

**CITY OF NEWTON
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

CONTRACT FOR NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**PROJECT MANUAL:
TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION SERVICES
FOR NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

INVITATION FOR BID #24-34

Bid Opening Date: December 14, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

**November 2023
Ruthanne Fuller, Mayor**

CITY OF NEWTON
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
INVITATION FOR BID #24-34

The City of Newton (City) invites sealed bids in accordance with M.G.L. c.30B from Contractors to provide:

TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION SERVICES FOR NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Bids will be received until: **10:00 a.m., Thursday, December 14, 2023**
at the Purchasing Department, Room 108, Newton City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02459. Bids will not be accepted nor may submitted bids be corrected, modified or withdrawn after the deadline for bids. Following the deadline for bids, all bids received within the time specified will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Contract Documents will be available on line at www.newtonma.gov/bids or for pickup at Newton City Hall, Room 108, Purchasing Department, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton Centre, MA 02459 after **10:00 a.m., November 30, 2023**.

There will be no charge for contract documents. Bid surety is not required with this bid.

Award will be made to the lowest, responsible, and responsive bidder for all services based on the Grand Total computed in accordance with line items of estimated per word and per minute rates set forth in Excel Spreadsheet included with this IFB. Any bidder not providing prices for all line items may be deemed unresponsive and therefore rejected.

The term of the awarded contract **shall extend from February 1, 2024, through January 31, 2025**. The City, at its sole discretion, shall have the option to renew this contract for **two (2) additional one (1) year terms**, with no change in the contract price and terms and conditions. The exercise of each option to renew shall be subject to appropriation of funding.

All bids are subject to the provisions of M.G.L. c.30B. F.O.B. Destination inside designated department, Newton, MA.

All bids shall be submitted as **one (1) ORIGINAL and two (2) COPIES**.

All City bids are available on the City's web site at www.newtonma.gov/bids . It is the sole responsibility of the contractor downloading these bids to ensure they have received any and all addenda prior to the bid opening. Addenda will be available online within the original bid document as well as a separate file.

If you download bids from the internet site and would like to make it known that your company has done so, you may fax the Purchasing Department (617) 796-1227 or email to purchasing@newtonma.gov with your NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE, FAX AND INVITATION FOR BID NUMBER.

The City will reject any and all bids in accordance with the above referenced General Laws. In addition, the City reserves the right to waive minor informalities in any or all bids, or to reject any or all bids (in whole or in part) if it be in the public interest to do so.

In the event that any person wishes to attend a bid opening or pre-bid meeting, accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons requiring assistance. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the city of Newton's ADA Coordinator, Jini Fairley, at least two business days in advance of the meeting: jfairley@newtonma.gov or (617) 796-1253. For Telecommunications Relay Service, please dial 711.

CITY OF NEWTON



Nicholas Read
Chief Procurement Officer
November 30, 2023

CITY OF NEWTON
DEPARTMENT OF PURCHASING
INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

ARTICLE 1 - BIDDER'S REPRESENTATION

- 1.1 Each General Bidder (hereinafter called the "Bidder") by making a bid (hereinafter called "bid") represents that:
1. The Bidder has read and understands the Bidding Documents, Contract Forms, General Conditions, Conditions of the Contract, General Requirements and Project Specifications (collectively, referred to as the "Contract Documents") and the bid is made in accordance therewith.
 2. The Bidder is familiar with the local conditions under which the work has to be performed.
- 1.2 Failure to so examine the Contract Documents or become familiar with local conditions will not relieve any Bidder from any obligation under the bid as submitted.

ARTICLE 2 - REQUEST FOR INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 Bidders shall promptly notify the City of any ambiguity, inconsistency, or error which they may discover upon examination of the Contract Documents, the site, and local conditions.
- 2.2 Bidders requiring clarification or interpretation of the Contract Documents shall make a written request to the *Chief Procurement Officer*, at purchasing@newtonma.gov or via facsimile (617) 796-1227. The City will only answer such requests if received by **Friday, December 8, 2023 at 12:00 noon**.
- 2.3 Interpretation, correction, or change in the Contract Documents will be made by addendum which will become part of the Contract Documents. The City will not be held accountable for any oral communication.
- 2.4 Addenda will be emailed to every individual or firm on record as having taken a set of Contract Documents.
- 2.5 Copies of addenda will be made available for inspection at the location listed in the Invitation for Bids where Contract Documents are on file, in addition to being available online at www.newtonma.gov/bids.
- 2.6 Bidders or proposers contacting ANY CITY EMPLOYEE regarding an Invitation for Bid (IFB) or a Request for Proposal (RFP), outside of the Purchasing Department, once an IFB or RFP has been released, may be disqualified from the procurement process.
- 2.7 Bidders downloading information off the internet web site are solely responsible for obtaining any addenda prior to the bid opening. If the bidder makes itself known to the Purchasing Department, at purchasing@newtonma.gov or via facsimile (617) 796-1227, it shall be placed on the bidder's list. Bidders must provide the Purchasing Department with their company's name, street address, city, state, zip, phone, fax, email address and **INVITATION FOR BID #24-34**.

ARTICLE 3 - MBE PARTICIPATION

- 3.1 Notice is hereby given that the Mayor's Affirmative Action Plan for the City of Newton in effect at the time of this solicitation is applicable to all construction contracts in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 3.2 Notice is hereby given that the City of Newton Minority/Women Business Enterprise Plan and the Supplemental Equal Employment Opportunity Anti-Discrimination and Affirmative Action Program in effect at the time of this solicitation are applicable to all City contracts for goods and services in excess of \$50,000.00.
- 3.3 Copies of the Plans and Program referred to in Sections 3.1 and 3.2 are available at: www.newtonma.gov/purchasing.

