

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Original Date Issued: Friday, May 17, 2024

Deadline for Questions: Monday, May 27, 2024

Closing Date: Monday, June 10, 2024

Anticipated Award Date: Wednesday, July 31, 2024

In the event of multiple viable submissions, finalists may be requested to prepare a virtual presentation to the selection panel. We anticipate these presentations to take place the first full business week in June.

Reference: ICMA Washington, D.C.

Subject: Request for Proposal No. ICMAHO/2025 TCTAC Symposium

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) is seeking proposals from eligible respondents for professional services in support of ICMA in Washington, D.C. ICMA anticipates awarding one (1) single award as a result of this Solicitation. ICMA reserves the right to offer fewer awards than anticipated above.

Questions concerning this solicitation should be directed to Raksha Vasudevan at rvasudevan@icma.org with a copy to workwithus@icma.org.

All communications must include the solicitation title, **ICMAHO/2025 TCTAC Symposium**, in the subject line.

No communication intended to influence this procurement is permitted except by contacting the designated contacts above. Contacting anyone other than the designated contacts (either directly by the Respondent or indirectly through a lobbyist or other person acting on the respondent's behalf) in an attempt to influence this procurement: (1) may result in a Respondent being deemed a non-responsive Respondent, and (2) may result in the Respondent not being awarded a contract.

This solicitation in no way obligates ICMA to award a contract nor does it commit ICMA to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of a proposal. ICMA bears no responsibility for data errors resulting from transmission or conversion processes.

ICMA appreciates your responsiveness and looks forward to a mutually beneficial business relationship.

Sincerely,

Emily Sparks
Program Director
ICMA

PURPOSE

ICMA seeks a venue in the United States to provide lodging and meeting space for the 2025 TCTAC Symposium in the spring of 2025.

ABOUT ICMA AND EJ TCTAC

In partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) launched the [Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center Program \(EJ TCTACs\)](#).

EJ TCTACs is a national initiative that provides free services to non-profit organizations, tribes, and local governments to help underserved and overburdened communities across the country advance clean energy and environmental justice initiatives. Support and services include navigating federal and state grant application systems, grant proposal review, and effective grant management. ICMA, alongside the Institute for Sustainable Communities and the National Indian Health Board, serves as National TCTACs for the TCTAC Program.

ICMA is the lead non-federal organizer of the symposium tasked with managing logistics and supporting the development of educational content and outreach.

For more information regarding ICMA's programs and services, please visit www.icma.org.

Location

The EJ TCTAC program serves and partners with all 10 Environmental Protection Agency Regions. In selecting a location, ICMA will prioritize accessibility. Additionally, in accordance with the spirit of the program, ICMA will prioritize locations that have a substantial disadvantaged population as defined by the Council on Environmental Quality's Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool.

SCOPE OF WORK

An overview of the EJ TCTAC Symposium includes the following:

- Approximately 350 participants
- Anticipated event pattern:
 - Monday: Set-up
 - Tuesday – Thursday: Educational programming
 - Thursday: Move out

AWARD CRITERIA

The general structure of the needs of the EJ TCTAC Symposium are described below. It is critical to the success of the event that it be held in an accessibly priced location.

The dates of national and religious holidays as well as other major conferences that the

city hosts should be avoided so there are no conflicts.

Please provide the following when responding to the RFP as cities will be ranked based on the following (8) criteria:

1. Available Dates

Offerors shall provide the meeting space as required during one of the following preferred months in 2025:

- February
- March
- April
- May

Should your venue have non-holiday need dates in an alternative pattern during these months, those would be considered as well.

2. Available Meeting

All meeting spaces are to be on 24-hour hold.

Please review and complete the **EJTCTAC 2025 Projected Programming Placement** spreadsheet found at [icma.org/requests-for-proposals](https://www.icma.org/requests-for-proposals) for the detailed overview of the meeting space needs. Please insert the name of the convention facility and/or hotel and include the name of the projected meeting room under Column A titled Meeting Room Name. It would be helpful to provide a copy of the convention facility meeting space/map.

- The preferred pattern is:
 - Monday: Set-up: 8:00am-11:59pm
 - Tuesday – Thursday: Educational programming
 - Thursday: Move out, tear down: 2:00pm until 11:59pm
- General Session
 - Accommodate a minimum of 400/pp set in rounds of 10, with head table for 3 and standing lectern on riser
 - Audiovisual equipment, including projection screens flanking the stage
- Registration
 - Prefer column-free
 - Provide open flow for 400 attendees
 - Provide (2) 6 feet wide skirted registration tables
 - Must be centrally located to the assigned meeting space
- Offices
 - (1) Staff office will be on a (24) hour hold, approximately 700 sq. ft.

- (2) Offices for First Aid and Security. If your facility offers permanent offices for these, our office needs will be reduced.
- Meeting Space for Breakout Programming
 - **(2) Panel Discussions/Town Hall Meetings**
150-200/pp
Set in classroom with head table for 3 and standing lectern on riser
 - **(1) Roundtable Conversations**
150-200/pp
Set in rounds of 10 with head table for 2 and standing lectern on the floor
 - **(2) Small Group Convenings**
30-50/pp
Set in rounds of 10 with head table for 2 and standing lectern on the floor

3. Cost Effective Rental and License Fees

Proposals must include the cost, if any, of rental/license fees and any applicable discounts offered.

