



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: TOWING SERVICES

DATE ISSUED: March 14<sup>th</sup> 2025

### 1. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - INSTRUCTIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS

The Village of Oak Park (hereinafter referred to as the "Village") is requesting proposals from qualified firms that wish to manage and administer a program for the Village Towing Services.

The Village will receive proposals at the Police Department, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at 123 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois 60302. Proposals will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. (local time) on April 14, 2025. Firms responding to this Request for Proposals must submit three (3) bound hard copies, one (1) unbound hard copy, and one (1) electronic copy on a CD or thumb drive of their proposals in sealed envelopes, and must conform to the format specified below.

The Village reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals or to waive technicalities. Information concerning this request for proposals is available from Anjali Peterson, Budget and Revenue Analyst, 123 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois 60302. Anjali Peterson can be reached by telephone at the following number, (708) 386-3800 or via e-mail at [apeterson@oak-park.us](mailto:apeterson@oak-park.us)

The documents constituting this request for proposals are listed below. Respondents are responsible for the completion of all required sections, in their entirety.

Upon a formal award to the successful Contractor, the selected contractor shall enter into a Towing Services Agreement in substantially the form attached to this Request for Proposals. Below is a tentative schedule for the request for proposal, evaluation of responses, selection and approval of a preferred firm or firms ("Contractors"), and implementation of Towing Services:

Proposals due to Police Department	April 14 <sup>th</sup>
Village Board approval of Towing Services Contractor	May 20 <sup>th</sup>
The effective start date of service	June 8 <sup>th</sup>

### 2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Village is a full-service home rule municipal corporation located in Cook County, Illinois. Oak Park is a thriving, transit-oriented community of about 54,583 people located immediately west of the City of Chicago and known for its great neighborhoods, architectural heritage, and innovative public policy initiatives. Within its 4.5 square miles lives one of the region's most diverse mixes of cultures, races, ethnicities, professions, lifestyles, religions, ages, and incomes.

The Village provides a full range of municipal services including fire protection, ambulance, police, highway and street maintenance, building code enforcement, public improvements, economic development, parking services, planning, zoning, transportation, water and sewer services, and general administrative services.

The Village operates under the village manager form of government. An elected legislative board consisting of a president and six trustees sets policy and a professional manager oversees the day-to-day administration of government. Village services and programs are delivered by about 375 employees.

The Oak Park Police Department is a full-service law enforcement agency serving the citizens of the Village of Oak Park. The mission of the Department is to provide high-quality police services that are accessible to all members of the community. The Department believes in the dignity of all people and respects individual and constitutional rights in fulfilling this mission. In order to achieve this mission, the Department has adopted Community-Based Policing which includes the following components: citizen involvement, problem-solving and quality of life focus, ethical behavior, situational leadership, and employee value. It is our goal to incorporate these values in the organization, and throughout our interactions with the community to promote a desirable quality of life in the community, with a commitment to maintaining and improving peace, order, and safety through excellence in law enforcement and community service.

**3. CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS:** No contract shall be awarded except to responsible Contractors capable of providing the class of service described.

**4. SPECIFIC CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS:** All Contractors interested in providing towing services to the Village of Oak Park must have the ability to provide the following:

**I. SCOPE OF SERVICE**

The Contractor shall furnish the following services, labor, equipment, facilities, and materials for towing or towing-related services at the request of the Village:

- A. Vehicles involved in traffic collisions;
- B. Abandoned vehicles on the roadway;
- C. Disabled vehicles;
- D. Abandoned or unclaimed vehicles on private property;
- E. Vehicles seized or impounded as evidence;
- F. Recovered stolen vehicles;
- G. Vehicles involved in crimes;
- H. Vehicles as may be requested to be relocated during a Village emergency or special event;

- I. Other tows or towing-related services as may be requested by the Village's Police Department; and
- J. Street sweeps at traffic collision scenes.

Village-directed towing is performed solely as a public service and the Village assumes no responsibility for any charges which may be incurred.

## II. CALLS FOR SERVICE

Services are to be rendered only upon request of the Village. The Contractor upon notification by the Village immediately shall send a tow truck(s) to the designated location. At the direction of a police officer or community service officer at the scene, the Contractor shall remove the wrecked/abandoned/disabled vehicle or vehicles from the scene directly to the Contractor's lot, or if requested and when possible, to a location specified by the citizen within a ten (10) mile radius from the towing agency's place of business for charges specified **in this Request for Proposals**.