ARTICLE 4 - PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF BIDS

- 4.1 Bids shall be submitted on the "Bid Form #24-34," attached.
- 4.2 All entries on the Bid Form shall be made by typewriter or in ink.
- 4.3 Where so indicated on the Bid Form, sums shall be expressed in both words and figures. Where there is a discrepancy between the bid sum expressed in words and the bid sum expressed in figures, the words shall control.
- 4.4 The Bid shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the following plainly marked on the outside:
- * GENERAL BID FOR: **#24-34**
 - * NAME OF PROJECT: **Translation and Interpretation Services for Newton Public Schools**
 - * BIDDER'S NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER
- 4.6 Date and time for receipt of bids is set forth in the Invitation for Bids.
- 4.7 Timely delivery of a bid at the location designated shall be the full responsibility of the Bidder. In the event that Newton City Hall is closed on the date or at the time that bids are due, the date and time for receipt of bids shall be on the next business day following that the Newton City Hall and the Purchasing Department are open.
- 4.8 Bids shall be submitted with one (1) **original** and two (2) **copies**.
- 4.9 Massachusetts law requires all employees who work on Massachusetts public works construction sites must have no Less than 10 hours of OSHA-approved safety and health training. See M.G.L. c.30, §39M(c), M.G.L. c.30, §39S(a)(1), M.G.L. c.149, §44E(2) & M.G.L. c.149, §44F(2).
1. This requirement will apply to any general bid or sub bid submitted.
 2. This law directs the Massachusetts Attorney General to restrain the award of construction contracts to any contractor who is in violation to this requirement and to restrain the performance of these contracts by non-complying contractors. The contractor and all subcontractors on this project must certify on the Bid Form compliance with the applicable requirement. Non-compliance with this law will disqualify the bidder.

ARTICLE 5 - ALTERNATES

- 5.1 Each Bidder shall acknowledge alternates (if any) in Section C on the Bid Form.
- 5.2 In the event an alternate does not involve a change in the amount of the base bid, the Bidder shall so indicated by writing "No Change", or "N/C" or "0" in the space provided for that alternate.
- 5.3 Bidders shall enter on the Bid Form a single amount for each alternate which shall consist of the amount for work performed by the Contractor.
- 5.4 The low Bidder will be determined on the basis of the sum of the base bid and the accepted alternates.

ARTICLE 6 - WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

- 6.1 Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the time designated for receipt of bids on written or electronic request. Electronic withdrawal of bids must be confirmed over the Bidder's signature by written notice postmarked on or before the date and time set for receipt of bids.
- 6.2 Withdrawn bids may be resubmitted up to the time designated for the receipt of bids.

- 6.3 No bids may be withdrawn within sixty (60) days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids.

ARTICLE 7 - CONTRACT AWARD

- 7.1 The City will award one (1) contract to the responsible and responsive Bidder submitting the lowest Grand Total on Bid Form #24-34. A contract will be awarded within sixty (60) days, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of bids.
- 7.2 The City reserves the right to waive minor informalities in or to reject any or all Bids if it be in the public interest to do so.
- 7.3 The City reserves the right to reject any bidder who has failed to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments, or any other municipal charge, unless the bidder has a pending abatement application or has entered into a payment agreement with the collector-treasurer.
- 7.4 As used herein, the term "lowest responsible and responsive Bidder" shall mean the Bidder (1) whose bid is the lowest of those bidders possessing the skill, ability and integrity necessary for the faithful performance of the work; (2) who has met all the requirements of the IFB; (3) who shall certify that it is able to furnish labor that can work in harmony with all other elements of labor employed or to be employed in the work; (4) who, where the provisions of section eight B of chapter twenty-nine apply, shall have been determined to be qualified thereunder.
- 7.5 Subsequent to the award and within five (5) days, Saturday, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the prescribed forms are presented for signature, the successful Bidder shall execute and deliver to the City a contract in the form included in the Contract Documents in such number of counterparts as the City may require.
- 7.6 In the event that the City receives low bids in identical amount from two or more responsive and responsible Bidders, the City shall select the successful Bidder by a blind selection process chosen by the City such as flipping a coin or drawing names from a hat. The low Bidders who are under consideration will be invited to attend and observe the selection process.

ARTICLE 8 - TAXES

- 8.1 The Bidder shall not include in this bid any tax imposed upon the sale or rental of tangible personal property in this Commonwealth, such as any and all building materials, supplies, services and equipment required to complete the work.
- 8.2 The City is exempt from payment of the Massachusetts Sales Tax, and the Bidder shall not include any sales tax on its bid. The City's exemption Number is E-046-001-404.

ARTICLE 9 – PROPRIETARY SPECIFICATIONS

- 9.1 The City has used a proprietary specification to describe the supply for which is soliciting bids. Such specifications are permitted under M.G.L. c. 30B, §14, provided that the Chief Procurement Officer has prepared a written statement that no other manner of description suffices and the justification therefor.
- 9.2 The required determination and justification have been duly prepared, and a copy may be requested in accordance with the Massachusetts Public Records Law, M.G.L. c. 66, §10.

END OF SECTION

CITY OF NEWTON

DEPARTMENT OF PURCHASING

BID FORM #24-34

- A. The undersigned proposes to furnish all labor, materials, tools, equipment, transportation and supervision required to perform all work in accordance with the Project Manual prepared by the City entitled:

TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION SERVICES FOR NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- B. This bid includes addenda number(s) _____, _____, _____, _____,

- C. The Grand Total be the sum of the Translation and Interpretation Services on the Excel Spreadsheet issued with this IFB and entitled "IFB #24-34 Translation and Interpretation Services"

GRAND TOTAL _____ and
(Written words)

(Numerical Grand Total)

IMPORTANT: Award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder based on the Grand Total.

COMPANY NAME _____

- D. Prompt Payment Discounts. Bidders are encouraged to offer discounts in exchange for an expedited payment. Payments may be issued earlier than the general goal of within 30 days of receipt of the invoice only when in exchange for discounted prices. Discounts will not be considered in determining the lowest responsible bidder.