4. Availability and Location of Proposed Hotel Accommodations

- Offerors shall provide sleeping rooms at the room rates provided beginning one day prior to the **official program dates** and one day following the **official program dates** based on the requirements below.
- All sleeping rooms should be provided at the prevailing federal lodging rate or lower
- Please provide room and occupancy tax as well as additional taxes and/or fees.
- Attendees will make their reservations through hotels
- Guests will be responsible for their room/tax/incidentals upon check-out.
- Guest rooms should be within reasonable walking distance of the meeting venue

Requested

	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
Projecting	6	10	300	300	300	150

5. Government Per-Diem

- List the current government per-diem for each set of dates your city can offer availability.

6. Surrounding Population Base

- Provide your city or metro area population and the number of people within a day's drive.

7. Accessibility and Transportation into the City

- Demonstrate the accessibility of airline flights to offeror's city from major cities within the United States. Include the number of nonstop and direct flights.
- Provide the availability and cost of public transportation to and from the airport to convention facility.
- State the number of miles and modes of transportation available from the airport to the convention facility.

8. Greening Initiatives

- Offerors should provide a copy of their conference facility and/or hotels' Greening Strategies and Initiatives. We are especially interested in:
 - Do you provide electronic signboards outside each meeting room? If so, what is the policy for changing or updating the signboards?
- In addition, offerors must return the EPA Green Meetings and Conferences questionnaire. Please respond to all (17) questions found here: <https://www.acquisition.gov/epaar/1552.223-71-epa-green-meetings-and-conferences>.
- Information pertaining to EPA Meetings initiatives may be found on the internet at: <https://www.epa.gov/p2/green-meetings>

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Section 1: Applicant Profile	Please limit to no more than two pages. CV's, résumés, or attachments/appendices will not count toward the page limit. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Provide a description of the applicant organization and experience with similar events.2. CV's or résumés of significant personnel; Please indicate how much time each person(s) will devote to this project and what other projects this person (s) undertake at the same time.
Section 2: Approach	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Available dates2. Available meeting space3. Availability and location of proposed hotel accommodations4. Surrounding population base5. Accessibility and transportation into the city

	<p>6. Greening Initiatives - response to the 17-question greening questionnaire</p> <p>7. How many conferences of like size has the facility serviced in the past year?</p> <p>8. How do you assist clients with staying within budget?</p> <p>Planning the Event:</p> <p>9. How would the facility and its staff participate in planning meetings?</p> <p>10. Various ancillary groups (separate from ICMA) are permitted to hold meetings and social functions during the event. Are you prepared to provide service to these groups and provide separate billing?</p> <p>11. Would ICMA receive any discounts/rebates if these other groups utilize your services?</p> <p>Costs & Services:</p> <p>12. Describe the facilities payment policy, including any deposits required and how any discrepancies are handled.</p> <p>Labor:</p> <p>13. Indicate the types and levels of insurance the facility carries:</p> <p>Errors & Omissions Insurance:</p> <p>Workers Compensation Insurance:</p> <p>Commercial Liability Insurance:</p> <p>Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance:</p> <p>Other:</p> <p>Additional Services and Products:</p> <p>14. Share any additional services or products not officially requested in this proposal that could be of use or interest to ICMA.</p>
<p>Section 3. Pricing</p>	<p>1. Cost Effective Rental and License Fees</p> <p>2. Percentage of sleeping rooms provided at prevailing Federal Lodging rate</p> <p>3. Room and occupancy taxes and fees</p>

CONTRACT TERM AND DELIVERY DATES

ICMA expects to award a one-event term. Final delivery dates will be negotiated upon award.

EVALUATION AND AWARD PROCESS

Offers will be evaluated based upon ability to match the qualifications set forth in this solicitation. Evaluation criteria will be weighted as follows:

- a. Applicant Profile (10%)
- b. Approach (45%)
- c. Pricing (45%)

ICMA reserves the right to award under this solicitation without further negotiations. The respondents are encouraged to offer their best terms and prices with the original submission.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE RESPONDENTS

Respondents interested in providing the services described above should submit a proposal following the prescribed format in the [Submission Requirements](#) section of this RFP. Adherence to the proposal format by all respondents will ensure a fair evaluation with regard to the needs of ICMA. Respondents who do not follow the prescribed format may be deemed non-responsive. A letter transmitting the proposal must be signed by an officer of the firm authorized to bind the respondent as required by this solicitation.

1. Transmission letter
2. Package no more than 15 pages excluding CV's or resumes and **required forms**
3. Completed and signed required forms

Packages must be submitted electronically, in one singular document, to esparks@icma.org and cc workwithus@icma.org. Place “**ICMAHO/2025 EJ TCTAC Symposium**” in the subject line. No phone calls please.

APPENDICES (REQUIRED FORMS)

W-9:

<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>

New Vendor Form:

<https://icma.org/documents/icma-procurement-vendor-application-o>

EJ TCTAC Symposium Projected Programming Placement spreadsheet:

<https://icma.org/requests-for-proposals>

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Proposal Submission - Proposals lacking the appropriate completed forms will not be considered. Faxed proposals will not be accepted. Proposals will not be accepted at any other ICMA location other than the email address above. If changes are made to this solicitation, notifications will be sent to the primary contact provided to ICMA from each Respondent.

