

CITY OF ANN ARBOR
INVITATION TO BID



Bituminous Patching Materials

ITB No. 4639

Due Date: July 10, 2020 at 2:00 P.M. (Local Time)

Public Services, Public Works

Issued By:

City of Ann Arbor
Procurement Unit
301 E. Huron Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

General

The City of Ann Arbor's Procurement Office is soliciting bids for the purchase of bituminous patching materials based on the specifications provided herein. The pricing provided for this ITB shall be firm for two (2) years. Upon mutual agreement between the City and the vendor the pricing provided in this ITB may be extended for one (1) additional one (1) year period not to exceed three (3) years in total. It shall be understood that a onetime cost escalator of no greater than 3% may be added to the submitted rates. A written request from the bidder at the end of the original contract period will be required to consider any rate adjustments.

Any Bid which does not conform fully to these instructions may be rejected.

Preparation of Bids

Bids should be prepared providing a straight-forward, concise description of the Bidder's ability to meet the requirements of the ITB. Bids shall be written in ink or typewritten. No erasures are permitted. Mistakes may be crossed out and corrected and must be initialed and dated in ink by the person signing the Bid.

Bids must be submitted on the "Bid Forms" provided with each blank properly filled in. If forms are not fully completed it may disqualify the bid. No alternative bid will be considered unless alternative bids are specifically requested. If alternatives are requested, any deviation from the specification must be fully described, in detail on a clearly marked "Alternate" section of Bid form.

Each person signing the Bid certifies that he/she is the person in the Bidder's firm/organization responsible for the decision as to the fees being offered in the Bid and has not and will not participated in any action contrary to the terms of this provision.

Questions or Clarifications / Designated City Contacts

All questions regarding this ITB shall be submitted via email. Emailed questions and inquires will be accepted from any and all prospective Bidders in accordance with the terms and conditions of the ITB.

All questions shall be due on or before **July 6, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m.** and should be addressed as follows:

Specification/Scope of Work questions emailed to Paul Matthews, pmatthews@a2gov.org
Bid Process and Compliance questions emailed to Colin Spencer, CSpencer@a2gov.org

Any error, omissions or discrepancies in the specification discovered by a prospective contractor and/or service provider shall be brought to the attention of Colin Spencer at cspencer@a2gov.org after discovery as possible. Further, the contractor and/or service provider shall not be allowed to take advantage of errors, omissions or discrepancies in the specifications.

Addenda

If it becomes necessary to revise any part of the ITB, notice of the Addendum will be posted to Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network (MITN) www.mitn.info and/or City of Ann Arbor web site www.A2gov.org for all parties to download.

Each Bidder must in its Bid, to avoid any miscommunications, acknowledge all addenda which it has received, but the failure of a Bidder to receive, or acknowledge receipt of; any addenda shall not relieve the Bidder of the responsibility for complying with the terms thereof.

The City will not be bound by oral responses to inquiries or written responses other than written addenda.

Bid Submission

All Bids are due and must be delivered to the City of Ann Arbor Procurement Unit on or before **July 10, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. (Local time)**. Bids submitted late or via oral, telephonic, telegraphic, electronic mail or facsimile **will not** be considered or accepted.

Each Bidder should submit one (1) original Bid and one (1) Bid copy in a sealed envelope clearly marked: ITB No. 4639 – Bituminous Patching Materials

Bids must be addressed and delivered to:

City of Ann Arbor
Procurement Unit,
c/o Customer Services, 1st Floor
301 East Huron Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

All Bids received on or before the Due Date will be publicly opened and recorded immediately. No immediate decisions are rendered.

The following forms provided within this ITB Document should be included in submitted bids.

- **Vendor Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form**
- **City of Ann Arbor Non-Discrimination Ordinance Declaration of Compliance**

Bids that fail to provide these forms listed above upon bid opening may be rejected as non-responsive and may not be considered for award.

Hand delivered bids may be dropped off in the Purchasing drop box located in the Ann Street (north) vestibule of City Hall. The City will not be liable to any Bidder for any unforeseen circumstances, delivery or postal delays. Postmarking to the Due Date will not substitute for receipt of the Bid. Each Bidder is responsible for submission of their Bid.

Additional time for submission of bids past the stated due date and time will not be granted to a single Bidder; however, additional time may be granted to all Bidders when the City determines in its sole discretion that circumstances warrant it.