Operators of tow vehicles shall obey all lawful orders of police officers or community service officers (CSOs) and shall render all assistance when it has been determined that illegally parked vehicles or other hazardous and/or nuisances must be removed from public or private property.

Police officers or community service officers when summoning the tow Contractor for the removal of an abandoned vehicle on private property when the vehicle is not a hazard and the owner of the private property is not present requesting a tow, will attempt to have the vehicle towed during the Contractor's normal business hours. Police officers or CSOs for this type of tow will attempt not to have the vehicle towed during adverse weather conditions (i.e. rainstorms, snowstorms, etc.)

The Contractor shall consider calls from the Village's Police Department as having **first priority** over requests for towing services from other parties. The Contractor will furnish the Village with the names of all other agencies with which the towing Contractor has a towing contract or agreement when the Towing Services Agreement attached hereto becomes effective; and shall notify the Village when any other contracts or agreements are entered into by the Contractor during the term of the Towing Services Agreement attached hereto.

## III. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROPERTY

The Contractor expressly assumes full responsibility and liability for all property entrusted to its care including all equipment and contents thereof, and indemnifies and holds harmless the Village against all claims for damages to vehicles and equipment entrusted to its care and control.

#### **IV. HOURS OF SERVICE**

The Contractor will maintain an open facility with equipment and labor force adequate to supply demand on a full twenty-four (24) hour per day basis every day of the year. The Contractor at a minimum shall maintain office hours available to citizens to make inquiries and obtain vehicles in accordance with the following schedule:

<b>Monday - Friday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Unless open for normal business hours, Sunday releases may be subject to an after-hours fee.</b>

The Contractor shall have an agent or employee available at all other times to allow police personnel access to all vehicles towed, **and** when emergency situations require the release of a vehicle (release fee will apply during non-business hours). All business hours will apply to the storage facility which will be the central contact point for both police personnel and citizens.

#### **V. WRECKER AND TOWING EQUIPMENT**

The Contractor will have in operation at all times at a minimum one (1) light wrecker with a 7,000-pound hand or power winch, crane and boom, and/or one (1) flatbed wrecker with a 7,000-pound power winch, crane and boom. Each wrecker is required to carry the full complement of service items and insurance as set forth in the Illinois Vehicle Code, 625 ILCS 5/12-606. In addition, the wrecker tow trucks shall be equipped with all safety devices and lights to meet all ICC regulations. All tow trucks must be personally inspected for identification and equipment by an officer from the Police Department before use.

#### **VI. REMOVAL AND CLEAN UP OF DEBRIS**

After any traffic collision for which the Contractor has been requested to respond, in compliance with the Illinois Vehicle Code, 625 ILCS 5/11-1413(c), the Contractor shall remove any glass or other debris except any hazardous substance as defined in Section 3.215 of the Environmental Protection Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.215, hazardous waste as defined in Section 3.220 of the Environmental Protection Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.220, and potentially infectious medical waste as defined in Section 3.360 of the Environmental Protection Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.360, dropped upon the highway and shall cover any oil, antifreeze, grease deposits, etc. as necessary.

## VII. POLICE VEHICLE TOWS/STORAGE

The Contractor shall provide towing services for the Village at no charge to the Village. These tows may consist of squad vehicle tows, vehicles towed for evidentiary purposes, or vehicles seized and impounded. In addition, the Contractor **will not charge** the Village for vehicles stored as a result of any of the tow services set forth in this section.

When a tow is requested by the Village for evidentiary purposes and must be taken to a location chosen by the Village for investigation by the Village's Police Department before towing to the storage site, the vehicle owner if appropriate shall be required to pay the full amount for only the initial tow. For any additional tows required, the vehicle owner may be billed 1/2 the amount of a base tow. In instances such as the recovery of a stolen auto requiring evidence work where there is doubt as to whether a vehicle owner should be billed, the Contractor will check with the Police Chief or the Chief's designee to ascertain if a bill should be sent to the vehicle owner.

Vehicles impounded as evidence or requiring special handling such as for fingerprinting, photographing, or searches, shall not be removed or inspected by any person unless authorized to do so by the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee. These vehicles shall be kept in a secure enclosure until released to their owners or other legal disposition is made. The towing company shall not allow anyone to photograph, examine, or remove articles from such an impounded vehicle without the express permission of the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee. Vehicles impounded by the Village's Police Department will be held by the Contractor for a maximum of thirty (30) days. Thereafter, the Department will arrange for any vehicle remaining on a "hold" status to be moved to a different location provided the Contractor has notified the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee that the end of a thirty-day period is approaching.