Proprietary Information - Careful consideration should be given before confidential information is submitted to ICMA as part of your proposal. Review should include whether it is critical for evaluating a proposal, and whether general, non-confidential information, may be adequate for review purposes. Information submitted to ICMA that the Respondent wishes to have treated as proprietary and confidential trade secret information, should be identified and labeled "Confidential" or "Proprietary" on each page at the time of disclosure. This information should include a written request to exempt it from disclosure, including a written statement of the reasons why the information should be exempted. However, ICMA cannot guarantee the confidentiality of any information submitted.

Contract Award - ICMA anticipates making one award under this solicitation. It may award a contract based on initial applications without discussion or following limited discussion or negotiations. Each offer should be submitted using the most favorable cost and technical terms. ICMA may request additional data or material to support applications. ICMA expects to notify Respondents in approximately three weeks from the proposal due date whether your proposal has been selected to receive an award.

Limitation - This solicitation does not commit ICMA to award a contract, pay any costs incurred in preparing a proposal, or to procure or contract for services or supplies. ICMA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received, to negotiate with all qualified sources, or to cancel in part or in its entirety the solicitation when it is in ICMA's best interest.

Disclosure Requirement - The Respondent shall disclose any indictment for any alleged felony, or any conviction for a felony within the past five years, under the laws of the United States or any state or territory of the United States, and shall describe circumstances for each.

When a Respondent is an association, partnership, corporation, or other organization, this disclosure requirement includes the organization and its officers, partners, and directors or members of any similarly governing body. If an indictment or conviction should come to the attention of ICMA after the award of a contract, ICMA may exercise its stop-work right pending further investigation, or terminate the agreement.

No Gifts - It is ICMA's Policy that no gifts of any kind and of any value be exchanged between respondents and ICMA personnel. Discovery of the same will be grounds for disqualification of the vendor from participation in any ICMA's procurements and may result in disciplinary actions against ICMA personnel involved in such discovered transactions.

Equal Opportunity - In connection with the procurement of the specified services, the firm warrants that it shall not discriminate because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, non-disabling physical and mental disability, political status, matriculation, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic information, status as a veteran, physical handicap, age, marital status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

Small and Disadvantaged Businesses – ICMA shall use good faith efforts to provide contracting and procurement opportunities for SDB's. SDB categories include minority business enterprises (MBE), woman-owned business enterprises (WBE), small veteran and disabled veteran owned businesses, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), predominantly Hispanic Universities (HACUs), small businesses in Historically Under-utilized Zones (HUB Zones) and private voluntary organizations (PVOs) principally operated and managed by economically disadvantaged individuals.

EXAMPLE TERMS & CONDITIONS

SAMPLE

These Terms and Conditions are effective as of the **last date signed below** (the Effective Date), by and between **CONTRACTOR** (Contractor), a/an **STATE OF INCORPORATION** corporation, with its principal place of business at **ADDRESS** and **THE INTERNATIONAL CITY/COUNTY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION** (ICMA), a Washington, D.C. nonprofit corporation, with its principal place of business at 777 North Capitol Street NE, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20002. Contractor and ICMA are sometimes referred to individually as a Party and collectively as the Parties.

WHEREAS, Contractor delivers certain professional services, including, but not limited to, **DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES OFFERED BY CONTRACTOR**; and

WHEREAS, ICMA wishes to obtain such professional services.

NOW, THEREFORE, intending to be legally bound hereby, and for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. SERVICES PROVIDED

1.1 Statement of Work.

(a) Contractor will provide professional services (the Services) as specified in the statement of work (Statement of Work) agreed to by the Parties from time to time. Together, these Terms and Conditions and the Statement of Work shall constitute the Agreement. The Statement of Work shall contain, at a minimum, the following information: (a) the responsibilities of the Contractor, including a description of the Services and Work Product (as defined in the “Intellectual Property” Section); (b) the commencement and termination dates of the Services; and (c) fees, expenses and a payment schedule. Both Parties must approve and execute the Statement of Work for such Statement of Work to be in effect.

(b) Changes. Additions or modifications to the Statement of Work may be accomplished through the use of a Change Order as defined below. A Change Order must be in writing and signed by both Parties in order to be effective. The procedure for creating a Change Order is as follows: (a) Either Party shall submit a written request to the other Party specifying the additions or modifications to the Statement of Work desired (the Change Notice); (b) after the exchange of such Change Notice, the Contractor shall submit a change order proposal (the Change Order) to ICMA which shall include a description of the work, any additional fees and any changes to the delivery dates. Upon ICMA’s written signature to the Change Order, the Change Order will become part of the Agreement. Without a Change Order, ICMA shall have no duty to make payment for any additional work performed.

1.2 Personnel.

(a) ICMA approval. The Services provided by Contractor may be performed by Contractor's employees or subcontractors. ICMA shall have the right to approve all personnel including subcontractors assigned to perform Services under this Agreement, and Contractor shall not replace personnel or subcontractors without ICMA's prior written approval.

