the following:

1. List the organization name, the type of organization, contact person(s), email addresses, resumes and qualifications of key personnel.
2. Describe the organization's experience developing affordable housing. Please list prior projects, including addresses, year built, number of units, funding sources and total project cost. Are the properties self-managed or managed through a management company?
3. Please provide three examples of previous projects, including photos and site plan. If proposer has developed a similar size project as proposed project, please provide examples of that project.
4. Describe the organization's experience owning and managing affordable housing properties.
5. Describe the organization's experience developing affordable housing utilizing State and Federal funding. Please list prior funding sources awarded to the organization for the development of affordable housing.
6. Describe the proposed project and how the project addresses the community's affordable housing needs.
7. Provide preliminary project plans including a site plan, landscape plan, and conceptual building elevations.
8. Describe how the project will comply with applicable zoning regulations.
9. Describe the disposition of the vacant building. If the building will be incorporated into the affordable housing project, please describe the use of the building. If the building is moved to a separate location, please provide the timeline, funding sources and location (if known). If the building will be demolished, please specify so.
10. Describe the number of units to be constructed, the type of units, accessible units, and the unit mix (number of bedrooms in each unit).
11. Describe any amenities that will be onsite.
12. Explain the sources of funding for the project. Are these funds committed?
13. Demonstrate financial capability to undertake the project. Submit a proposed financial plan detailing projected funding sources.
14. Define the target group(s) (if applicable) that will occupy the housing to be assisted by income level. If the housing is targeted to a specific special needs group(s), indicate which special needs group(s) will be targeted.
15. Will supportive services be provided?

16. What are the proposed rents for the units? Will utilities be included in the rent? Provide a breakout of owner-paid utilities and tenant-paid utilities.
17. All units must serve households earning 60% AMI and below. If applicable, please describe how many units will serve households earning less than 60% AMI and include the target AMI.
18. Provide a proposed development schedule, including time required for design, commencement, and completion of construction, and project phasing, if applicable.
19. Complete a schedule of estimated costs for the design and construction project. This shall include the costs for site work, architectural fees, consultant fees (if applicable), construction, site cleanup following construction, landscaping, and all other costs for the construction of project.
20. Please include the Proforma for the proposed project operations.
21. Describe how adverse impacts to existing neighborhood residents will be minimized, including noise, dust, construction traffic, etc.
22. Describe how the construction of the project will be managed.
23. Acknowledgement that the project must be reviewed and approved by City of Sparks staff and/or the Sparks Planning Commission and Sparks City Council.
24. List any terms and/or special conditions the proposed firm or individual may have on the City or City staff.
25. Acknowledgement and agreement that the selected entity will be required to enter into an assignment and assumption agreement and a Development Agreement with the City of Sparks.
26. Acknowledgment and agree that the selected entity will be required to comply with the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants Running with the Land recorded against the property as Document Number 5448383 in the Official Records of Washoe County.
27. Proposal should include a marketing plan.
28. Please provide your most recent audit.
 - If selected, proposer must submit the following DUNS number (free at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/>), and
 - Unique Entity ID (UEI)
 - Employer Identification Number (EIN)
 - Proof of registration in the federal government's System for Award Management (SAM).

Compliance - Reporting and Program Requirements

Federal Compliance

If selected, proposer must comply with the following laws and directives:

1. The Hatch Act as set forth in Title 5, Chapter 15, of the United States Code.
2. The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as set forth in Public Law 91-190 and the implementing regulations in 24 CFR, Parts 51 and 58.
3. Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, Public Law 90-284.
4. Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.
5. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Public Law 88-352, and the regulations of HUD with respect thereto, including 24 CFR, Parts 1 and 2.
6. The Fair Housing Act, as amended.
7. Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, and the regulations of HUD with respect thereto, including 24 CFR Part 75. All published Section 3 policies, guidelines, and forms by NHD will be utilized and followed.
8. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975.
9. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
10. Executive Order 11246, as amended, and the regulations which are issued pursuant thereto.
11. The Fair Labor Standards Act.
12. Section 202(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973.
13. Sections 302 and 401(b) of the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act and implementing regulations in 24 CFR, Part 35.
14. The Davis-Bacon Act, as amended, if applicable, which requires that all laborers and mechanics who are employed to perform work on the Project, or any contractor or construction work which is financed, in whole or in part, with assistance which is received under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 shall be paid wages at rates which are not less than those that prevail in the locality for similar construction and shall receive overtime compensation in accordance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. The contractor and its subcontractors shall also comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations which pertain to labor standards, including the minimum wage law.
15. 45 CFR, Part 76, Subpart F of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988.
16. Section 319 of Public Law 101-121, of the Department of the Interior Appropriations Act, which prohibits the Grantee from using appropriated Federal funds for lobbying the Executive or Legislative Branches of the Federal Government in connection with a specific contract, grant, or loan, and requires that no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the Grantee, 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 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.

17. Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, which requires that the Project shall:
 - a. not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment on the basis of religion and not limit employment or give preference in employment to persons on the basis of religion; and
 - b. not discriminate against any person applying for such public services on the basis of religion and not limit such services or give preference to persons on the basis of religion; and
 - c. provide no religious instruction or counseling, conduct no religious worship or services, engage in no religious proselytizing and exert no other religious influence in the provision of such public services.
18. Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12131; 47 U.S.C. 155, 201, 218, and 225).
19. None of the personnel employed in the administration of the Project shall be in any way or to any extent engaged in the conduct of political activities in contravention of Chapter 15 Title 5, of the U.S. Code.
20. None of the Funds shall be used for any partisan political activity, or to support or defeat legislation pending before Congress.
21. Completion and submission of a satisfactory environmental review and receipt by the Division of an Authority to Use Grant Funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under 24 CFR Part 50, is required, if applicable to the Project. The provision of any Funds to the Project is conditioned on the Nevada Housing Division's determination to proceed with, modify or cancel the project based on the results of a subsequent environmental review, if applicable to the Project.
22. The requirements of Executive Order 11625, 12432, and 12138 and 24 CFR § 93.407(a)(viii) that provides for the utilization of minority businesses and women business enterprises in all federally assisted contracts. Grantee shall provide the Division, on an annual basis, records and data on Minority Business Enterprise, Women's Business Enterprise, and marketing efforts. The Division, in its discretion, may request such other and further information, as from time to time required to ensure compliance with the mandates of the above listed Executive Orders. These records shall contain, but are not limited to, the following data:
 - a. Data on the attempts to reach minority-owned and female-owned businesses when announcing business opportunities;
 - b. Data on racial/ethnic or gender character of business to whom a contract was awarded and the contract amount; and
 - c. Data on attempts to affirmatively further fair housing.

Home Means Nevada Initiative Reporting

If selected, proposer must agree to:

1. Abide by all applicable federal, state, and local codes, regulations, statutes, ordinances, and laws, including, without limitation, the Final Rule and 31 CFR Part 35 Subpart A. Proposer agrees that if selected, proposer will be the sole entity undertaking the eligible activities as defined under the Final Rule ("Eligible Activities") under this Agreement.
2. Provide the Nevada Housing Division with reports as required by the Nevada Housing Division via

electronic mail to the Nevada Housing Division at intervals the Nevada Housing Division determines are necessary, including, without limitation, any reports regarding employee wages. Reports must include, without limitation, the following information:

- a. Total clients served;
 - b. Racial breakdown of clients served, including, without limitation, American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, and White;
 - c. Ethnicity breakdown indicating either Hispanic or non-Hispanic, by race;
 - d. Number and percentage of low- and very-low income clients as defined by HUD;
 - e. Number of clients with disabilities served;
 - f. Number of senior citizens served;
 - g. Number of female head-of-households served;
 - h. Name of each head-of-household served;
 - i. Number of persons in each household served; and
 - j. Rent charged each household served.
3. Affirm and acknowledge the parcel cannot be used for any other purpose than for the development of affordable housing as restricted by the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants Running with the Land.

RFP Submission

Hand deliver a hard copy and flash drive, to the point of contact listed in Section 1.

RFP Process Timelines

Advertise: April 23, 2025

Site visit available by appointment

Proposal due: August 21, 2025

Project Selection: TBD

SECTION 4: RFP Evaluation and Selection Process

The following criteria will be used in evaluating the submissions to this RFP.

Qualifications of the Development Team – Personnel (20 possible points)	
Design and development expertise. (5 points)	
Management expertise. (5 points)	
Marketing expertise. (5 points)	
Financial expertise. (5 points)	

Organizational Capacity (30 possible points)	
Prior experience utilizing Federal and State funds to develop affordable housing. (5 points)	
Ability to develop projects as initially designed and within budget. (4 points)	
Timeliness of past performance. (4 points)	
Prior experience designing, financing, and constructing affordable housing projects. (5 points)	
Quality of past projects including architectural, site, and landscape. (4 points)	
Prior experience of marketing, leasing, and managing affordable housing projects. (4 points)	
Organization audit provided – no audit findings. (4 points)	

Project Financial Feasibility (20 possible points)	
Ability to secure funding for the project. (5 points)	
Project costs are comparable to the current market conditions. (5 points)	
Project includes units targeted at households earning 30% AMI. (5 points)	
Project timeline supports the timely development of affordable housing. (5 points)	

Project Design (30 possible points)	
Quality of site amenities. (3 points)	
Quality of proposed site design. (5 points)	
Quality of architectural design. (4 points)	
Quality of landscape plan. (3 points)	
Project compliance with applicable zoning regulations. (3 points)	
Number of units and unit make up is reasonable for the parcel size. (4 points)	
Neighborhood impacts and mitigation plan has been provided. (3 points)	
Maximizes site for the development of affordable units. (5 points)	

Total Score (100 points possible)	
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The City reserves the right to conduct interviews with all or some of the Proposers at any point during the evaluation process. However, the City may determine that interviews are not necessary. In the event interviews are conducted, information provided during the interview process shall be taken into consideration when evaluating firms using the above-stated criteria.

The City also reserves the right to take such additional investigation as it deems necessary to establish the competence and financial stability of any firm submitting a proposal.

Any material breach of the terms of this section may result in forfeiture of Funds received or any part thereof.

It is the intent of the City of Sparks to review and assess the RFP responses to determine if the response from solicited proposers can meet the needs of the City of Sparks. Proposers are expected to provide their best and most competitive proposal.

Disclaimer

This RFP does not form or constitute a contractual document. The City of Sparks shall not be liable for any loss, expense, damage or claim arising out of the advice given or not given or statements made or omitted to be made in connection with this RFP. The City also will not be responsible for any expenses which may be incurred in the preparation of this RFP. This RFP is not to be construed as a contract or commitment of any kind.