Prompt Payment Discount _____% _____ Days

Prompt Payment Discount _____% _____ Days

Prompt Payment Discount _____% _____ Days

- E. The undersigned has completed and submits herewith the following documents:

- Signed Bid Form, 2 pages
- Bidder's Qualifications and References Form, 2 pages
- Certificate of Non-Collusion, 1 page
- Certificate of Foreign Corporation, 1 page
- Certificate of Tax Compliance, 1 page
- Debarment Letter, 1 page
- IRS Form W-9, 1 page
- Business Category Information Form, 1 page
- Excel Spreadsheet "IFB #24-34 Translation and Interpretation Services," 1 page

- F. The undersigned agrees that, if selected as general contractor, s/he will within five days (Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded) after presentation thereof by the City, execute a contract in accordance with the terms of this bid.

The undersigned hereby certifies that it will comply fully with all laws and regulations applicable to awards made subject to M.G.L. c.30B.

The undersigned further certifies under the penalties of perjury that this bid has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this section the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club or other organization, entity, or group of individuals. The undersigned further certifies under penalty of perjury that the said undersigned is not presently debarred from public contracting or subcontracting in the Commonwealth under the provisions of M.G.L. c.29, §29F or any other applicable debarment provisions of any other chapter of the General Laws or any rule or regulation promulgated thereunder.

Date _____

(Name of General Bidder)

BY: _____

(Printed Name and Title of Signatory)

(Business Address)

(City, State Zip)

(Telephone)

/ _____
(FAX)

(E-mail Address)

NOTE: If the bidder is a corporation, indicate state of incorporation under signature, and affix corporate seal; if a partnership, give full names and residential addresses of all partners; if an individual, give residential address if different from business address; and, if operating as a d/b/a give full legal identity. Attach additional pages as necessary.

END OF SECTION

CITY OF NEWTON

BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS AND REFERENCES FORM

All questions must be answered, and the data given must be clear and comprehensive. Please type or print legibly. If necessary, add additional sheet for starred items. This information will be utilized by the City for purposes of determining bidder responsiveness and responsibility with regard to the requirements and specifications of the Contract.

- 1. FIRM NAME: _____
- 2. WHEN ORGANIZED: _____
- 3. INCORPORATED? _____ YES _____ NO DATE AND STATE OF INCORPORATION: _____
- 4. IS YOUR BUSINESS A **MBE**? _____ YES _____ NO **WBE**? _____ YES _____ NO or **MWBE**? _____ YES _____ NO
- * 5. LIST ALL CONTRACTS CURRENTLY ON HAND, SHOWING CONTRACT AMOUNT AND ANTICIPATED DATE OF COMPLETION:

- * 6. HAVE YOU EVER FAILED TO COMPLETE A CONTRACT AWARDED TO YOU?
_____ YES _____ NO
IF YES, WHERE AND WHY?

- * 7. HAVE YOU EVER DEFAULTED ON A CONTRACT? _____ YES _____ NO
IF YES, PROVIDE DETAILS.

- * 8. LIST YOUR VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR THIS CONTRACT:

- * 9. IN THE SPACES FOLLOWING, PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING CONTRACTS COMPLETED BY YOUR FIRM SIMILAR IN NATURE TO THE PROJECT BEING BID. A MINIMUM OF FOUR (4) CONTRACTS SHALL BE LISTED. PUBLICLY BID CONTRACTS ARE PREFERRED, BUT NOT MANDATORY.

PROJECT NAME: _____
OWNER: _____
CITY/STATE: _____

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$ _____ DATE COMPLETED: _____
PUBLICLY BID? _____ YES _____ NO
TYPE OF WORK?: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____ TELEPHONE #: (____) _____
CONTACT PERSON'S RELATION TO PROJECT?: _____
(i.e., contract manager, purchasing agent, etc.)

PROJECT NAME: _____
OWNER: _____
CITY/STATE: _____
DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$ _____ DATE COMPLETED: _____
PUBLICLY BID? _____ YES _____ NO
TYPE OF WORK?: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____ TELEPHONE #: (____) _____
CONTACT PERSON'S RELATION TO PROJECT?: _____
(i.e., contract manager, purchasing agent, etc.)

PROJECT NAME: _____
OWNER: _____
CITY/STATE: _____
DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$ _____ DATE COMPLETED: _____
PUBLICLY BID? _____ YES _____ NO
TYPE OF WORK?: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____ TELEPHONE #: (____) _____
CONTACT PERSON'S RELATION TO PROJECT?: _____
(i.e., contract manager, purchasing agent, etc.)

PROJECT NAME: _____
OWNER: _____
CITY/STATE: _____
DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$ _____ DATE COMPLETED: _____
PUBLICLY BID? _____ YES _____ NO
TYPE OF WORK?: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____ TELEPHONE #: (____) _____
CONTACT PERSON'S RELATION TO PROJECT?: _____
(i.e., contract manager, purchasing agent, etc.)

10. The undersigned certifies that the information contained herein is complete and accurate and hereby authorizes and requests any person, firm, or corporation to furnish any information requested by the City in verification of the recitals comprising this statement of Bidder's qualifications and experience.

DATE: _____ BIDDER: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

CERTIFICATE OF NON-COLLUSION

The undersigned certifies under penalties of perjury that this bid or proposal has been made and submitted in good faith and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this certification, the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee club, or other organization, entity, or group or individuals.

(Signature of individual)

Name of Business

CERTIFICATE OF FOREIGN CORPORATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that it has been duly established, organized, or chartered as a corporation under the laws of:

(Jurisdiction)

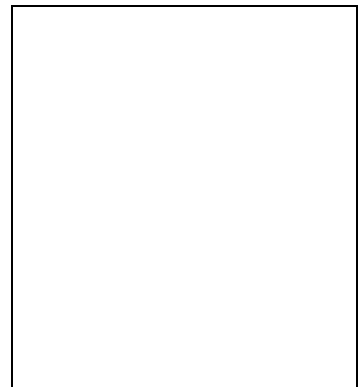
The undersigned further certifies that it has complied with the requirements of M.G.L. c. 30, §39L (if applicable) and with the requirements of M.G.L. c. 156D, §15.03 relative to the registration and operation of foreign corporations within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Name of person signing proposal

Signature of person signing proposal

Name of Business (Please Print or Type)

Affix Corporate Seal here



CERTIFICATION OF TAX COMPLIANCE**

Pursuant to M.G.L. c.62C, §49A and requirements of the City, the undersigned acting on behalf of the Contractor certifies under the penalties of perjury that the Contractor is in compliance with all laws of the Commonwealth relating to taxes including payment of all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments and any other local or municipal charges (unless the Contractor has a pending abatement application or has entered into a payment agreement with the entity to which such charges were owed), reporting of employees and contractors, and withholding and remitting child support.*

Signature of Individual (Mandatory)

*** Contractor's Social Security Number
or Federal Identification Number

Print Name:_____

Date:_____

Corporate Name

By: _____

Date: _____

Corporate Officer
(Mandatory, if applicable)

Print Officer Name:_____

* The provision in this Certification relating to child support applies only when the Contractor is an individual.