(b) Replacement of personnel. In the event that any personnel performing Services hereunder are found to be unacceptable to ICMA for any reason, ICMA shall notify Contractor in writing, and Contractor shall, at ICMA's request, either provide a qualified replacement or take appropriate corrective action. Contractor agrees to provide ICMA with written notification two weeks before replacing any project personnel. Two weeks advance notice is not required where immediate termination is clearly necessary to protect the interest of the project. However, in such cases, Contractor shall notify ICMA promptly. In all cases, ICMA must approve in writing changes to any personnel assigned to perform work under this Agreement.

(c) No payment for training. In the event that Contractor provides replacement personnel for any reason, Contractor shall not charge ICMA for the time required to train the replacement until such personnel are familiar with the particular project and all work done prior thereto, so that such replacement personnel are capable of performing the Services as efficiently as the replaced personnel at the time of departure.

1.3 Subcontractors. Contractor agrees that in the event it hires or works with any subcontractor to perform any of the Services under the Agreement, Contractor shall ensure that such subcontractors are bound by the terms of this Agreement, including, where necessary, executing an addendum to existing contracts between Contractor and subcontractor. At a minimum, as part of an addendum or otherwise, Contractor shall notify the subcontractor in writing, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, of the following ICMA requirements: (a) subcontractor is prohibited from using names, logos, or other marks owned by or associated with ICMA for any purpose, including marketing, advertising or publicity without ICMA's prior written consent; (b) subcontractor shall comply with all applicable laws in the performance of the Services for which it has been engaged by Contractor; (c) subcontractor shall not disclose or use information about ICMA for purposes other than performing the Services for which it has been engaged by Contractor; (d) subcontractor shall assign to ICMA all of its right, title, and interest in and to any Work Product; and (e) subcontractor shall carry appropriate insurance coverage as applicable, and shall supply proof of its insurance coverage such as a Certificate of Insurance at the request of Contractor.

1.4 Background Checks. Contractor agrees that prior to Contractor or its Personnel, if any, being permitted to begin performing Services for ICMA on ICMA's premises, Contractor shall certify that it has performed a background check (Background Check) verifying the following records: (i) Social Security number; (ii) county criminal records; (iii) national criminal records; (iv) and credit check, if appropriate, and that Contractor and any Personnel have successfully passed the Background Check. In the following situations, Contractor shall also perform and verify a credit check on Contractor and any Personnel: where the position involves fiscal responsibilities or access to confidential or sensitive information; where the work to be performed requires access to ICMA's networks, equipment, and/or facilities; or where Contractor and any Personnel's access or work is similar to that of ICMA employees.

In the event that Contractor has not performed a Background Check on Contractor or its

Personnel proposed for assignment to work in or on ICMA's premises (or that any Background Check(s) performed by Contractor are not satisfactory to ICMA) Contractor agrees that: (i) ICMA may perform the Background Check at its own expense and (ii) Contractor and any Contractor Personnel who do not consent to the required Background Check will not be permitted to perform services on ICMA's premises. In the event that ICMA determines, subject to applicable law, based upon a review of the Background Check materials, that the proposed Personnel do not meet ICMA's minimum acceptable standards, Contractor agrees that such Personnel shall not perform services for ICMA and Contractor shall supply other Personnel for ICMA's consideration. In the event Contractor fails the Background Check, ICMA may terminate this Project Agreement.

2. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND LICENSES PROVIDED

2.1 Intellectual Property. Work product consists of the deliverables and other materials, including drafts thereof, prepared by Contractor or subcontractor(s), if any, to carry out the Services under this Agreement (Work Product). Contractor represents and warrants to ICMA that the Work Product is the original Work Product of Contractor and/or subcontractor and that it does not infringe any third party's intellectual property rights. ICMA shall own all right, title and interest in the Work Product. Contractor agrees that the Work Product is a "work made for hire" for ICMA under Section 101 of Title 17 of the United States Code as it now stands or as later amended. If the Work Product is deemed not to be a "work made for hire," Contractor does hereby sell, transfer, assign and deliver to ICMA and its successors and assigns forever, all of Contractor's right, title and interest, including all copyright interest, in the Work Product, in all forms, including, but not limited to, written or electronic form. In order to effectuate the ownership provision of this Agreement, Contractor shall obtain from any subcontractors, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, an assignment of all right, title and interest in and to the Work Product, including all copyrights, created by subcontractors in favor of ICMA. Contractor and subcontractor shall promptly take any actions that ICMA may reasonably request in connection with this assignment.

2.2 Contractor Property. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Contractor shall retain sole and exclusive ownership of and all right, title and interest in all intellectual property of Contractor existing prior to Contractor's performance of the Services. In addition, nothing herein is intended to restrict Contractor's right to use any and all ideas, concepts, expertise, know-how and learnings Contractor may discover, acquire or develop during the provision of Services which is of general application and does not contain any ICMA Confidential Information or other ICMA-specific information (all of the foregoing the Contractor Property). To the extent the Work Product contains Contractor Property or requires the use of Contractor Property, Contractor grants to ICMA (including ICMA contractors and grantees) the irrevocable, perpetual, nonexclusive, worldwide, royalty-free, paid-up right and license for ICMA's business purpose to use, execute, reproduce, display, perform, modify, and distribute copies of such Contractor Property, as reasonably required in conjunction with ICMA's business.

2.3 Third-Party Licenses. To the extent the Work Product contains third-party intellectual property, Contractor agrees to obtain on behalf of ICMA an irrevocable, perpetual, nonexclusive, worldwide right and, where possible, royalty-free license to use the third-party intellectual property. If Contractor is unable to obtain such a license, Contractor shall inform ICMA in writing.

