# The State Bar of California

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL



This document is a Request for Proposal ("RFP") for Property Management and Construction Project Management Services.

The State Bar of California ("State Bar") seeks proposals for Property Management Services and Construction Project Management Services (collectively, "Services") for 180 Howard Street, San Francisco, California, a 13-story, with rentable area of approximately 207,623 rentable square feet ("RSF"), office building ("Building", "Property" or "Site"), which the State Bar owns and in which it is the majority occupant. The State Bar will award a contract for an initial term of three (3) years ("Initial Term"), with an option to renew for two (2) additional one (1)-year terms ("Renewal Periods"). The Initial Term, with any Renewal Period(s), if elected by the State Bar, means the "Term". The State Bar expects to award a contract based on this RFP on or before September 6, 2019, for a contract term to begin by October 17, 2019.

The State Bar has organized a tour of the Property and a conference to answer any questions on June 25. Interested vendors are encouraged to RSVP by June 24, 2019 to Mayte Diaz at Mayte.Diaz@calbar.ca.gov to confirm their attendance; RSVP is not required to attend.

Please submit seven (7) hard copies and one electronic copy of your proposal no later than 4:00 PM on Monday, July 15, 2019 ("Submission Deadline") to:

The State Bar of California 180 Howard Street San Francisco, CA 94105-1639

Attn: Mayte Diaz
Office of General Services
415-538-2160
Mayte.Diaz@calbar.ca.gov

#### i. INTRODUCTION

The State Bar, created in 1927 by the Legislature and adopted as a judicial branch agency by amendment to the California Constitution in 1960, is a public corporation within the judicial branch of state government. The purpose of the State Bar of California is to ensure that the people of California are served by the legal profession in a manner consistent with the highest standards of professional competence, care, and ethical conduct; to carry out such additional

programs as may be required by law or by rule of court; and to contribute generally to the science of jurisprudence and the administration of justice. The State Bar serves as an administrative adjunct to the California Supreme Court in all matters pertaining to the admission, discipline, and regulation of California lawyers. The California Constitution, the State Bar Act and California Rules of Court vest in the State Bar the duty to regulate the legal profession, formulate and elevate educational and professional standards, raise the quality of legal services, advance the science of jurisprudence, and aid in the improvement of the administration of justice.

The State Bar's mission is to protect the public and includes the primary functions of licensing, regulation and discipline of attorneys; the advancement of the ethical and competent practice of law; and support of efforts for greater access to, and inclusion in, the legal system. The State Bar is the largest state bar in the country and licenses approximately 250,000 attorneys. The agency is a public corporation within the judicial branch of state government and serves as an administrative arm of the California Supreme Court. More information about the State Bar can be found online: www.calbar.ca.gov/About-Us. The State Bar's offices are located in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

#### II. STATEMENT OF WORK

Throughout this RFP the terms Building, Property, or Site all refer to 180 Howard Street in its entirety, unless specifically noted otherwise.

## A. Bidder Minimum Requirements for Participation in the Proposal Process

The State Bar will accept and evaluate proposals only from bidders that meet the following requirements.

- 1. <u>Location</u>: Manages San Francisco property management and construction project management services from an office within the San Francisco Bay Area.
- 2. <u>All Services</u>: Provides core services –Property Management Services and Construction Project Management Services itself, not through outsourcing or subcontracting to another entity or an individual. It is understood that these Services may be provided by separate divisions/units within the bidder's company. Note: This requirement refers to the core Property Management Services and Construction Project Management Services, not to individual functions that are customarily performed by contract agencies/employees, such as engineering, janitorial or security services.
- 3. <u>Property Management</u>: Manages a minimum of 1,000,000 RSF of Class A or B commercial office space in San Francisco Bay Area, including at least three (3) office buildings of at least 150,000 RSF each. Additionally, the State Bar would consider it a plus if bidder's management portfolio includes buildings where the owner is also a significant occupant. This is not a requirement for participation in the proposal process, but will be a factor in the State Bar's evaluation.

4. <u>Construction Management</u>: Within the last two (2) years, has provided construction management for at least five (5) tenant improvement build-outs of at least 5,000 rentable square feet each, AND has completed at least three (3) capital improvement projects (roof, elevator, HVAC systems, etc.) of at least \$250,000 each.

#### B. 180 Howard Street Overview

The following information is provided as an overview. More detailed information about the Building's measurements, occupancy, condition and other specifications are included in **Attachment B: 180 Howard Street Supplemental Information**.

#### Ownership

The State Bar owns and is the majority occupant of the Property. Construction was completed in 1978. The State Bar purchased the Building in 1996. The Building serves as the State Bar's headquarters (the State Bar has another office in Los Angeles).

## **Occupancy**

The Building has a rentable area (for leasing) of approximately 207,623 RSF, of which the State Bar occupied approximately 120,000 RSF. The Building's thirteen (13) floors are numbered Ground and 1 through 12.

On the Ground floor, approximately 5,000 RSF are allocated to small retail tenants; all retail tenant space is currently occupied); 4,500 RSF are occupied by the State Bar's mail room, print shop and reception area; the remaining area is floor/building common space (entry lobby/security area, outdoor perimeter courtyard, electrical and mechanical systems).

Floors 1 through 12, each contain approximately 16,500 RSF. The State Bar occupies all of Floors 4 through 10. Floors 1, 2, 11 and 12 are occupied by office tenants. Floor 3 is vacant and in need of a warm shell renovation; lease negotiations for this floor are pending.

Approximately 280 State Bar employees and 120 tenant employees work in the Building. On average the Building receives approximately 150 visitors per day, and also hosts large meetings several times a month.

The State Bar's security screening procedures for the Building are more rigorous than those used in typical private sector buildings: All visitors not on the visitor notification list are screened through a metal detector, and any bags, mail and packages are screened through an x-ray machine. These procedures are typical of government agencies, but could be a negative factor for some potential private sector tenants.

## **Capital Improvements**

A multi-year capital improvement plan is in place, which includes planned or in-progress upgrades to major Building systems including elevators, HVAC and fire/life safety systems.

## Management and Leasing

Property management, construction project management and leasing services are currently provided by CBRE, Inc. The State Bar's contract with CBRE, Inc. expires on October 16, 2019. The State Bar is concurrently issuing a RFP for leasing services.

## C. Property Management Scope of Services

- 1. <u>Property Management Services Provided</u>: Bidder will be responsible for all aspects of Building's management and operations, providing property management services including, but not necessarily limited to, the following ("collectively, "Property Management Services").
  - a. Tenant management and tenant relations (the goal being to have satisfied tenants who want to renew in the property), including lease administration/enforcement; lease renewal; tenant communications; rent collection; escalations/operating expense administration; and all related tenant services and issues.
  - Coordination of tenant improvements and other capital improvements (as more fully described below in Section II.D, Construction Project Management Scope of Services).
  - c. Engineering services, including the operation, maintenance, and repair of heating, ventilation & air conditioning systems; electrical systems and lighting; plumbing; fire/life safety systems; elevators; and all other building systems, equipment, envelope, exterior, grounds, and structural elements.
  - d. Janitorial/custodial services, including evening and day porter cleaning services; trash removal and recycling; carpet cleaning; window washing; pest control, and related services.
  - e. Security services, including administration/enforcement of access control procedures; visitor check-in/screening; response to emergency situations and safety hazards; operation and maintenance of security-related equipment and systems; and any other standard security services normally associated with protecting people and property in high-rise office buildings. Such services are to be provided by uniformed, unarmed contract security guards.