Award

The City intends to award a Contract/Purchase Order to the lowest responsible Bidder(s) providing the best value to the City. The City may, at its sole discretion, award line-by-line in the best interest of value to the City.

Responsible bidder means a bid submitted, which conforms in all aspects of the requirements set forth in the invitation to bid. All aspects could include references, past experience, past performance, and qualifications.

Official Documents

The City of Ann Arbor officially distributes bid documents from the Procurement Unit or through the Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network (MITN). Copies of the bid documents obtained from any other source are not Official copies. Addenda and other bid information will only be

posted to these official distribution sites. If you obtained City of Ann Arbor Bid documents from other sources, it is recommended that you register on www.MITN.info and obtain an official Bid.

Taxes

Municipalities are exempt from Michigan State Sales and Federal Excise taxes. Do not include such taxes in the bid figure(s). The City will furnish the successful bidder with tax exemption certificates when requested.

Withdrawal of Bids

After the time of opening, no Bid may be withdrawn for the period of one-hundred and twenty (120) days.

Non-Discrimination Requirements

All contractors proposing to do business with the City shall satisfy the non-discrimination administrative policy adopted by the City Administrator in accordance with the Section 9:158 of the Ann Arbor City Code. Breach of the obligation not to discriminate shall be a material breach of the contract. Contractors are required to post a copy of Ann Arbor's Non-Discrimination Ordinance attached at all work locations where its employees provide services under a contract with the City.

Conflict Of Interest Disclosure

The City of Ann Arbor Purchasing Policy requires that prospective Vendors complete a Conflict of Interest Disclosure form. A contract may not be awarded to the selected Vendor unless and until the Procurement Unit and the City Administrator have reviewed the Disclosure form and determined that no conflict exists under applicable federal, state, or local law or administrative regulation. Not every relationship or situation disclosed on the Disclosure Form may be a disqualifying conflict. Depending on applicable law and regulations, some contracts may awarded on the recommendation of the City Administrator after full disclosure, where such action is allowed by law, if demonstrated competitive pricing exists and/or it is determined the award is in the best interest of the City. A copy of the Vendor Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form is attached.

Debarment

Submission of a Bid in response to this ITB is certification that the Bidder is not currently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, and declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any State or Federal departments or agency. Submission is also agreement that the City will be notified of any changes in this status.

Disclosures

After bids are opened, all information in a submitter's bid is subjected to disclosure under the provisions of Michigan Public Act No. 442 of 1976, as amended (MCL 15.231 et seq.) known as the "Freedom of Information Act." The Freedom of Information Act also provides for the complete disclosure of contracts and attachments thereto except where specifically exempted.

Bid Protest

All Bid protests must be in writing and filed with the Purchasing Agent within five (5) business days of the award action. The bidder must clearly state the reasons for the protest. If a bidder contacts a City Service Area/Unit and indicates a desire to protest an award, the Service Area/Unit shall refer the bidder to the Purchasing Agent. The Purchasing Agent will provide the bidder with the appropriate instructions for filing the protest. The protest shall be reviewed by the City Administrator or designee whose decision shall be final.

Any inquiries or requests regarding this procurement should be only submitted in writing to the

Designated City Contacts provided herein. Attempts by the Offeror to initiate contact with anyone other than the Designated City Contacts provided herein that the prospective Offeror believes can influence the procurement decision, e.g., Elected Officials, City Administrator, Selection Committee Members, Appointed Committee Members, etc., may lead to immediate elimination from further consideration.

Cost Liability

The City of Ann Arbor assumes no responsibility or liability for costs incurred by the Bidder prior to the execution of a contract with the City. By submitting a bid, a bidder agrees to bear all costs incurred or related to the preparation, submission and selection process for the bid.

Reservation of Rights

The City of Ann Arbor reserves the right to accept any bid or alternative bid proposed in whole or in part, to reject any or all bids or alternatives bids in whole or in part and to waive irregularity and/or informalities in any bid and to make the award in any manner deemed in the best interest of the City.

Environmental Commitment

The City of Ann Arbor recognizes its responsibility to minimize negative impacts on human health and the environment while supporting a vibrant community and economy. The City further recognizes that the products and services the City buys have inherent environmental and economic impacts and that the City should make procurement decisions that embody, promote, and encourage the City's commitment to the environment.

The City encourages potential vendors to bring forward emerging and progressive products and services that are best suited to the City's environmental principles.