** Approval of a contract or other agreement will not be granted until the City receives a signed copy of this Certification.

*** Your social security number may be furnished to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue to determine whether you have met tax filing or tax payment obligations. Providers who fail to correct their non-filing or delinquency will not have a contract or other agreement issued, renewed, or extended.

City of Newton



Mayor
Ruthanne Fuller

Purchasing Department
Nicholas Read ☎ *Chief Procurement Officer*
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459-1449
purchasing@newtonma.gov

Telephone
(617) 796-1220
Fax:
(617) 796-1227
TDD/TTY
(617) 796-1089

Date

Vendor

Re: Debarment Letter for Invitation for Bid #24-34

Dear:

As the awarded vendor on the above contract, the City requires that you provide a debarment/suspension certification indicating that you are in compliance with the below Federal Executive Order. Certification can be done by completing and signing this form.

Debarment:

Federal Executive Order (E.O.) 12549 “Debarment and Suspension” requires that all contractors receiving individual awards, using federal funds, and all sub-recipients certify that the organization and its principals are not debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency from doing business with the Federal Government.

Your signature certifies that neither you nor your principal(s) is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.

PHONE _____ -- FAX _____
EMAIL _____

Signature _____ Date

If you have questions, please contact me at (617) 796-1220.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Read
Chief Procurement Officer

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.**

| | | |
|--|--|---|
| Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2. | Name (as shown on your income tax return) | |
| | Business name, if different from above | |
| | Check appropriate box: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (D=disregarded entity, C=corporation, P=partnership) ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ | |
| | X Exempt payee | |
| | Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) | Requester's name and address (optional) |
| | City, state, and ZIP code | |
| List account number(s) here (optional) | | |

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

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|--------------------------------|
| Social security number |
| or |
| Employer identification number |

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

| | | | |
|------------------|----------------------------|--------|------|
| Sign Here | Signature of U.S. person ▶ | Date ▶ | Name |
| | | | |

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

- The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,

Business Category Information Form*

IFB No. 24-34

Translation & Interpretation Services for NPS

| Business Type Categories* | Select All That Apply |
|---|-----------------------|
| MBE: Minority-Owned Business Enterprise | |
| WBE: Women-Owned Business Enterprise | |
| VBE: Veteran Business Enterprise | |
| SDVOBE: Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Enterprises | |
| DOBE: Disability-Owned Business Enterprise | |
| LGBTBE: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Business Enterprise | |

*Information is being collected as part of a City initiative to open contract opportunities to underrepresented vendors.

I do not wish to complete this form.

There is no penalty for persons who do not complete this Form, and whether or not the Form is completed will not be taken into consideration in awarding a bid.

I certify that the foregoing information is true and correct.

By: _____

Date:

**CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids, to waive minor informalities, and to make award as may be determined to be in the best interest of the City of Newton.
2. Prices quoted must include delivery to the City , as specified on the Work Order.
3. No charges will be allowed for packing, crating, freight, Express or cartage unless specifically stated and included in the bid.
4. The award to the successful bidder may be canceled if successful bidder shall fail to prosecute the work with promptness and diligence.
5. Time in connection with discount offered will be computed from the date of delivery to the City, as specified on Work Order, or from date correct invoice is received by the City, if the latter date is later than the date of delivery.
6. The successful bidder shall replace, repair or make good, without cost to the City, any defects or faults arising within one (1) year after date of acceptance of articles furnished hereunder (acceptance not to be unreasonably delayed) resulting from imperfect or defective work done or materials furnished by the Seller.
7. The Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the City and all persons acting for on behalf of it from all suits and claims against them, or any of them, arising from or occasioned by the use of any material, equipment or apparatus, or any part thereof, which infringes or is alleged to infringe on any patent rights. In case such material, equipment or apparatus, or any part thereof, in any such suit is held to constitute infringement, the Contractor, within a reasonable time, will at it's expense, and as the City may elect, replace such material, equipment or apparatus with non-infringing material, equipment or apparatus, or remove the material, equipment or apparatus, and refund the sums paid therefor.
8. The successful bidder shall comply with all applicable Federal State and Local laws and regulations.
9. Purchases made by the City are exempt from Federal excise taxes and bid prices must exclude any such taxes. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.
10. If so stated in the Invitation For Bid the successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance and/or a labor and material payment bond, in an amount, in a form and with a surety satisfactory to the City. The bidder shall be responsible for the cost of the bond(s).
11. If the Invitation for Bids requires bid surety, this surety shall be in the form of a cash, bid bond, cashier's check, treasurer's check, or certified check on a responsible bank, payable to the City of Newton, and must be filed with the original bid in the Office of the Purchasing Agent. Failure to do so will lead to rejection of bid. The bid surety will be returned to the successful bidder within seven (7) days execution of awarded, and approval by the City of performance and/or payment bond(s). The bid surety covers the City of r damages when a bidder withdraws its bid after the bid submission date. Be advised that to the extent permitted by the law, the City will retain all bid deposits for withdrawn bids.
12. Verbal orders are not binding on the City and deliveries made or work done without formal Work Order or Contract are at the risk of the Contractor and may result in an unenforceable claim.
13. The Contractor shall agree to indemnify, defend and hold the City harmless from any and all claims arising out of the performance of this contract.
14. "Equal" - An item equal to that named or described in the specifications of the contract may be furnished by the Contractor and the naming of any commercial name, trademark or other identification shall not be construed to exclude any item or manufacturer not mentioned by name or as limiting competition but shall establish a standard of equality only. An item shall be considered equal to the item so named or described if (1) it is at least equal in quality, durability, appearance, strength and design; (2) it will perform at least equally the function imposed by the general design for the work being contracted for or the material being purchased; and (3) it conforms substantially, even with deviations, to the detailed requirements for the item in the specifications.