- f. Deferred maintenance/upkeep required to bring the Building up to and/or maintain the Building at Class A standards. Items will include but will not necessarily be limited to paint, carpet, landscaping, etc.
- g. Procurement of all goods and services required for the management and operation of the Building, using competitive bidding processes approved by the State Bar for vendor evaluation and selection.
- h. Management/administration/enforcement of existing and new contracts with vendors of engineering services, security services and janitorial/custodial services; utility companies; and others vendors as required. Bid all vendor services when required or requested by the State Bar.
- i. Regulatory/legal compliance, coordination and reporting with city, state, county and federal agencies, as required.
- j. Compliance with a budget approved by the State Bar for all goods, services and activities related to Building's operations and management.
- k. Complete accounting and record keeping for all expenses incurred, income and other revenue received. If possible this should include a mechanism to file feed the accounting data to the State Bar general ledger system to eliminate re-entering the data. Presently, the State Bar uses Oracle JD Edwards, which requires accounting and record keeping to be provided in Microsoft Excel format. However, commencing in approximately February 2020, the State Bar will transition to Oracle Cloud.
- I. Submission of monthly reports (on the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month) detailing expenses incurred; variances from budget; Building's operation and maintenance activities; tenant issues, status, resolution; new and/or expiring leases; and other information as required by the State Bar. Such monthly reports should include an executive summary that contains the highlights and key issues.
- m. Update and administer the emergency preparedness and disaster recovery planning for the Building and its tenants.
- n. All other services as required in the ordinary course of business in managing and operating the Building.

- 2. Factors for Consideration In Preparing the RFP Response:
  - a. The State Bar's Office of General Services will be bidder's point of contact for all matters related to Property Management Services, in the context of the property manager/landlord relationship.
  - b. The State Bar's Office of General Services will, additionally, be bidder's point of contact for all matters related to Property Management Services, in the context of the property manager/tenant relationship. In this context, bidder will, for the most part, relate to the State Bar as a single, largest tenant of the Building.
  - c. Building hours and services are currently provided as follows: Building access 24/7 with restrictions set by individual tenant policy; security staff is on the Site 24/7; engineering staff is on the Site Monday to Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; day porter janitorial staff is on the Site Monday to Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; evening janitorial staff is on the Site Monday to Friday 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. The State Bar expects bidder to maintain this schedule, but will consider reasonable proposals for adjustments.
  - d. It is the State Bar's intention to maintain and operate 180 Howard Street as a "Class A" building. Bidder must be capable of providing a level of service consistent with other comparable buildings in downtown San Francisco.
  - e. Bidder will employ or contract with only those persons who by training, aptitude and demeanor are able to provide service in a competent, professional and courteous manner. The State Bar reserves the right to participate in the interview process and to approve or reject the assignment of bidder's staff or contractors to its account. The State Bar further reserves the right to remove any employee or contractor from its account, at any time and for any reason.
  - f. Excellent oral and written communication skills are essential requirements for the property manager and any other employees who will have direct contact with State Bar staff or building tenants. Bidder will be required to demonstrate these skills to the State Bar's satisfaction.
  - g. Bidder shall be responsible for all personnel-related matters for its employees and contractors, including compensation, labor relations, employee training and development, contract negotiation, dispute resolution, hiring or termination, job assignment and performance, and compliance with equal employment opportunity requirements.

- h. Bidder's employees and contractors must obtain security clearance before being assigned to the State Bar's account. Security clearance is obtained via an FBI and California DOJ criminal history background check. The State Bar will incur the fee for the FBI and DOJ background checks. Bidder must immediately notify the State Bar if an employee assigned to the State Bar's account is terminated.
- Successful management skills will be quantified by results, such as tenant satisfaction and retention and new tenant development, reasonable cost containment, cooperative and effective relationships with the State Bar, building condition and cleanliness, timely and comprehensive reports, etc.
- 3. <u>Items to include in the Property Management Services Proposal</u>: Bidder is directed to include the following items in its proposal for Property Management Services (see also Submission Requirements in Section IV below):
  - a. A description of the strategies, techniques, approaches and methods bidder will use in providing Property Management Services, including, but not necessarily limited to:
    - i. Any unique qualifications or capabilities relative to other bidders.
    - ii. Experience (if any) with, and strategies for, managing properties where the owner is also a significant occupant.
    - iii. Listing and descriptions of the information systems used (accounting, insurance tracking, construction management, asset management etc.), and the ability to 1) integrate with other systems and / or view by State Bar staff and 2) extend to the State Bar for partnered use.
    - iv. Strategies, methods and day-to-day procedures for tenant management issues and tenant retention strategies, including tenant service requests; solicitation of tenant feedback; billing/tracking/monitoring of rent, operating expenses, late fees, lease expirations, renewal options, refusal rights, etc. Provide examples of success of such strategies, methods and day-to-day procedures based on bidder's portfolio of managed properties.
    - v. Strategies, methods and day-to-day procedures for preventive and remedial maintenance, bidder management and general building operations. Provide examples of success of such

- strategies, methods and day-to-day procedures based on bidder's portfolio of managed properties.
- vi. Strategies to help reduce and/or control administrative and operating overhead expenses for managed properties. Provide examples of success of such strategies based on bidder's portfolio of managed properties.
- vii. The standards of performance/excellence used to monitor and evaluate staff and service providers.
- b. A list of all commercial office buildings currently under management in the city of San Francisco and the San Francisco Bay Area, including building address; number of square feet; landlord; number of tenants; date assignment began; and any other factors relevant or comparable to the State Bar or to the Building.
- c. A staffing plan, including bidder's staff assigned on-site and bidder's staff dedicated or utilized off-site. Include a description of the qualifications, background and experience of key staff proposed to be assigned to the State Bar's property management team. Indicate the total number of staff proposed to be located on-site v. those that will be housed at the bidder's offices, as well as the proposed space requirements for on-site staff, if any. The on-site staff could be housed within the State Bar's space.
- d. An implementation plan and schedule, describing the methods and steps by which bidder will assume responsibility for providing the Property Management Services. This should have the specific tasks and milestones, transition plan, implementation of the transition plan, and responsible parties (CBRE, Inc., State Bar, bidder) that would be applicable in any type of property management transition.
- e. A summary description of bidder's procurement policies, procedures and strategies, including, but not necessarily limited to, the competitive bidding process bidder uses for the review, analysis, and selection of goods and service providers; and, any current arrangements or capabilities for volume/bulk discounts for goods and services, leveraging bidder's purchasing power for multiple properties. Note that all savings, rebates and discounts should accrue to the State Bar.
- f. A summary description of bidder's finance-related policies, procedures and strategies, including, but not necessarily limited to: budget preparation and monitoring; billing and accounts receivable; invoice processing and accounts payable; internal management and audit controls; financial reporting. As noted above, the State Bar is interested

in developing a file feed to transfer property accounting information into their general ledger system. Please address the feasibility and cost of doing this.