INVITATION TO BID

City of Ann Arbor
Guy C. Larcom Municipal Building
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned, as Bidder, declares that this Bid is made in good faith, without fraud or collusion with any person or persons bidding on the same Contract; that this Bidder has carefully read and examined the bid documents, including City Nondiscrimination requirements, Vendor Conflict of Interest Form, Instructions to Bidders, Bid Forms, Purchase Order Terms and Conditions, General Conditions, Detailed Specifications, and all Addenda, and understands them. The Bidder declares that it conducted a full investigation of the work proposed and is fully informed as to the nature of the work and the conditions relating to the work's performance.

The Bidder acknowledges that it has not received or relied upon any representations or warrants of any nature whatsoever from the City of Ann Arbor, its agents or employees, and that this Bid is based solely upon the Bidder's own independent business judgment.

In accordance with these bid documents, and Addenda numbered _____, the undersigned, as Bidder, proposes to deliver to the City all product/services herein described for the amounts set forth in the Bid Forms.

The Bidder declares that it has become fully familiar with the liquidated damage clauses for completion times and for compliance with City Code Chapter 112, understands and agrees that the liquidated damages are for the non-quantifiable aspects of non-compliance and do not cover actual damages that may be shown and agrees that if awarded the Contract, all liquidated damage clauses form part of the Contract.

Bidder further agrees that the cited provisions of Chapter 14 form a part of this Contract.

The Bidder declares that it has become familiar with the City Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form and certifies that the statement contained therein is true and correct.

In submitting this Bid, it is understood that the right is reserved by the City to accept any Bid, to reject any or all Bids, to waive irregularities and/or informalities in any Bid, and to make the award in any manner the City believes to be in its best interest.

SIGNED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 202__.

Bidder's Name

Authorized Signature of Bidder

Official Address

(Print Name of Signer Above)

Telephone Number

Email Address for Award Notice

LEGAL STATUS OF BIDDER

(The Bidder shall fill out the appropriate form and strike out the other three.)

Bidder declares that it is:

* A corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the State of _____, for whom _____, bearing the office title of _____, whose signature is affixed to this Bid, is authorized to execute contracts.

NOTE: If not incorporated in Michigan, please attach the corporation's Certificate of Authority

• A limited liability company doing business under the laws of the State of _____, whom _____ bearing the title of _____ whose signature is affixed to this proposal, is authorized to execute contract on behalf of the LLC.

* A partnership, organized under the laws of the state of _____ and filed in the county of _____, whose members are (list all members and the street and mailing address of each) (attach separate sheet if necessary):

* An individual, whose signature with address, is affixed to this Bid: _____
(initial here)

Authorized Official

_____ **Date** _____, 202_

(Print) Name _____ Title _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone () _____ Fax () _____

Email _____

SPECIFICATIONS

CONDITIONS

Prices quoted shall not include Federal Excise or State Taxes

The City reserves the right to have an independent testing laboratory certify unit weight and compliance with specifications. All costs for testing will be paid for by the bidder.

Prices quoted for delivered materials do not apply while frost laws are in effect unless weight limits allow a full load over a suitable route between source of supply and the delivery site.

If applicable, all patching materials that do not meet the minimum requirements of the Michigan Department of State Highways Standard Specifications shall be removed and replaced with suitable material by the bidder at no additional cost to the City.

This work shall consist of producing and delivering bituminous patching materials as specified herein to stockpiles at the sites and in the amounts described in this bid document.

Only bid submissions for approximately 50 ton bulk delivery will be considered, proposals for packaged materials i.e. bag, super-sak, barrels will not be considered.

LOCATIONS

The F.O.B. locations provided on the Bid Form are defined as follows:

Ann Arbor Yard

Ann Arbor Public Works
Wheeler Service Center
4251 Stone School Rd
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

OR

Other jobsite located within the City of Ann Arbor political boundary

Source of Supply

Vendor plant, distribution center or place of business.

BRAND NAME OR EQUAL SPECIFICATION

Unless otherwise specified, manufacturer's names, trade names, information and/or catalog numbers listed in the specifications are intended only to identify the quality and characteristics desired. They are not intended to limit competition. The vendor may offer any equivalent product which meets or exceeds the specifications. If bids are based on equivalent products, the quote must: a) indicate the alternate manufacturer's name and catalog number; b) include complete descriptive literature and/or specifications; c) include proof that the proposed equivalent will meet the specifications. Evidence in the form of samples may be requested if brand is other than specified. Such samples are to be furnished after the date of bid opening only upon request of the City. If samples should be requested, such samples must be received by the City no later than seven (7) days after formal request is made. The City reserves the right to be the sole judge of what is equal and acceptable to meet its needs in all respects. If bidder fails to name a substitute, goods identical to the specified standard must be furnished.