**Any vehicle which is on "hold" status as indicated on the Police Department's Tow Sheet for a vehicle seizure, evidence or any other non-traffic criminal offense until 24 hours after its release, will not have storage fees charged to its owner.** Owners or responsible parties of a vehicle which has been placed on a "hold" status for criminal traffic violations are responsible for all storage charges 24 hours after a vehicle has been towed.

No service or repair of any kind shall be performed on any impounded vehicle of the Village's Police Department. Further, no contract or order for service or repairs shall be entered into with the owner or his agent until such vehicle has been released by the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee.

Property that is not a component part of a vehicle such as a briefcase, stereo faceplate, etc. carried on or within a vehicle ordered towed or stored by the Village's Police Department shall not be seized or held as security for services performed as set forth in 625 ILCS 5/4-203. Such property shall be released to the owner, or to another person set forth in 625 ILCS 5/4-203 with

proof of the owner's authorization to do so, upon proof of identity and ownership. Additionally, any personal property belonging to a person other than the vehicle owner may be returned if that person provides adequate proof that the personal property belongs to that person. Property that is a component part of the vehicle such as a license plate, tire, etc. does not have to be returned to the vehicle owner until the Contractor has been compensated for its services or the owner signs over the title to the Contractor. No personal property shall be released to the owner or designee of a vehicle that has been impounded as evidence while the vehicle remains on an active "hold" status.

In case of an error by the Village's Police Department in towing a vehicle or when other extenuating circumstances exist, the Contractor will cancel all charges to the vehicle owner at the request of the Village's Police Department.

Disposition of unclaimed vehicles shall be made pursuant to 625 ILCS 5/4-201 through 4-214 of the Illinois Vehicle Code and the Contractor shall maintain all appropriate records as specified by these statutes. The Contractor shall provide the Village's Police Department with an inventory and status report of all police-related towed vehicles still in the custody of the Contractor at the end of each month on or before the tenth day of the following month.

Within the first 10 ten days of every month, the Contractor shall provide to the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee a list of vehicles that are on active "hold" status by the Village's Police Department. When a vehicle is released from "hold" status the Contractor shall notify the owner of the vehicle that the hold on the vehicle has been released. Provided a vehicle has been stored longer than a 24-hour period, daily storage charges may begin once a vehicle has been released from its hold status.

## **VIII. REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Except for the charges noted by the Contractor in its proposal and agreed to by the Village, **NO** other charges will be billed to any party to whom the Contractor provides its services.
- B. The existence of an Agreement between the Village and the Contractor does not exempt any Contractor's employee from any state, county, or municipal law or ordinances.
- C. Monday through Friday during normal business hours, the Contractor shall arrive at the scene of a requested tow(s) with the proper equipment within fifteen (15) minutes after notification to the Contractor has been made. On weekends and after normal working hours, the Contractor will arrive at the scene of a tow within twenty (20) minutes after notification to the Contractor has been made. The Contractor shall provide his personnel with all necessary communications equipment to maintain the required response time.

- D. The Contractor shall provide a secure storage lot, completely enclosed by a fence with a minimum height of six (6) feet. The storage lot will be located within two (2) miles of the Village limits. Security lighting sufficient to illuminate the storage lot shall be in operation during all hours of darkness. The storage lot shall be kept locked at all times other than when access can be and is adequately controlled by on-site employees of either the Contractor or employees of the property owner where the storage facility is located.
- E. The Contractor shall provide space for at least ten (10) vehicles inside a building protected from the elements and secured against unauthorized access.
- F. The Contractor shall have current experience as a towing agency for a municipal police department or other relevant experience. The Contractor shall immediately provide the Village's Police Department with the names of any police agencies it provides towing services and the names of a contact person at those agencies. The Contractor shall specify the time period(s) it has provided towing services for said agencies.
- G. The Contractor immediately shall provide the Village's Police Department with the following information for each tow truck operator employed on the date when the Agreement is effective, and any operator hired during the term of the Agreement:
  - 1. Name (including middle initial);
  - 2. Home address;
  - 3. Sex and race;
  - 4. Date of Birth; and
  - 5. Driver's license number, state, and classification.