- g. Samples of reports used to keep landlords informed of building operations, revenues and expenses, tenant issues, maintenance activities, new and/or expiring leases, and other related information.
- h. A sample or template of a Property Management Services agreement.
- i. A sample of the table of contents of a Building Emergency Response manual.
- Other items bidder believes would add value to the building, its operations, the tenants and the State Bar

## D. Construction Project Management Scope of Services

- 1. <u>Services Provided</u>: Bidder will be responsible for all aspects of construction project management and coordination services, including, but not limited to, the following ("collectively, Construction Project Management Services"):
  - a. Procurement of goods and services (with State Bar involvement and approval).
  - Executing, administering, managing and enforcing contracts with architects, consultants, engineers and general contractor and specialty contractors if needed, including vendor management, relations and communications. Bid all services when required or requested by the State Bar.
  - c. Supervision, direction and coordination of improvements or alterations to the Building, common areas, or tenant premises.
  - d. Regulatory/legal compliance, coordination and reporting with city, state, county and federal agencies, as required.
  - e. Compliance with a budget approved by the State Bar for all construction project management and construction activities.
  - f. Complete accounting and record keeping for all expenses incurred. If possible this should include a mechanism to file feed the accounting data to the State Bar general ledger system to eliminate re-entering the data as discussed above.
  - g. Submission of monthly reports (on the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month) detailing expenses incurred; variances from total budget; Building's construction activities; any issues with architects, engineers or general contractors as

- well as status and resolution of such issues; and other information as required by the State Bar. Such monthly reports should include an executive summary that contains the highlights and key issues.
- h. All other services as required in the ordinary course of business in providing construction project management services.

# 2. <u>Factors for Consideration In Preparing the RFP Response</u>:

- a. The anticipated capital improvements and tenant improvements listed in **Attachment B: 180 Howard Street Supplemental Information**, are known projects for which bidder's Construction Project Management Services will be required. Additional tenant improvements will be added as requested by tenants and approved by the State Bar.
- b. The State Bar may also consider additional tenant improvement construction projects related to its own occupied premises, which bidder may be asked to coordinate.
- 3. <u>Items to Include in Proposal</u>: Bidder is directed to include the following items in its proposal for Construction Management Services:
  - a. A description of the techniques, approaches and methods bidder will use in providing Construction Project Management Services, including, any unique qualifications or capabilities relative to other bidders.
  - A list/description of the most comparable/relevant tenant improvements (by square feet) and the most comparable/relevant capital improvement projects (by project type) that bidder has managed within the last two (2) years within the San Francisco Bay Area.
  - A description of the qualifications, background and experience of key construction project management staff members who will assigned to State Bar projects.
  - d. An explanation of the parameters/thresholds bidder uses to determine which projects are handled under regular Property Management Services (for no additional fee beyond the regular property management fee), versus those that require additional Construction Project Management Services (and related fees).
  - e. A description of bidder's procurement policies, procedures and strategies, including, but not necessarily limited to, the competitive bidding process bidder uses for the review, analysis, and selection of architects, engineers, general contractors and other service providers; and, any arrangements or capabilities for volume/bulk discounts for

goods, services or products, leveraging bidder's purchasing power for multiple properties. [Only information that is different from the response for Property Management Services need be included.]

- f. Samples of reports, schedules, construction project management plans and communication vehicles used to keep landlords (and tenants) apprised of construction management projects, including budget/actual reporting on the financial progress of a project.
- g. A sample or template of a Construction Management Services agreement.
- h. Other recommendations from bidder that will reduce the costs or enhance the process of construction project management.

#### III. GENERAL INFORMATION

The submission requirements for this RFP are set forth below. A proposal shall constitute an irrevocable offer for sixty (60) business days following the Submission Deadline. Reference to a certain number of days in this RFP shall mean business days unless otherwise specified.

Contact with State Bar personnel in connection with this RFP may not be made other than as specified in this RFP. Unauthorized direct or indirect contact with any State Bar personnel may be cause for rejection of a bid.

## A. Submission Requirements

To be considered responsive, a proposal must contain the following, prefaced by a table of contents, referenced by number and in the order below.

- 1. An Executive Summary of no more than five (5) pages, providing overview of bidder's organizational structure, history, services, market position, unique qualifications, strategic alliances, etc. Please include an explanation of how the property management and construction project management teams will communicate/coordinate with each other in order to provide an integrated solution to the State Bar.
- 2. A detailed proposal for Property Management Services, as more fully described in RFP Section II.C.
- 3. A detailed proposal for Construction Project Management Services, as more fully described in RFP Section II.D.
- 4. Listing and descriptions of the information systems used (accounting, insurance tracking, construction management, asset management etc.), and the ability to 1) integrate with other systems and / or view by State Bar staff and 2) extend to the State Bar for partnered use.

- 5. A cost proposal for all Services, including an itemized list of each cost component and a clear and detailed explanation of the proposed cost structure/model for each cost component (staffing level, square footage, percentage of rent income, percentage of project costs, etc.). Any costs which may escalate after Year 1 should be noted. As the State Bar may award a contract based on the initial offer, a bidder should make its initial offer on the most favorable terms available. The State Bar reserves the right, however, to have discussions with those bidders falling within a competitive range, and to request revised pricing offers from them and to make an award or conduct negotiations thereafter.
- 6. At least three (3) references of property management clients and three (3) references of construction project management clients for whom the bidder has performed Services being requested in this RFP. The references should include the name of a contact person, title, physical and e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers. The State Bar may, but is not obligated to, contact these references.
- 7. The most recent year's annual reports, or comparable document, including detailed current profit and loss, assets and liabilities, and other relevant financial data. Bidders must submit **Attachment A: Vendor History Questionnaire** electronically in native .xls format per instructions below.
- 8. A list, description and status of any legal actions, lawsuits, arbitrations or formal protests related to real estate services in which bidder has been involved in the last twenty-four (24) months that would have an impact on the bidder's ability to provide the requested Services.
- 9. Confirmation that bidder has all necessary business licenses, professional certifications or other credentials to perform the Services, and that bidder, if a legal entity, is in good standing and qualified to conduct business in California.
- 10. A written acknowledgement of the acceptance of the Contracting Requirements set forth in Section IV of this RFP, or an explanation of specific bidder concerns or requested changes. Specific terms may be reserved for future negotiation, but must be clearly identified and reasons given for the reservation.

#### B. Submission Requirements Format Summary

Proposals must be delivered to Mayte Diaz, Director of General Services, by the Submission Deadline noted on Page 1.

