INVITATION FOR BID

FILE NO.: 6856

COMMODITY: Assessment Management System

NAME OF BIDDER:

BIDDER'S FED. ID.:

If, at the time of the scheduled bid opening, City Hall is closed due to uncontrolled events such as fire, snow, ice, wind, or building evacuation, the bid opening will be postponed to the same time on the next normal business day. Bids will be accepted until that date and time.

TO: Amy L. Witts, Purchasing Agent PH: 617-349-4310 FX: 371-349-4008
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

The undersigned submits this sealed bid to provide the commodity or services identified above, described in the specifications herein and advertised in the **CAMBRIDGE CHRONICLE** on **THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2015,** which is to be opened and publicly read at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 795 Mass. Ave., Room 303, Cambridge, MA at 11:00 a.m. on **THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2015. The bid may be downloaded off The City's web site, www.cambridgema.gov, Online Services, Purchasing Bid List, Invitation for Bid, File No. 6856.**

Parking is limited at this location. It is strongly recommended that the bids are mailed or delivered in advance of the due date and time. Late bids will not be accepted.

The undersigned certifies that this bid is made without collusion with any other person, firm or corporation making any other bid or who otherwise would make a bid. The undersigned agrees to furnish the commodity or services in strict accordance with the bid documents, which consist of this Invitation for Bid and all attachments hereto. **The submitted bid must be without conditions, exceptions or modifications to the bid document.**

The envelope containing the bid must be labeled: "This envelope contains a bid for **ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM opened at 11:00 A.M. on THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2015." The bid and all documents submitted with it are public records.** This bid process and the award of the contract are made in conformity with M.G.L. c. 30B, unless otherwise stated.

See other side of this form for General Terms and Conditions that shall become part of any Contract awarded through this Invitation for Bid.

This bid includes addenda numbered:_____

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:_____

TITLE OF SIGNATORY_____

ADDRESS OF BIDDER_____

TELEPHONE NUMBER_____**FAX NUMBER:**_____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Please check one of the following and insert the requested information:

( ) Corporation, incorporated in the State of:_____

( ) Partnership. Names of partners: _____

( ) Individual._____

NAME OF BIDDER:_____

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

LAWS:	All deliveries shall conform in every respect with all applicable laws of the Federal government, Commonwealth of Massachusetts and City of Cambridge.
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:	The Vendor in the performance of the contract shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, age or sex in employment practices or in the selection or retention of subcontractors, and in the procurement of materials or rental of equipment. The City may cancel, terminate or suspend the contract in whole or in part for any violation of this paragraph
TAXES:	Purchases made by the City are exempt from the payment of Federal excise tax and the payment of Commonwealth of Massachusetts sales tax (except for gasoline) and any such taxes must not be included in the bid prices.
QUANTITIES:	Unless otherwise stated, the quantities set forth herein are ESTIMATES ONLY. The City reserves the right to purchase the commodity(ies) specified in any amount less than the estimated amount.
BID PRICES:	Bid prices shall include transportation and delivery charges fully prepaid to the City of Cambridge destination. Where the unit price and the total price are at variance, the unit price will prevail.
DELIVERY AND PACKAGING:	Deliveries must be made in such quantities as called for in the purchase order and in the manufacturer's original packages. All deliveries must be **"inside" delivery with no assistance from City personnel. Tailgate deliveries will not be accepted.** Rejected material will be returned to the vendor at the vendor's expense.
MODIFICATION OF BIDS:	Prior to bid opening, a bidder may correct, modify or withdraw its bid by making the request in writing prior to the time and date for the bid opening. All corrections and modifications must be delivered to the Purchasing Department in a sealed envelope indicating that it contains a modification or correction of the original bid submitted for the particular commodity and indicating the time and date of the bid opening.
REJECTION OF BIDS:	The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids if it is in best interest of the City to do so.
AWARD OF CONTRACT:	Contract(s) will be awarded within forty-five days of the bid opening unless award date is extended by consent of all parties concerned.
INDEMNITY:	Unless otherwise provided by law, the Vendor will indemnify and hold harmless the City against any and all liability, loss, damages, costs or expenses for personal injury or damage to real or tangible personal property which the City may sustain, incur or be required to pay, arising out of or in connection with the performance of the Contract by reason of any negligent action/inaction or willful misconduct by the Contractor, its agents, servants or employees
TERMINATION OF CONTRACT:	Except as otherwise provided in the Articles of Agreement, the City may terminate the contract upon seven days notice.
ASSIGNABILITY:	The Vendor shall not assign, sell, subcontract or otherwise transfer any interest in this contract without the prior written consent of the City.

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS: Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 111F, ss. 8, 9, and 10, any vendor who receives a contract resulting from this invitation agrees to submit a Material Safety Data Sheet for each toxic or hazardous substance or mixture containing such substance when deliveries are made. The vendor agrees to comply with all requirements set forth in the pertinent laws above.

NAME OF BIDDER:_____

FILE NO. 6856 – ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2015 @ 11:00 AM

TO: Amy L. Witts, Purchasing Agent
City Hall, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

The undersigned hereby proposes to furnish an **Assessment Management System** for the Cambridge Public Schools Department (CPS), for a period of one year with two one-year options to renew, all in accordance with the attached specifications and following proposal schedule.

One contract will be awarded as a result of this bid. **A Contract will be awarded to the responsive, responsible bidder offering the lowest price for the initial contract period of year one: July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.**

Prices must remain FIRM during the entire contract period.

Contract will be awarded within forty-five days of the bid opening unless award date is extended by consent of all parties concerned.

This contract will be cancelled if funds are not appropriated or otherwise not made available to support the continuation of the agreement after the **first fiscal year**.

Prior to bid opening, a bidder may correct, modify or withdraw its bid by making the request in writing prior to the time and date for the bid opening. All corrections and modifications must be delivered to the Purchasing Department in a sealed envelope with a notation on the envelope indicating that it contains a modification or correction of the original bid submitted for the particular commodity and indicating the date and time of the bid opening.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR BID IN DUPLICATE. (One original and one Copy)
DO NOT SUBMIT BIDS IN HARD BINDERS

A sample contract is attached hereto. The bidder must be willing to sign the City's contract. The City will not accept a bidder's terms & conditions

Confidentiality and Public Record Law
All bids or other materials submitted by the vendor in response to this invitation to bid will be open for inspection by any person and in accordance with the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

LIVING WAGE REQUIREMENTS
The City of Cambridge has a Living Wage Requirement that establishes minimum hourly rates for all Personnel that work on any City contract. **The City of Cambridge's Living Wage as of March 1, 2015 is $14.95**. The Living Wage Requirements are attached.

Questions
Questions concerning the IFB must be submitted in writing by Wednesday, May 20, 2015 no later than 1:00PM. All questions can be faxed to the Office of the Purchasing Agent at 617-349-4008.

An addendum will be posted to the website notifying vendors of all questions and answers. Please check back on the website for addendums before submitting your bid to the City. Bidders will not be notified individually of Addendums.

Please check the bidders list on the website. If your firm is not listed on the bidders list please click on "Registry" and notify us that you have downloaded the bid document.

