J-9 Standard Purchasing Resolution 8: Best Value Award - Community Survey Consulting Services

Resolution A

Resolution #2019-03-026 Moved by Slater Seconded by Baker

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **AWARDS** a contract for Community Survey Consulting Services to *Michigan Researchers Assoc., dba EPIC-MRA of Lansing, MI*, the highest rated proposer as a result of a best value process for a not to exceed amount of \$38,500.00 for a residential survey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **AWARDS** a contract for Community Survey Consulting Services to *Michigan Researchers Assoc., dba EPIC-MRA of Lansing, MI*, the highest rated proposer as a result of a best value process for a not to exceed amount of \$22,000.00 for a business survey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Troy City Council **AGREES** to schedule a City Council Study Session with representative(s) from *EPIC-MRA of Lansing, MI* in order to have a discussion on Community Survey topics, survey design and preparation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the award is **CONTINGENT** upon the contractor's submission of properly executed bid and proposal documents, including insurance certificates and all other specified requirements.

AND

Resolution B

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **SCHEDULES** a Special Study Session with representative(s) from *EPIC-MRA of Lansing, MI* in order to have a discussion on Community Survey topics, survey design and preparation, to be held on Monday, March 18, 2019, at 6:00 PM in the Council Boardroom.

Yes: All-7 No: None

MOTION CARRIED

CITY OF TROY Community Affairs 500 W BIG BEAVER RD TROY, MI 48084

PURCHASE ORDER

CITY OF TROY

Community Affairs 500 W BIG BEAVER RD TROY, MI 48084

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COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2019-03-026

VENDOR NO. 173356

EPIC-MRA 4710 W. SAGINAW HWY. LANSING, MI 48917

QUANTITY UNIT Each Each Each	DESCRIPTION Residential Survey - Not to exceed amount Business Survey - Not to Exceed Amount Consulting Services shall be provided as per the Scope of Work as contained in RFP-COT 19-08.	UNIT COST 38,500.0000 22,000.0000 0.0000	\$38,500.00 \$22,000.00 \$0.00
special Instructions:	Entered By: MaryBeth Murz		\$60,500.00

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Purchases of Municipalities are exempt from State Sales and Federal Excise Taxes.

Prior to acceptance, vendor agrees to provide City with information under the Right-to-Know Law, P.A. 1986, No. 80, and fully comply with all terms and conditions of the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act, MCL 408.1001, et seq. including vendor shall provide City with an "MSDS". Vendor also agrees to be responsible for all required labeling.

In cases of emergency/disaster, the City can purchase up to six(6) times the order amount for a period of six(6) months at the price contained in the contract.

Purchase Orders are signed electronically based upon computer generated "on-line" authorized approvals. Authentic signatures are on file in the City of Troy Purchasing Department.

NOTICE: The City could put the vendor on notice that vendors will be held financially responsible for any claims or awards made against the City as a result of the vendor's action. If the City has to defend the initial lawsuit, the City will bring in the vendor as a codefendant or sue the vendor, either as the result of settling a claim or the conclusion of the lawsuit.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS ORDER IS PROPERLY AUTHORIZED AND APPROVED.

Opening Date: 1/31/2019 Reviewed Date: 2/8/2019

CITY OF TROY BID TABULATION

COMMUNITY SURVEY CONSULTING SVCS.

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Ven	dor Name:	Michigan Researchers Assoc., dba EPIC-MRA			McKenna Associates, Inc.			
	CITY:		St. Paul, MN		Northville, MI			
PROPOSAL: CONSULTING SER RESIDENT SATISFACTION WITH	VICES TO	SECURE STATISTICALLY F Y.	REPRESENT	ATIVE QUANTITAT				
Project Phase	Est. Hrs.	Lump Sum	Est. Hrs.	Lump Sum	Est. Hrs.	Lump Sum		
Project kick-off meetings, community research & survey design and preparation:	5 Hours Per Meeting		44	\$7,785.00	100	\$10,000.00		
Survey Distribution and collection, data compilation and analysis, neeting attendance necessary:	5 Hours Per Meeting		108	\$16,740.00	150	\$15,000.00		
Final Report preparation and presentation, meeting attendance as necessary:	5 Hours Per Meeting	·	26	\$4,240.00	100	\$10,000.00		
Grand Total:		Residents: \$18,000 - \$38,500 Business: \$13,500 - \$22,000	178	\$28,765.00	350	\$35,000.00		
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ALIEST:	
Sue Riesterer	
Kristine Kallek	

References:

Y or N

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Ven	dor Name:	The Center for Research & Public Policy	JFM Cor	nsulting Group, Inc.		
	CITY:		Grantham, NH Detroit, MI			
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Project Phase	Est. Hrs.	Lump Sum	Est. Hrs.	Lump Sum	Est. Hrs.	Lump Sum
Project kick-off meetings, community research & survey design and preparation:	71	\$3,500 - including travel	28	\$4,200.00		zamp dum
Survey Distribution and collection, data compilation and analysis, meeting attendance necessary:	550	\$7,500 - Online Surveys \$800 - to print and mail postcards to businesses \$22,450 - phone survey	200	\$50,000.00		
Final Report preparation and presentation, meeting attendance as necessary:	71	\$3,500.00	80	\$12,000.00		
Grand Total:	692	\$37,750.00	308	\$66,200.00		
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QUESTIONNAIRE