The proposal package must include:

- 1. Seven (7) physical hard copies of the proposal and attachments.
- 2. One (1) flash drive containing the proposal in PDF (file-to-PDF only, do not print and scan) and attachments in Excel format.
  - Proposal (.pdf)
  - Attachment A: Vendor History Questionnaire (.xls)

If specific submission components (including the sample reports and contracts requested) are particularly large and self-contained they may be included in a separate appendix rather than in the body of the proposal. Submittals should not direct the evaluation team to general brochures, marketing materials or websites to obtain information related to the specific submission requirements; submittals that utilize references to external materials as an answer will be considered non-responsive.

Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward and concise description of the bidder's ability to meet the requirements of this RFP. Emphasis should be on completeness and clarity of content, and on conformity to the State Bar's instructions. Proposals should not include generic promotional materials and graphics that increase page count and PDF file size without addressing substantive content. Brochures and marketing materials may be included as a supplement if desired, in hard copy or in a separate PDF file.

### C. Rejection of Proposals

The State Bar reserves the right in its sole discretion to reject any or all proposals in whole or in part, without incurring any cost or liability whatsoever. All proposals will be reviewed for completeness of the submission requirements. If a proposal fails to meet a material requirement of the RFP, or if it is incomplete or contains irregularities, the proposal may be rejected. A deviation is material to the extent that a proposal is not in substantial accord with RFP requirements.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, immaterial deviations may cause a bid to be rejected. The State Bar may or may not waive an immaterial deviation or defect in a proposal. The State Bar's waiver of an immaterial deviation or defect will in no way modify the RFP or excuse a bidder from full compliance with the RFP requirements.

Any proposal may be rejected where it is determined to be not really competitive, or where the cost is not reasonable.

Proposals that contain false or misleading statements may be rejected if in the State Bar's opinion the information was intended to mislead the State Bar regarding a requirement of the RFP.

## D. Evaluation Process and Highest Scored Bidder

An evaluation team will review, in detail, all proposals received to determine the Highest Scored Bidder ("HSB").

The State Bar reserves the right to determine the suitability of proposals on the basis of a proposal meeting administrative requirements, technical requirements, the review team's assessment of the quality and performance of the equipment and services proposed, and cost.

The following criteria will be used in reviewing and comparing the proposals and in determining the HSB. The weight to be assigned to each criterion appears following each item.

- 1. Responsiveness of the proposal to the submission requirements set forth in the RFP (ten percent (10%)).
- 2. Agreement with the State Bar's Contracting Requirements (five percent (5%)).
- 3. The technical ability, capacity, and flexibility of the bidder to perform the Services in a timely manner, on budget and to the State Bar's standards of professionalism and customer service, as verified by: the content and quality of the proposal; the content and quality of any demonstration or presentation; client references; demonstrated success in Services in properties or projects with similar requirements; reputation in the marketplace; and any other contracts or experience with the State Bar (fifty percent (50%)).
- 4. The financial viability of the bidder as evidenced by standard financial reports (five percent (5%)).
- 5. The total cost of the proposal. If the proposal contains itemized rates, per piece pricing, or commission-based pricing, the State Bar reserves the right to calculate total contracted cost by calculating rates using either previous known usage activity or future projected volume. Costs will be evaluated only if a proposal is determined to be otherwise qualified. Costs should be itemized by type to allow the State Bar to implement the proposal over the term of the contract (thirty percent (30%)).

During the evaluation process, the State Bar may require a bidder to answer questions or submit additional information with regard to the proposal; and/or may require a bidder to participate in an oral interview with or make a formal presentation to the evaluation team and/or the State Bar's leadership team. A key element of any oral interview or presentation will be the participation of the specific team members that the bidder intends to work on the State Bar's account.

The State Bar reserves the right to review the proposals using a tiered evaluation system, with the top candidates advancing as finalists and receiving a full evaluation as outlined above. The State Bar may also have discussions with those bidders falling within a competitive range, request revised pricing offers from such bidders, and make an award and/or conduct negotiations thereafter.

This RFP does not commit the State Bar to awarding a contract. Bidders shall bear all costs incurred in the preparation of the proposal and participating in the proposal evaluation process. The State Bar reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to accept the proposal it considers most favorable in its sole discretion, and to waive minor irregularities. The State Bar further reserves the right to seek new proposals when such procedure is considered by it to be in the best interest of the State Bar.

### E. Award and Execution of Contract

Subject to the State Bar's right to reject any or all proposals, the HSB will be awarded the contract. In the case of a virtual tie (defined as evaluation scores within two (2) points of one another) the Chief Administrative Officer of the State Bar may determine who will be awarded the contract. Notice will be posted at the State Bar's offices at 180 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA and written notice sent to bidders on or about September 6, 2019 of the State Bar's intention to award the contract to the HSB. It is anticipated that final selection of the HSB will be made by September 13, 2019. The evaluation team will select a winning proposal subject to approval by the Board of Trustees. Upon selection, the State Bar and the selected bidder will enter into good faith negotiations on a contract containing, without limitation, the statement of work and Contracting Requirements sections below.

No contract or agreement, express or implied, shall exist or be binding on the State Bar before the execution of a written contract by both parties. If an agreement on the terms of such a contract cannot be reached after a period deemed reasonable by the State Bar in its sole discretion, the State Bar may enter into negotiations and sign a contract with any other bidder who submitted timely and responsive proposal to this RFP.

If, after the State Bar and the HSB agree to the terms and execute a contract, that contract is terminated for any reason, the State Bar may, in its sole discretion, either enter into negotiations with the next highest scored bidder, or issue a new RFP and begin the proposal process anew.

Questions regarding the State Bar's award of any business on the basis of proposals submitted in response to the RFP, or on any other matter in connection with the selection process, should be addressed in writing to Mayte Diaz, Director of the Office General Services at Mayte.Diaz@calbar.ca.gov.

Where written notice is required in this RFP, the notice must be sent by U.S. mail and either facsimile or e-mail.

## F. Errors in the RFP

If a bidder discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other error in the RFP, the bidder should immediately provide the State Bar with written notice of the problem and request that the RFP be clarified or modified. Without disclosing the source of the request, the State Bar may modify the document prior to the Submission Deadline by issuing an addendum to all potential bidders to whom the RFP was sent.

If prior to the Submission Deadline, a bidder knows of or should have known of an error in the RFP but fails to notify the State Bar of the error, the bidder shall bid at its own risk, and if, awarded the contract, shall not be entitled to additional compensation or time by reason of the error or its later correction.

## G. Questions Regarding the RFP

Questions regarding the RFP may be addressed in writing to Mayte Diaz at Mayte.Diaz@calbar.ca.gov. All questions must be submitted no later than five (5) business days prior to the Submission Deadline. Questions and answers regarding the RFP may be shared with all bidders known to be interested in submitting a proposal.

If a question relates to a proprietary aspect of its proposal and the question would expose proprietary information if disclosed to competitors, the bidder may submit the question in writing, conspicuously marking it as "CONFIDENTIAL." With the question, the bidder must submit a statement explaining why the question is sensitive. If the State Bar concurs that the disclosure of the question or answer would expose proprietary information, the question will be answered, and both the question and answer will be kept in confidence, subject to the California Public Records Act. If the State Bar does not concur regarding the proprietary nature of the question, the question will not be answered in this manner and the bidder will be notified.