2.4 Infringing Work Product. If the Work Product becomes, or in Contractor's reasonable opinion is likely to become, the subject of any claim or action, then Contractor shall either, at Contractor's election: (a) procure for ICMA the right to continue using the Work Product

as contemplated hereunder; (b) modify, subject to ICMA's written consent, the Work Product to render same non-infringing (provided such modification does not adversely affect ICMA's use as determined by ICMA); or (c) subject to ICMA's written consent, replace same with equally suitable, functionally equivalent, compatible non-infringing Work Product. If none of the foregoing is commercially reasonable or acceptable to ICMA, ICMA shall have the right to terminate and Contractor shall be considered to have materially breached this Agreement. Upon such termination, and without waiver of any other rights and remedies available to ICMA, Contractor shall refund to ICMA all amounts paid by ICMA for any nonconforming Work Product.

3. PAYMENTS

3.1 Payment Terms. Subject to the payment schedule set forth in the Statement of Work, ICMA will make payments within thirty (30) days from the date on which ICMA receives a complete invoice. To be complete, invoices must be submitted by e-mail to **TBD** with a copy to **[INSERT NAME and email]**, and must contain at least the following information:

- description of services;
- fees;
- expenses with receipts attached, if applicable; and
- any other information required by the Agreement.

Contractor's failure to remit a complete invoice will postpone the date for ICMA's payment accordingly. If ICMA disputes an invoice, ICMA will notify Contractor of the dispute within thirty (30) days of the date on which ICMA receives the invoice.

4. TERM AND TERMINATION

4.1 Term. These Terms and Conditions shall go into effect on the Effective Date and shall terminate on **[TERMINATION DATE]** (Termination Date).

4.2 Material Breach Termination. If either Party is in material breach of any of its obligations under either the Terms and Conditions or the Statement of Work, the other Party may give written notice of termination (First Notice), and, unless the breaching Party cures such material breach within fifteen (15) days after its receipt of the First Notice, the notifying Party shall have the right to terminate the Agreement effective immediately upon delivery of written final notice of termination. Termination of the Terms and Conditions operates as a termination of the Agreement. Termination of the Agreement hereunder shall not relieve either Party of any obligations that had accrued through the effective date of the termination.

4.3 Non-Breach Termination. Either Party may at any time and without cause terminate this Agreement in full by giving thirty (30) days written notice of termination to the other Party.

4.4 Payment at Termination. Upon non-breach termination of the Agreement, ICMA shall pay Contractor for all Services rendered under the Statement of Work prior to the date of termination, and Contractor shall provide to ICMA any completed or in-progress Work Product. If Contractor terminates, Contractor shall cooperate with and shall pay ICMA for any reasonable costs of transitioning the Services to a new Contractor. ICMA shall use reasonable efforts to secure a new Contractor.

5. CONFIDENTIALITY

5.1 Confidential Information. The Parties acknowledge that it will be necessary for each of them to disclose or make available to each other both verbal information and materials in hard copy, digital or electronic form (collectively, the Confidential Information) that may be confidential or proprietary or may contain valuable trade secrets, and that such information may already have been disclosed prior to the Effective Date. All information which Contractor or its employees receives from ICMA in connection with the Services (for example, all information related to ICMA's finances, accounting, human resources, grantees, charitable projects, prospects and donors) shall be considered ICMA's Confidential Information. All information Contractor designates in writing as confidential shall be considered Contractor's Confidential Information. All Confidential Information made available hereunder, including copies thereof, shall be returned or destroyed upon the written request of the disclosing Party.

5.2 Non-Disclosure. Each of the Parties agrees: (a) to use commercially reasonable efforts to protect the Confidential Information of the other Party from unauthorized use or disclosure and to use at least the same degree of care with regard thereto as it uses to protect its own Confidential Information of a like nature, including advising employees of the confidentiality obligations imposed on such employees by this section; (b) to use and reproduce the Confidential Information of the other Party only as permitted under this Agreement or as needed to perform its duties hereunder; and (c) not to disclose or otherwise permit access to the Confidential Information of the other Party to any third party, without the other Party's prior written consent.

5.3 Exceptions. Confidential Information does not include information that: (a) is already, or otherwise becomes, publicly known by third parties as a result of no act or omission of the receiving Party; (b) is lawfully received, after disclosure hereunder, from a third party having the right to disseminate the information without restriction in disclosure; or (c) can be shown by the receiving Party to have been independently developed by such Party prior to the execution of this Agreement. Any Party asserting that information is not Confidential Information by virtue of any of (a) through (c) hereof shall have the burden of proof on such issue.

5.4 Injunctive Relief. The Parties agree that any breach by either Party or any of its officers, directors, or employees of any provisions of this Section may cause immediate and irreparable injury to the other Party and that, in the event of such breach, the injured Party will be entitled to seek injunctive relief as well as any and all other remedies available at law or in equity.

5.5 Judicial/Legal Request. If either Party receives a subpoena or other validly issued administrative or judicial process requesting Confidential Information of the other Party (Legal Request), it shall provide prompt notice to the other of such receipt so that Party may seek to obtain a protective order requiring that the Confidential Information not be disclosed. If the other Party fails to obtain a protective order, or chooses not to pursue one, the Party receiving the Legal Request shall thereafter be entitled to comply with it to the extent permitted by law. The receiving Party shall nevertheless use reasonable efforts to minimize such disclosure.