No tow truck operator is allowed to perform Village Police Department directed services until he/she has been approved by the Department.

- H. The Contractor shall equip its tow truck operators with written notices containing their fee structure/s and all acceptable methods of payment which at the time of the tow or service, will be provided to the owner or driver of the vehicle. Acceptable methods of payment are defined **as cash, major credit card (Visa and Master Card will be accepted at a minimum), or personal check with the approval of the company owner or office manager.** A sign disclosing the fee structure for services requested by the Village's Police Department and all acceptable methods of payment shall be posted prominently in the main office of the Contractor. Copies of the written notice provided to the tow truck operators and of the sign within the office of the Contractor, shall be provided by the Contractor to the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee within (3) days after the Towing Services Agreement attached hereto is signed by both the Village and the Contractor. The Contractor will ensure its drivers have the availability of completing a credit card transaction at the scene of a service request.

- I. The Contractor shall maintain a separate tow log or other acceptable record-keeping system for the Village's Police Department that will include the following information:
1. Time, date, location of tow (from and to) hold information if applicable, officer authorizing the tow, and police report or incident number.
  2. Make, model, vehicle registration, and vehicle identification number of the towed vehicle.
  3. Itemized billing of initial service charges, special charges, storage charges, and vehicle repair charges if any.
  4. Signed release form completed by the person claiming a vehicle.
  5. Mechanism (customer complaint form) approved by the Chief of Police or designee for a vehicle owner to report complaints about charges, additional vehicle charges, additional vehicle damage, lost or stolen items, or other related problems. Completed forms shall be forwarded to the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee as soon as possible after a complaint has been filed with the Contractor.

Items 1 and 2 above shall be maintained in a separate logbook. **All** police-related records will be open at any time for inspection by the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee. Within the first ten (10) days of every month, the Contractor will provide to the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee copies of every invoice PAID by any party from the previous month as a result of providing services at the request of the Village's Police Department.

- J. The Contractor is responsible for notifying the owner and/or applicable insurance agent or insurance company for the removal of a vehicle that has been towed to the storage lot of the Contractor because of a traffic collision. If after thirty (30) days the Contractor has been unable to notify the owner and/or insurance agent, the Contractor if the storage lot is located within the Village will notify the Village's Police Department to begin proceedings to process the vehicle as an unclaimed/abandoned auto.
- K. The Contractor immediately shall report to the Village's Police Department any acts of theft, vandalism, or attempts of same to any vehicle towed as authorized by the Village's Police Department. If the offense occurs within the Village the requirement shall be met by filing an incident report with the Police Department. If the offense occurs outside the Village, such report shall be in writing and contain the date and time of the offense, a complete description of items stolen or damage incurred, a complete description of the car including make, model, year, license plate number, vehicle identification number (VIN) and owners information. Additionally, the Village Police Department's original report and incident numbers under which the tow was authorized, and the name of the police agency with which the report is being filed will be provided.



L. Fingerprinting

Each owner of the Contractor and each person operating a vehicle on behalf of the Contractor shall submit his or her fingerprints to the Department of State Police in the form and manner prescribed by the Department of State Police. These fingerprints should be transmitted through a live scan fingerprint vendor licensed by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. These fingerprints shall be checked against the fingerprint records now and hereafter filed in the Department of State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history records databases. The Department of State Police shall charge a fee for conducting the criminal history record check, which shall be deposited in the State Police Services Fund and shall not exceed the actual cost of the State and national criminal history record check. The Department of State Police shall furnish, pursuant to positive identification, all Illinois conviction information and national criminal history record information to the law enforcement agency maintaining the tow rotation list. A person may not own a towing service or operate a vehicle on behalf of the Contractor included on a tow rotation list if that person has been convicted during the 5 years preceding the application of a criminal offense involving one or more of the following:

1. Bodily injury or attempt to inflict bodily injury to another person;
2. Theft of property or attempted theft of property; or
3. Sexual Assault or Attempted Sexual Assault of any kind;

M. Proper DL Classification

Each person operating a vehicle on behalf of the Contractor must be classified for the type of towing operation he or she shall be performing and the vehicle he or she shall be operating and must submit proof of classification to the Village.

N. Traffic Incident Management Training

Every person operating a towing or recovery vehicle on behalf of the Contractor must have completed a Traffic Incident Management Training Program approved by the Department of Transportation.