A bidder who believes that one or more of the RFP's requirements is onerous or unfair, or unnecessarily precludes less costly or alternative solutions, may submit a written request that the RFP be changed. The request must set forth the recommended change and reason for proposing the change. The State Bar must receive any such request no later than five (5) business days prior to the Submission Deadline.

#### H. Addenda

The State Bar may modify the RFP prior to the Submission Deadline by posting, mailing, emailing or faxing an addendum to the bidders known to be interested in submitting a proposal. If any bidder determines that an addendum unnecessarily restricts its ability to bid, it must notify the State Bar in writing within two (2) business days of State Bar posting, mailing, emailing or faxing such addendum.

## I. Withdrawal and Resubmission/Modification of Proposals

A proposal may be withdrawn at any time prior to the deadline for submitting proposals by notifying the State Bar in writing of its withdrawal. The notice must be signed by the bidder. The bidder may thereafter submit a new or modified proposal, provided that it is received at the State Bar no later than the Submission Deadline.

Modification offered in any other manner, oral or written, will not be considered. Proposals cannot be changed after the evaluation process begins.

#### J. Protest Procedure

A bidder may protest the award if it meets any of the following conditions:

- 1. The State Bar failed to follow the procedures specified in either subdivision (c) of Public Contract Code section 10344.
- 2. The State Bar failed to apply correctly the standards for reviewing the format requirements or evaluating the proposals as specified in this RFP.
- 3. The State Bar failed to follow the methods for evaluating and scoring the proposals specified in this RFP.
- 4. The State Bar is proposing to award the contract to a bidder other than the bidder given the highest score by the evaluation committee.

A bidder qualified to protest should contact Keith Jenkins, Principal Program Analyst, (415) 538-2229, to attempt an informal resolution. If this contact is unable to resolve the protest to the bidder's satisfaction, the bidder must file a written protest prior to the award of the contract, expected to be on or about September 13, 2019. Within five (5) business days after filing the protest, the protesting bidder shall file a full and complete written statement specifying the grounds for the protest. The written protest must state the facts surrounding the issue and the reasons the bidder believes the award to be invalid. The protest must be sent by certified or registered mail or delivered personally to:

The State Bar of California 180 Howard Street San Francisco, CA 94105-1639 Attention: Chief Administrative Officer

Protests will be reviewed and decided by the State Bar's Award Protest Team within thirty (30) days after the State Bar issues written acknowledgment of the protest. In the event that a protest is filed, the contract award will be postponed pending resolution of the protest.

#### K. News Releases

News releases or announcements pertaining to the award of a contract may not be made without the prior written approval of the State Bar.

## L. Disposition of Materials

All materials submitted in response to an RFP will become the property of the State Bar of California and will be returned only at the State Bar's option and at the expense of the bidder. One copy of each proposal will be retained for the State Bar's official files and become a public record pursuant to the California Public Records Act. By submitting a proposal, a bidder agrees to these terms and waives any right to pursue a cause of action for damages incurred as a result of the release of any information contained in a proposal.

### IV. CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS

Upon selection of a bidder, the terms set forth in this RFP are to be embodied in a definitive agreement("Agreement") containing such additional covenants and other provisions as may be mutually acceptable.

The State Bar contemplates that, in addition to the terms and conditions described above in this RFP, final agreement between the State Bar and the selected bidder will include, without limitation, the following contracting terms ("Contracting Requirements"). Submission of a proposal shall constitute agreement to contract on these Contracting Requirements, except for any term specifically reserved in the proposal for future negotiation.

#### A. Time of Essence

Time is of the essence with respect to Vendor's performance of the services and equipment to be provided in the final Agreement.

## B. Warranties and Representations

- Vendor and its Personnel assigned to the project have the expertise, experience, ability, and licenses, if necessary, to perform the Services in a diligent, timely and professional manner consistent with generally accepted industry standards;
- 2. In those instances where required, Vendor represents and warrants that Vendor holds a license, permit or special license to perform the Services pursuant to the final Agreement, as required by law, or employs or works under the general supervision of the holder of such license, permit or special license and shall keep and maintain all such licenses, permits or special licenses in good standing and in full force and effect at all times while Vendor is performing the services pursuant to the final Agreement.

- 3. The Services will be performed in a workmanlike manner consistent with generally-accepted industry standards of practice and appropriate for the purposes contemplated by the final Agreement;
- 4. (i) Vendor owns all right, title, and interest in, or otherwise has full right and authority to permit the use of any Pre-Existing IP; (ii) to the best of Vendor's knowledge, the P-Existing IP does not infringe the rights of any third party, and use of the Pre-Existing IP as well as any of Vendor's intellectual property rights in connection with the applicable statement of work does not and will not violate the rights of any third parties; (iii) Vendor will comply with the terms and conditions of any licensing agreements which govern the use of third party materials; and (iv) Vendor will comply with all laws and regulations as they relate to the services and deliverables; and
- 5. Vendor represents that it has been duly organized, is validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its respective jurisdiction of organization, and is duly qualified to do business in and is in good standing in the State of California.
- 6. Vendor represents that no litigation is pending or, to the knowledge of Vendor, threatened against or affecting Vendor or any affiliate of Vendor in connection with the Services contemplated by this Agreement, that will have a material adverse effect on Vendor's ability to perform Services.
- 7. If any Service, work product or deliverable fails to conform to the standard specified above, Vendor, at its sole expense, will promptly correct the defective service, work product or deliverable. This remedy is cumulative of any and all other remedies to which the State Bar may be entitled pursuant to the final Agreement and applicable law.
- 8. <u>Accessibility Standards</u>. Vendor will meet certain disability accessibility standards as specified in "The State Bar of California Accessibility Standards in Procurement", as attached to the final Agreement.
- 9. <u>Inducement</u>. The representations and warranties in the final Agreement are essential inducements on which the State Bar relies in awarding and performing under the final Agreement.
- 10. <u>Survival of Warranties</u>. Vendor's representations and warranties under the final Agreement will survive the termination or expiration of the Agreement and will remain in full force and effect throughout the useful life of the Agreement.

## C. Independent Contractors

1. The relationship of the parties established under the final Agreement is that of independent contractors. The final Agreement will not be construed to establish a partnership, joint venture, employer-employee, or other similar

relationship between the parties. Neither the State Bar nor Vendor is liable for any of the obligations or liabilities the other incurs.

- 2. <u>Vendor Acknowledgements</u>. Vendor further acknowledges and agrees:
  - a. The State Bar may not withhold any amount for any tax or other withholdings from any sums due Vendor under the final Agreement;
  - b. Unless otherwise provided in the final Agreement, Vendor must furnish all labor, tools, equipment and materials necessary for the performance of the Services;
  - Vendor has no rights under workers' compensation laws or to the coverage under the State Bar's workers' compensation plan as a result of any services performed; and
  - d. Vendor assumes full and sole responsibility for the payment of all compensation and expenses for its employees, including workers' compensation coverage as required, all federal, state and local income taxes, unemployment and disability insurance, Social Security and other applicable withholdings.
    - e. Vendor assumes full and sole responsibility for the payment of all compensation and expenses for its contractors and subcontractors.
       Vendor pays such contractors and subcontractors from a State Barfunded account.