The name and identification of all materials other than the one specifically named shall be submitted to the City in writing for approval, prior to purchase, use or fabrication of such items. Subject to the provisions of M.G.L., Ch. 30, Sec. 39J, approval shall be at the sole discretion of the City, shall be in writing to be effective, and the decision of the City shall be final. The City may require tests of all materials so submitted to establish quality standards at the Contractor's expense. All directions, specifications and recommendations by manufacturers for installation, handling, storing, adjustment and operation of their equipment shall be complied with; responsibility for proper performance shall continue to rest with the Contractor.

For the use of material other than the one specified, the Contractor shall assume the cost of and responsibility for satisfactorily accomplishing all changes in the work as shown. If no manufacturer is named, the Contractor shall submit the product he intends to use for approval of the City.

Except as otherwise provided for by the provisions of M.G.L., Ch. 30, Sec. 39J, the Contractor shall not have any right of appeal from the decision of the City condemning any materials furnished if the Contractor fails to obtain the approval for substitution under this clause. If any substitution is more costly, the Contractor shall pay for such costs."

15. Notice is hereby given that the City of Newton Minority/Women Business Enterprise Plan dated December 1999 is applicable to all City of Newton contracts for materials and supplies. A copy of this plan may be obtained from the Purchasing Department.

16. Right To Know:

Any Contractor who receives an order or orders resulting from this invitation agrees to submit a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for each toxic or hazardous substance or mixture containing such substance, pursuant to M.G.L., Ch. 111F, SS8, 9 and 10 and the regulations contained in 441 CMR SS 21.06 when deliveries are made. The Contractor agrees to deliver all containers properly labeled pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 111F, SS 7 and the regulations contained in 441 CMR SS 21.05. Failure to submit an MSDS and/or label on each container will place the Contractor in noncompliance with the work order. Failure to furnish MSDSs and/or labels on each container may result in civil or criminal penalties, including bid debarment and action to prevent the Contractor from selling said substances or mixtures containing said substances within the Commonwealth. All Contractors furnishing substances or mixtures subject to Chapter 111F of the M.G.L. are cautioned to obtain and read the law and rules and regulations referred to above. Copies can be obtained from the State House Book Store, Secretary of State, State House, Room 117, Boston, MA 02133, (617-727-2834) for \$2.00 plus \$.65 postage.

17. **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

The Contractor shall provide insurance coverage as listed below. This insurance shall be provided at the Contractor's expense and shall be in full force and effect during the full term of this Contract.

WORKER'S COMPENSATION

Worker's Compensation: Per M.G.L. c.149, §34 and c. 152 as amended.

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY

Personal Injury \$1,000,000 each occurrence

Property Damage \$1,000,000 each occurrence
\$2,000,000 aggregate

VEHICLE LIABILITY

Personal Injury \$1,000,000 each person
\$1,000,000 aggregate

Property Damage \$ 500,000 each occurrence
\$1,000,000 aggregate

Umbrella Liability \$1,000,000

The City shall be named as additional insureds on the Contractor's Liability Policies.

The Contractor shall not commence the work until proof of compliance with this has been furnished to the City by submitting one copy of a properly endorsed insurance certificate issued by a company authorized to write insurance in the Commonwealth.

This certificate shall indicate that the contractual liability coverage is in force. The Contractor shall file the original and one certified copy of all policies with the City within ten (10) days after contract award. If the City is damaged by the Contractor's failure to maintain such insurance and to so notify the City, then the Contractor shall be responsible for all reasonable costs attributable thereto.

Cancellation of any insurance required by this contract, whether by the insurer or the insured, shall not be valid unless written notice thereof is given by the party proposing cancellation to the other party and City at least thirty days prior to the effective date thereof, which shall be expressed in said notice.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS COULD
RESULT IN THE CANCELLATION OF YOUR CONTRACT.**

CONTRACT FORMS

The awarded bidder will be required to complete and submit documents substantially similar in form to the following.

These forms may need to be modified on account of changed circumstances, and are provided for informational purposes only.

CITY - CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

CONTRACT NO. C-XXXX

THIS AGREEMENT made this ___day of ___ in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-three by and between the CITY OF NEWTON, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hereinafter referred to as the CITY, acting through its Chief Procurement Officer, but without personal liability to him, and hereinafter referred to as the CONTRACTOR.

The parties hereto for the considerations hereinafter set forth agree as follows:

- I. SCOPE OF WORK.** The Contractor agrees to furnish and to deliver to the City at such times, at such place or places, in such manner, and in such quantities as the City may direct, and at the unit prices quoted in the Contractor's bid for the following item or items:

TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION SERVICES FOR NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- II. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.** The Contract Documents consist of the following documents which are either attached to this Agreement or are incorporated herein by reference:
- a. This CITY-CONTRACTOR Agreement;
 - b. The City's Invitation For Bid #24-34 issued by the Purchasing Department;
 - c. The Project Manual for **TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION SERVICES FOR NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**, and if included or referenced therein, any Standard Terms and Conditions, Special Conditions, Wage Rate Requirements, Wage Rate Schedule(s);
 - d. Addenda Number(s) _____;
 - e. The Bid Response of the CONTRACTOR submitted for this Project and accompanying documents and certifications;
 - f. Certificate(s) of Insurance and surety bond(s), if any, submitted by the CONTRACTOR in connection with this Project;
 - g. Duly authorized and executed Amendments, Change Orders or Work Orders issued by the CITY after execution of this CITY-CONTRACTOR Agreement.

This CITY-CONTRACTOR Agreement, together with the other documents enumerated in this Article, constitute the entire Agreement between the CITY and the CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR represents that its bid was made without condition, qualification or reservation of any kind, except upon the written acknowledgement and consent of the CITY.

