

CITY OF SPOKANE VALLEY – PROGRESSIVE DB PROJECT - CITY OF SPOKANE VALLEY CITY HALL REMEDIATION

1. Please identify your technical expert amongst your team concerning small, women and minority-owned business outreach and inclusion.

In 2021 the City of Spokane Valley (City) adopted a city wide DBE plan in conjunction with other projects in which the City was executing. As part of that plan, the City identified Bill Helbig as the technical expert and Liaison Officer for Small, Women and Minority owned businesses. The City of Spokane Valley has created a Small Business element to facilitate competition by small business firms. The City will consider small businesses when developing projects to facilitate competition and to foster the development and continued viability of small businesses. The City is committed to increasing small business participation in a fiscally responsible manner, when feasible. The City may incorporate the following strategies:

- *Evaluating the potential for DBEs and small business enterprises (SBEs) participation in City contracts and establishing a goal when appropriate.*
- *Extending these opportunities to DBEs and SBEs regardless of their location (i.e., that there is no local or other geographic preference) as long as they are certified by the Office of Minority & Women's Business Enterprises.*
- *Avoiding creating barriers to the use of new, emerging, or untried businesses without limiting the number of contracts awarded to DBEs and SBEs which are currently participating in the program.*
- *Unbundling projects into smaller contracts which may be suitable for small business participation, when feasible and fiscally responsible.*
- *Arranging solicitations, bid schedules, quantities, specifications, and delivery schedules in ways that facilitate participation by small businesses and DBEs, when feasible and fiscally responsible.*
- *Reviewing professional services contracts for possible small business participation and encouraging use of small businesses in projects. Encouraging minority and women-owned firms to explore their eligibility to become DBE certified.*

2. In keeping with the RCW requirements for (progressive) design build, please elaborate on your outreach for and how you will encourage participation of small and disadvantaged business enterprises (certified women, minority, and veteran-owned businesses).

For the City Hall Remediation Project, The City intends to work alongside the design-builder to conduct outreach meetings to encourage small and disadvantaged business participation. Proposers for the Progressive Design Build Contract will be scored on their past performance and their outreach plans and programs for this specific project.