## D. Indemnity Obligations of Vendor

1. Indemnification by Vendor. Vendor will indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State Bar, including its Board of Trustees, directors, officers, agents, and employees (as the same may be constituted from time to time and hereinafter referred to as "State Bar Indemnified Party (or Parties)") from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, judgments, debts, liabilities, losses, obligations, costs, expenses, liens, actions or causes of action (including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and expenses), whether or not litigation is actually commenced, arising out of: (a) the material breach by Vendor of any warranty, representation, term or condition made or agreed to by Vendor; (b) all products and services prepared by or for Vendor hereunder and provided to the State Bar; (c) any claim or action for personal injury, death or otherwise involving alleged defects in Vendor's business or any of its products or services provided to State Bar; (d) any breach by Vendor of any statutory or regulatory obligation; (e) the actual or alleged infringement by Vendor of any Intellectual Property Rights of any person or entity; and/or (f) any act or omission of Vendor, its employees, agents or subcontractors.

## 2. Indemnification Procedures.

- If any third party claim is commenced against any State Bar Indemnified a. Party entitled to indemnification under this section, notice thereof will be given to Vendor as promptly as practicable. Vendor will immediately take control of the defense and investigation of such claim and to employ and engage attorneys reasonably acceptable to the State Bar to handle and defend the same, at Vendor's sole cost and expense. The State Bar Indemnified Party will cooperate, at the sole cost of Vendor, in all reasonable respects with Vendor and its attorneys in the investigation, trial and defense of such claim and any appeal arising therefrom; provided, however, that the State Bar Indemnified Party may, at its own cost and expense, participate, through its attorneys (including, but not limited to, its Office of General Counsel) or otherwise, in such investigation, trial and defense of such claim and any appeal arising therefrom. Vendor will not enter into a settlement of any claim that involves a remedy other than the payment of money by Vendor without the prior written consent of the State Bar. If Vendor does not assume full control over the defense of a claim that Vendor is obligated to defend as provided in this section, Vendor may participate in such defense, at its sole cost and expense, and the State Bar will have the right to defend the claim in such manner as it may deem appropriate, at the sole cost and expense of Vendor.
- b. If any legal work reasonably necessary to the State Bar's defense as described herein is performed by in-house counsel for the State Bar, the State Bar will determine the value of such work at a reasonable hourly rate for comparable outside counsel and be promptly paid by Vendor; provided, however, the parties hereby confirm that such fees will be recoverable with respect to legal work performed by the State Bar's inhouse counsel only to the extent that such work is not duplicative of legal work performed by outside counsel paid for by Vendor and representing the State Bar in such matter.
- c. <u>Survival</u>. Vendor's obligations under this indemnity provision will survive the expiration and termination of the final Agreement.
- d. <u>Enforcement of this Provision</u>. Vendor will be liable to the State Bar for all costs (including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and expenses) that may be incurred by the State Bar for the purposes of enforcing this section.

# E. Rights in Work Product

1. <u>Intellectual Property Rights Defined</u>. For purposes of the final Agreement, the term "Intellectual Property Rights" means know-how, inventions, patents,

patent rights, and registrations and applications, renewals, continuations and extensions thereof, works of authorship and art, copyrightable materials and copyrights (including, but not limited to, titles, computer code, designs, themes, concepts, artwork, graphics and visual elements, and methods of operation, and any related documentation), copyright registrations and applications, renewals and extensions therefore, mask works, industrial rights, trademarks, service marks, trade names, logos, trademark registrations and applications, renewals and extensions therefore, derivative works, trade secrets, rights in trade dress and packaging, publicity, personality and privacy rights, rights of attribution, paternity, integrity and other similarly afforded "moral" rights, and all other forms of intellectual property and proprietary rights recognized by the U.S. laws, and other applicable foreign and international laws, treaties and conventions.

- 2. Work Product. Vendor recognizes and agrees that all right, title and interest, including all Intellectual Property Rights, which may be prepared, procured or produced in whole or in part in, or resulting from, the Services rendered by Vendor or Subcontractors pursuant to the final Agreement, including, without limitation, any and all Deliverables, (collectively referred to as "Work Product") will be owned by the State Bar. To ensure that the Work Product becomes the sole property of the State Bar, in consideration of the mutual promises contained in the final Agreement, Vendor agrees to transfer, in perpetuity, to the State Bar, all of the right, title and interest in the Work Product, in the United States of America and throughout the world, and agrees to assign any and all renewals and extensions of each such copyright that may be secured under the laws now or hereafter pertaining; and Vendor will execute at the State Bar's expense, all documents reasonably required to perfect the foregoing rights in the State Bar. In the event Vendor fails to execute any documents, Vendor appoints the State Bar as its attorney-in-fact to execute such documents on Vendor's behalf. Vendor hereby waives and/or transfers any and all moral rights, including without limitation any right to identification of authorship or limitation on subsequent modification that Vendor (or its employees, agents or consultants) has or may have in the Work Product or any part thereof.
- 3. No Transfer of Title in and to Vendor's Pre-Existing IP. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State Bar acknowledges that independent of the final Agreement, Vendor has created, acquired or otherwise has rights in and may, in connection with the performance of the final Agreement, employ certain intellectual property, including, without limitation, various concepts, ideas, methods, methodologies, procedures, processes, know-how, techniques (collectively, "Pre-Existing IP"). The State Bar and Vendor intend that title in and to such Pre-Existing IP remain vested in Vendor, provided however, that to the extent that Deliverable incorporates any Pre-Existing IP, Vendor hereby grants to the State Bar a world-wide, non-exclusive, fully paid-up, royalty-free, perpetual, irrevocable right and license to use such Pre-Existing IP as incorporated into such Deliverable to enable the State Bar to have full use of such Deliverable as contemplated by the final Agreement, including, without limitation, the right to

run, execute, copy, modify, create derivative works, display, distribute and sublicense such rights.

4. Third Party Materials. As used in the final Agreement, "Third Party Materials" means proprietary third party materials which are incorporated into the Deliverables. All Third Party Materials are the exclusive property of their respective owners. Vendor must inform the State Bar of all Third Party Materials that may be required to perform the Services or otherwise integrated into the Deliverables. Under such circumstances, Vendor will inform the State Bar of any need to license and unless otherwise provided for by the State Bar, Vendor will obtain the license(s) necessary to permit the State Bar's use of the Third Party Materials consistent with the usage rights granted herein. In the event Vendor fails to properly secure or otherwise arrange for any necessary licenses or instructs the use of Third Party Materials, Vendor hereby indemnifies, saves and holds harmless the State Bar from any and all damages, liabilities, costs, losses or expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees and costs) arising out of any claim, demand, or action by a third party arising out of Vendor's failure to obtain copyright, trademark, publicity, privacy, defamation or other releases or permissions with respect to materials included in the Deliverables.