- III. PRIORITY OF DOCUMENTS.** In the event of inconsistency between the terms of this CITY -CONTRACTOR Agreement and the Project Manual, the terms of this Agreement shall prevail.
- IV. APPLICABLE STATUTES.** All applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations are incorporated herein by reference and the Contractor agrees to comply with same.
- V. CONTRACT TERM.** The term of the awarded contract shall extend from **February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025 and may be renewed by the City for two (2) additional one (1) year terms.**

The City reserves the right to terminate this contract prior to the expiration date in the event total expenditures reach the above stated contract total. It is further understood that in the event the term of this contract extends beyond June 30 in any calendar year, the City reserves the right to terminate the contract if funding for its continuance is not appropriated in the succeeding fiscal year commencing July 1.

- VI. COMPENSATION.** Upon completion of the work to be done for each payment, the Contractor shall send to the City an invoice documenting the work done and the dates when such work was performed. Payment of the above invoice shall constitute full and complete compensation for the services hereunder. There shall be no additional compensation or reimbursement for out-of-pocket or other expenses, including without limitation employee benefits, incurred by the Contractor in connection with the performance of the services under this Agreement unless mutually agreed to in writing by the Parties. Payments shall be made within thirty (30) days of the City's approval of invoices submitted by the Contractor. In the event that the City terminates this Agreement prior to the completion of all work to be performed under this Agreement, the Contractor shall only be entitled to compensation in accordance with the provisions of Article XVII below, whichever is applicable.
- VI. QUANTITIES.** The quantities specified in the Project Manual are approximate and are based on previous consumption. It is specifically understood the City does not agree to purchase any specific quantity, and purchases will be made to cover actual requirements only. The City may increase or decrease the quantity of any item specified without change in price per unit of quantity as stated in the Contractor's Proposal Response.
- VI. MATERIALS.** The Contractor agrees, unless otherwise specified, that all equipment, materials and supplies furnished under this contract are to be first quality, new and unused.
- VIII. AUTHORIZATION OF WORK.** The execution of this contract does not constitute a notice to proceed or authorization to perform work or make deliveries. No work shall be commenced or deliveries made unless authorized by a written notice to proceed issued by the City.
- IX. CLAIMS FOR MATERIALS OR LABOR.** In the event any claims have been filed with the City for material or labor delivered or performed pursuant to this contract, the City shall be under no obligation to make any payment until such claims are adjusted to the satisfaction of the City. Any and all liens for supplies may be paid off by the City within twenty (20) days after the filing for record as provided by law of a notice of such liens, except where the claim on which the lien is filed is being litigated by the Contractor, and in such case the City may pay the amount of any final judgment or decree on any such claim. All money paid by the City in settlement of liens and claims as aforesaid, with the costs and expenses incurred by the City in connection therewith shall be charged to the Seller, bearing interest at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum, and be deducted from the next payment falling due the Seller under the terms of this contract.
- X. UNIT PRICES.** It is agreed that the unit prices listed are maximum prices and that the City shall be entitled to take advantage of any decreasing market conditions, decreases to be governed by the manufacturers' price listing as might be generally adopted in the trade, or by the same percentage that the Seller may reduce prices to others who purchase in similar quantities and under similar conditions.
- XI. RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WORK.** In the performance of any work, including the delivery of equipment, materials or supplies, pursuant to this Contract, the Contractor shall take all responsibility for the work, and shall take all precautions for preventing injuries to persons and property in or about the work.
- XII. WARRANTY.** Except as may be otherwise provided in the Project Manual, the Contractor shall replace, repair or make good, without cost to the City, any defects or faults arising within one (1) year after date of acceptance of equipment, materials or supplies furnished hereunder (acceptance not to be unreasonably delayed) resulting from imperfect or defective work done or materials furnished by the Contractor.
- XIII. PATENT INDEMNIFICATION.** The Contractor agrees to assume the defense of and shall indemnify and save harmless the City and all persons acting for or on behalf of it from all suits and claims against them, or any of them, arising from or occasioned by the use of any material, equipment or apparatus, or any part thereof which infringes or is alleged to infringe on any patent rights. In case such material, equipment or apparatus, or any part thereof, in any such suit is held to constitute infringement, the Contractor, within a reasonable time, shall at its own expense, and as the City may elect, replace such material, equipment or apparatus with non-infringing material, equipment or apparatus, or remove the material, equipment, or apparatus and refund the sums paid therefor.