NAME OF BIDDER:_____

Cambridge Public Schools
Assessment Management System

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose

Cambridge Public Schools (CPS) is seeking to purchase and implement Assessment Management System software that will be used by faculty to develop, administer, score, analyze and report student academic tests.

B. Project Background

Cambridge Public Schools, located in Cambridge, Massachusetts, serves approximately 7,000 students in 17 schools at 13 locations and a central administrative office building. Over 700 faculty members teach and support pre-K, elementary, upper campus, and high school programs. After-school programs district-wide are supported.

The Assessment Management System will be used to service approximately 5,000 students in grades 3-12, and costs should reflect this subset of students.

The contract will be for a period of one year, from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, with two one-year options to renew. The software must be fully installed, tested, and operational before the start of school in September, 2015; **no later than September 8, 2015.**

II. SCOPE OF SERVICES

A. Vendor

Cambridge Public Schools shall enter into a contract with one vendor. Vendor will provide a complete vendor-hosted Assessment Management System solution, and will ensure the successful functional and technical implementation. The contract will be managed by the Information, Communication and Technical Services (ICTS) and Curriculum departments at CPS. Vendor must demonstrate that it can meet all the functional and quality requirements outlined in the specifications below based on written bid response. In addition, Vendor must be willing to sign the CPS Data Breach Certification (attached) **Attachment A** (pages 9-11).

The contract will be awarded to the qualified bidder offering the lowest price for the initial contract period of one year. This bidder will be asked to provide a demonstration to show it can meet the functional and technical requirements prior to final bid award. The City of Cambridge makes the final determination of the responsive and responsible low bidder.

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B. Functional Specifications

1. Testing	YES	NO
a. Ability to create and administer secure online benchmark, quick, formative and summative tests		
b. Facility to combine items from different test banks in test creation.		
c. Availability of high quality test banks in ELA, Math, Social Students and Science.		
d. Ability to import and make available commercial and other Common Core and PARCC-compatible standards-based test banks.		
e. Facility to create and share item banks within the district.		
f. Extensive search capability using test name, standard, user attribute and keyword.		
g. Ability to view test items, multimedia elements, distractors and answer key when selecting tests.		
h. Ability to create test items with Technology Enhanced Items including but not limited to: audio and video items, drag and drop, constructed response, list selection, ruler, calculator, protractor, equation editor.		
i. Ability to set performance level thresholds and cut scores.		
j. Ability to copy and modify existing test items that can be used in tests.		
k. Ability to catalog created items for lookup and sharing with CPS faculty.		
l. Availability of extended learning resources tied to items for students and parents.		
m. Ability to associate learning resources with CPS faculty created items.		
n. Facility to schedule tests for selected schools, grades, classes or discrete sets of students.		
o. Automatic scoring of tests.		
p. Ability to monitor administration and track student time spent on each item.		
q. Administration of online tests using secure passwords.		
r. Ability to set parameters for administration of tests by start and end times, duration, item review, sectioning; by school, class and individual.		
s. Randomization facilities for item ordering.		
t. Facility for students to provide comments along with their answers.		
u. Test monitoring facilities for proctors and administrators.		
v. Password protected student and parent results views with additional learning resources (commercial and CPS created) connected to items and standards.		

2. Analysis	YES	NO
a. Ability to analyze and compare scores using multiple criteria including, but not limited to : test year, school, grade, standard and demographic information.		
b. Ability to move from aggregate level to individual student data.		
c. Ability to graphically analyze class performance using raw scores and performance levels along with multiple characteristics.		
d. Robust interactive item analysis capability by school, class and individual.		
e. Student and parent portal access to view results, items and associated learning resources.		
f. Ability to analyze student growth compared to class, school and district.		

3. Reporting	YES	NO
a. Data output available in CSV or Excel, and PDF formats.		
b. Full featured set of vendor provided reports with aggregated and disaggregated presentations.		
c. Interactive data presentations with capability to drill down through levels to individual students and cohorts.		
d. Ability to sort and filter multiple data fields.		
e. Student, class and school selection criteria.		
f. Custom reports with user selected fields.		
g. Ability to batch generate individual PDF reports for printing.		

4. Technical	YES	NO
a. Web-based interface for multiple users for test creation and management, online administration and analysis.		
b. All functions accessible via the Internet, from any web browser, Internet Explorer 12.0 or higher, Safari 8.0 or higher, Firefox 10.0 or higher, Google Chrome 10.0 or higher.		
c. Fully functional from both Macintosh (OSX 10.6 or higher) and Windows (XP or higher) client workstations.		
d. No client software installation requirement.		
e. Accessibility by iOS, Android and Chromebook devices.		
f. User interfaces for different roles and independent levels of access.		
g. Secure access by using CPS Active Directory authentication for staff and student accounts.		
h. Interface secured by TLS protocols and certificates.		
i. Cut, copy and paste, and multiple undo capabilities throughout the software.		
j. Automatic adjustment for Daylight Savings Time.		
k. Prevention of data loss when data is accessed concurrently by multiple users.		
l. Automatic saving of student responses to mitigate data loss.		
m. Clear and timely error reporting and action guidance.		

5. System Requirements	YES	NO
a. Vendor-hosted Assessment Management System implementation.		
b. Licenses sufficient for CPS staff and students.		
c. Planned system downtime for maintenance must occur outside the hours of 6AM and 8PM (ET) Monday through Friday, and with prior notice to CPS.		
d. Vendor responsibility for performing and maintaining secure backups.		
e. Vendor issued release notes prior to each proposed system upgrade.		
f. Access restricted by Vendor to the system and CPS data for required vendor personnel, with no disclosure of data to any 3rd party.		
g. Vendor-maintained technical support help desk for email and telephone support, with response time within 1 hour during the hours of 7AM and 7PM (ET). Resolution of 80% of technical support issues must occur within 12 hours.		
h. System availability with 99% uptime, 24/7/365.		

C. Project Implementation

1. Vendor will insure that system is correctly configured to meet all of CPS functional and quality requirements.
2. Vendor will perform any custom work necessary to meet these requirements prior to the start of implementation.
3. Vendor will work with CPS to develop all required interfaces between the Assessment Management System and other CPS systems, including the Aspen X2 Student Information System.
4. Vendor will perform full system testing prior to district rollout.
5. Vendor will provide online searchable help, and user documentation.
6. Vendor will provide training as follows:
    a. Training for 3 people adequate to bring them up to a level of proficiency as System Administrators.
    b. Training for 8 people adequate to bring them up to a level of proficiency as staff trainers.
    c. Trainings delivered using CPS current data.

III. BID SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Submit a completed Price Proposal.

2. Bidder shall submit references from 3 -5 current clients that use the vendor's Assessment Management System product. These references must include at least three clients that are K-12 school districts with 10,000 or more students, and who have been using the system for more than 2 years after implementation. References may overlap. References shall include contact information including contact name, telephone number, street address and email address of each to inquire as to their satisfaction with the bidders' product/service. In addition Cambridge Public Schools reserves the right to use itself as a reference. **A bid may be rejected on the basis of one or more references reporting less than excellent past performance by the bidder.**

1._____
Name Street Address Contact Name Telephone # Email Address

2._____
Name Street Address Contact Name Telephone # Email Address

3._____
Name Street Address Contact Name Telephone # Email Address

4._____
Name Street Address Contact Name Telephone # Email Address

5._____
Name Street Address Contact Name Telephone # Email Address

Bidders may use additional sheets if necessary

Continued on next page.
NAME OF BIDDER:_____

3. Check YES or NO next to each of the functional and technical specifications and the hosted system requirements detailed in Section II, Scope of Services Specifications (Section II-B). **SEE PAGE # 5**

4. Submit a written description of the Vendor's approach and timeline for system implementation, including configuration, content conversion, interface and custom development, functional testing and user training (Section II-C). Bidders may submit additional sheets with requested information.