ITEM A - HIGH PERFORMANCE COLD PATCH

Known acceptable brand names that meet “High Performance Cold Patch” are “QPR” and “UPM”.

Cold patching mixture must remain pliable and workable at a temperature of -15 degrees F to 100 degrees F. The mixture should be suitable for placement during cold, damp, winter weather conditions and maintain its performance features for up to 12 months from the date of delivery when stored in an approved stockpile.

Quantity: The Public Works Unit may use 1,000 tons of High Performance Cold Patch on an annual basis. This is not a guarantee of actual usage. Orders will be placed by designated personnel in quantities of 50 tons.

ITEM B - COLD PATCH (OTHER THAN HIGH PERFORMANCE)

Quantity: The Public Works Unit may use 1,000 tons of Cold Patch (Other than High Performance) on an annual basis. This is not a guarantee of actual usage. Orders will be placed by designated personnel in quantities of 50 tons.

BID FORM

VENDOR NAME: _____

- A. High Performance Cold Patch -
Please provide specifications of your product with your bid.

Brand: _____

1. F.O.B. Ann Arbor Yard at \$ _____/Ton

Minimum delivery per shipment: _____/Ton

2. F.O.B. Source of Supply at \$ _____/Ton

Minimum pickup at Source _____/Ton

- B. Cold Patch other than High Performance Cold Patch.
Please provide specifications of your product with your bid.

Brand: _____

1. F.O.B. Ann Arbor Yard at \$ _____/Ton

Minimum delivery per shipment: _____/Ton

2. F.O.B. Source of Supply at \$ _____/Ton

Minimum pickup at Source _____/Ton

GENERAL CONDITIONS

ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

Quantities stated are estimated and not guaranteed. The quantities stated will be used for award purposes only and are based up an average of actual annual usage.

DOWN PAYMENTS

Any bid proposal submitted which requires a down payment or prepayment of any kind prior to delivery and acceptance of the item, as being in conformance with the specifications will not be considered for award.

PURCHASE ORDER

The successful bidder will be issued a purchase order from the City of Ann Arbor, which will create a bilateral contract between the City and the successful bidder. The purchase order shall commit the bidder to perform the contract in accordance with the specifications and the terms and conditions of the purchase order.

The terms and conditions of the Purchase Order are provided herein.

CONTRACT TERM

The pricing provided for this ITB shall be firm for two (2) years. Upon mutual agreement between the City and the vendor the pricing provided in this ITB may be extended for one (1) additional one (1) year period not to exceed three (3) years in total. It shall be understood that a onetime cost escalator of no greater than 3% may be added to the submitted rates. A written request from the bidder at the end of the original contract period will be required to consider any rate adjustments.

City of Ann Arbor: General Terms and Conditions

The following General Terms and Conditions shall apply.

Tax Exemption: The City of Ann Arbor is tax exempt, ID# 38-6004534.

Acceptance of Contract: This order is the City's contract to purchase the goods and services described on the reverse front side of this document from the Vendor. The City's placement of this order is expressly conditioned upon the Vendor's acceptance of all the terms and conditions of purchase contained on or attached to this purchase order. All specifications, drawings, and data submitted to the Vendor with this order are hereby incorporated and made part hereof.

Amendments: No agreement or understanding to modify this contract shall be binding upon the City unless in writing and signed by the City's authorized agent.

Delivery: All prices must be F.O.B. delivery point. Time is of the essence on this contract. If delivery dates cannot be met, the Vendor agrees to advise the City, in writing of the earliest possible shipping date. The City reserves the right to cancel or purchase elsewhere and hold the Vendor accountable.

Risk of Loss: Regardless of F.O.B. point, the Vendor agrees to bear all risk of loss, injury, or destruction of goods and materials ordered herein which may for any reason occur prior to delivery or acceptance by the City, whichever is later. No such loss, injury, or destruction shall release the Vendor from any obligations hereunder.

Inspection: Goods and materials must be properly packaged. Damaged goods and materials will not be accepted. The City reserves the right to inspect the goods at a reasonable time subsequent to delivery where circumstances or conditions prevent effective inspection of the goods at the time of delivery. All rejected goods shall be returned to the Vendor at no cost to the City, whether the damage is readily apparent at the time of delivery or later. The City's acceptance is conditioned on such inspection.

