# State of Maine Master Score Sheet

	RFP# 201807151					
Multimedia and Creative Services						
Bi	dder Name:	Bradley Brown Design Group	Bradley Brown Design Group	Bradley Brown Design Group	Colehour + Cohen Inc. (C+C)	
Se	ervice Type:	Copy Writer	Graphic Designer	Video Production Services	Marketing Agency	
Proj	oosed Cost:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Scoring Sections	Points Available					
Section I: Organization Qualifications and Experience	40	26	30	23	38	
Section II: Proposed Services	35	30	30	28	32	
Section III: Cost Proposal	25	19	19	14	15	
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>85</u>	

Bi	dder Name:	Tabnie Dozier Enterprises, Inc.	
Se	ervice Type:	Copywriter	
Proj	oosed Cost:	N/A	
Scoring Sections	Points Available		
Section I: Organization Qualifications and Experience	40	N/A	
Section II: Proposed Services	35	N/A	
Section III: Cost Proposal	25	N/A	
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	N/A	



STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Janet T. Mills Governor Kirsten Figueroa Commissioner

# AWARD NOTIFICATION LETTER

December 2, 2024

Heather Ishler, Business Services Bradley Brown Design Group, Inc. 602 Poplar Way Carnegie, PA 15106 <u>Heather@bradleybrowndesign.com</u>

### SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Pre-Qualified Vendor List Awards under RFP # 201807151 – Multimedia and Creative Services

Dear Heather Ishler,

This letter is in regard to the subject Request for Proposals (RFP), issued by the State of Maine Department of Administrative and Financial Services for PQVL for Multimedia and Creative Services. The Department has evaluated the proposals received using the evaluation criteria identified in the RFP, and the Department is hereby announcing its conditional awards to the following bidder:

- Bradley Brown Design Group Copy Writer
- Bradley Brown Design Group Graphic Designer
- Colehour + Cohen Inc. (C+C) Marketing Agency

The bidders listed above have met the requirements for placement on the Pre-Qualified Vendor List. Vendors added to this Pre-Qualified Vendor List (PQVL) are not guaranteed a contract with the State of Maine but are eligible to submit bids on projects issued through the PQVL Mini-Bid Process, as defined in the RFP. Any Notice of Conditional Contract Award resulting from a Mini-Bid award is subject to execution of a written contract. As a result, this Notice does NOT constitute the formation of a contract between the Department and the apparent successful vendor(s). The vendor shall not acquire any legal or equitable rights relative to contract services until a contract containing terms and conditions acceptable to the Department is executed. The Department further reserves the right to cancel this Notice of Conditional Contract Award and dissolve the Pre-Qualified Vendor List at any time.

As stated in the RFP, following announcement of this award decision, all submissions in response to the RFP are considered public records available for public inspection pursuant to

the State of Maine Freedom of Access Act (FOAA). 1 M.R.S. §§ 401 et seq.; 5 M.R.S. § 1825-B (6).

This award decision is conditioned upon final approval by the State Procurement Review Committee. A Statement of Appeal Rights has been provided with this letter; see below.

Thank you for your interest in doing business with the State of Maine.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by: Lindsey Kendall

Lindsey Kendall Procurement Planning Manager DAFS/Office of State Procurement Services

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# AWARD NOTIFICATION LETTER

December 2, 2024

Mark McClennan Colehour + Cohen Inc. (C+C) 129 South Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Boston, MA 02111 <u>mmcclennan@cplusc.com</u>

# SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Pre-Qualified Vendor List Awards under RFP # 201807151 – Multimedia and Creative Services

Dear Mark McClennan,

This letter is in regard to the subject Request for Proposals (RFP), issued by the State of Maine Department of Administrative and Financial Services for PQVL for Multimedia and Creative Services. The Department has evaluated the proposals received using the evaluation criteria identified in the RFP, and the Department is hereby announcing its conditional awards to the following bidder:

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# AWARD NOTIFICATION LETTER

December 2, 2024

Tabnie Dozier Tabnie Dozier Enterprises, Inc. 785 Kingston Ln, G Reno, NV 89511 <u>info@tabniedozier.com</u>

### SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Pre-Qualified Vendor List Awards under RFP # 201807151 – Multimedia and Creative Services

Dear Tabnie Dozier,

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RFP #: 201807151 RFP TITLE: PQVL For Multimedia and Creative Services BIDDER: Bradley Brown Design Group DATE: November 12, 2024

### SUMMARY PAGE

**Department Name:** Department of Administrative and Financial Services **Name of RFP Coordinator:** Lindsey Kendall **Names of Evaluators**: Jessica Crosby, Paulo Muanda, Adam Dounane **Service Type:** Copy Writer

Scoring Sections	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	<u>Points</u> <u>Awarded</u>
Section I. Organization Qualifications and Experience	40	26
Section II. Proposed Services	35	30
Section III. Cost Proposal	25	19
Total Points	<u>100</u>	<u>75</u>