IV. QUALITY REQUIREMENTS

A "No" response, a failure to respond, or a failure to meet any of the following Quality Requirements will result in a rejection of your bid.

Circle YES or NO for each of the following Quality Requirements:

1. Vendor can meet all functional specifications as defined in Section II, Scope of Services Specifications (Section II-B), of this document.

   YES NO

2. The Vendor has implemented their Assessment Management System in at least ten (10) successful K-12 school districts with 10,000 or more students, and each district has been using the system for more than 2 years after implementation.

   YES NO

3. Vendor has staff available to begin implementation within 45 days of the fully executed contract.

   YES NO

4. Vendor is the developer and maintainer of the software.

   YES NO

5. Vendor has been marketing their Assessment Management System for at least 5 years.

   YES NO

6. Vendor agrees to sign the CPS Data Breach Certification (a sample is included) **Attachment A** (pages 9-11)**.**

   YES NO

7. Vendor will have the software fully installed, tested, and operational before the start of school in September, **no later than September 8, 2015**

   YES NO

NAME OF BIDDER:_____

V. PRICE PROPOSAL

The Contract will be awarded to the responsive and responsible bidder offering the lowest price for the initial year of the contract (Year 1). The City/School will determine whether to exercise its options to renew the contract depending on the performance of the contractor and the prices for the subsequent years 2-3. All prices are to remain firm. Pricing must include all costs associated with software licensing and purchase, implementation, data import and conversion, interface and custom development, maintenance, travel, training and documentation. Approximately 5,000 students in grades 3-12 will be served. Costs should be itemized separately in an attachment and summarized below.

		Per Unit Cost	Units	Total Cost
Year 1	Software Implementation Cost (include Training)		**1**	**$**
	Annual Software Maintenance		**1**	**$**
TOTAL BID Submitted for initial contract term, Year 1: $ **Total Price for Year 1 in words: _____**				

Year 2	Annual Software Maintenance		**1**	**$**
Total Price for Year 2 in words:_____				
Year 3	Annual Software Maintenance		**1**	**$**
Total Price for Year 3 in words:_____				

Signature: _____

NB: Do not submit a Software License document or other terms and conditions with your bid.

NAME OF BIDDER:_____

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ATTACHMENT A

STUDENT DATA/DATA BREACH SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This Student Data/Data Breach Special Terms and Conditions dated _____ (hereinafter "Agreement") is by and between Cambridge Public Schools ("CPS") and _____ ("Contractor"), a contractor performing institutional services and functions that will require student data to perform those services and functions.

1. Contractor and CPS have contracted for the Contractor to provide _____ _____ ("the Services"), which are institutional services and functions, to CPS. In the course of performing the Services, Contractor will obtain confidential student records and/or confidential student record information that contain personally identifiable student records, data and/or information ("Data Files"). CPS and Contractor acknowledge and agree that this Agreement is for the purpose of sharing Data Files between the parties in a manner consistent with the Family Education Records Privacy Act of 1974 ("FERPA") and Massachusetts student record regulations, 603 C.M.R. 23.00 ("State Regulations"). The Data Files will be used by the Contractor's employees to populate student data for the purpose of delivering these Services. Contractor further acknowledges and agrees that all copies of such Data Files, including any modifications or additions to data from any source that contains personally identifiable information regarding individual students, are subject to the provisions of this Agreement in the same manner as the original Data Files. The ability to access or maintain Data Files and/or any personally identifiable student data contained therein under this Agreement shall not under any circumstances transfer from Contractor to any other party.

2. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it is providing institutional services or functions for CPS and that it is under direct control of CPS with respect to the use and maintenance of Data Files in connection with these Services. Contractor additionally acknowledges and agrees that at no point in time is the Contractor the owner of the Data Files. Ownership rights are maintained by CPS and CPS reserves the right to request the prompt return of any portion of the Data Files and/or all Data Files at any time for any reason whatsoever. Contractor further acknowledges and agrees that it shall adhere to the requirements set forth in both federal and state law regarding the use and re-disclosure of the Data Files, including without limitation, any student data and/or personally identifiable information contained within the Data Files. Contractor also acknowledges and agrees that it shall not make any re-disclosure of any Data Files, including without limitation, any student data and/or personally identifiable information contained in the Data Files, without the express written consent of CPS. Additionally, Contractor agrees that only authorized employees of the Contractor directly involved in delivering the Services shall have access to the Data Files and that it and its employees shall protect the confidentiality of the Data Files in such a way that parties other than officials of CPS and their authorized agents cannot identify any students.

3. Contractor also acknowledges and agrees to:

   (i) use personally identifiable student data shared under this Agreement for no purpose other than in connection with and through the provision of the Services.

   (ii) use reasonable methods, consistent with industry standards, to protect the Data Files and/or any personally identifiable student data contained therein from re-

disclosure, and to not share the Data Files and/or any personally identifiable student data received under this Agreement with any other entity without prior written approval from CPS.

(iii) not copy, reproduce or transmit the Data Files and/or any personally identifiable student data contained therein ,except as necessary to fulfill the Services.

(iv) notify the Chief Information Officer for CPS in writing within three (3) days of its determination that it has experienced a data breach, breach of security or unauthorized acquisition or use of any Data Files and/or personally identifiable student data contained therein. Contractor agrees that said notification shall include, to the extent feasible, the date or approximate dates of such incident and the nature thereof, the specific scope of said breach (i.e., what data was accessed, used, released or otherwise breached, including the names of individual students that were affected by said breach) and what actions or steps with respect to the incident that Contractor plans to take or has taken in response to said breach.

(v) not provide any Data Files or any personally identifiable data contained therein to any party ineligible to receive student records and/or student record data and information protected by FERPA and State Regulations or prohibited from receiving personally identifiable from any entity under 34 CFR 99.31(a)(6)(iii).

(vi) to maintain backup copies, backed up at least daily, of Data Files in case of Contractor system failure or any other unforeseen event resulting in loss of Data Files.

(vii) to, upon receipt of a request from CPS, immediately provide CPS with any specified portion of the Data Files within three (3) days of receipt of said request

(viii) to, upon receipt of a request from CPS, immediately begin the process of returning all Data Files over to CPS and subsequently erasing and/or otherwise destroying any Data Files, be it digital or physical form, still in Contractor's possession such that Contractor is no longer in possession of any student work belonging to CPS and to provide CPS with any and all Data Files in Contractor's possession, custody or control within seven (7) days of receipt of said request.