Patents and Copyrights: If an article sold and delivered to the City hereunder shall be protected by any applicable patent or copyright, the Vendor agrees to indemnify and save harmless the City, from and against any and all suits, claims, judgments, and costs instituted or recovered against it by any person whomsoever on account of the use or sale of such articles by the City in violation or right under such patent or copyright.

Uniform Commercial Code: All applicable portions of the Michigan Uniform Commercial Code shall govern contracts for goods with the City of Ann Arbor; except as modified by contract documents.

Non-waiver of Rights: No failure of either party to exercise any power given to it hereunder or to insist upon strict compliance by the other party with its obligations hereunder, and no custom or practice of the parties at variance with the terms hereof, nor any payment under this agreement shall constitute a waiver of either party's right to demand exact compliance with the terms hereof.

Material Safety Data Sheets: Applicable Material Safety Data Sheets, in compliance with OSHA/MIOSHA hazard communication regulations/standards, must be provided by the Vendor to the City at the time of purchase.

Assignments: The Vendor agrees not to assign or transfer this contract or any part thereof without the written consent of the City of Ann Arbor, acting through its authorized representative. Any unauthorized assignment may subject the contractor to immediate termination.

Laws Governing, Severability: This contract shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of Michigan. Vendor agrees to submit to the jurisdiction and venue of the Circuit Court of Washtenaw County, MI, or if original jurisdiction is established, the U.S. District Ct. for Eastern District of MI, Southern Division. The Vendor stipulates venues referenced are convenient and waives any claim of non-convenience. If any term herein is found to be ineffective, unenforceable or illegal under any present or future laws, such term shall be fully severable, and the remaining terms shall not be affected and shall remain full force and effect.

Prevailing Wage: It shall be the responsibility of the Vendor to comply, when applicable, with the prevailing wage requirements and/or the Davis-Bacon Act as amended.

Living Wage: It shall be the responsibility of the Vendor to comply, when applicable, with the City of Ann Arbor's Living Wage Ordinance as defined in Chapter 23, Section 1:811-1:821.

Non-Discrimination: It shall be the responsibility of the Vendor to comply, when applicable, with, all State, Federal and Local non-discrimination laws, including MCL 37.2209 and Section 9:158 of the City Code.

Indemnification: To the fullest extent permitted by law the Vendor shall indemnify, defend and hold the City, its officers, employees and agents harmless from all suits, claims, judgments and expenses including attorney's fees resulting or alleged to result from any act or omission, associated with the performance of this contract by the Vendor or anyone acting on the Vendor's behalf under this contract. The Vendor shall not be responsible to indemnify the City for losses or damages caused by or resulting from the City's sole negligence. This indemnity survives delivery and acceptance of the Vendor's goods and services.

Warranty: The Vendor warrants to the City that all goods and services furnished hereunder will conform in all respects to the terms of this contract, including any drawings, specifications and standards incorporated herein. In addition, the Vendor warrants the goods and services are suitable for and will perform in accordance with the purposes for which they were intended.

Payment Terms: The City of Ann Arbor's payment terms are net 30. The payment date will be calculated based on the invoice receipt date or delivery date, whichever is later.

Payments: All invoices for goods and services shall be emailed to accountspayable@a2gov.org. Mailed invoices shall be addressed to the City of Ann Arbor, Accounts Payable, P.O. Box 8647, Ann Arbor, MI 48107, as indicated on the front of this purchase order. Invoices must include the Vendor's name, phone number, and clearly listed item descriptions, quantities and units of measure. The Vendor acknowledges and understands that invoices not addressed as stated above shall have the net 30 begin once the invoice is received by Accounts Payable.

Compliance with Laws: The Vendor certifies that in performing this contract it will comply with all applicable provisions of Federal, State and Local laws, regulations, rules and orders.

Termination for Cause: In the event the Vendor fails, at any time, to comply with, fully perform or strictly adhere to any covenant, condition or representation contained within the contract, the City shall have the right to give written notice to Vendor of such failure. If such failure is not cured to the City's satisfaction within ten (10) business days from the time of delivery to Vendor of such notice, the City shall have the right to terminate immediately without the requirement of a further notice.



Vendor Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form

All vendors interested in conducting business with the City of Ann Arbor must complete and return the Vendor Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form in order to be eligible to be awarded a contract. Please note that all vendors are subject to comply with the City of Ann Arbor's conflict of interest policies as stated within the certification section below.

