

Appendix A – Terminology

Where appropriate, staff used the following definitions as outlined in the Procurement By-law to identify the contract category, the professional and consulting services outsourcing reason and the non-competitive exception.

Professional Services

Professional Services means services requiring the skills of professionals for a defined service requirement or for a specific project related deliverable including, but not limited to, the areas of engineering, architecture, design, planning, information technology, financial auditing and fairness commissioners.

Consulting Services

Consulting Services means assistance to management including, but not limited to, the areas of strategic analysis, organizational design, change management, policy development, feasibility studies and other services intended to assist decision making within the organization.

Amendment

An amendment is an increase in the scope of an approved contract, which is unanticipated.

Follow-on Contract

A Follow-on Contract differs from an amendment in that the original contract or bid solicitation document recognizes the fact that it is likely that the initial defined contract scope may be expanded to include a number of related phases that are either included in the tender document or are customary in relation to the work assignment. Rates charged for the Follow-on Contract are reviewed by Supply Services and must be based on those rates proposed by the service provider in the original competitive bid.

Extension

An extension to a contract is not categorized as an amendment or a Follow-on Contract. An extension is a contract term allowing the City to continue purchasing the good or service for an extended period of time where the option to extend the contract was outlined in the bid document or is deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

Extension (As per Section 32(2))

Where a contract contains no option for renewal, Supply Services has delegated authority under the Procurement By-law to extend the contract for a period of time no greater than two years from the date of the expiration provided that:

1. Supply Services and the Director/General Manager agree that based on market conditions or an analysis of future conditions, cost savings or cost avoidance can be obtained by an extension; and
2. The supplier's performance and vendor relations with the supplier have both exceeded the requirements of the Contract.

Non-Competitive Purchases

22(1) Subject to section 5(6)(c) and section 17(6) of the Procurement Bylaw, the requirement for competitive bid solicitation for goods, services and construction may be waived under joint authority of the appropriate Director and Supply Services and replaced with negotiations by the Director and Supply Services under the following circumstances:

- a) Where competition is precluded due to the application of any Act or legislation or because of the existence of patent rights, copyrights, technical secrets, or controls of raw material
- b) Where due to abnormal market conditions, the goods, services, or construction required are in short supply
- c) Where only one source of supply would be acceptable and cost effective
- d) Where there is an absence of competition for technical or other reasons and the goods, services or construction can only be supplied by a particular supplier and no alternative exists
- e) Where the nature of the requirement is such that it would not be in the public interest to solicit competitive bids as in the case of security or confidentiality matters
- f) [REPEALED – 2025-33]
- g) [REPEALED – 2025-33]

- h) Where the total estimated project cost for professional services does not exceed \$100,000
- i) where the requirement is for goods, services or construction for which there exists a statutory monopoly, (2025-33)
- j) Where additional deliveries by the original supplier of goods or services that were not included in the initial procurement if a change of supplier for such additional goods or services:
 - (i) cannot be made for economic or technical reasons such as requirements of interchangeability or interoperability with existing equipment, software, services or installations procured under the initial procurement; and
 - (ii) would cause significant inconvenience or substantial duplication of costs
- k) For goods and services, where the supplier is a social enterprise owned by a non-profit organization or registered charity.

Section 23 - Non-Competitive Special Circumstance Purchases (2025-33)

When a Director is of the opinion that a “Special Circumstance” to warrant a non-competitive purchase exists, the Director may authorize the purchase of such goods, services and construction as is considered necessary to remedy the situation without regard to the requirement for a bid solicitation and may award the necessary contract provided that the contract does not exceed \$125,000. (2025-33)

Where the extent or the severity of the “Special Circumstance” to warrant a sole source purchase is such that the expenditure is likely to be in excess of \$125,000, the General Manager may award the necessary contracts for the purchase of such goods, services and construction as is considered necessary to remedy the situation without regard to the requirement for a bid solicitation provided that the City Manager is satisfied that adequate funds may be appropriated from accounts within the Council approved estimates. (2004-565, 2025-33)

The relevant details surrounding the application of subsection 23(1) and (2) shall be included in the report submitted to Council pursuant to Section 39.