DATE: January 30, 2019

FIRM NAME: Michigan Researchers Associates, Inc. dba: EPIC • MRA

OFFICE LOCATION: 4710 W. Saginaw Highway - Suite 2C, Lansing, Michigan 48917

OTHER LOCATION: None

FIRM ESTABLISHED: May 3, 1991

STATE: Michigan

Years in Business in Michigan: 28

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: (Circle One – In bold)

a. Individual

b. Partnership

c. Corporation

d. Joint Venture

e. Other____

1. Description of Firm. Provide a brief history of the Firm and the services it provides.

EPIC • MRA is the assumed name for Michigan Researchers Associates, Inc., a for-profit Michigan corporation formed in 1991 with headquarters in Lansing, Michigan. It is the successor entity to the partnership, Michigan Research Associates, formed in 1985.

Since its inception, the firm has provided services to a broad range of clients, including: state, county, township and municipal planning commissions; local governments; transportation authorities; public school districts, intermediate school districts, school boards; public libraries and library boards; political and business leaders; professional associations; the legal and judicial communities; and members of the health care industry.

EPIC • MRA has been fortunate enough to gain national recognition. The firm's work is routinely included in publications such as the *Congressional Daily*, *The Hotline*, *The Polling Report*, and other publications dedicated to distributing polling information. EPIC • MRA has also consistently received the highest rating of any Michigan polling firm from Nate Silver's FiveThirtyEight web site. Indeed, EPIC • MRA's rating by FiveThirtyEight for accuracy and methodology surpasses many nationally recognized polling firms.

In conjunction with their work, the firm's principals have made radio and television appearances in every major media market in Michigan. Data resulting from EPIC • MRA's prolific survey research work has become a byword on nearly every broadcaster's news and information slot and is commonly seen in headlines in major newspapers throughout the state. The firm's work has frequently appeared in newspapers and magazines throughout the state and country, including *The Detroit Free Press, New York Times, Business Week, National Journal* and the *Journal of Commerce*.

2. Describe your Firm's prior experience with similar projects as described under the Minimum Qualifications Section.

As described under section 1. above, the principals of the firm have been formally conducting public opinion research since 1985. Since its inception as a corporate entity nearly three decades ago, EPIC • MRA has executed hundreds of surveys capturing public opinion on every imaginable topic ranging from the highly visible (statewide voter preferences in primary and general elections) to the highly obscure (preferred vendor characteristics for hauling services among sludge-producing businesses), and everything in between.

Examples of recent work involving "customer satisfaction" among residents of a defined jurisdiction can be found in the references section, below. For examples closer to home, EPIC • MRA points to its work done in and around the City of Troy in 2008 for the Troy Public Library; in 2011 for the City; and in 2013 and 2017 for Troy Public Schools.

Obviously, the successful execution of such a wide array of research topics among an equally wide-array of subject audiences requires the ability to not only craft pertinent questions, but also the ability to draw samples appropriate to the aims of the research. EPIC • MRA's high rating by FiveThirtyEight as well as its longevity in a highly competitive field is, itself, testimony to the firm's competence in both the fashioning of questionnaires, the development of sample frames, tabular report production and, data interpretation.

EPIC • MRA is also experienced in gathering public opinion data via a variety of methodologies. The most practical in terms of both cost and time, is live operator telephone interviews. In many instances, however, clients prefer direct mail distribution of hard copy versions of a questionnaire; a hybrid methodology of using a post card solicitation of qualified respondent households to participate in the survey on-line or request a hard-copy in the mail; strictly on-line versions of a survey; and, focus groups sessions, among others. EPIC • MRA is familiar with and has completed projects using each of the mentioned methodologies; and each have their respective advantages and drawbacks. However, a live operator telephone interview is the methodology recommended by the firm for the needs of the instant RFP as currently understood.

The telephone survey is recommended primarily for the ability to control the stratification of the sampling. That is, quotas of geographical and demographic characteristics are pre-determined and the sample and screening questions can be tailored accordingly. The resulting data then, comes from the proportional distribution of responses actually gathered with little, if any, post data collection weighting required. Other methodologies, particularly on-line and mail-out cannot provide the same level of control over the responses returned, which can often require considerable post-collection weighting for certain demographic groups - a circumstance that runs the risk of skewed results both within the weighted sub-group and survey-wide – and a considerably protracted timeline.

3. Provide detailed information describing the service relating to the following aspects of the requested work: methods and sources for the development of the survey; pre-testing of the questionnaire (if necessary), data gathering, statistical analysis, and the scope of one-site presentations.

The survey research process begins with consultation with the Client's representative(s) who are authorized to make final decisions regarding the substance of the interview and have some familiarity with the processes involved in executing a survey. After close consultation with the Client, an initial draft of a survey instrument is presented for review and comment; with the review and re-drafts process continuing until a questionnaire that is satisfactory to all parties is developed.

