

Rationale for Request for Proposals for Growth Plan Initiatives

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<p>a) Regulated requirements of the work.</p>	<p>The rules for eligible expenditures under the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (Infrastructure Fund) program state that the City must conduct a competitive tendering process for all projects and/or portions of projects exceeding \$100,000 in eligible expenditures unless otherwise agreed to by the Government of Saskatchewan. Some internal staff time may be considered to be eligible expenditures under the program; however, the rules, as the Administration understands them, do not generally support the completion of the Infrastructure Fund projects using internal resources.</p>
<p>b) Capacity of existing staff to perform the work. c) Requirement of specialized services. d) Expected timeline of delivery. e) Frequency of need of the required expertise. f) Cost of expected scope of work. g) Availability of technology in-house.</p>	<p>Implementing the Growth Plan represents work in new areas of business, and/or at service levels beyond the current level of staff resources. While many aspects of the Growth Plan will eventually be operationalized, the above work is anticipated to be primarily temporary in nature. Also, some portions of the work require specialized knowledge, experience, and/or technology that the City does not necessarily have or require on an ongoing basis. Procuring these services through competitive Request for Proposals enables the timely and cost-effective delivery of these projects while maintaining appropriate long-term staffing levels.</p>