O. ICC Authority

The Contractor must hold a valid authority issued to it by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

P. Valid Vehicle Registrations

The Contractor must have valid vehicle registrations and utilize only vehicles that possess a valid vehicle registration, display a valid Illinois license plate pursuant to 625 ILCS 5/5-202 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, and comply with the weight requirements of this Illinois Vehicle Code.

Q. Secure Storage Lot

The Contractor shall provide a secure storage lot, completely enclosed by a fence with a minimum height of six (6) feet. The storage lot shall be located not more than seven (7) miles from the Village's Police Department, 123 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois 60302. A storage lot within the corporate limits of the Village is preferred. It is desired (but not mandated) that security lighting sufficient to illuminate the storage lot be in operation during all hours of darkness. Security lighting may be required for future years of the contract 24 hours/day or with a motion sensor after dusk. The storage lot shall be kept locked at all times other than when access can be and is adequately controlled by on-site employees of either the Contractor or employees of the property owner where the storage facility is located. A photo(s) of the storage lot should be included in the proposal.

R. Inside Storage

The Contractor shall provide space for at least ten (10) vehicles inside a building protected from the elements and secured against unauthorized access for Village tows.

S. Employee Information

The Contractor shall provide the Village's Police Department with the following information for each currently-employed operator within three (3) days of the effective date of the Towing Services Agreement attached hereto and for any thereafter-employed operators within three (3) days of their hiring:

1. Name (Including middle initial);
2. Home Address;
3. Sex;
4. Date of Birth; and
5. Driver's license number, state, and classification.

No tow truck operator shall be allowed to perform Village Police Department directed services until he/she has been approved by the Department. This includes any tow truck operators and tow companies used by the primary towing Contractor to perform backup services.

T. Tow Log

The Contractor shall maintain a separate tow log or other acceptable record-keeping system for the Village's Police Department that shall include the following information:

1. Time, date, location of tow (from & to), hold information if applicable, name and badge number of the officer authorizing the tow, and police report or incident number.
2. Make, model, vehicle registration, and vehicle identification number of the towed vehicle.

3. Itemized billing of initial service charges, special charges, storage charges, and vehicle repair charges, if any.
4. Signed release form completed by the person claiming a vehicle.
5. Mechanism (customer complaint form) approved by the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee for a vehicle owner to report complaints about charges, additional vehicle charges, additional vehicle damage, lost or stolen items, or other related problems. Completed forms shall be forwarded to the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee as soon as possible after a complaint has been filed with the Contractor.

Items 1 and 2 above shall be maintained in a separate logbook. All police-related records shall be open at any time for inspection by the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee. Within the first ten (10) days of every month, the Contractor shall provide to the Police Chief or the Chief's designee copies of every invoice PAID by any party from the previous month as a result of providing services at the request of the Village's Police Department.

U. Notifying the Owner/Insurance Agent

The Contractor is responsible for notifying the owner and/or insurance agent, in writing, for the removal of a vehicle which has been towed to the storage lot of the Contractor because of a police-directed tow within 48 hours of the tow, using the name and address shown on the Secretary of State's records. If after thirty 30 days the Contractor has been unable to notify the owner and/or applicable insurance agent or insurance company, the Contractor, if the storage lot is located within the Village, it will notify the Village's Police Department to begin proceedings to process the vehicle as an unclaimed/abandoned auto. The Police Department will review the documentation and ensure proper protocol was followed.

V. Reporting Acts of Theft/Vandalism

The Contractor shall immediately report to the Village's Police Department any acts of theft, vandalism, or attempts of same to any vehicle towed as authorized by the Village's Police Department. If the offense occurs within the Village, the requirement shall be met by filing an incident report with the Police Department. If the offense occurs outside the Village, such report shall be in writing and contain the date and time of the offense, a complete description of items stolen or damage incurred, a complete description of the car including make, model, year, license plate number, vehicle identification number (VIN) and owners information. Additionally, the Village's Police Department's original report and incident numbers under which the tow was authorized and the name of the police agency with which the report is being filed shall be provided.

W. Notification of Operational Changes

The contractor shall immediately notify the Village's Police Department of any operational changes, e.g., new equipment, changes in the location of storage lots, new tow truck

operators, etc. Failure to notify the Village's Police Department may result in suspension of the use of the Contractor's services until inspections ensuring compliance with these specifications are conducted.