6. WARRANTIES

6.1 Contractor Warranties.

(a) Contractor represents and warrants that: (i) the Services shall be performed and the Work Product produced in a professional manner consistent with reasonable commercial standards in its industry; (ii) its employees and subcontractors shall be experienced, properly trained or otherwise qualified and capable of performing the Services; and (iii) there is no outstanding contract, commitment or agreement to which Contractor is a Party, or legal impediment of any kind known to Contractor, which conflicts with this Agreement or might limit, restrict or impair the rights granted hereunder.

(b) Contractor represents and warrants that: (i) it has and will have all rights, titles, licenses, permissions and approvals necessary to perform its obligations under this Agreement; (ii) any intellectual property, in whole or in part, provided, created or used by it and/or its subcontractors, if any, under this Agreement, does not and will not infringe, violate or in any manner contravene or breach any patent, trademark, copyright, license or other property or proprietary right of any third party, or constitute the unauthorized use or misappropriation of a trade secret of any third party (collectively, Unauthorized Use); (iii) Contractor has received no claims or charges of Unauthorized Use; and (iv) Contractor has no reason to believe that its use under this Agreement of any such intellectual property, in whole or in part, will constitute an Unauthorized Use.

(c) Contractor represents and warrants that the Work Product will substantially conform to the functionality and/or other objective requirements, including acceptance criteria, provided by ICMA or described in the Statement of Work.

(d) Contractor represents and warrants that the Work Product shall not knowingly contain any computer code (i) designed to disrupt, disable, harm, or otherwise impede in any manner, including aesthetical disruptions or distortions, the operation of the Work Product, or any of ICMA's other computer systems which include associated software, firmware, hardware, computer system or network (sometimes referred to as "viruses" or "worms"), (ii) that would disable the Work Product or computer systems or impair in any way its operation based on the elapsing of a period of time, exceeding an authorized number of copies, advancement to a particular date or other numeral (sometimes referred to as "time bombs", "time locks", or "drop dead" devices) or (iii) that would permit ICMA to access the Work Product or computer systems to cause such disablement or impairment (sometimes referred to as "traps", "access codes" or "trap door" devices), or any other similar harmful, malicious or hidden procedures, routines or mechanisms which would cause such programs to cease functioning or to damage or corrupt data, storage media, programs, equipment or communications, or otherwise interfere with operations.

6.2 ICMA Warranties. ICMA represents and warrants that there is no outstanding contract, commitment or agreement to which ICMA is a party, or legal impediment of any kind known to ICMA, which conflicts with this Agreement or might limit, restrict or impair the rights granted hereunder.

7. INDEMNIFICATION

7.1 Contractor Indemnification. Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless ICMA and its officers, directors, employees, agents, affiliates and contractors from and against any and all claims, liabilities, damages, losses, expenses, demands, suits and judgments, including without limitation reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, arising from or relating to a) Contractor's breach of any provision, representation, warranty, covenant or obligation under this Agreement; b) Contractor's performance under this Agreement; c) the intentional misconduct or negligent acts or omissions of Contractor, its employees, agents, contractors or consultants in connection with the performance of its obligations under this Agreement. .

7.2 Misclassification Release and Indemnification. In the event that any federal, state or local government or administrative agency, or other regulatory entity, or any court determines that Contractor or any personnel of Contractor, or of a subcontractor thereof, acted as an employee of ICMA in performing Services, Contractor: (i) waives any and all claims that Contractor may have as a result of any such determination and acknowledges that Contractor agreed to render Services under this Agreement with the understanding that neither Contractor nor any employee of Contractor (nor any employee of any subcontractor of Contractor) has any right or entitlement to any benefit under any of ICMA's employee benefit plans or programs; and (ii) agrees to indemnify and hold ICMA harmless from all liabilities, costs and expenses (including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees) incurred by ICMA as a result of, or related to, such a determination.

7.3 Claim Procedures. To receive the foregoing indemnities, the Party seeking indemnification must notify the other in writing as soon as reasonably practicable of a claim or suit and provide reasonable cooperation and full authority to defend or settle the claim or suit. The indemnifying Party shall be entitled to control the handling of any such claim and to defend or settle any such claim, in its sole discretion, with counsel of its own choosing, provided however that any settlement of a claim other than one that contains a full release of all claims and liabilities of the indemnified Party requires the prior written consent of the indemnified Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

8. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY: NEITHER PARTY WILL HAVE ANY LIABILITY TO THE OTHER PARTY OR TO ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY FOR ANY INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, SPECIAL, PUNITIVE OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, LOST PROFITS OR OTHER SIMILAR DAMAGES PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY STATEMENT OF WORK, EVEN IF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES COULD HAVE BEEN FORESEEN BY SUCH PARTY. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY CONTRARY PROVISION HEREOF, INCLUDING SECTION 7 (INDEMNIFICATION), UNLESS THE RESULT OF GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT, IN NO EVENT SHALL ICMA'S LIABILITY IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT EXCEED THE AMOUNTS PAYABLE TO CONTRACTOR HEREUNDER.