(ix) to, in the event of the Contractor's cessation of operations, promptly return all Data Files to CPS in an organized, manageable manner and subsequently erasing and/or otherwise destroying any Data Files, be it digital or physical form, still in Contractor's possession such that Contractor is no longer in possession of any student work belonging to CPS.

(x) to delete CPS Data Files that it collects or receives under this Agreement once the Services referenced in this Agreement lapses.

(xi) to, upon receipt of a litigation hold request from CPS, immediately implement a litigation hold and preserve all documents and data relevant identified by CPS and suspend deletion, overwriting, or any other possible destruction of documentation and data identified in, related to, arising out of and/or relevant to the litigation hold.

4. Contractor certifies under the penalties of perjury that it complies with all federal and state laws, regulations and rules as such laws may apply to the receipt, storing, maintenance or access to

personal information, including without limitation, all standards for the protection of personal information of residents of the Commonwealth and maintaining safeguards for personal information. Contractor hereby further certifies under penalties of perjury that it has a written comprehensive information security program that is in compliance with the provisions of 201 C.M.R. 17.00 *et seq*. Further, the Contractor hereby certifies under the penalties of perjury that it shall fully comply with the provisions of the federal Family Educational Rights Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. §1232g and regulations promulgated thereunder and Massachusetts student record s law and regulations, including without limitation, 603 C.M.R. 23.00 et seq., and to fully protect the confidentiality of any student data and/or personally identifiable information provided to it or its representatives. Contractor further represents and warrants that it has reviewed and complied with all information security programs, plans, guidelines, standards and policies that apply to the work it will be performing, that it will communicate these provisions to and enforce them against its subcontractors and will implement and maintain any other reasonable and appropriate security procedures and practices necessary to protect personal information and/or student record information from unauthorized access, destruction, use, modification, disclosure or loss. Contractor also represents and warrants that if personal information and/or student record information is to be stored on a laptop or other mobile electronic device, that such electronic devices are encrypted and that all such devices will be scanned at the completion of any contract or service agreement and/or research study or project to ensure that no personal information and/or student record information is stored on such electronic devices. Furthermore, Contractor represents and warrants that it has in place a service that will allow it to wipe the hard drive on any stolen laptop or mobile electronic device remotely and have purchased locks for all laptops and mobile electronic devices and have a protocol in place to ensure use by employees.

5. Contractor represents that it is authorized to bind to the terms of this Agreement, including confidentiality and destruction of Data Files and any personally identifiable student data contained therein, all related or associated institutions, individuals, employees or contractors who may have access to the Data Files and/or any personally identifiable student data contained therein, or may own, lease or control equipment or facilities of any kind where the Data Files and any personally identifiable student data contained therein is stored, maintained or used in any way.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and in consideration of the mutual convenants set forth herein and for other good and valuable consideration, and intending to be legally bound, each party has caused this Agreement to be duly executed as a Massachusetts instrument under seal as of the day and year first written above.

INSERT NAME OF CONTRACTOR	CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
_____	_____
Name	Jeffrey M. Young, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools
_____	
Title	

Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12131)
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
Tax Compliance/Anti-Collusion Statement
Debarment Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act (the "Act") applies to all employers of fifteen or more employees. All vendors that are subject to the Act must comply with its provisions. In further compliance with the Act, all Contractors who enter into contracts with the City are prohibited from discrimination against the City's employees, regardless of the size of the Contractor.

The Act protects against discrimination on the basis of "disability", which is defined as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits at least one "major life activity"; discrimination against a person having a history or record of such impairment; and discrimination against an individual regarded - even if inaccurately - as having such an impairment. The Act also expressly prohibits discrimination that is based on an individual's relationship or association with a disabled person.

The Contractor shall not discriminate against any qualified employee or job applicant with a disability and will make the activities, programs and services covered by any contract awarded through this procurement readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities. To be qualified for a job, or to avail oneself of the Contractor's services, the individual with the disability must meet the essential eligibility requirements for receipt of the Contractor's services or participation in the Contractor's programs or activities with or without: 1) reasonable modifications to the Contractor's rules, policies and practices; 2) removal of architectural, communication, or transportation barriers; or, 3) provisions of auxiliary aids and services.

By submitting its contract, the Contractor certifies to the City of Cambridge that it understands and will comply with all applicable provisions of the Act, including compliance with applicable provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, if the Contractor is receiving federal funds.

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

As required by M.G.L. c. 62C, §49A, the undersigned certifies under the penalties of perjury that the Contractor has complied with all laws of the commonwealth relating to taxes, reporting of employees and contractors, and withholding and remitting child support.

The undersigned certifies that it is not currently subject to any State or Federal debarment order.

Date: _____

_____
(Print Name of person signing bid)

_____
(Signature & Title)

Chapter 2.121

LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE

Sections:

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2.121.010 Title and Purpose.

This Chapter shall be known as the "Cambridge Living Wage Ordinance". The purpose of this ordinance is to assure that employees of the City of Cambridge and employees of City contractors, subcontractors and beneficiaries of tax abatements, loans, grants, subsidies and other assistance provided by the City earn an hourly wage that is needed to support a family of four.

2.121.020 Definitions.

For the purposes of this ordinance, the term:
(a) "Applicable Department" means the Personnel Department for employees of the City of Cambridge, the Purchasing Department, with the advice and assistance of the appropriate department which receives the services, for Covered Employers who contract or subcontract with the City of Cambridge, the School Department for employees, contractors and subcontractors of the School Department, and the City Manager's Office for any other Person who is a Beneficiary of assistance other than a contract or subcontract.

(b) "Assistance" means:

(1) any grant, loan, tax incentive, bond financing, subsidy, or other form of assistance valued at least $10,000 that an employer receives by or through the authority or approval of the City of Cambridge, including, but not limited to, c. 121A tax abatements, industrial development bonds, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) loans and grants, Enterprise Zone designations awarded after the effective date of this Chapter, and the lease of city owned land or buildings below market value; and

(2) any service contract, as defined herein, of at least $10,000 with the City of Cambridge that is made with an employer to provide services pursuant to G.L.c. 30B or other public procurement laws, awarded, renegotiated or renewed after the effective date of this Chapter.

(3) any service subcontract, as defined herein, of at least $10,000.

(c) "Beneficiary" means:

(1) any person who is a recipient of Assistance;

(2) any company or person that is a tenant or sub-tenant, leaseholder or sub-leaseholder of a recipient of Assistance, provided that said company or person employs at least 25 persons and occupies property or uses equipment or property that is improved or developed as a result of Assistance, after the effective date of this Chapter; and

(d) "Covered Employer" means the City of Cambridge or a Beneficiary of Assistance.

(e) "Covered Employee" means:

(1) a person employed by the City of Cambridge except for persons in those positions listed in Section 2.121.040(j) of this ordinance; and

(2) a person employed by a Covered Employer, or a person employed by an independent contractor doing business with a Covered Employer, who would directly expend any of his or her time on the activities funded by the contract or the activities for which the Beneficiary received the Assistance, except for persons in those positions listed in Section 2.121.040(j) of this ordinance..

(f) "Living Wage" has the meaning stated in Section 2.121.030.