- XIV. INSPECTION.** For the purposes of inspection of the equipment, materials and supplies covered by this contract, the Contractor shall give the City free access to his works and furnish every facility for properly inspecting such equipment, materials and supplies, and shall furnish full information, whenever requested, relating thereto. Approval by any inspector of the City shall not relieve the Contractor from his obligation to comply in all respects with the contract.
- XV. ASSIGNMENT/SUB-CONTRACTING.** The Contractor agrees that he will not sell, assign or transfer this Contract or any part thereof or interest therein without the prior written consent of the City.
- XVI. INSTALLATION.** If any of the equipment, materials and supplies covered by this contract is to be installed by either the Contractor or the City, the Contractor shall, upon request of the City, furnish a competent employee to supervise the installation without expense to the City, unless otherwise provided herein. Such supervisor, or other employees furnished by the Contractor, shall be the agents of the Contractor and not of the City, and the Contractor hereby agrees to indemnify the City and hold it harmless from and against any and all loss, costs, damage, and expense sustained as the result of negligence or other conduct on the part of such supervisor or employee.
- XVII. TERMINATION.**
- (a) Termination For Cause. If, for any cause, the Contractor fails to fulfill in a timely manner its obligations under this Agreement, or if the Contractor violates any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this Agreement, the City shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the Contractor of such termination and specifying the effective date of such termination. Such notice shall be given not less than five (5) days prior to the effective date of termination. In the event of termination, the Contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed to date of termination. Such compensation shall be pro rata and shall be based on the percentage of services actually performed, less payments already made for such services.
- (b) Termination For Convenience. The City may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving written notice to the Contractor of such termination. Such notice shall be given not less than five (5) days prior to the effective date of termination. If the Agreement is terminated for the convenience of the City, the Contractor shall be entitled to payment for services completed. Such compensation shall be pro rata and shall be based on the percentage of services actually performed, less payments already made for such services.
- XVIII. INDEMNIFICATION.** The Contractor shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the City and its officers, employees, servants, and agents from and against all actions, causes of actions, claims, demands, damages, costs, loss of services, expenses and compensation, including attorney's fees and interest, arising out of the performance of the services rendered pursuant to this Agreement, provided that any such action, cause of action, claim, demand, damages, cost, loss of service, expense, compensation (1) in any way grows out of bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property, which (2) is caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission of the Contractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable.
- XIX. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES.** The Contractor shall be an independent contractor to the City. Neither Party shall be deemed to be the legal representative of the other. Each Party agrees to assume complete responsibility for its own employees with regard to federal or state employer's liability, worker's compensation, social security, unemployment insurance, and Occupational Safety and Health Administration requirements, as applicable, and other federal, state or local laws.
- XX. NONDISCRIMINATION.** The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of this Agreement it will not discriminate against any person or group of persons on the grounds of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, disability, age, gender identity, or sexual orientation in any manner prohibited by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the United States.
- XXI. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and insure to the benefit of the Parties to this Agreement and their respective successors and assigns. The City recognizes the Contractor is a sole contractor performing the services required under this Agreement. Sub-contracting or assignment of any of the work required under this Agreement is expressly prohibited without the prior written consent of the City.
- XXII. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement represents the entire Agreement between the Parties and, except as otherwise provided, this Agreement may not be amended, modified or terminated, except by a written instrument signed by each Party to this Agreement.

XXIII. GOVERNING LAW. This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

XIV. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this Contract are severable. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Contract shall be finally adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remainder of this Contract shall be unaffected by such adjudication and all of the remaining provisions of this Contract shall remain in full force and effect as though such section, paragraph, clause or provision, or any part thereof so adjudicated to be invalid, had not been included herein, unless such remaining provisions, standing alone, are incomplete and incapable of being executed in accordance with the intent of the parties to this Contract.

XV. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor shall provide insurance coverage as listed below. This insurance shall be provided at the Contractor's expense and shall be in full force and effect during the full term of this Contract.

WORKER'S COMPENSATION

Worker's Compensation: Per M.G.L. c.. 149, s. 34 and c.. 152 as amended.

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY

| | |
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| Personal Injury | \$500,000 each occurrence \$1,000,000 aggregate |
| Property Damage | \$500,000 each occurrence \$1,000,000 aggregate |

VEHICLE LIABILITY

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| Personal Injury | \$500,000 each person \$1,000,000 aggregate |
| Property Damage | \$300,000 each occurrence \$500,000 aggregate |

The City shall be named as additional insureds on the Vendor's Liability Policies

XVI. COMPLIANCE WITH CITY ORDINANCES

- A. The Contractor shall comply with and give notices required by laws, ordinances rules, regulations, and lawful orders of the City bearing on performance hereunder.
- B. If the Contractor performs work that it knows or reasonably should know is contrary to City laws, statutes, ordinances, building codes, and rules and regulations without giving prior notice to the City, it shall assume full responsibility for such work and shall be responsible for all costs attributable thereto.
- C. Seasonal use of leaf blowers or related equipment must comply with the City's Noise Ordinance, which provides that gas blowers are only permissible from Labor Day to Memorial Day and must not exceed 65 decibels, and that from Memorial Day to Labor Day only battery powered blowers will be allowed.
- D. This section shall be superseded to extent of any specific Ordinance requirements set forth in the IFB scope of services, conditions or specifications.

XVII. AMENDMENTS TO THIS CONTRACT. This Contract may not be amended except in writing executed in the same manner as this CITY-CONTRACTOR Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this instrument to be executed under seal the day and year first above written.

CONTRACTOR

CITY OF NEWTON

By _____

By _____

Title _____

Chief Procurement Officer

Date _____

Print _____

By _____

Assistant Superintendent/CFAO

Date _____

Date _____

Affix Corporate Seal Here

City funds in the amount of _____
are available in account number:

Approved as to Legal Form and Character

98671290, 98661280-530100

I further certify that the Mayor, or her designee,
is authorized to execute contracts and approve
change orders.

By _____

Associate City Solicitor

By _____

Comptroller of Accounts

Date _____

Date _____

CONTRACT APPROVED

By _____

Mayor or her designee

Date _____

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY - CORPORATE

1. I hereby certify that I am the Clerk/Secretary of _____
(insert full name of Corporation)
2. corporation, and that _____
(insert the name of officer who signed the **contract and bonds**.)
3. is the duly elected _____
(insert the title of the officer in line 2)
4. of said corporation, and that on _____
(insert a date that is **ON OR BEFORE** the date the officer signed the **contract and bonds**.)

at a duly authorized meeting of the Board of Directors of said corporation, at which all the directors were present or waived notice, it was voted that

5. _____ the _____
(insert **name** from line 2) (insert **title** from line 3)

of this corporation be and hereby is authorized to execute contracts and bonds in the name and on behalf of said corporation, and affix its Corporate Seal thereto, and such execution of any contract of obligation in this corporation's name and on its behalf, with or without the Corporate Seal, shall be valid and binding upon this corporation; and that the above vote has not been amended or rescinded and remains in full force and effect as of the date set forth below.

6. ATTEST: _____ *AFFIX CORPORATE*
(Signature of **Clerk or Secretary**)* *SEAL HERE*
7. Name: _____
(Please print or type name in line 6)*
8. Date: _____
(insert a date that is **ON OR AFTER** the date the officer signed the **contract and bonds**.)

* The name and signature inserted in lines 6 & 7 must be that of the Clerk or Secretary of the corporation.