In addition to the substantive questions, respondent qualifying and screening questions, as well as demographic questions and inquiry about where voters receive the information that influences their opinions the most about their city government are usually standard fare. Typically, this phase consumes the lion's share of what is normally a *four-to-eight-week* timeline for completion of the research; from initial consultation through presentation of a final report with recommendations.

Our initial review of the Bureau of the Census 2017 American Community Survey estimates for Troy City reveals a total population of approximately 83,300 individuals, of which, approximately 65,100 are over 18 years of age. Out of this latter population, a review of the Michigan Secretary of State's qualified voter file finds 58,538 registered voters residing in just under 30,000 households. With a population of this size and diversity a stratified survey sample of a minimum of N=400 (±4.9% margin of error) and a maximum of N=600 (±4.0% margin of error) is recommended. It is our experience that surveys of a lesser sample size would not provide sufficient N-sizes for analysis of often-important demographic subsets, and a larger sampling would not be cost-effective.

Presentation of the draft questionnaire would include an estimate of the average interview length. Based on what experience with similar projects, it is estimated that, at a minimum, a 12-minute

interview would be required - and an interview ranging as high as 20-minutes in duration is a distinct possibility. As can be seen in the pricing section that follows, interview length is one primary factor in determining the overall price of the research. Sample size, or the number of interviews to be administered, is the other main variable that determines survey price.

Once a survey instrument is completed a sample is drawn, administering the interviews can commence. Typically, interview administration for a 500 sample, 18-minute interview, takes approximately six days to complete. With the increased incidence of exclusive use of non-landline devices, practitioners in the industry continue to explore ways to ensure that all segments of the subject population are appropriately represented in the sample. As standard practice, EPIC • MRA augments its land-line sample by completing a portion of the sampling with cell phone only-users. The proportion of cell phone sampling is generally determined by the proportional age of the representative sample, which, in this case, is presumed to be the adult population of the city. With the relatively younger median age of Troy residents, 40 percent of the interviews will be collected from cell-phone users.

At the end of the phoning, the data is ready to apply SPSS aggregation and tallying software. The results of the automated tabulation are known as:

Frequency results - the percentage of <u>all</u> respondents saying "yes, no, undecided, don't know/refused" or all other responses to the survey questions; and,

Cross tabulation tables - the tabulation of responses to individual questions by segment (that is, demographic subgroup) such as by age, ethnicity, household income, etc.

The frequency results are useful in gauging overall reaction to specific questions posed, and for garnering an understanding of what the attitudes of the entire adult population. The "crosstabs" are beneficial in getting a handle on how particular segments (e.g. parents and non-parents, homeowners and renters) of the population react to a question in comparison to the entire sample.

In addition to the delivery of tabular reports, the survey services also include delivery of an electronic version of a textual narrative report and the offer of an oral presentation of results which, more often than not, is delivered as part of a regularly scheduled public meeting EPIC • MRA is well aware of the fact that the survey, its cost, and its results, are subject to the Freedom of Information Act, and open to public scrutiny. However, our firm has great experience with taking on public entities as clients, and we pride ourselves on our ability to craft a survey and present results in a manner that justifies the expenditure of public dollars.

If a survey of businesses is also contemplated, the same process described above for residents would be used to obtain a measurement of this unique audience. Sample size recommendations would be reduced to a minimum of N=300 ($\pm 5.7\%$ margin of error) and a maximum of N=400 ($\pm 4.9\%$

margin of error), with an interview length not to exceed ten minutes in duration. Pricing for this option is also included in the pricing section.

4. Work Plan/Approach and Timing – Submit a <u>detailed</u> work plan showing how the project will be approached. Prepare a timeline, preferably in Gantt format reflecting each task from inception through completion.

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Delivery of the final report																
Presentation of findings to Client																

^{*} It is noted that this sample timeline is approximate, and can be contracted or protracted somewhat based on the needs of the Client, and to accommodate any regularly Client scheduled meetings, if applicable and deemed appropriate.

5. Staffing/Staff Experience – Names, relevant experience, and the specific role(s) of Key Staff who would handle this engagement.

The EPIC • MRA staff for this proposal would include four full-time professionals who each have unique roles with the firm yet understand and are conversant with all aspects of the firm's activities. They include:

Bernie Porn

Founding Principal and President

Bernie Porn is a co-founder and President of EPIC • MRA. Drawing on over four decades of research and communication experience, Mr. Porn's primary role with the firm involves the writing and analysis of the survey research conducted for most of EPIC • MRA's clients. He is also looked to by members of the media, academia, and others, for commentary on the wide spectrum of topics researched by the firm.

Mr. Porn's expertise in drafting bias-free instruments and his attention to sampling detail have made him a popular guest lecturer at several of Michigan's community colleges and universities.

He is a graduate of Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, majoring in urban affairs and schooled in statistics. He worked on the staff of the Michigan House of Representatives for nineteen years, serving as the Director of Communications from 1990 to 1992.

Mr. Porn's primary role in this project would be in refining the questionnaire and taking the lead role in assembling the textual analysis.