(g) "Person" means one or more of the following or their agents, employees, servants, representatives, and legal representatives: individuals, corporations, partnerships, joint ventures, associations, labor organizations, educational institutions, mutual companies, joint-stock companies, trusts, unincorporated organizations, trustees, trustees in bankruptcy, receivers, fiduciaries, and all other entities recognized at law by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

(h) "Service Contract" means a contract let to a contractor by the City of Cambridge for the furnishing of services, to or for the City, except contracts where services are incidental to the delivery of products, equipment or commodities. A contract for the purchase or lease of goods, products, equipment, supplies or other property is not a "service contract" for the purposes of this definition.

(i) "Service Subcontract" means a subcontract primarily for the furnishing of services, to or for a recipient of Assistance, except where services are incidental to the delivery of products, equipment or commodities. A contract for the purchase or lease of goods, products, equipment, supplies or other property is not a "service subcontract" for the purposes of this definition.

2.121.030 Living Wage.

(a) Applicability. Covered Employers shall pay no less than the Living Wage to their employees.

(b) Amount of wage. The Living Wage shall be calculated on an hourly basis and shall be no less than $10.00, subject to adjustment as provided herein. The Living Wage shall be upwardly adjusted each year no later than March first in proportion to the increase at the immediately preceding December 31 over the year earlier level of the Annual Average Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI -U) Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA - NH, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor applied to $10.00.

(c) No reduction in collective bargaining wage rates. Nothing in this Chapter shall be read to require or authorize any beneficiary to reduce wages set by a collective bargaining agreement.

(d) Cuts in non-wage benefits prohibited. No Beneficiary will fund wage increases required by this Chapter, or otherwise respond to the provisions of this Chapter, by reducing the health, insurance, pension, vacation, or other non-wage benefits of any of its employees.

2.121.040 Waivers and Exceptions.

(a) Waivers. A Covered Employer may request that the City Manager grant a partial or whole waiver to the requirements of this Chapter.

(b) General Waivers. Waivers may be granted where application of this Chapter to a particular form of Assistance is found by the City Solicitor to violate a specific state or federal statutory, regulatory or constitutional provision or provisions, and the City Manager approves the waiver on that basis.

(c) Hardship Waivers for certain not-for-profit employers. An employer, who has a contract with the City of Cambridge which is not subject to the provisions of G.L. c. 30B, may apply to the City Manager for a specific waiver where payment of the Living Wage by a not-for-profit Covered Employer would cause a substantial hardship to the Covered Employer.

(d) Chapter 30B contract waivers. Prior to issuing an invitation for bids for a procurement contract subject to the provisions of G.L. c. 30B, any Applicable Department may apply to the City Manager for a waiver of the application of the Living Wage to the contract where payment of the Living Wage by a Covered Employer would make it inordinately expensive for the City to contract for the services or would result in a significant loss of services, because the contracted work cannot be segregated from the other work of the Covered Employer.

(e) General Waiver Request Contents. All General Waiver requests shall include the following:

(1) The nature of the Assistance to which this Chapter applies;

(2) The specific or official name of the Assistance and Assistance program, the statutory or regulatory authority for the granting of the Assistance, and a copy of that authority;

(3) The conflicting statutory, regulatory, or constitutional provision or provisions that makes compliance with this Chapter unlawful, and a copy of each such provision; and

(4) A factual explication and legal analysis of how compliance with this Chapter would violate the cited provision or provisions, and the legal consequences that would attach if the violation were to occur.

(f) Hardship Waiver Request Contents. All Hardship Waiver requests shall include the following:

(1) The nature of the Assistance to which this Chapter applies;

(2) A detailed explanation of why payment of the Living Wage would cause a substantial hardship to the Covered Employer; and

(3) A statement of proposed wages below the Living Wage.

(g) Chapter 30B Contract Waiver Request Contents. A Chapter 30B contract waiver request shall include the following:

(1) The nature of the Assistance to which this Chapter applies;

(2) A detailed explanation of why the contracted work cannot be segregated from the other work of the bidding Covered Employers thereby making the cost of the contract with the payment of the Living Wage inordinately expensive or would result in a significant loss of services;

(h) Community Advisory Board review and recommendation regarding waiver requests. The Community Advisory Board, as described in Section 2.121.070 of this ordinance, shall consider waiver requests along with their supporting documentation and analysis, and may hold a public hearing to consider the views of the public before making a recommendation to the City Manager regarding the waiver request. For a hardship waiver, the Community Advisory Board shall offer an opportunity to be heard to employees of the Covered Employer. After reviewing the recommendation of the Community Advisory Board, the City Manager may approve and grant or deny all or part of a request. The City Manager may in his or her discretion grant a temporary hardship waiver pending the hearing before the Community Advisory Board. For Chapter 30B contract waivers, the Community Advisory Board shall make its recommendation to the City Manager no more than thirty days after it is notified of the request for a Chapter 30B contract waiver.

(i) Terms of exceptions. If an employer is subject to this Chapter as a result of its receipt of more than one kind of Assistance covered by this Chapter, and if the City Manager grants a waiver with respect to one form of Assistance, the City Manager need not find that this Chapter is inapplicable to the employer with respect to another form of Assistance received by the employer.

(j) Exceptions. The following positions will be excepted from the requirement of the payment of the Living Wage upon certification in an affidavit in a form approved by the Applicable Department and signed by a principal officer of the Covered Employer that the positions are as follows:

(1) youth hired pursuant to a city, state, or federally funded program which employs youth as defined by city, state, or federal guidelines, during the summer, or as part of a school to work program, or in other related seasonal or part-time program;

(2) work-study or cooperative educational programs;

(3) trainees who are given a stipend or wage as part of a job training program that provides the trainees with additional services, which may include, but are not limited to, room and board, case management, or job readiness services.

(4) persons working in a recognized supported employment program that provides workers with additional services, which may include, but are not limited to, room and board, case management, counseling, or job coaching:

(5) positions where housing is provided by the employer;

(6) employees who are exempt from federal or state minimum wage requirements; and

(7) individuals employed by the City of Cambridge where the employment of such individuals is intended primarily to provide a benefit or subsidy to such individuals, although the City is compensating them for work performed.

2.121.050 Notification Requirements.

All Applicable Departments shall provide in writing an explanation of the requirements of this ordinance in all requests for bids for service contracts and to all persons applying for Assistance as defined by this ordinance. All persons who have signed a service contract with the City of Cambridge or a contract for Assistance shall forward a copy of such requirements to any person submitting a bid for a subcontract on the Assistance contract.

2.121.060 Duties of Covered Employers.

(a) Notification Requirements. Covered employers shall provide each Covered employee with a fact sheet about this ordinance and shall post a notice about the ordinance in a conspicuous location visible to all employees. The fact sheet and poster shall be provided to the Covered Employer by the Applicable Department and shall include:

(1) notice of the Living Wage amount;

(2) a summary of the provisions of this ordinance;

(3) a description of the enforcement provisions of the ordinance;

(4) the name, address, and phone number of a person designated by the Applicable Department to whom complaints of noncompliance with this ordinance should be directed.