**CITY OF NEWTON
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

SCOPE OF SERVICES

TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION SERVICES FOR NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1) Scope

Newton Public Schools (NPS) is currently accepting bids from qualified vendors, “Contractor,” for translation services, interpretation services, via telephone, google meet or platform, for NPS as described within the Project Manual for Invitation For Bid 24-34 (IFB). Translation and interpretation services are critical to the education of our students. These services are a priority, and the Contractor must have the necessary staffing to meet the needs of our students and families at NPS. All bids must be submitted in the manner and form prescribed by this Invitation for Bids which controls the award of the contract.

The term of the awarded contract **shall extend from February 1, 2024, through January 31, 2025**. The City, at its sole discretion, shall have the option to renew this contract for **two (2) additional one (1) year terms**, with no change in the contract price and terms and conditions. The exercise of each option to renew shall be subject to appropriation and/or continuation of funding.

The City will award one contract to the lowest bidder(s) based on a Grand Total. Any bidder not providing prices for all line items may be deemed non-responsive and therefore rejected. Newton Public Schools makes no guarantees as to quantities or frequency of needed service. This Scope of Services is based on a census taken by the City, which reserves the right to increase or decrease the services to be ordered within the time limits set forth in the bid, but no increase shall exceed twenty five percent of the total contract price.

All staff provided to NPS will be employees of the Contractor. Contractor is responsible to ensure its staff meets the following minimum requirements:

- a. Possess a preferred one (1) year of relevant professional experience with professional references successfully verifying qualifications.
- b. All services provided from the Contractor to NPS shall be performed in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and/or local rules and regulations, including those regarding the confidentiality of student information.

2) Specifications and Schedule

- 2.1 The Contractor shall provide qualified, certified translators/ interpreters to translate/ interpret NPS provided documents for scheduled and on demand services on an as needed basis. The Contractor shall provide these services for the following languages: Arabic; Albanian; Amharic; Bengali; Cantonese; Chinese (Simplified); Farsi; French; German; Gujarati; Haitian Creole; Hebrew; Hindi; Korean; Japanese; Mandarin; Nepali; Lao; Pashto; Portuguese; Russian; Somali; Swahili; Spanish; Tagalog; Thai; Turkish; Ukrainian; Urdu; and Vietnamese services. NPS may also request additional languages as needed.
- 2.2 Subcontracting of any work is not permitted unless pre-approved in writing by NPS.
- 2.3 Certified translators and interpreters will translate and/or interpret foreign languages to English and from English to foreign languages, including but not limited to document translation services and online on-demand interpreter services with the option for scheduled interpretation and simultaneous interpretation. Online interpretation must be able to be integrated into Google Meet and/or via platform.

IMPORTANT: Bid must include information showing the bidder meets all scope specifications and minimum requirements. Please include in your bid response the estimated translation per word rate, per minute rate and hourly rate based on estimated quantity of interpreted words. Award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible Contractor.

CONTRACTOR AGREES THAT BID IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS & CONDITIONS ATTACHED HERETO.

3) Minimum Requirements

- 3.1 Contractor must have a minimum of five (5) years of experience providing translation and interpretation services in an educational setting.
- 3.2 Contractor must submit as references the names and contact information for 3 educational institutions who have received successful comparable services within the last 3 years of this IFB date.
- 3.3 Contractor must provide a full list of languages for which they are certified and licensed to provide translation and interpretation services. The list must at minimum include the list of languages provided in section 2.1 at p. 26 above.
- 3.4 The Contractor shall provide insurance coverage as listed at pp. 17 & 18 above. This insurance shall be provided at the Contractor's expense and shall be in full force and effect during the full term of this Contract.

The City shall be named as additional insured on the Contractor's Liability Policies.

The Contractor shall not commence the work until proof of compliance with this has been furnished to the City by submitting one copy of a properly endorsed insurance certificate issued by a company authorized to write insurance in the Commonwealth. This certificate shall indicate that the contractual liability coverage is in force. The Contractor shall file the original and one certified copy of all policies with the City within ten (10) days after contract award. If the City is damaged by the Contractor's failure to maintain such insurance and to so notify the City, then the Contractor shall be responsible for all reasonable costs attributable thereto.

4. SCHEDULE:

Contractor shall provide the above services during Newton Public Schools current school year under the direction of the Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning.

5. PAYMENT AND PAYMENT PROCEDURES

NPS shall make payments to Contractor for services rendered pursuant to this Agreement. Contractor's translation and interpretation charges shall be based on the actual billable hours of translation and interpretation services provided to NPS. Billable hours do not include travel time, or out-of-pocket or other expenses incurred by Contractor employees in connection with the performance of the services. Contractor shall submit an invoice(s) setting out the work performed and the date(s) when such work was performed. Payment will be made within forty-five (45) days of NPS's approval of the invoices submitted by Contractor.

Invoices for work completed shall be submitted in duplicate along with service logs to Newton Public Schools Accounting Dept, c/o Education Center, 100 Walnut Street, Newtonville, MA 02460.

6. TERM OF AGREEMENT

The term of this Agreement shall run from the date of execution to the completion of the services required, but in no event beyond the date of January 31, 2027.

7. SUBCONTRACTING/ASSIGNMENT PROHIBITED.

None of the work or services under this Agreement shall be subcontracted or assigned without the prior written approval of NPS.

8. WAIVER OF BENEFITS

Awarded Contractor is an independent contractor and neither its employees nor agents shall be deemed employees of the City. The City shall have no liability for unemployment benefits or workers' compensation or any other employee programs for the Contractor's employees or agents.

9. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of this Agreement it will not discriminate against any person or group of persons on the grounds of sex, race, color, religion or national origin in any manner prohibited by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the United States. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This Agreement constitutes the complete and exclusive statement of the agreement between the parties and replaces and supersedes all prior written and oral statements. This Agreement may not be amended, altered or modified except by an amendment executed in the same manner as the original Agreement.

END OF SECTION

NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION SERVICES
EXCEL SPREADSHEET

AN EXCEL SPREADSHEET ISSUED WITH THIAS IFB MUST BE FILLED OUT ELECTRONICALLY AND SUBMITTED WITH YOUR BID. PLEASE EMAIL A COPY OF THE EXCEL SPREADSHEET TO PURCHASING@NEWTON.K12.MA.US AFTER THE BID OPENING.