John F. Cavanagh, JD

Founding Principal and Secretary-Treasurer

As one of the co-founders of EPIC • MRA, Cavanagh is its Secretary-Treasurer where he serves as the chief financial officer and administrator for the firm and fills the capacity of general counsel. Notwithstanding his administrative responsibilities, Mr. Cavanagh involves himself closely in the substantive research work of the firm from sample design and questionnaire development, to delivering presentations and moderating focus groups.

Mr. Cavanagh graduated cum laude from Michigan State University with a degree in Criminal Justice. He earned his Juris Doctor from Thomas M. Cooley Law School, being sworn in as a member of the Michigan Bar in 1983. He served on the staff of the Michigan House of Representatives from 1980 through 1992, rising in the ranks from committee aide, to research staff specialist and concluding his tenure in state government as Director of Public Affairs.

Mr. Cavanagh's role will include oversight of and contribution to all phases of the project.

While EPIC • MRA's principals have been important to the firm's success and notoriety, none of the good fortune would have been possible without the assistance and support of other employees. The full-time staff at EPIC • MRA also includes:

Neal Richey, Data Processing Systems Manager, is responsible for most of the firm's custom programming and sample production needs and has oversight of the firm's work station system and data entry network. As of this writing, Mr. Richey's experience with data processing and custom programming work spans over thirty-five years.

Mr. Richey's primary role in this project will be to draw telephone samples for the survey of registered voters in accordance with Client guidelines. He will also have primary responsibility for programming the firm's SPSS software package to produce frequency and cross tabulation reports.

Kelly Sullivan, Office/Project Manager, is responsible for overseeing the scheduling of tasks performed outside of the office, as well as assisting in the discharge of the myriad administrative details associated with all projects. He began his tenure with the firm over twenty years ago as a part-time interviewer, and his work ethic and attention to detail earned him a full-time salaried position with the company after earning his B.S. in Mathematics from Michigan State University in 1999. Mr. Sullivan will work closely with Mr. Cavanagh and Mr. Richey in discharging the tasks associated with all the project components.

References – Provide names, phone numbers, and email addresses of at least three (3) references from projects of similar scope (note: specifically list the agency representative to whom the survey services were provided.

Company &	Ottawa County, Michigan
Contact Person	Mr. Al Vanderberg, County Administrator 12220 Fillmore Street – Room 310 West Olive, MI 49460 avandreberg@miottawa.org 616-738-4898
Project Description	A 1.1
	A biennial 18-min x 400 sample, county-wide survey of residents (2006 through 2018) on attitude and opinion on the performance of Ottawa County government and governmental subunits in providing a myriad of county services and programs.
Date Completed	Various - 2006 through 2018
Dollar Value	\$23,675.00
Company &	Watertown Township, Clinton Co., Michigan
Contact Person	Jennifer Tubbs, Township Manager jtubbs@watertowntownship.com
	12803 S. Wacousta Road 517-626-6593
	Grand Ledge, MI 48837
Project Description	Township-wide solicitation to participate in an on-line (hard copy available) survey (20 to 22-minute phone survey equivalent) on satisfaction with, recommendations for, delivery of Township services.
Date Completed	Currently in progress and 2008
Dollar Value	\$24,950.00
Company &	Ann Arbor District Library
Contact Person	Ms. Josie Parker, Library Director parkerj@aadl.org
	343 South Fifth Avenue 734-327-4263
Due to at Die 1111	Ann Arbor, MI 48104
Project Description	15-min x 500 sample customer satisfaction survey among residents of the library district.
Date Completed	2012, 2014, 2016 and 2018
Dollar Value	\$26,500.00

THE FOREGOING QUESTIONNAIRE IS A TRUE STATEMENT OF FACTS:

Signature of Authorized Firm Representative:

Title of Authorized Firm Representative:

Secretary-Treasurer

Representative's Name: John F. Cavanagh

Firm Name: Michigan Researchers Associates, Inc. dba: EPIC • MRA

Address: 4710 W. Saginaw Hwy. – Suite 2C, Lansing, MI 48917

Phone Number: 517-886-0860

Fax Number: 517-886-9176

E-mail: info@epicmra.com

Date: January 31, 2019

COMMUNITY SURVEY CONSULTING SERVICES PRICING SHEET

Pricing

Provide a complete Cost Proposal. Provide lump sum, not-to-exceed costs for each activity listed. Detail the cost of the Proposal on the pricing form below. Clearly define any/all applicable relative direct and indirect costs.

Prices submitted shall remain firm for 60 days or bid award whichever comes first except the successful proposer whose prices shall remain firm for the entire contract period.