(b) Contract for Assistance. At the time of signing a contract for assistance with the City of Cambridge or with a Beneficiary, the contract must include the following:

(1) the name of the program or project under which the contract or subcontract is being awarded;

(2) a local contact name, address, and phone number for the Beneficiary;

(3) a written commitment by the Beneficiary to pay all Covered Employees not less than the Living Wage as subject to adjustment under this ordinance and to comply with the provisions of this ordinance;

(4) a list of Covered Employees under the contract with the employees' job titles;

(5) a list of all subcontracts either awarded or that will be awarded to Beneficiaries with funds from the Assistance. Upon signing any subcontracts, the Covered Employer shall forward a copy of the subcontract to the Applicable Department.

(c) Maintenance of payroll records. Each Covered Employer shall maintain payrolls for all Covered Employees and basic records relating thereto and shall preserve them for a period of three years. The records shall contain the name and address of each employee, the job title and classification, the number of hours worked each day, the gross wages, deductions made, actual wages paid, and copies of social security wage and withholding reports, and evidence of payment thereof and such other data as may be required by the Applicable Department from time to time.

(d) Applicable Department duties. The Applicable Department shall cause investigations to be made as may be necessary to determine whether there has been compliance with this Ordinance. The Applicable Department shall report the findings of all such investigations to the Community Advisory Board.

(e) Covered Employer to cooperate. The Covered Employer shall submit payroll records on request to the Applicable Department. The Covered Employer shall permit City representatives to observe work being performed upon the work site, to interview employees and to examine the books and records relating to the payrolls being investigated to determine payment of wages.

(f) City Assistance Reports. Each Applicable Department shall file a City Assistance Report with the City Manager and the Community Advisory Board by July 31 of each year The report shall include, for each Assistance package or contract approved during the preceding fiscal year:

(1) the name of the Applicable Department (awarding agency), the name of the specific program under which the Assistance was awarded, and the origin of funds for Assistance;

(2) a description of the purpose or project for which the Assistance was awarded;

(3) the name, address, and phone number of a local contact person for the Covered Employer;

(4) the total cost to the City of Assistance provided to each Beneficiary, including both face-value of Assistance, as well as revenue not collected as a result of the Assistance.

2.121.070 Community Advisory Board.

(a) Purpose. The purpose of the Community Advisory Board shall be to review the effectiveness of this Ordinance at creating and retaining Living Wage jobs, to make recommendations to the City Manager regarding the granting of Waivers to Covered Employers, to review the implementation and enforcement of this ordinance, and to make recommendations from time to time in connection therewith.

(b) Composition. The Community Advisory Board shall be composed of nine members and shall include representatives of labor unions, community organizations and the business community. All members will be appointed by the City Manager. Members of the Board shall serve a three-year term. Whenever a vacancy shall occur the City Manager shall appoint a replacement within thirty days of said vacancy.

(c) Meetings. The Community Advisory Board shall meet quarterly and in special session as required. All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public and will allow for public testimony on the uses of the City Assistance generally, and on specific instances of Assistance or proposed Assistance as received or sought by individual enterprises.

(d) Conflict of Interest. No member of the Community Advisory Board shall participate in any proceeding concerning a Beneficiary, a Covered Employer or a Covered Employee, or applicant for waiver or exemption, if the member or any member of his or her immediate family has a direct or indirect financial interest in the outcome of said proceeding.

2.121.080 Enforcement.

(a) Enforcement powers. In order to enforce this Chapter, the Applicable Department may, with the approval and assistance of the City Solicitor, issue subpoenas, compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses and production of books, papers, records, and documents relating to payroll records necessary for hearing, investigations, and proceedings. In case of failure to comply with a subpoena, the City may apply to a court of appropriate jurisdiction for an order requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the productions of books, papers, records, and documents. Said court, in the case of a refusal to comply with any such subpoena, after notice to the person subpoenaed, and upon finding that the attendance or testimony of such witnesses or the production of such books, papers, records, and documents, as the case may be, is relevant or necessary for such hearings, investigation, or proceedings, may issue an order requiring the attendance or testimony of such witnesses or the production of such documents and any violation of the court's order may be punishable by the court as contempt thereof.

(b) Complaint procedures. An employee who believes that he or she is a Covered Employee or an applicant for a position to be filled by a Covered Employee who believes that his or her employer is not complying with requirements of

this Chapter applicable to the employer may file a complaint with the Applicable Department or with the Community Advisory Board. Complaints of alleged violations may also be filed by concerned citizens or by the City Council.

Complaints of alleged violations may be made at any time, but in no event more than three years after the last date of alleged violation, and shall be investigated promptly by the Applicable Department. Statements written or oral, made by an employee, shall be treated as confidential and shall not be disclosed to the Covered Employer without the consent of the employee.

(c) Investigations and hearings. The Applicable Department shall investigate the complaint, and may, in conjunction with the City Solicitor, and in accordance with the powers herein granted, require the production by the employer of such evidence as required to determine compliance. Prior to ordering any penalty the applicable Department shall give notice to the employer and conduct a hearing. If at any time during these proceedings, the employer voluntarily makes restitution of the wages not paid to the employee making the complaint and to any similarly situated employees, by paying all back wages owed plus interest at the average prior year Massachusetts passbook savings bank rate, or otherwise remedies the violation alleged if the violation involves matters other than wages, then the Applicable Department shall thereafter dismiss the complaint against the employer.

(d) Remedies. In the event that the Applicable Department, after notice and hearing, determines that any Covered Employer has failed to pay the Living Wage rate or has otherwise violated the provisions of this Chapter, the Applicable Department may order any or all of the following penalties and relief:

(1) Fines up to the amount of $300 for each Covered Employee for each day that the Covered Employer is in violation of this Ordinance, except if the violation was not knowing and willful, then the total fine shall not exceed the amount of back wages plus interest owed;

(2) Suspension of ongoing contract and subcontract payments;

(3) Ineligibility for future City Assistance for up to three years beginning when all penalties and restitution have been paid in full. In addition, all Covered Employers having any principal officers who were principal officers of a barred beneficiary shall be ineligible under this section; and

(4) Any other action deemed appropriate and within the discretion and authority of the city.

Remedies in this section shall also apply to the party or parties aiding and abetting in any violation of this chapter.

(e) Private right of action. Any Covered Employee, or any person who was formerly employed by a Beneficiary, may bring an action to enforce the provisions of this Chapter to recover back pay and benefits, attorneys fees and costs, by filing suit against a Beneficiary in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(f) Remedies herein non-exclusive. No remedy set forth in this Chapter is intended to be exclusive or a prerequisite for asserting a claim for relief to enforce the right granted under this Chapter in a court of law. This Chapter shall not be construed to limit an employee's right to bring a common law cause of action for wrongful termination.

(g) Retaliation and discrimination barred. A Covered Employer shall not discharge, reduce the compensation or otherwise retaliate against any employee for making a complaint to the City, otherwise asserting his or her rights under this Chapter, participating in any of its proceedings or using any civil remedies to enforce his or her rights under the Chapter. The City shall investigate allegations of retaliation or discrimination and shall, if found to be true, after notice and a hearing, order appropriate relief as set out in paragraphs (c) and (d) herein

2.121.090 Severability.

In the event any provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provisions hereof.

2.121.100 Effective Date.

This law shall be effective sixty (60) after final passage.