If a vendor has a relationship with a City of Ann Arbor official or employee, an immediate family member of a City of Ann Arbor official or employee, the vendor shall disclose the information required below.

1. No City official or employee or City employee's immediate family member has an ownership interest in vendor's company or is deriving personal financial gain from this contract.
2. No retired or separated City official or employee who has been retired or separated from the City for less than one (1) year has an ownership interest in vendor's Company.
3. No City employee is contemporaneously employed or prospectively to be employed with the vendor.
4. Vendor hereby declares it has not and will not provide gifts or hospitality of any dollar value or any other gratuities to any City employee or elected official to obtain or maintain a contract.
5. Please note any exceptions below:

Conflict of Interest Disclosure*	
Name of City of Ann Arbor employees, elected officials or immediate family members with whom there may be a potential conflict of interest.	<input type="checkbox"/> Relationship to employee <hr/> <input type="checkbox"/> Interest in vendor's company <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe in box below)

*Disclosing a potential conflict of interest does not disqualify vendors. In the event vendors do not disclose potential conflicts of interest and they are detected by the City, vendor will be exempt from doing business with the City.

I certify that this Conflict of Interest Disclosure has been examined by me and that its contents are true and correct to my knowledge and belief and I have the authority to so certify on behalf of the Vendor by my signature below:		
Vendor Name	Vendor Phone Number	
Signature of Vendor Authorized Representative	Date	Printed Name of Vendor Authorized Representative

CITY OF ANN ARBOR NON-DISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE

Relevant provisions of Chapter 112, Nondiscrimination, of the Ann Arbor City Code are included below.
You can review the entire ordinance at www.a2gov.org/humanrights.

Intent: It is the intent of the city that no individual be denied equal protection of the laws; nor shall any individual be denied the enjoyment of his or her civil or political rights or be discriminated against because of actual or perceived age, arrest record, color, disability, educational association, familial status, family responsibilities, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, height, HIV status, marital status, national origin, political beliefs, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, source of income, veteran status, victim of domestic violence or stalking, or weight.

Discriminatory Employment Practices: No person shall discriminate in the hire, employment, compensation, work classifications, conditions or terms, promotion or demotion, or termination of employment of any individual. No person shall discriminate in limiting membership, conditions of membership or termination of membership in any labor union or apprenticeship program.

Discriminatory Effects: No person shall adopt, enforce or employ any policy or requirement which has the effect of creating unequal opportunities according to actual or perceived age, arrest record, color, disability, educational association, familial status, family responsibilities, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, height, HIV status, marital status, national origin, political beliefs, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, source of income, veteran status, victim of domestic violence or stalking, or weight for an individual to obtain housing, employment or public accommodation, except for a bona fide business necessity. Such a necessity does not arise due to a mere inconvenience or because of suspected objection to such a person by neighbors, customers or other persons.

Nondiscrimination by City Contractors: All contractors proposing to do business with the City of Ann Arbor shall satisfy the contract compliance administrative policy adopted by the City Administrator in accordance with the guidelines of this section. All city contractors shall ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment in a manner which provides equal employment opportunity and tends to eliminate inequality based upon any classification protected by this chapter. All contractors shall agree not to discriminate against an employee or applicant for employment with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, or a matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of any applicable protected classification. All contractors shall be required to post a copy of Ann Arbor's Non-Discrimination Ordinance at all work locations where its employees provide services under a contract with the city.

Complaint Procedure: If any individual believes there has been a violation of this chapter, he/she may file a complaint with the City's Human Rights Commission. The complaint must be filed within 180 calendar days from the date of the individual's knowledge of the allegedly discriminatory action or 180 calendar days from the date when the individual should have known of the allegedly discriminatory action. A complaint that is not filed within this timeframe cannot be considered by the Human Rights Commission. To file a complaint, first complete the complaint form, which is available at www.a2gov.org/humanrights. Then submit it to the Human Rights Commission by e-mail (hrc@a2gov.org), by mail (Ann Arbor Human Rights Commission, PO Box 8647, Ann Arbor, MI 48107), or in person (City Clerk's Office). For further information, please call the commission at 734-794-6141 or e-mail the commission at hrc@a2gov.org.

Private Actions For Damages or Injunctive Relief: To the extent allowed by law, an individual who is the victim of discriminatory action in violation of this chapter may bring a civil action for appropriate injunctive relief or damages or both against the person(s) who acted in violation of this chapter.