Project Phase	Lump Sum	Estimated Hours		
Project kick-off meetings	1 pre- 1 post- survey on-site meeting and ongoing telephone consultation included per survey. Additional meetings billed at \$450 per plus mileage at the allowable IRS reimbursement rate.	Total average of 5 hours per meeting, including travel time.		
Community research & survey design and preparation		Variable, based on sample size		
Survey distribution and collection	Variable, based on sample size and interview length. See pricing matrix.	and interview length. See pricing matrix.		
Data compilation and analysis				
Meeting attendance necessary	1 pre- 1 post- survey on-site meeting and ongoing telephone consultation included per survey. Additional meetings billed at \$450 per plus mileage at the allowable IRS reimbursement rate.	Total average of 5 hours per meeting, including travel time.		
Final Report preparation and presentation; including an executive summary, findings, implications, and recommendations	Variable; based on number of surveys commissioned, sample size(s) and interview length(s). See pricing matrix.	Variable, based on sample size and interview length. See pricing matrix.		
necessary	1 pre- 1 post- survey on-site meeting and ongoing telephone consultation included per survey. Additional meetings billed at \$450 per plus mileage at the allowable IRS reimbursement rate.	Total average of 5 hours per meeting, including travel time.		
Grand Total: Residents: From \$18,000.00 to \$38,500.00 Business: \$13,500.00 to \$22,000.00				

PRICING FOR SURVEY OF CITY RESIDENTS							
Survey Length	400 Samples (Margin of error 4.9%)	500 Samples (Margin of error 4.6%)	600 Samples (Margin of error 4.0%)				
Up to 12 Minute Interview	\$18,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$23,750.00				
13 to 15 Minute Interview	\$22,000.00	\$25,575.00	\$29,150.00				
16 to 18 Minute Interview	\$26,000.00	\$30,250.00	\$34,650.00				
19-21 Minute interview	\$30,000.00	\$33,725.00	\$38,500.00				

PRICING FOR SURVEY BUSINESSES							
Survey Length	300 Samples (Margin of error 5.7%)	400 Samples (Margin of error 4.9%)					
Up to 10 Minute Interview	\$13,500.00	\$15,650.00					
11 to 13 Minute Interview	\$15,000.00	\$18,000.00					
14 to 16 Minute Interview	\$18,500.00	\$22,000.00					

EPIC • MRA terms normally require a 50 percent down payment upon execution of an agreement for services and in any event prior to initiating the interviews, with processing of the payment for the balance due upon presentation of the cross tabulation report.

FIRM NAME: EPIC • M	IRA		
SIGNATURE/DATE	John Fo Davanedy	01-29-3019	

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FIRM NAME: EPIC • MRA

SIGNATURE/DATE: John Carring

SIGNATURE PAGE

PRICES

Prices quoted shall remain firm for 60 days or bid award, which ever comes first, except the successful bidder whose prices shall remain firm from date of award through successful completion of all specified requirements of this contract.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED FIRM REPRESENTATIVE:

NOTE: The undersigned has checked carefully the bid figures and understands that he/she shall be responsible for any error or omission in this offer and is in receipt of all addendum as issued.

FIRM: EPIC • MRA

ADDRESS: 4710 W. Saginaw Hwy. - Ste 2C CITY: Lansing STATE: MI ZIP: 48917

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (517) 886-0860 FAX NUMBER: (517) 886-9176

REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME: John F. Cavanagh

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED FIRM REPRESENTATIVE:

TERMS: As specified in Pricing Sheet EMAIL: info@epicmra.com

EXCEPTIONS:

Any exceptions, substitutions, deviations, etc. from City specifications and this proposal must be stated below. The reason(s) for the exception, substitution, and/or deviation are an integral part of this proposal offer:

The RFP has been altered by replicating the questionnaire into a Word document to provide more legible typewritten responses per the request contained in the RFP.

The pricing section of the RFP has been amended to more precisely comply with requested detail.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: I, John F. Cavanagh, certify that I have read the instructions to Bidders (4 Pages) and that the proposal documents contained herein were obtained directly from the City's Purchasing Department or MITN website, www.mitn.info and is an official copy of the Authorized Version.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED FIRM REPRESENTATIVE: 9

IMPORTANT: All City of Troy purchases require a **MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET**, where applicable, in compliance with the **MIOSHA** "Right to Know" Law.

NOTE: The City of Troy, at their discretion, may require the bidder(s) to supply a Financial Report form an impartial Financial Credit Reporting Service before award of contract.

U.S. FUNDS: PRICES QUOTED SHALL BE IN U.S. CURRENCY.

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Legal Status of Bidder:

The Bidder shall fill out the appropriate form and strike out the other two:
A corporation duly organized and doing business under the laws of the State of $\underline{\text{Michigan}}$ for whom $\underline{\text{John F. Cavanagh}}$, bearing the office title of $\underline{\text{Secretary-Treasurer}}$, whose signature is affixed to this proposal is duly authorized to contracts.
A partnership, all members of which, with addresses, is:
An INDIVIDUAL, WHOSE SIGNATURE IS AFFIXED TO THE PROPOSAL:

SAMPLE CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

EPIC • MRA regularly submits bids and proposals to various municipal and statewide entities and agencies, and complies with all state required insurance, liability, and workers compensation requirements. An example is provided below. Upon award of contract, additional and current information can be provided.

