Multnomah County

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## Multnomah County Defines Sustainability:"Focus on the long-term environmental and economic well being of the community."

A focus on long-term environmental and economic well being of our community is what we mean by using the term Sustainability in our solicitations. To achieve sustainability we have adopted the **Triple Bottom Line** because it brings in considerations that have positive impacts and assist us in achieving sustainability.

The Triple Bottom Line is three impact areas that with planning work together for maximum positive benefits.

We spell out the impact areas based on the good or service provided in each solicitation. Over time each impact area works together, but a good start is to define each area and the value the have in scoring each solicitation.

Environmental Impacts= 10% total points

Social Equity Impacts= 10% total points

Economic Impacts= 5%

**To achieve sustainability we focus on three impact areas.**

**Integrating Sustainability into our process means we may ask questions that concern your business operations or the delivery of service.**

Environmental Impacts: Products or services that "have a lesser or reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing products or services that serve the same purpose." This comparison may consider raw materials acquisition, production, manufacturing, packaging, distribution, reuse, operation, maintenance or disposal of the product or service.

Our solicitations focus on five environmental consideration areas which are;

- *toxic reduction;*
- *water conservation;*
- *waste and reduction management;*
- *energy conservation and;*
- *environmental considerations for the purchase and serving of food.*
- https://multco.us/purchasing/environmental-considerations

**We further define these impact areas for your convenience in this document and additional information can be found on our website: https://multco.us/purchasing/responsible-business-practices**

# Social Equity Impacts

**Social Equity** is the pursuit to create full and equal access to opportunities for all people that enable them to attain their full potential.

**Social Equity** factors ensure that everyone in the supply chain is

- treated fairly;
- disparities are not created, but alleviated and;
- provide the resources for success.

**Social Equity Impact Areas include:**

**Small and medium sized vendor firms** provide the needed resources to participate in our solicitations. Locally owned Woman owned Minority owned Aboriginal/Indigenous owned, Veteran owned LGBT owned Service-disabled veteran owned Note: Naming conventions and definitions vary between regions and organizations.

**Culturally Responsive and Specific Services** that provide resources for our community to overcome barriers and succeed.

**Fair Trade,**

- Community engagement,
- Diversity/equal opportunity,
- Accessibility to equal remuneration,
- Grievance & remedy processes,
- Occupational health & safety,
- Remedies to access education and training,
- **Living wage,**
- Human and Indigenous rights,
- Right to collective bargaining,
- Anti-corruption and bribery,
- Fair working hours and, compensation.

Equity is providing resources so everyone can succeed.

For additional information:https://multco.us/purchasing/social-equity

# Economic Impacts

**Economy** is our solicitations is defined as, The system through which a society answers the three (3) economic questions: How wealth is created, distributed and retained.

We are looking for proposers to respond with how their goods or delivery of services has positive economic impacts on staff in business operations, clients served in service delivery or local community business enhanced.

Economic Impact Areas Include:

- Job creation for the local community,
- Service delivery that provides positive economic impacts,
- Benefits that go beyond standard practices including industry specific self-care and,
- Improving economic impacts by using sustainable innovations that are culturally responsive and pay particular attention to the community members who face the most inequities

For additional guidance please go to our website:
https://multco.us/purchasing/economic-impacts

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## See Handout- Human Service Environmental Impact Example:

**3.2.6 SUSTAINABILITY PRACTICES** **10% TOTAL POINTS**

Multnomah County places a premium on environmental protection and awareness. What is your experience in incorporating environmentally positive solutions into your work practices? How will your organization introduce environmentally sound practices that lower GHG emissions in the supply chain in the delivery of services?

***Evaluation criteria (Answer the above question with 1, 2 or 3 evaluation criteria) We are looking for qualitative and quantitative examples of how your organization lowers GHG emissions with water and energy conservation, waste management, healthy purchasing which is reducing exposure to chemicals of concern. If there is any food service incorporated into your service delivery or business operations please explain how you address all of these environmental considerations.***

1. *Proposer describes prior experience incorporating environmentally positive solutions into the organization's work practices in business operations.*

2. *If the organization has not had experience incorporating environmentally positive solutions into its work practices it describes the challenges or barriers to doing so as it pertains to the delivery of services or business operations. Please include what you can do or what you are able to do currently and a plan to incorporate environmental considerations if barriers were removed by being awarded this contract.*

3. *Proposer describes considerations and practices to incorporate environmental protection and awareness into the delivery of services. Please give an example in these areas: Toxic reduction, Waste Management, Energy and water conservation.*

# See Handout- Social Equity Example:

Please answer one of the following to be eligible for 10% of the points on this solicitation.

Proposer to demonstrate how small, medium, local or emerging businesses benefit from in your organization's business operations or in the delivery of service.

Evaluation Criteria:

1. Please describe how your service delivery has positive equity impacts for the communities you are serving? We are looking to see how service delivery will help the client and community have positive equity impacts. We want to see plans and metrics on successes.

2. Focusing on your business operations we want to hear how your purchase and use good and services to be an empowering impact on communities who face the most inequities. Outcomes will demonstrate how individuals are able to contribute and fully participate in our communities.

A. If you are a large organization this should include details on utilizing local emerging and established businesses that have a greater impact on providing careers with benefits that go beyond healthcare to disenfranchised populations. Workplace Improvement through policy and procedure review, updating, and creation. Please describe how employee are part of Quality Improvement of business practices.Please describe how you have an open and collaborative workplace culture which improves economic impacts.

B. If you are a small or medium sized organization DBE/MWEVSB this should include details on how your organization has demonstrated positive economic impacts in the community including your successes and how you have partnered with others for success which may include obtaining contracts, mentorships, internships, or developing a collaborative workplace culture.

# Social Equity Example:

What social equity innovations for cultural and ethnic minority populations can your agency integrate into the delivery of goods and/or services? How do these social equity innovations go beyond industry best practices? Please provide specific examples and demonstrate how you will deliver and track these innovations?

Evaluation Criteria: Please respond to one or more of the following to demonstrate you are incorporating social equity into your service delivery.

1. We are looking for how your agency connects with DBE's and MWVESB's in the local community for outcomes that include contracts for service delivery and community connections that help to establish and maintain emerging businesses. Please share how your outreach is culturally responsive and specific and has a positive effect on delivery of services.

2. We are looking for a small DBE/MWVESB in our community to provide culturally responsive and specific services. Please provide details on how your organization A. has provided these services with details on programming, staffing, and metrics of success, B. has not provided these services and tell us why you have had barriers to doing this work and what is your plan if you obtain this contract to ensure delivery of services that includes staffing and metrics.

https://multco.us/purchasing/social-equity

**See Handout- Economy Example:**

Please answer one of the following to be eligible for 5% of the points on this solicitation.

We are looking for proposers to respond with how their goods or delivery of services has positive economic impacts on staff in business operations, clients served in service delivery or local community business enhanced.

***Evaluation Criteria: We are looking to support business that has positive economic impacts for a community by providing meaningful work or job training, but also assisting in building a business community where services are being delivered or business operations.***