## F. Insurance Obligations of Vendor

Without in any way limiting Vendor's liability pursuant to the "Indemnification"
 Section of the final Agreement, Vendor must maintain in full force and effect during the term of the Agreement at Vendor's own expense, insurance in the amounts and coverages indicated below and pursuant to the following provisions.

Vendor will provide and keep in full force and effect during the term of the final Agreement, at its own cost and expense, the following insurance policies for the joint benefit of Vendor and the State Bar:

(i) Commercial General Liability Insurance with a general aggregate limit (other than products/completed operations) of no less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) and including products/completed operations coverage with a limit of no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00); at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) premises and operations limit; at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) personal and advertising injury limit; at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) each occurrence limit. Such commercial general liability insurance shall name the State Bar, its Board of Trustees, directors, officers, and employees as additional insured. Such commercial general liability insurance coverage will be with an insurance carrier with an A. M. Best rating of not less than A:X.

- (ii) **Workers' Compensation** coverage as required by law, together with employer liability coverage with limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence. Such workers' compensation insurance coverage will be with an insurance carrier with an A. M. Best rating of not less than A:X.
- (iii) Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance covering owned, leased, hired and non-owned vehicles, with a combined liability per occurrence limit of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). Such comprehensive automobile liability insurance shall name the State Bar, its Board of Trustees, directors, officers, and employees as additional insured. Such comprehensive automobile liability insurance coverage will be with an insurance carrier with an A. M. Best rating of not less than A:X.
- (iv) **Professional Liability Insurance** with a general aggregate limit of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) and a per occurrence limit of at least Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00). Such professional liability insurance coverage will be with an insurance carrier with an A. M. Best rating of not less than A- VII.
- (v) Umbrella Liability Insurance with general aggregate limit of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) and a per occurrence limit of at least Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00). Such umbrella liability insurance shall name the State Bar, its Board of Trustees, directors, officers, and employees as additional insured. Such umbrella liability insurance coverage will be with an insurance carrier with an A. M. Best rating of not less than A:X.
- (vi) Fidelity or Commercial Crime Insurance with per occurrence limit of at least Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000). Such Fidelity or commercial crime insurance shall name the State Bar, its Board of Trustees, directors, officers, and employees as additional insured. Such Fidelity or commercial crime insurance will be with an insurance carrier with an A. M. Best rating of not less than A:X.
- 2. In addition, all insurance policies will: (i) be primary and non-contributing with respect to any other insurance available to the Additional Insureds, with respect to any claims arising out of the final Agreement; (ii) apply separately to each insured against whom a claim is made or suit is brought; (iii) include a waiver of subrogation provision or endorsement in favor of the State Bar; and (iv) be with insurance carrier(s) that are authorized to do business in the State of California, and are satisfactory to the State Bar.
- Vendor will deliver to the State Bar offices, Attn: Risk Management, 180
   Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, certificates of insurance evidencing compliance with the requirements of this section (including completed

certificates and policy endorsements) no later than thirty (30) days after the execution of the final Agreement. In no event will Vendor commence operations under the final Agreement before furnishing to the State Bar such certificates of insurance.

- 4. All policies must provide thirty (30) days' advance written notice to the State Bar of reduction or nonrenewal of coverages, material change of coverages, or cancellation of coverages for any reason. All such notice will be sent to the Risk Management Department of the State Bar as listed in Section IV.F.3 above. In addition, notwithstanding any notices sent to the State Bar by the insurer, Vendor will immediately notify the State Bar when it becomes aware of any cancellation or material change in the amounts of or type of coverage of the insurance policies required.
- 5. Should any of the required insurance be provided under a claims-made form, Vendor will maintain such coverage continuously throughout the term of the final Agreement and, without lapse, for a period of three (3) years beyond the expiration of the final Agreement, to the effect that, should occurrences during the contract term give rise to claims made after expiration of the Agreement, such claims will be covered by such claims-made policies.
- Should any of the required insurance be provided under a form of coverage that includes a general annual aggregate limit or provides that claims investigation or legal defense costs be included in such general annual aggregate limit, such general annual aggregate limit will be double the occurrence or claims limits specified above.
- 7. Should any required insurance lapse during the term of the final Agreement, requests for payments originating after such lapse will not be processed until the State Bar receives satisfactory evidence of reinstated coverage as required by the final Agreement, effective as of the lapse date. If insurance is not reinstated, the State Bar may, at its sole option, terminate the final Agreement effective on the date of such lapse of insurance. Termination will be in addition to any other rights or remedies that the State Bar may have under the final Agreement.
- 8. Failure to maintain insurance will constitute a material breach of the final Agreement. If Vendor fails to secure and maintain insurance policies complying with the provisions of the final Agreement, the State Bar may purchase the required insurance coverage and Vendor will reimburse the State Bar for all associated costs, which will be in addition to any other rights or remedies available to the State Bar under the final Agreement. Alternatively, the State Bar may terminate the final Agreement. Termination will be in addition to any other rights or remedies that the State Bar may have under the final Agreement.

9. If Vendor assigns, subcontracts, or delegates any portion of the duties under the final Agreement, Vendor will ensure that each assignee, subcontractor, or delegee purchases and maintains the same insurance coverage required pursuant to the final Agreement, provided however, that nothing herein will be construed as permitting Vendor to assign, subcontract or delegate any portion of the duties under the Agreement without the State Bar's prior written consent.

### G. Termination

- 1. <u>Termination.</u> The State Bar may terminate the final Agreement, in its sole discretion, without cause and for any reason upon seven (7) days' written notice to Vendor, such termination effective upon the State Bar's delivery of such termination notice. Vendor's sole compensation shall be for that portion of the Services performed to the date of termination, together with reimbursable expenses, if any, then due pursuant to the Agreement; provided, however, that the State Bar shall not be obligated to pay Vendor for any services or expenses not authorized by the State Bar pursuant to the final Agreement.
- 2. <u>Automatic Termination.</u> The final Agreement will terminate automatically in the event of: (i) the bankruptcy or insolvency of either party; (ii) the death or total incapacity of Vendor; or, (iii) failure to comply with federal, state or local laws, regulations or requirements.
- 3. <u>Termination in Event of Material Breach.</u> Without limiting any of the rights specified in this section, either party may terminate the final Agreement (the "Terminating Party") if the other party is in breach of a material obligation arising under the final Agreement and fails to cure that breach within fifteen (15) days following the Terminating Party's written notice of its intention to exercise its rights under this section.
- 4. Appropriation of Funds. If the term of the final Agreement extends beyond the fiscal year in effect when the final Agreement was entered into by the Parties, Vendor acknowledges that continuation of the final Agreement may be subject to annual funding through the state legislative process. In such event, if funds to effect the continuation of the Term are not appropriated, Vendor shall commence and perform, with diligence, all actions necessary on the part of Vendor to effect the termination of the final Agreement on the date specified by the Authorized Representative and to minimize the liability of Vendor and the State Bar to third parties as a result of termination, including, without limitation, accepting the return from the State Bar of any affected equipment, products, software or hardware furnished under the final Agreement, and ceasing performance of the Services as directed by the Authorized Representative without any further obligation on the part of the State Bar.