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December 31, 2019

CITY OF TROY OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:				
<u>Гон Г. Сахама</u> , being duly sworn deposed, says that he/she (Print Full Name)				
is <u>Secretary Treasurer</u> . The party making the foregoing proposal or bid, (State Official Capacity in Firm)				
that such bid is genuine and not collusion or sham; that said bidder has not colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any bidder or person, to put in a sham bid or to refrain from bidding and has not in any manner directly or indirectly sought by agreement or collusion, or communication or conference, with any person to fix the bid price or affiant or any other bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of said bid price, or that of any other bidder, or to secure the advantage against the City of Troy or any person interested in the proposed contract; and that all statements contained in said proposal or bid are true.				
SIGNATURE OF PERSON SUBMITTING BID				
NOTARY'S SIGNATURE				
Subscribed and sworn to before me this <u>29th</u> day of <u>January</u> , 20 <u>19</u> in and for Ingham and Ingham County.				
My commission expires:				



CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

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

- 1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in transactions under any non-procurement programs by any federal, state or local agency.
- 2. Have not, within the three year period preceding, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default; and
- 3. Are not presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (federal, state, or local) and have not, within the three year period preceding the proposal, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it:
 - a. For the commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public transaction (federal, state, or local), or a procurement contract under such a public transaction;
 - b. For the violation of federal, or state antitrust statutes, including those proscribing price fixing between competitors, the allocation of customers between competitors, or bid rigging; or
 - c. For the commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property.

I understand that a false statement on this certification may be grounds for the rejection of this proposal or the termination of the award. In addition, the general grant of this authority exists within the City's Charter, Chapter 12, Section 12.2-Contracts.

I am able to certify to the above statements.	
MICHIGAN RESEARCHERS ASSOCIATES, INC Aba	EPIC-MRA
Name of Agency/Company/Firm (Please Print)	
JOHN F. CAVANAZH SECRETARY TREPSURER	
Name and title of authorized representative (Please Print)	
John T. Cavanelle	01-29-2019
Signature of authorized representative	Date

[] I am unable to certify to the above statements. Attached is my explanation.

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VENDOR CERTIFICATION THAT IT IS NOT AN "IRAN LINKED BUSINESS"

Pursuant to Michigan law, (the Iran Economic Sanctions Act, 2012 PA 517, MCL 129.311 et seq.), before accepting any bid or proposal, or entering into any contract for goods or services with any prospective Vendor, the Vendor must first certify that it is not an "IRAN LINKED BUSINESS", as defined by law.

Vendor	
Legal Name	MICHICAN RESTARCHERS ASSOCIATES, INC. don EPIC-MRA
Street Address	4710 W. SAGINAN HWY, STE 2C
City	LAPSING
State, Zip	MICHIGAN 48917
Corporate I.D. Number/State	800517208 - MICHIGAN
Taxpayer I.D. #	38-3003680

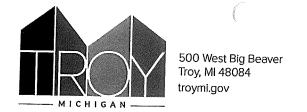
The undersigned, with: 1.) full knowledge of all of Vendors business activities, 2.) full knowledge of the requirements and possible penalties under the law MCL 129.311 et seq. and 3.) the full and complete authority to make this certification on behalf of the Vendor, by his/her signature below, certifies that: the Vendor is NOT an "IRAN LINKED BUSINESS" as require by MCL 129.311 et seq., and as such that Vendor is legally eligible to submit a bid and be considered for a possible contract to supply goods and/or services to the City of Troy.

Signature of Vendor's Authorized Agent: John Cavane
Printed Name of Vendor's Authorized Agent: SONDE CANBUAGN
Witness Signature:
Printed Name of Witness: //ELLY D. SULLIVAN
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<u>Proposer's Sworn and Notarized Familial Disclosure</u> (to be provided by the Proposer)

The undersigned, the owner or authorize "Proposer"), pursuant to the famialial disproposal, hereby represent and warrant relationships exist between the owner of Associates, INC. Aba EPIC-MRA Council or City of Troy management.	isclosure requ it, except as p s) or any empl	irement provided in the Requirovided below, that no familial loyees of Michigan Research	l elters
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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Date:

February 26, 2019

To:

Mark F. Miller, City Manager

From:

MaryBeth Murz, Purchasing Managery

Cindy Stewart, Community Affairs Director

Subject:

Standard Purchasing Resolution 8 – Best Value Award – Community Survey Consulting

Services

<u>History</u>

 The City of Troy offers a complete living community, featuring a nationally recognized public school system, 8 colleges and universities, and more than 900 acres of park land.

 The City offers a culturally diverse residential population of more than 87,000 residents and a thriving international business community. It has a daytime population nearing 130,000, and over 27 million square feet of office space.

The City of Troy serves the community with approximately 340 Administrative/support employees.

They City has conducted a series of community surveys from 1999 - 2014.

 Since the last community survey was conducted five years ago, the City wishes to conduct a 2019 community survey.

 The results of this community survey will be used to inform resource allocation decisions; to determine levels of satisfaction with current service delivery performance; and to identify short and longer-term priorities while meeting the objectives of the City's Goals and Strategies.

• The City of Troy requested market research proposals for a community survey of residents. The purpose of the survey is to translate an in-depth assessment of resident attitudes, behaviors and perceptions into guidelines for planning activities with emphasis upon the ideas presented at a scheduled City Council Study Session.

Purchasing

On January 16, 2019 a Request for Proposal was issued and posted on the Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network (MITN) website: www.mitn.info.