X. Heavy Wrecker Towing Vehicles

The Contractor shall ensure that if an agreement exists (as evidenced by inclusion in the Towing Services Agreement attached hereto), with another named towing contractor to provide heavy wrecker towing related services to the Village, all towing equipment belonging to the other agency bears the name, telephone number and town of the primary Contractor. This may be done by the use of magnetic signs, which shall be displayed while services to the Village's Police Department are being provided. Failure of another towing agency to display such signs may result in the Village's Police Department prohibiting the continued use of the other contractor's services.

Y. Incident Report Numbers

The Contractor shall ensure that its employees obtain either a traffic collision number, incident report number or CAD incident number from any officer at any scene and include it on its invoice. The Contractor further shall ensure that its employees routinely pick-up Contractor's copies of tow slips at the Department.

Z. Junking Requests

The Contractor, before forwarding to the Department a request for the junking or auctioning of a vehicle, shall ensure that the Department tow slip is attached or the correct report number is included in the packet.

AA. Registration with the Village

The Contractor shall annually obtain a business license from the Village as required by the Oak Park Village Code.

**5. DETAILED RESPONSE SPECIFICATIONS:** All firms interested in providing towing services for the Village of Oak Park must provide detailed responses for each of the questions listed below. Be sure to indicate next to your response the question that is being answered. If the answer is contained within any attached marketing material, please indicate precisely where the response to the particular question is located.

- A. A brief description and history of the firm.
- B. A list of all current municipal/public entity/government clients within the State of Illinois. Please include a reference contact name for each client and their phone number.
- C. Education, experience, expertise, and certifications of the firm

- D. Price Proposal: Contractors shall provide an itemized list of available services and associated prices to fulfill the scope of services outlined in this RFP.
- E. References: The Village will notify all references identified in the qualified Contractor's response.
  - 1) Provide a reference list including any municipal clients within the State of Illinois.
  - 2) Provide evidence of the firm's experience in providing service for other unionized municipalities.
  - 3) List other accounts the firm has served and indicate whether the Village may independently contact such accounts for an appraisal of comparable services they have received from your firm.
- F. Forms and Reports: Provide samples of all forms your facility uses to document services and how quickly reports will be available for the Village. Please provide samples of invoices, statements, and any other accounting reports.

**6. EVALUATION CRITERIA:** Proposals shall provide a straightforward, concise description of the Contractor's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of this RFP. During the evaluation process, the Selection Committee may, at its discretion, request any one or all Contractors to make oral presentations. Such presentations will provide Contractors with an opportunity to answer any questions the Selection Committee may have on a firm's proposal. Not all Contractors may be asked to make such oral presentations. Award will be made to the contractor who represents the best overall quality and value to the Village and proposals will be evaluated with an emphasis on the following:

- A. Qualifications and experience providing towing services for government agencies with similar job classifications to the Village.
- B. Performance (quality and efficiency) providing towing services to government agencies.
- C. Service availability, ease of process, customer service, and convenience.
- D. Security and size of tow lot.
- E. Proven systems in place for timely communication and follow-up.
- F. Price.
- G. References.

**7. EVALUATION PROCESS:** The Selection Committee will advance the recommended Contractor as set forth below.

- A. The Selection Committee will select the proposal which is most responsive to the Village's requirements and based on the demonstrated ability, appears to be best able to serve the Village. Proposals will be evaluated based on the criteria outlined in Section 6 of this document.
- B. The evaluation team shall consist of staff from Adjudication, Police, Legal, and Public Works.
- C. Award of the Contract must be approved by the Village's Board of Trustees.

**8. AWARD OF CONTRACT**

- A. Contract Term: The Village anticipates awarding an initial minimum contract for two years, after which the Village will have the right to renew for an additional one-year period of time.
- B. Authorization: The selected Contractor shall enter into a Towing Services Agreement in substantially the form attached hereto, subject to the review and approval of the Village Attorney, authorized by the Village of Oak Park Board of Trustees, and executed by the Village Manager. The selected Contractor is advised that Village staff, other than the Village Manager, have no authority to sign agreements or modify existing agreements on behalf of the Village and that any such agreements are null and void.
- C. Termination for Non-appropriation of Funds: The Village reserves the right to terminate any multiyear agreement if the Village's Board of Trustees fails to appropriate funds for this purpose in any subsequent fiscal year. All funds for payments after December 31st of the current fiscal year are subject to Village appropriation for this purpose.
- D. Contractor Personnel Assigned to the Village of Oak Park Account(s): The Village reserves the right to accept or reject any staff designated by the Contractor to manage the Village account(s). If no suitable replacement staff is provided, the Village reserves the right to terminate the contract.
- E. Subcontracting: The Contractor shall not assign or subcontract any portion of the services to be provided without the written approval of the Village. The Contractor assumes responsibility for the performance of all subcontractors, whether or not authorized. In the event of a merger of a Contractor with another firm, the contract will

be transferable to the successor firm only upon the approval of the Village President and Board of Trustees.