9. INSURANCE

9.1 Contractor is required to procure and maintain, at its sole expense, for itself and its employees, and shall require any subcontractors it may engage to maintain the following insurance coverages:

(a) General Liability Insurance covering bodily injury, property damage and contractual liability with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$2,000,000 products/completed aggregate, \$1,000,000 personal and advertising, \$2,000,000 aggregate. ICMA shall be added as an additional insured to Contractor's general liability insurance policy. Contractor's general liability insurance policy shall be primary and ICMA's insurance shall not contribute until Contractor's insurance is exhausted.

(b) Workers Compensation and Employers' Liability in accordance with the statutory requirements of the state or states in which Contractor is providing Services, and employer's liability insurance of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident for bodily injury by accident, and \$1,000,000 each employee and policy limit for bodily injury by disease.

(c) Commercial Auto Liability Insurance with a \$1,000,000 combined single limit covering owned, hired, and non-owned autos. ICMA shall be added as an additional insured to Contractor's auto liability insurance policy. Contractor's auto liability insurance policy shall be primary and ICMA's insurance shall not contribute until Contractor's insurance is exhausted.

(d) Professional Liability Insurance with a minimum limit of \$3,000,000 each claim/aggregate.

(e) Umbrella Liability Insurance with a \$3,000,000 limit. The umbrella liability insurance policy shall be in excess of the general liability and auto liability insurance policies. ICMA shall be added as an additional insured to Contractor's umbrella liability insurance policy. Contractor's umbrella liability insurance policy shall be primary and ICMA's insurance shall not contribute until Contractor's insurance is exhausted.

9.2 Contractor and its general liability and workers' compensation insurance carriers shall waive subrogation rights against ICMA. Contractor will ensure that its insurance carrier will notify ICMA within thirty (30) days if any of Contractor's policies are canceled, not renewed, or materially altered. Contractor agrees to notify ICMA promptly in writing of any claim by a third party arising from the performance of the Agreement or any incident or event which may give rise to a claim arising from the performance of the Agreement. Certificates of insurance evidencing the required coverages must be submitted to ICMA before the work or services begin.

10. DISPUTES

10.1 Dispute Resolution. The Parties shall endeavor to settle all claims, controversies, or disputes arising out of or relating to this Agreement involving threatened, alleged, or actual breach of the Agreement, including without limitation, any claim, controversy, or dispute

concerning any determination, negotiation, or agreement to be reached by the Parties under this Agreement (hereinafter, the “Dispute”) by alternative dispute resolution under the then applicable current rules of the American Arbitration Association (hereinafter, “AAA”) procedure in effect on the date of this Agreement. Unless otherwise agreed, the Parties will select one single arbitrator. The costs of the arbitration shall be shared equally between the parties, except that each party shall be responsible for its own attorneys’ fees and costs in preparing and presenting its case. Any dispute which remains unresolved thirty (30) days after the appointment of an arbitrator shall be settled by binding arbitration by a sole arbitrator in accordance with applicable AAA rules in effect on the date of this Agreement. The arbitration shall be governed by the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U. S. C. Section 1-16 to the exclusion of state laws inconsistent therewith, and judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered by any court having jurisdiction thereof. The place of arbitration shall be in Washington, DC. The arbitrator is not empowered to award punitive damages or damages in excess of compensatory damages and each party hereby irrevocably waives any right to recover such punitive damages or excess damages.

10.2 Continue to Perform. The Parties will continue to perform under this Agreement during the Dispute Resolution Process.

11. GENERAL

11.1 Independent Contractors. Contractor is an independent contractor for ICMA, and no partnership, joint venture or employee-employer relationship is intended or created by this Agreement. Neither Party shall have the power to obligate or bind the other Party. ICMA acknowledges that Contractor retains the right to control the details of the work. Contractor fully accepts the responsibility to determine how and by whom the work will be done and acknowledges that personnel supplied by Contractor shall work exclusively for Contractor and shall not, for any purpose, be considered employees or agents of ICMA. Contractor agrees that all such personnel shall be informed that they are employees or contractors solely of Contractor (or of a subcontractor if applicable) and not entitled to benefits (including, without limitation, fringe benefits such as medical or dental insurance, workers’ compensation, disability income, social security taxes and benefits, federal unemployment compensation taxes, state unemployment insurance benefits and federal income tax withholding) normally provided to ICMA employees. Contractor assumes full responsibility for the acts of such personnel while performing services hereunder and shall be solely responsible for their supervision, direction and control. Contractor is responsible for providing the necessary office space, equipment, supplies and other facilities in connection with the performance of the work set forth in the Statement of Work. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to discourage or prohibit Contractor from providing services to or soliciting business from clients in addition to ICMA.

11.2 ICMA Policies. Contractor has access to, read and agrees to abide by [ICMA’s Code of Conduct](#). Contractor agrees that any and all violations of this provision shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

11.3 No Use of ICMA Name for Marketing. Contractor agrees not to use the names, logos or any other marks owned by or associated with ICMA for marketing or advertising purposes, or on any form of publicity (including in Contractor’s publicly distributed client lists, on Contractor’s Web site or in any of Contractor’s other promotional materials) without the prior written consent of ICMA in each instance.