• The City of Troy requested market research proposals for a community survey of residents. The purpose of the survey is to translate an in-depth assessment of resident attitudes, behaviors and perceptions into guidelines for planning activities with emphasis upon the ideas presented at a scheduled City Council Study Session.

 February 5, 2019 a bid opening was conducted and Proposals were received as required by City Charter and Code for Community Survey Consulting Services. The names only of firms submitting a proposal were publicly read aloud. Below is a summary of potential firms.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Purchasing (continued)

Companies notified via MITN	265
Troy Companies notified via MITN	11
Troy Companies - Active email Notification	10
Troy Companies - Active Free	1
Companies that viewed the bid	47
Troy Companies that viewed the bid	2

MITN provides a resourceful online platform to streamline the procurement process, reduce costs, and make it easier and more transparent for vendors to do business with the City of Troy.

Active MITN members with a current membership and paying annual dues receive automatic electronic notification which allows instant access to Bids, RFPS and Quote opportunities with the City.

Active MITN non-paying members are responsible to monitor and check the MITN website for opportunities to do business with the City. Inactive MITN member status can occur when a company does not renew their account upon expiration. Inactive members cannot be notified of solicitations or access any bid information.

- Five (5) Proposal responses were received:
 - Michigan Researchers Assoc., dba EPIC-MRA
 Springsted Human Capital Advisors, Inc.
 McKenna Associates, Inc.
 The Center For Research & Public Policy
 JFM Consulting Group, Inc.
 Lansing, MI
 St. Paul, MN
 Northville, MI
 Grantham, NH
 Detroit, MI
 - Selection Criteria for Community Survey Consulting Services was:
 - o Experience performing similar projects
 - o Experience and qualifications of Firm's personnel assigned to the contract.
 - o Positive references for the firm & examples of previous design projects.
 - Work plan and methodology
 - o Cost
 - Three (3) Committee Members reviewed and evaluated the proposals. The Committee Members were as follows:
 - Mark F. Miller, City Manager
 - Cindy Stewart, Community Affairs Director
 - Drew Benson, Assistant to the City Manager
 - The Selection Committee interviewed the low proposer; Michigan Researchers Assoc., dba EPIC-MRA on Thursday, February 21, 2019.
 - The Selection Committee also checked references.
- Based on the scoring criteria, proposal response and post-bid meeting the Committee unanimously recommends awarding a contract to the highest rated proposer, Michigan Researchers Assoc., dba EPIC-MRA of Lansing, MI.
- The Committee felt that EPIC-MRA presented a well-rounded team with passion for this project. They provided a very thorough proposal that conveyed creativity and vision.
- EPIC-MRA completed a community survey for the City of Troy in 2011, as well as completing numerous survey projects for the Troy School District in 2013 and 2017, and the Troy Public Library in 2008.
- The principals at EPIC-MRA have been formally conducting public opinion research since 1985.
- The Bid Tabulation is attached.

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Financial

- The total cost of a Community Survey is between \$18,000 and \$38,500 depending on the survey length and samples.
- Range for survey length, depending on the number of questions would be 12 minutes to 10-21 minutes.
- Funds are budgeted and available in the General Fund under the City Manager's Budget, account number 101.172.7801.100 – Professional Services for the 2019 fiscal year.

Recommendation

City management recommends awarding a contract for a Community Survey Consulting Services to *Michigan Researchers Assoc., dba EPIC-MRA of Lansing, MI*, the highest rated proposer as a result of a best value process for a not to exceed amount of \$38,500.00. Also recommended is a City Council Study Session with representative(s) from *EPIC-MRA* in order to have a discussion on Community Survey topics, survey design and preparation.

STANDARD PURCHASING RESOLUTION 8 – Best Value Award – Community Survey Consulting Services

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **AWARDS** a contract for Community Survey Consulting Services to *Michigan Researchers Assoc.*, *dba EPIC-MRA of Lansing, MI*, the highest rated proposer as a result of a best value process for a not to exceed amount of \$38,500.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That Troy City Council AGREES to schedule a City Council Study Session with representative(s) from *EPIC-MRA of Lansing, MI* in order to have a discussion on Community Survey topics, survey design and preparation.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the award is CONTINGENT upon the contractor's submission of properly executed bid and proposal documents, including insurance certificates and all other specified requirements.

Resolution #2019-Moved by Seconded by

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby SCHEDULES a Special Study Session with representative(s) from *EPIC-MRA of Lansing, MI* in order to have a discussion on Community Survey topics, survey design and preparation, to be held on Monday, March 18, 2019, at 6:00 PM in the Council Boardroom.

Yes:

No:

<u>STANDARD PURCHASING RESOLUTION 8 – Best Value Award – Community Survey Consulting Services</u>

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **AWARDS** a contract for Community Survey Consulting Services to *Michigan Researchers Assoc., dba EPIC-MRA of Lansing, MI*, the highest rated proposer as a result of a best value process for a not to exceed amount of \$38,500.00 for a residential survey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **AWARDS** a contract for Community Survey Consulting Services to *Michigan Researchers Assoc., dba EPIC-MRA of Lansing, MI*, the highest rated proposer as a result of a best value process for a not to exceed amount of \$22,000.00 for a business survey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That Troy City Council AGREES to schedule a City Council Study Session with representative(s) from *EPIC-MRA of Lansing, MI* in order to have a discussion on Community Survey topics, survey design and preparation.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the award is CONTINGENT upon the contractor's submission of properly executed bid and proposal documents, including insurance certificates and all other specified requirements.