Living Wage Ordinance (2.121) provides, at 1.121.030(b) that the wage shall be upwardly adjusted each year no later than March 1st in proportion to the increase in the Annual Average Consumer Price Index for the prior calendar year for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) in the Boston area, as published by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

For calendar year 1999, the CPI-U increased by 2.5%. Therefore the new living wage, as of March 1, 2000 is $10.25.

For calendar year 2000, the CPI-U increased by 4.3%. Therefore the new living wage, as of March 1, 2001 is $ 10.68.

For calendar year 2001, the CPI-U increased by 4.3%. Therefore the new living wage, as of March 1, 2002 is $11.11.

For calendar year 2002, the CPI-U increased by 2.6% . Therefore the new living wage, as of March 1, 2003 is $11.37.

The City Council has voted to amend the section of the Living Wage Ordinance (1.121.030 (b) that provides the method for calculating cost of living increases each year. As a result of this change, the living wage as of March 30, 2003 is $11.44.

For calendar year 2003, the CPI-U increased by 3.76%. Therefore the new living wage, as of March 1, 2004 is $11.87.

For calendar year 2004, the CPI-U increased by 2.7%. Therefore the new living wage, as of March 1, 2005 is $12.19.

For calendar year 2005, the CPI-U increased by 3.3%. Therefore the new living wage, as of March 1, 2006 is $12.59.

For calendar year 2006 the CPI-U increased by 3.1 %. Therefore the new living wage, as of March 1, 2007 is $12.98.

For calendar year 2007 the CPI-U increased by 1.9 %. Therefore the new living wage, as of March 1, 2008 is $13.23.

For calendar year 2008 the CPI-U increased by 3.5 %. Therefore the new living wage, as of March 1, 2009 is $13.69.

For calendar year 2009 the CPI-U decreased by .67 %. Therefore the new living wage, as of March 1, 2010 will remain at $13.69.

For calendar year 2010 the CPI-U increased by 1.57%. Therefore the new living wage, as of March 1, 2011 is $13.90.

For calendar year 2011 the CPI-U increased by 2.71%. Therefore the new living wage, as of March 1, 2012 is $14.28.

For calendar year 2012 the CPI-U increased by 1.58%. Therefore the new living wage, as of March 1, 2013 is $14.51.

For calendar year 2013 the CPI-U increased by 1.37%.Therefore the new living wage, as of March 1, 2014 is $14.71.

For calendar year 2014 the CPI-U increased by 1.61% Therefore the new living wage, as of March 1, 2015 is $14.95.

CORI COMPLIANCE FORM

Persons and businesses supplying goods and/or services to the City of Cambridge ("Vendors"), who are required by law to perform CORI checks, are further required by Section 2.112.060 of the Cambridge Municipal Code to employ fair policies, practices and standards relating to the screening and identification of persons with criminal backgrounds through the CORI system. Such Vendors, when entering into contracts with the City of Cambridge, must affirm that their policies, practices and standards regarding CORI information are consistent with the policies, practices and standards employed by the City of Cambridge as set forth in the City of Cambridge CORI Policy ("CORI Policy") attached hereto.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies under penalties of perjury that the Vendor employs CORI related policies, practices and standards that are consistent with the provisions of the attached CORI Policy. **All Vendors must check one of the three lines below**.

1. _____ CORI checks are not performed on any Applicants.

2. _____ CORI checks are performed on some or all Applicants. The Vendor, by affixing a signature below, affirms under penalties of perjury that its CORI policies, practices and standards are consistent with the policies, practices and standards set forth in the attached CORI Policy.

3. _____ CORI checks are performed on some or all Applicants. The Vendor's CORI policies, practices and standards are not consistent with the attached CORI Policy. Please explain on a separate sheet of paper.

_____ _____
(Typed or printed name of person signing quotation, bid or Proposal) Signature

_____
(Name of Business)

NOTE:
The City Manager, in his sole discretion may grant a waiver to any Vendor on a contract by contract basis.

Instructions for Completing CORI Compliance Form:
A Vendor should not check Line 1 unless it performs NO CORI checks on ANY applicant. A Vendor who checks Line 2 certifies that the Vendor's CORI policy conforms to the policies, practices and standards set forth in the City's CORI Policy. A Vendor with a CORI policy that does NOT conform to the City's CORI Policy must check Line 3 and explain the reasons for its nonconformance in writing. Vendors, who check Line 3, will not be permitted to enter into contracts with the City, absent a waiver by the City Manager.

This form must be submitted with your bid

City of Cambridge CORI Policy

1. Where Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) checks are part of a general background check for employment or volunteer work, the following practices and procedures will generally be followed.

2. CORI checks will only be conducted as authorized by Criminal History Systems Board (CHSB). All applicants will be notified that a CORI check will be conducted. If requested, the applicant will be provided with a copy of the CORI policy.

3. An informed review of a criminal record requires adequate training. Accordingly, all personnel authorized to review CORI in the decision-making process will be thoroughly familiar with the educational materials made available by the CHSB.

4. Prior to initiating a CORI check, the City will review the qualifications of the applicant to determine if the applicant is otherwise qualified for the relevant position. The City will not conduct a CORI check on an applicant that is not otherwise qualified for the relevant position.

5. Unless otherwise provided by law, a criminal record will not automatically disqualify an applicant. Rather, determination of suitability based on CORI checks will be made consistent with this policy and any applicable law or regulations.

6. If a criminal record is received from CHSB, the authorized individual will closely compare the record provided by CHSB with the information on the CORI request form and any other identifying information provided by the applicant, to ensure the record relates to the applicant.

7. If, in receiving a CORI report, the City receives information it is not authorized to receive (e.g. cases with dispositions such as not guilty or dismissal, in circumstances where the City is only authorized to receive convictions or case-pending information), the City will inform the applicant and provide the applicant with a copy of the report and a copy of CHSB's *Information Concerning the Process in Correcting a Criminal Record* so that the applicant may pursue correction with the CHSB.

8. If the City of Cambridge is planning to make an adverse decision based on the results of the CORI check, the applicant will be notified immediately. The applicant shall be provided with a copy of the criminal record and the City's CORI policy, advised of the part(s) of the record that make the individual unsuitable for the position and given an opportunity to dispute the accuracy and relevance of the CORI record.

9. Applicants challenging the accuracy of the criminal record shall be provided a copy of CHSB's *Information Concerning the Process in Correcting a Criminal Record.* If the CORI record provided does not exactly match the identification information provided by the applicant, the City of Cambridge will make a determination based on a comparison of the CORI record and documents provided by the applicant. The City of Cambridge may contact CHSB and request a detailed search consistent with CHSB policy.

10. If the City of Cambridge reasonably believes the record belongs to the applicant and is accurate, then the determination of suitability for the position will be made. Unless otherwise provided by law, factors considered in determining suitability may include, but not be limited to the following:

    (a) Relevance of the crime to the position sought;
    (b) The nature of the work to be performed;
    (c) Time since the conviction;
    (d) Age of the candidate at the time of offense;
    (e) Seriousness and specific circumstances of the offense;
    (f) The number of offenses;
    (g) Whether the applicant has pending charges;
    (h) Any relevant evidence of rehabilitation or lack thereof;

(i) Any other relevant information, including information submitted by the candidate or requested by the City.