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9. PROPOSAL FORM

The undersigned proposes to furnish TOWING AND STORAGE SERVICE to the Village of Oak Park according to the attached specification, at the following prices for a two (2) year period from date of award:

The cost of the towing service will be charged to the owner of the vehicle towed at the following rates:

- A. All tows pursuant to Village authority/ ordinance including, but not limited to: towing of vehicles that have been involved in accidents, booted vehicles, hazardous vehicles, vehicles parked on public or private property without consent, stolen vehicles, vehicles used in the commission of a crime, street- cleaning obstruction vehicles, tree-cutting obstruction vehicles, street or sewer maintenance obstruction vehicles, and tow-away y-zone obstruction vehicles. Rates for all such tows will include all labor, including, but not limited to, the use of floats, winches, or any other mechanism necessary to affect the tow. A tow exists at the time the wheels of the vehicle being towed are lifted from the ground by the tow truck.

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- B. Storage rate per day on automobile redeemed by owner (rate starts midnight of day towed) 

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- C. Storage in excess of three Village of Oak Park vehicles 

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- D. Schedule of towing of trucks:
  - i. 2-1/2 ton 

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  - ii. 5 ton 

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  - iii. Tractor (truck) 

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- E. Hourly rate Village-owned vehicle tows and service calls 

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- F. Hourly rate: tow trucks and driver emergency snow-towing service 

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- G. Relocation of vehicles 

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Proposal Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



State of \_\_\_\_\_), County of \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that the Contractor on the above Proposal is organized as indicated below and that all statements herein made on behalf of such Contractor and that their deponent is authorized to make them, and also deposes and says that deponent has examined and carefully prepared their proposal from the Contract Specifications and has checked the same in detail before submitting their Proposal; that the statements contained herein are true and correct.

Signature of Contractor authorizes the Village of Oak Park to verify references of business and credit at its option.

Signature of Contractor shall also be acknowledged before a Notary Public or other person authorized by law to execute such acknowledgments.

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Organization Name  
(Seal - If Corporation)

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

## 10. COMPLIANCE AFFIDAVIT

I, \_\_\_\_\_ being first duly sworn on oath depose and state as follows:  
(Print Name)

1. I am the (title) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Proposing Firm and am authorized to make the statements contained in this affidavit on behalf of the firm;
2. The Proposing Firm is organized as indicated on Exhibit A to this Affidavit, entitled "Organization of Proposing Firm," which Exhibit is incorporated into this Affidavit as if fully set forth herein;
3. I have examined and carefully prepared this proposal based on the request and verified the facts contained in the proposal in detail before submitting it;
4. I authorize the Village of Oak Park to verify the Firm's business references and credit at its option;
5. Neither the Proposing Firm nor its affiliates<sup>1</sup> are barred from submitted a proposal as a result of a violation of 720 ILCS 5/33E-3 or 33E-4 relating to bid rigging and bid rotating, or Section 2-6-12 of the Oak Park Village Code relating to "Proposing Requirements."
6. Neither the Proposing Firm nor its affiliates is barred from contracting with the Village of Oak Park because of any delinquency in the payment of any debt or tax owed to the Village except for those taxes which the Proposing Firm is contesting, in accordance with the procedures established by the appropriate revenue act, liability for the tax or the amount of the tax. I understand that making a false statement regarding delinquency in taxes is a Class A Misdemeanor and, in addition, voids the contract and allows the Village of Oak Park to recover all amounts paid to the Proposing Firm under the contract in civil action.
7. I am familiar with Section 13-3-2 through 13-3-4 of the Oak Park Village Code relating to Fair Employment Practices and understand the contents thereof; and state that the Proposing Firm is an "Equal Opportunity Employer" as defined by Section 2000(E) of Chapter 21, Title 42 of the United States Code Annotated and Federal Executive Orders #11246 and #11375 which are incorporated herein by reference. **Also, complete the attached EEO Report or Submit an EEO-1.**
8. All statements made in this application are true and correct.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Business

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>1</sup> Affiliates means: (i) any subsidiary or parent of the bidding or contracting business entity, (ii) any member of the same unitary business group; (iii) any person with any ownership interest or distributive share of the bidding or contracting business entity in excess of 7.5%; (iv) any entity owned or controlled by an executive employee, his or her spouse or minor children of the bidding or contracting business entity.