11.4 Governing Law. The courts in the District of Columbia will have exclusive

jurisdiction over any and all disputes arising out of, or in any way related to this Agreement, and Contractor shall submit to the personal jurisdiction of those courts. The laws of the District of Columbia shall apply to any such disputes without regard to any conflict of law principles.

11.5 Amendment. Any changes made to this Agreement, including the Statement of Work, whether initiated by Contractor or ICMA, will be effective only if documented by both parties in writing.

10.6 Assignment. Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, ICMA may assign all or any part of its right, title and interest in this Agreement, provided ICMA gives notice to Contractor of any such assignment. Contractor may not assign this Agreement, in whole or in part, without ICMA's prior written consent.

11.7 No Third-Party Benefit. The provisions of this Agreement are for the sole benefit of the Parties hereto. This Agreement confers no rights, benefits, or claims upon any person or entity not a Party hereto.

11.8 Complete Agreement. This Agreement is the Parties' final and binding expression of their agreement and the complete and exclusive statement of its terms. This Agreement cancels, supersedes and revokes all prior negotiations, representations and agreements between the Parties, whether oral or written, relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

11.9 Headings and Subsections. Section headings are provided for reference and do not constitute part of this Agreement.

11.10 Construction. For purposes of construction, to the extent any provision of the Statement of Work conflicts with these Terms and Conditions, the Terms and Conditions shall govern unless otherwise set forth in writing in the Statement of Work.

11.11 Construction in Favor of Joint Drafters. If an ambiguity or question of intent arises with respect to any provision of this Agreement, the Agreement will be construed as if drafted jointly by the Parties and no presumption or burden of proof will arise favoring or disfavoring either Party by virtue of authorship of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

11.12 Severability; No Waiver. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions will continue in full force without being impaired or invalidated in any way. The Parties agree to replace any invalid provision with a valid provision, which most closely approximates the intent and economic effect of the invalid provision. The waiver by either Party of a breach of any provision of this Agreement will not operate or be interpreted as a waiver of any other or subsequent breach.

11.13 Force Majeure. Either Party shall be excused from performance and shall not be liable for any delay, in whole or in part, caused by the occurrence of any contingency beyond the reasonable control either of the excused Party or its subcontractors or suppliers including, but not limited to, terrorism, war, sabotage,

insurrection, riot or other act of civil disobedience, act of public enemy, failure or delay in transportation, act of any government or any agency or subdivision thereof affecting the terms hereof, accident, fire, explosion, flood, severe weather or other act of God, or shortage of labor or fuel or raw materials.

11.14 Contractor's Authority. Contractor represents and warrants that (a) it has the corporate, statutory or other power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder; (b) the person who executes this Agreement on behalf of Contractor has the necessary authority to bind Contractor; and (c) neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement, nor the performance of its obligations hereunder, will constitute a violation of, a default under, or conflict with any term of any applicable governance documents such as a certificate of incorporation, bylaws or other agreements to which it is bound.

11.15 Notices. All legal notices, requests and other communications that a Party is required or elects to deliver (not including invoices as described in the "Payment Terms" Section), shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally, or by electronic mail (provided such delivery is confirmed), or by a recognized overnight courier service or by United States mail, first-class, certified or registered, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, to the other Party at its address set forth below or to such other address as such Party may designate by notice given pursuant to this section:

If to ICMA: **TBD**

with a copy to: **TBD**

If to Contractor: **[CONTRACTOR NAME]**
[CONTRACTOR STREET ADDRESS]
[CONTRACTOR CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE]
[CONTRACTOR PHONE]
[CONTRACTOR E-MAIL]

11.16 Survival. The "Intellectual Property and Licenses Provided", "Confidentiality", "Indemnification", and "General" Sections shall survive any termination or expiration of this Agreement.

11.17 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which shall be taken together and deemed to be one instrument. Faxed and PDF counterpart signatures are sufficient to make this Agreement effective.

11.18 Compliance with Laws. Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations or rules.

11.19. Prohibition on Contracting with Covered Entities and Telecommunications. Contractor agrees to comply with the following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clauses, the full contents of which can be found at <https://www.acquisition.gov/>:

- (a) FAR 52.204-23 Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab and Other Covered Entities (JUL 2018)

(b) FAR 52.204-24 Representation Regarding Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (AUG 2020)

(c) FAR 52.204-25 Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (AUG 2020)

(d) FAR 52.204-26 Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services Representation (DEC 2019)

11.23 Anti-Terrorism. By signing this Agreement, Contractor certifies that it does not and will not promote or engage in violence or terrorism. Further, Contractor agrees that it shall at all times comply with all relevant laws prohibiting transactions with individuals and organizations associated with terrorism, including, without limitation, Executive Order 13224 and the Patriot Act. Without limitation, Contractor agrees that prior to incurring and making any payment pursuant to this Agreement, it will ensure that the payee is not on the “Specially Designated Nationals” list maintained by the United States Department of the Treasury, or on a terrorist list maintained by the United Nations.

11.24 Executive Order 14042 Compliance.

ICMA is a federal government contractor and is subject to FAR 52.223-99 and/or other agency contract clauses implementing Executive Order 14042. Accordingly, ICMA is incorporating the requirements of FAR 52.223-99 and such other applicable clauses relating to Executive Order 14042 into this Agreement in accordance with the requirements of the clause(s).

End of RFP