#### H. Confidentiality and Publicity

- 1. Confidentiality Obligations. "Confidential Information" means all information identified in written or oral format by the State Bar as confidential, a trade secret or proprietary information, including without limitation, licensee (former and current) or applicant records, data, non-public information pertaining to financial, personnel, or the activities, business or operations of the State Bar. Vendor will not disclose Confidential Information to any third party other than persons in the direct employ of Vendor or Subcontractors who have a need to have access to and knowledge of the Confidential Information solely for the purpose of carrying out Vendor's Services under the final Agreement. Vendor must take appropriate measures by instruction and agreement prior to disclosure to such employees to assure against unauthorized use or disclosure. Confidential Information does not include information which: (a) Vendor can demonstrate was rightfully in possession of or known to Vendor without any obligation of confidentiality prior to receiving it from the State Bar; (b) is, or subsequently becomes, legally and publicly available without breach of the final Agreement; (c) is rightfully obtained by Vendor from a source other than the State Bar without any obligation of confidentiality; or (d) is disclosed by Vendor under a valid order created by a court or government agency, provided that Vendor provides prior written notice to the State Bar of such obligation and the opportunity to oppose such disclosure. Upon written demand of the State Bar, Vendor will cease using the Confidential Information and return the Confidential Information and all copies, notes or extracts thereof to the State Bar within ten (10) days of receipt of notice. The parties agree that this Section applies retroactively to all disclosures made by the State Bar prior to the execution of the final Agreement, and that the terms and conditions herein supersede any prior non-disclosure and confidentiality agreement previously entered into by the parties.
- 2. <u>Injunctive Relief.</u> Vendor hereby acknowledges and agrees that in the event of any breach of the final Agreement by Vendor, including, without limitation, the actual or threatened disclosure or unauthorized use of Confidential Information in violation of the final Agreement, the State Bar will suffer an irreparable injury, such that a remedy at law will not afford it adequate protection against, or appropriate compensation for, such injury. Accordingly, Vendor hereby agrees that the State Bar will be entitled, upon proper showing of probable risk of such injury, to seek specific performance of Vendor's obligations under the final Agreement and injunctive or other equitable relief as a remedy for any such breach or anticipated breach without the necessity of posting a bond. Any such relief will be in addition to and not in lieu of any appropriate relief in the way of monetary damages as may be granted by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 3. <u>No Publicity</u>. Without the State Bar's prior written consent, Vendor may not issue any public announcements concerning the State Bar, including, without

limitation, referencing the State Bar on Vendor's website or other publicity or promotional materials.

## I. Compliance with Laws

Vendor must comply with all applicable laws, ordinances and regulations adopted or established by federal, state or local governmental bodies or agencies, including but not limited to the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code section 12900 et seq.) and any applicable regulations promulgated thereunder (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, section 7285.0 et seq.), Americans with Disabilities Act /ADA Amendments Act of 2008, and section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act. Vendor must include the non-discrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all subcontracts to perform work under the final Agreement.

## J. Staffing

- 1. <u>No Assignment, Subcontracting, Delegation or Transfer.</u>
  - a. Vendor shall not assign, subcontract, delegate or otherwise transfer any of the rights, duties or obligations of the final Agreement to any third party without the prior written consent of the State Bar and compliance with the requirements set forth below.
  - b. Conditions Precedent for Vendor to Subcontract the Services. Vendor may retain independent subcontractors to furnish Services and access Confidential Information (as defined in Section IV, subsection H.1.) only in accordance with this section (hereinafter referred to as "Subcontractors"). All Subcontractors must be approved in advance in writing by the State Bar, such approval to be granted in the State Bar's sole discretion. In advance of providing any Services or receiving any Confidential Information, all Subcontractors will execute a written agreement reasonably satisfactory to the State Bar: (i) sufficient to secure compliance by such Subcontractors with the obligations of confidentiality concerning Confidential Information as set forth in Section IV, subsection H; (ii) in accordance with Section IV, subsection E.2. (Rights in Work Product), acknowledging Subcontractor's obligation to transfer and/or assign any rights, title, and interest to all materials and Work Product in connection with performance hereunder; and (iii) effecting assignments of all Intellectual Property Rights concerning the Work Product, including the Deliverables to the State Bar as specified in Section IV, subsection E. The State Bar, upon request, may review such agreements at any time before or after execution by such Subcontractors to ensure compliance with the final Agreement.
  - c. <u>Assignment of Personnel</u>. Vendor must have control of its employees and Subcontractors (if any) (individually and collectively, "Personnel") it

assigns to the work of the Project; provided, however, that if the State Bar becomes dissatisfied with the performance of any of Vendor's Personnel providing Services, the State Bar may notify Vendor of the details of the unsatisfactory performance and the parties will cooperate to remedy the problem as soon as reasonably possible. If the State Bar makes such a request, Vendor will use its best efforts to reassign any Personnel who are the subject of the State Bar's dissatisfaction and instead attempt to provide Services through replacement Personnel. Services performed under the terms of the final Agreement will be performed at the State Bar's offices or Vendor's offices.

d. <u>Vendor's Project Liaison</u>. Vendor must designate an employee of sufficient management rank to act as its representative in dealing with the State Bar ("Vendor's Project Liaison"). Vendor's Project Liaison must represent Vendor and have responsibility for ensuring that Vendor performs its obligations under the final Agreement and for communicating with the State Bar regarding Project status and issues. Vendor must use reasonable efforts to minimize changing the person who is serving as Vendor's Project Liaison during the Term.

### K. General Provisions

- 1. <u>Force Majeure</u>. Neither party will be deemed in default of the final Agreement or any provision hereunder to the extent that any delay or failure in the performance of the obligations of such party (other than the payment of money) results from any significant and material causes beyond its reasonable control and without fault or negligence by such party. Examples of such causes include, but are not limited to, (a) acts of God or public enemy, (b) acts of the government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, (c) fires, (d) floods, (e) epidemics, (f) quarantine restrictions, (g) strikes, (h) embargoes, (i) earthquakes, and (j) unusually severe weather.
- 2. <u>Governing Law/Jurisdiction/Venue</u>. The final Agreement is deemed to have been made and entered into by the parties at San Francisco, California and will be construed according to the laws of the State of California. Any litigation arising out of or in connection with the final Agreement will be filed in the appropriate court in San Francisco, California.
- 3. Audit. The State Bar reserves the right to have an independent audit conducted of Vendor's compliance with the terms of the final Agreement if the State Bar reasonably believes such audit is necessary to ensure confidentiality and or financial or program accountability or integrity. Accordingly, Vendor agrees that the State Bar or its designated representative will have the right to review and to copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of the final Agreement. Vendor agrees to maintain such records

for possible audit for a minimum of two (2) years after final payment, unless a longer period is stipulated. Vendor agrees to allow interviews of any personnel who might reasonably have information related to such records. Further, Vendor agrees to include a similar right of the State Bar to audit in any subcontract related to the performance of the final Agreement.