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CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

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THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

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7/12/2018

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DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)
The City of Troy shall be named as Additional Insured on a Primary & Non Contributory Basis with respect to the General Liability and Auto Liability coverage.

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If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below

CERTIFICATE HOLDER	
	CANCELLATION
City of Troy Purchasing Manager 500 West Big Beaver	SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.
Troy, MI 48084	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION TO DESIGNATED CERTIFICATE HOLDER

Policy Number: 81 WEC BM3483

Endorsement Number: 1

Effective Date: 03/07/19

Effective hour is the same as stated on the Information Page of the policy.

Named Insured and Address: MICHIGAN RESEARCHERS ASSOCIATE

4710 W SAGINAW HWY STE 2C

LANSING MI 48917

This policy is subject to the following additional Conditions when a number of days are shown in the schedule for any of the below Parts:

- A. If this policy is cancelled by the Company, other than for non-payment of premium, notice of such cancellation will be provided to the certificate holder in the schedule, at least the number of days in advance of the cancellation effective date, as shown in Part A.
- B. If this policy is cancelled by the Company for non-payment of premium, notice of such cancellation will be provided to the certificate holder in the schedule within the number of days notice of the cancellation effective date, as shown in Part B.
- C. If this policy is cancelled by the insured, notice of such cancellation will be provided to the certificate holder in the schedule, within the

number of days notice of the cancellation effective date, as shown in Part C.

notice is mailed, proof of mailing notice to the certificate holder's mailing address as shown in the schedule will be sufficient proof of notice. If the number of days notice in the schedule for any Part is left blank or is shown as zero, no notice will be provided to the scheduled certificate holder under that Part.

Any notification rights provided by this endorsement apply only to active certificate holder(s) who were issued a certificate of insurance applicable to this policy's term.

Failure to provide such notice to the certificate holder(s) will not amend or extend the date the cancellation becomes effective, nor will it negate cancellation of the policy. Failure to send notice shall impose no liability of any kind upon the company or its agents or representatives.

Schedule

Number of Days Notice:

Name and Mailing Address of Certificate Holder

Part A: Part B: 10 Part C: 30

CITY OF TROY PURCHASING MANAGER 500 WEST BIG BEAVER RD, TROY, MI 48084

Form WC 99 05 28 Printed in U.S.A.

Process Date: 03/13/19

Policy Expiration Date: 07/12/19

POLICY NUMBER: 81 SBA ZN9800

CHANGE NUMBER: 002



THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

ADDITIONAL INSURED - OWNERS, LESSEES OR **CONTRACTORS - SCHEDULED PERSON OR** ORGANIZATION

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

BUSINESS LIABILITY COVERAGE FORM

SCHEDULE

Name Of Additional Insured Person(s) Or Organization(s):

CITY OF TROYPURCHASING MANAGER

Location(s) Of Covered Operations:

500 WEST BIG BEAVER RDTROY, MI 48084

Information required to complete this Schedule, if not shown above, will be shown in the Declarations.

- A. Section C. Who Is An Insured is amended to include as an additional insured the person(s) or organization(s) shown in the Schedule, but only with respect to liability for "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" caused, in whole or in part, by:
 - 1. Your acts or omissions; or
 - 2. The acts or omissions of those acting on your

in the performance of your ongoing operations for the additional insured(s) at the location(s) designated above.

B. With respect to the insurance afforded to these additional insureds, the following additional exclusions apply:

This insurance does not apply to "bodily injury" or "property damage" occurring after:

- 1. All work, including materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection with such work, on the project (other than service, maintenance or repairs) to be performed by or on behalf of the additional insured(s) at the location of the covered operations has been completed; or
- 2. That portion of "your work" out of which the injury or damage arises has been put to its intended use by any person or organization other than another contractor or subcontractor engaged in performing operations for a principal as a part of the same project.

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ADDITIONAL INSURED - OWNERS, LESSEES OR CONTRACTORS - COMPLETED OPERATIONS

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

BUSINESS LIABILITY COVERAGE FORM

SCHEDULE

Name Of Additional Insured Person(s) Or Organization(s):

CITY OF TROYPURCHASING MANAGER

Location And Description Of Completed Operations:

500 WEST BIG BEAVER RDTROY, MI 48084

Information required to complete this Schedule, if not shown above, will be shown in the Declarations.

Section C. – Who Is An Insured is amended to include as an additional insured the person(s) or organization(s) shown in the Schedule, but only with respect to liability for "bodily injury" or "property damage" caused, in whole or in part, by "your work" at the location designated and described in the schedule of this endorsement performed for that additional insured and included in the "products-completed operations hazard".

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THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

30 DAY NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

IN CONSIDERATION OF NO CHANGE PREMIUM, IT IS HEERBY AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD THAT FORM SS1228 IS ADDED PER THE ATTACHED