(Number, Street, Suite #)

(City, State & Zip)

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Web Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed to and sworn before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

- Notary Seal -

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

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**11. ORGANIZATION OF PROPOSING FIRM**

(Complete Applicable Paragraph Below)

(a) **Corporation:** The Contractor is a corporation, operating under the legal name of \_\_\_\_\_ is organized and existing in good standing under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ and is authorized to conduct business in the State of Illinois. The full names of its officers are:

President \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

The Name and Address of its Registered Agent is: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Number, Street, Suite #) (City, State & Zip)

The corporation has a corporate seal. (In the event that this proposal is executed by a person other than the President, attach hereto a certified copy of that section of Corporate By-Laws or other authorization by the Corporation that permits the person to execute the offer for the corporation.)

(b) **Partnership:** The Contractor is a Partnership operating under the name:

\_\_\_\_\_

The following are the names, addresses and signatures of all partners:

_____ Name	_____ Address	_____ Signature
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_____ Name	_____ Address	_____ Signature
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_____ Name	_____ Address	_____ Signature
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(Attach additional sheets if necessary.) If so, check here \_\_\_\_\_.

If the partnership does business under an assumed name, the assumed name is \_\_\_\_\_ which is registered with the Cook County Clerk and the partnership is otherwise in compliance with the Assumed Business Name Act, 805 ILCS 405/0.01 *et. seq.*

(c) **Sole Proprietorship**: The Contractor is a sole proprietorship. If the Contractor does business under an assumed name, the assumed name is \_\_\_\_\_, which is registered with the Cook County Clerk. The Contractor is otherwise in compliance with the Assumed Business Name Act, 805 ILCS 405/0.01 *et. seq.*

(d) **Affiliates**: The name and address of any affiliated entity of the business, including a description of the affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

The name and address of any affiliated person of the business entity, including a description of the affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Owner

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

## 12. VILLAGE OF OAK PARK EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY REPORT

Please fill out this form completely. Failure to respond truthfully to any questions on this form, failure to complete the form or failure to cooperate fully with further inquiry by the Village of Oak Park will result in disqualification of this proposal. For assistance in completing this form, contact the Finance Department at 708-358-5460. **An EEO-1 Report may be submitted in lieu of this report**

1. Contractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Check here if your firm is:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ MBE \_\_\_\_\_ WBE \_\_\_\_\_ DBE \_\_\_\_\_ None of the above
3. What is the size of the firm's current stable work force?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of full-time employees \_\_\_\_\_ Number of part-time employees
4. Similar information will be requested of all subcontractors working on this contract. Forms will be furnished to the lowest responsible bidder with the notice of contract award, and these forms must be completed and submitted to the Village before the execution of the contract by the Village.

### EEO REPORT (An EEO-1 Report may be submitted in lieu of this report)

Please fill out this form completely. **Failure to respond truthfully to any questions on this form, or failure to cooperate fully with further inquiry by the Village of Oak Park will result in disqualification of this proposal.** An incomplete form will disqualify your proposal. For assistance in completing this form, contact the Finance Department at 708-358-5460.

Job Categories	Total Employees	Total Males	Total Females	Males				Females				Total Minorities
				Black	Hispanic	American Indian &	Asian & Pacific	Black	Hispanic	American Indian &	Asian & Pacific	
Officials & Managers												
Professionals												
Technicians												
Sales Workers												
Office & Clerical												
Semi-Skilled												
Laborers												
Service Workers												
TOTAL												
Management												
Apprentices												

**This completed and notarized report must accompany your bid. It should be attached to your Affidavit of Compliance. Failure to include it with your bid will be disqualify you from consideration.**

\_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn,  
(Name of Person Making Affidavit)

deposes and says that he/she is \_\_\_\_\_ (Position/Job Title) of  
\_\_\_\_\_ and that the above EEO Report information is true and accurate and is  
submitted with the intent that it be relied upon.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

- Notary Seal -

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

**END OF PROPOSAL**