Community Hiring Rider

For Professional Services, Human Services, Standard Services (except Building Services) Contracts

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Program Description

Community Hiring, as authorized under Chapter 79 of the New York City Charter ("Charter"), is an initiative to set workforce goals on City procurement for contractors to employ low-income individuals and residents of economically disadvantaged communities.

The provisions set forth in this Rider shall apply to contracts with an estimated total value exceeding three million dollars, unless otherwise exempt under the rules set forth under the Community Hiring Rules, adopted as Title 74 of the Rules of the City of New York (RCNY). Under 74 RCNY § 1-03(b), the following contracts are exempt: preferred source contracts; contracts for the performance of services by a city-affiliated not-for-profit corporation, goods contracts; contracts in an amount below the small purchase threshold; contracts for investigative or confidential services; contracts subject to federal or state funding requirements that preclude or substantially conflict with the application of Community Hiring Goals; contracts awarded through the United States General Services administration, or through the New York State Office of General Services; contracts for emergency demolition services procured by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development; contracts for which contractor selection is made by an elected official other than the Mayor or an agency other than a Mayoral Agency; contracts subject to 9 RCNY § 1-02(f); contracts designated for inclusion in a mentoring program as defined in Section 1206 or 1309 of the Charter; and contracts for banking services, electronic payment services, or other related services procured by the New York City Department of Finance.

The Community Hiring Rules are hereby incorporated in this Contract by reference and all terms used herein shall have the meanings given such terms in the Community Hiring Rules. In the event of any conflict between the Community Hiring Rules and this Rider, the rules shall control. As of the execution of this Contract, the Contactor represents that it has read, in its entirety, and agrees to comply with the Community Hiring Rules.

The Community Hiring program supersedes the HireNYC initiatives and the related riders, including, but not limited to references to the Public Assistance Commitment Rider and the HireNYC Hiring and Employment Rider. If the Contract to which this rider is attached is based on the City's standard construction contract, then Article 35.6 of the standard construction contract is amended and replaced with the Community Hiring Rules.

Community Hiring Requirements

The Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of the Community Hiring Rules in the performance of this Contract.

A. Community Hiring Goal

Pursuant to 74 RCNY § 4-02(c), the Contractor shall make best efforts to meet the goal of hiring one Income-Based Community Hire for every five hundred thousand dollars in total contract value ("Community Hiring Goal").

In accordance with 74 RCNY § 5-01(b), the Contractor shall require its subcontractors, as defined under 74 RCNY § 1-02, to make best efforts to meet the Community Hiring Goal on this Contract and comply with the applicable requirements set forth in 74 RCNY § 5-02.

B. Advertising Employment Opportunities

The Contractor agrees to advertise the Employment Opportunities, as defined in 74 RCNY § 1-02, in conspicuous places available to the public and in a manner reasonable for the industry.

For purposes of meeting a Community Hiring Goal, the Contractor shall notify a Referral Source, as provided in accordance with 74 RCNY § 3-02(a), of the job opportunities to be filled by Community Hires. The Contractor shall provide notice to the Office of Community Hiring and Workforce Development (OCH) when the Referral Source has impeded the Contractor's efforts to meet the Community Hiring Goal.

C. System Enrollment and Reporting

The Contractor shall enroll with an electronic system designated by the Director of OCH in accordance with 74 RCNY § 5-01(e).

Once enrolled into the system, the Contractor shall be responsible for updating the information in the system in a reasonable and timely manner. The information to be updated includes, but is not limited to, the job opportunities to be filled by Community Hires, qualifications for such jobs, anticipated start schedule, and any other information as required by the Community Hiring Rules.

The Contractor may fulfill the advertising requirement set forth in 74 RCNY § 5-01(c) by posting in such system all the relevant information of an Employment Opportunity to be filled by Community Hires. The Contractor shall also provide to the City on a quarterly basis, and when requested by the City with reasonable notice, any information related to the Contractor's compliance with or progress towards meeting the Community Hiring Goal.

Records

A. Retention

The Contractor shall maintain records in accordance with the applicable requirements set forth in 74 RCNY §§ 6-01 and 6-02.

For purposes of 74 RCNY § 6-01(b), the Contractor shall designate a representative to monitor all activity related to compliance to ensure that the Contractor is exercising best efforts to meet the Community Hiring Goal, and maintain the records to submit the documentation relating to the provisions herein.

B. Access to Records

The Contractor shall furnish, and require its subcontractors to furnish, all information and reports in accordance with the laws, rules, regulations or guidance from the City.

Compliance

Without limitation to any other provisions under this Contract and any other legal remedies available to the City, a failure to comply with the requirements under the Community Hiring Rules is a non-compliance that may be subject to civil penalties pursuant to Chapter 7 of the Community Hiring Rules and may be considered as a factor in evaluating contract performance in accordance with 9 RCNY § 4-01.

A. Best Efforts

Where the Contractor has failed to meet the Community Hiring Goal, the Contractor shall demonstrate that it exercised best efforts to meet the goal. Where determined, as set forth in 74 RCNY § 5-03, that the Contractor failed to make best efforts, the City shall send written notice to the Contractor's designated representative, notwithstanding the notice provisions in the Contract. The Contractor shall respond in accordance with the instructions in the notice. Failure to timely respond can result in a non-compliance determination subject to civil penalties as set forth in 74 RCNY § 7-01.

B. Corrective Action

Where the City determines that the non-compliance may be remedied through a corrective action and provides notice to the Contractor pursuant to 74 RCNY § 7-02(a)(2), the Contractor shall respond in accordance with the requirements outlined in the notice. The Contractor is responsible for timely demonstration of taking the requisite corrective action. Demonstration of corrective action to the satisfaction of the Director of OCH, may result in waiving of the civil penalties[1] as set forth in the Community Hiring Rules.

C. Civil Penalties

Where Contractor is found non-compliant subject to civil penalties, the City can impose a civil penalty amount in accordance with the schedule set forth in 74 RCNY § 7-03.

The City may withhold from the Contractor the amount of the civil penalties upon final determination as set forth in 74 RCNY § 7-01(d).

[1] Only civil penalties relating to non-compliance with the Community Hiring Rules can be waived in this instance.