11. The Personnel Department will assist affected departments, in assessing the suitability of candidates in accordance with paragraph 10 a through i above, to ensure consistency, fairness, and protection of employment opportunities and the public interest.

12. The City of Cambridge will notify the applicant of the decision and the basis of the decision in a timely manner.

13. CORI information shall not be disseminated or shared with any unauthorized employees or other, but shall be maintained in confidence consistent with the obligations of law.

Revised May 5, 2007

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City of Cambridge

In the Year Two Thousand and Eight

AN ORDINANCE

In amendment to the Ordinance entitled "Municipal Code of the City of Cambridge"

Be it ordained that Cambridge Municipal Code Chapter 2.112 is hereby amended by adding a new Section 2.112.060 entitled "CORI Screening by Vendors of the City of Cambridge" as follows:

Adding after Section 2.112.050 the following new sections:

SECTION 2.112.060

CORI SCREENING BY VENDORS OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Sections:

2.112.061 Purpose
2.112.062 Definitions
2.112.063 CORI-Related Standards of the City of Cambridge
2.112.064 Waiver
2.112.065 Applicability

2.112.061 Purpose

These sections are intended to ensure that the persons and businesses supplying goods and/or services to the City of Cambridge deploy fair policies relating to the screening and identification of persons with criminal backgrounds through the CORI system.

2.112.062 Definitions

Unless specifically indicated otherwise, these definitions shall apply and control.

Awarding Authority means the City of Cambridge Purchasing Agent or designee.

Vendor means any vendor, contractor, or supplier of goods and/or services to the City of Cambridge.

2.112.063 CORI-Related Standards of the City of Cambridge

The City of Cambridge employs CORI-related policies, practices and standards that are fair to all persons involved and seeks to do business with vendors that have substantially similar policies, practices and standards. The City of Cambridge will do business only with vendors who, when required by law to perform CORI checks, employ CORI-related policies, practices, and standards that are consistent with policies, practices and standards employed by the City of

Cambridge. The awarding authority shall consider any vendor's deviation from policies, practices and standards employed by the City of Cambridge as grounds for rejection, rescission, revocation, or any other termination of the contract.

2.112.064 Waiver

The City Manager may grant a waiver to anyone who or which has submitted a request for waiver if it is objectively reasonable; and the City Manager, or a delegate, shall report promptly in writing to the City Council all action taken with respect to every request for a waiver and the reasons for the decision.

2.112.065 Applicability

If any provision of these sections imposes greater restrictions or obligations than those imposed by any other general law, special law, regulation, rule, ordinance, order, or policy then the provisions of these sections shall control.

In City Council January 28, 2008.
Passed to be ordained by a yea and nay vote: -
Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.
Attest: - D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-
D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

City Of Cambridge/Cambridge Public Schools
Articles of Agreement
for Services

Commodity:
File Number:

This agreement is made and entered into this **XX/XX/XX** by and between the **City of Cambridge/Cambridge Public Schools**, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and Consensus Now, a Limited Liability Company existing under the laws of the **XXXXXXX (**"the Contractor").
Address: XXXXXXX
Telephone: xxx-xxx-xxx, Fax: xxx-xxx-xxx, Attention: xxxxxx
Email Address: xxxxxxxxx

Article I. Definition. "This Contract" as used herein shall mean these Articles of Agreement and "the bid documents," which include, but are not limited to, the instructions to bidders, the Contractor's bid or proposal, the specifications, the general conditions, the requirements, the applicable addenda, and all documents and forms submitted with the Contractor's bid or proposal.

Article II. Duration. The Contractor shall commence the performance of this contract for the period beginning on **xx/xx/xx** and ending on **xx/xx/xx.**

Article III. Terms. The Contractor agrees to provide the services all in accordance with the bid documents of **xx/xx/xx.**

Contract Value: xxxxxxxxx

Article IV. Payment. The **City of Cambridge/Cambridge Public Schools** agrees to pay to Contractor the sum set forth in the Contractor's bid or proposal. **Contractor shall invoice department to which it provided the service, not the Purchasing Department.**

Article V. Termination. The following shall constitute events of default under this Contract requiring immediate termination: a) any material misrepresentation made by the Contractor, b) any failure by the Contractor to perform any of its obligations under this Contract including, but not limited to, the following: (i) failure to commence performance of this Contract at the time specified in this Contract due to a reason or circumstance within the Contractor's reasonable control, (ii) failure to perform this Contract with sufficient personnel and equipment or with sufficient material to ensure the completion of this Contract within the specified time due to a reason or circumstance within the Contractor's reasonable control, (iii) failure to perform this Contract in a manner reasonably satisfactory to the **City of Cambridge/Cambridge Public Schools**, (iv) failure to promptly re-perform within reasonable time the services that were rejected by the **City of Cambridge/Cambridge Public Schools** as erroneous or unsatisfactory, (v) discontinuance of the services for reasons not beyond the Contractor's reasonable control, (vi) failure to comply with a material term of this Contract, including, but not limited to, the provision of insurance and nondiscrimination, and (vii) any other acts specifically and expressly stated in this Contract as constituting a basis for termination of this Contract.

Except as otherwise provided in the Articles of Agreement, the **City of Cambridge/Cambridge Public Schools** may terminate the contract upon seven days notice.

Article VI . Damages. From any sums due to the Contractor for services, the **City Of Cambridge/Cambridge Public Schools** may keep for its own the whole or any part of the amount for expenses, losses and damages as

NAME OF BIDDER:_____

Sample

directed by the Purchasing Agent, incurred by the City as a consequence of procuring services as a result of any failure, omission or mistake of the Contractor in providing services as provided in this Contract.

Article VII. Conflict. In the event there is a conflict between these Articles and the bid documents, the bid documents shall supersede these articles.

Article VIII. Governing laws and ordinances. This Contract is made subject to all the laws of the Commonwealth and the Ordinances of the **City Of Cambridge** and if any such clause thereof does not conform to such laws or ordinances, such clause shall be void (the remainder of the Contract shall not be affected) and the laws or ordinances shall be operative in lieu thereof.

Article IX. Performance Security. Upon execution of this Contract by the Contractor, the Contractor shall furnish to the **City of Cambridge/Cambridge Public Schools** security for the faithful performance of this Contract in the amount of **____0%____** of the value of the bid in the form of a performance bond issued by a surety satisfactory to the city or in the form of a certified check.

Article X. Equal Opportunity. the Contractor in the performance of all work under this contract will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, sex, age, religious creed, disability, national origin or ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, military status, or source of income in the employment practices or in the selection or retention of subcontractors, and in the procurement of materials and rental of equipment. The **City of Cambridge/Cambridge Public Schools** may cancel, terminate or suspend the contract in whole or in part for any violation of this article.

Article XI. Assign ability. The Contractor shall not assign, sell, subcontract or transfer any interest in this contract without prior written consent of the city.

In witness whereof the parties have hereto and to four other identical instruments set their hands the day and year first above written.

Approved as to Form subject to the approval of the School Committee:

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City Manager

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Secretary of the School Committee
For the Cambridge School Committee

The Contractor:

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Signature

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Name (printed)

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Amy L. Witts
Purchasing Agent

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