### RFP #: 201807151 RFP TITLE: PQVL For Multimedia and Creative Services BIDDER: Bradley Brown Design Group DATE: November 12, 2024

# EVALUATION OF SECTION I Organization Qualifications and Experience

	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	<u>Points</u> <u>Awarded</u>
Section I. Organization Qualifications and Experience	40	26

- I. Overview of the Organization
  - 40+ years of experience
  - More than 4,800 completed projects
  - Work with companies and organizations nationally broad experience
  - Previous projects provided, but no contact info for any of them
- II. Subcontractors
  - Provided information on selection and use of subcontractors
  - Somewhat vague
- III. Organizational Chart
  - 7 team members mentioned, provided profiles for 6
  - Multiple typos concerns with attention to detail for copy writing
- IV. Litigation
  - Not addressed
- V. Licensure/Certification
  - None provided
- VI. Certificate of Insurance
  - Provided

### RFP #: 201807151 RFP TITLE: PQVL For Multimedia and Creative Services BIDDER: Bradley Brown Design Group DATE: November 12, 2024

### EVALUATION OF SECTION II Proposed Services

	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	<u>Points</u> <u>Awarded</u>
Section II. Proposed Services	35	30

- Project experience demonstrates work in applicable areas
- Provided metrics on click-through rate, etc.
- Brochures, 2-pagers, social media
- Met requirements

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# EVALUATION OF SECTION III Cost Proposal

	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	<u>Points</u> <u>Awarded</u>
Section III. Cost Proposal	25	19

### **Evaluation Team Comments:**

Rate sheet provided with all rates

Easy to read, but detail was lacking for relevant rates – only high-level rates provided.

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### SUMMARY PAGE

**Department Name:** Department of Administrative and Financial Services **Name of RFP Coordinator:** Lindsey Kendall **Names of Evaluators**: Jessica Crosby, Paulo Muanda, Adam Dounane **Service Type:** Graphic Designer

Scoring Sections	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	<u>Points</u> <u>Awarded</u>
Section I. Organization Qualifications and Experience	40	30
Section II. Proposed Services	35	30
Section III. Cost Proposal	25	19
Total Points	<u>100</u>	<u>79</u>

### RFP #: 201807151 RFP TITLE: PQVL For Multimedia and Creative Services BIDDER: Bradley Brown Design Group DATE: November 12, 2024

# EVALUATION OF SECTION I Organization Qualifications and Experience

	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	Points Awarded
Section I. Organization Qualifications and Experience	40	30

- I. Overview of the Organization
  - 40+ years of experience
  - More than 4,800 completed projects
  - Work with companies and organizations nationally broad experience
  - Previous projects
    - i. Large scale graphic design examples
    - ii. Government entity included
    - iii. no contact info for any of them
    - iv. Have experienced modernizing recruitment materials
- II. Subcontractors
  - Provided information on selection and use of subcontractors
  - Somewhat vague
- III. Organizational Chart
  - 7 team members mentioned, provided profiles for 6
  - Some typos
- IV. Litigation
  - Not addressed
- V. Licensure/Certification
  - None provided
- VI. Certificate of Insurance
  - Provided

### RFP #: 201807151 RFP TITLE: PQVL For Multimedia and Creative Services BIDDER: Bradley Brown Design Group DATE: November 12, 2024

### EVALUATION OF SECTION II Proposed Services

	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	<u>Points</u> <u>Awarded</u>
Section II. Proposed Services	35	30

- Graphic design process was thoroughly explained with three key steps, with sub-steps included
  - o Research, planning, onboarding
  - Concept development and design
  - Design completion and production
- Seems to be their strong suit

# RFP #: 201807151 RFP TITLE: PQVL For Multimedia and Creative Services BIDDER: Bradley Brown Design Group DATE: November 12, 2024

### EVALUATION OF SECTION III Cost Proposal

	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	<u>Points</u> <u>Awarded</u>
Section III. Cost Proposal	25	19

- Clear, easy to read
- Rates seem somewhat high but appear reasonable
- Rates were high level could have used more detail as to what is included in each rate. Would be nice to know how the rates apply to each step defined in their graphic design process.

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### SUMMARY PAGE

**Department Name:** Department of Administrative and Financial Services **Name of RFP Coordinator:** Lindsey Kendall **Names of Evaluators**: Jessica Crosby, Paulo Muanda, Adam Dounane **Service Type:** Video Production Services

Scoring Sections	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	<u>Points</u> <u>Awarded</u>
Section I. Organization Qualifications and Experience	40	23
Section II. Proposed Services	35	28
Section III. Cost Proposal	25	14
Total Points	<u>100</u>	<u>65</u>

### RFP #: 201807151 RFP TITLE: PQVL For Multimedia and Creative Services BIDDER: Bradley Brown Design Group DATE: November 12, 2024

# EVALUATION OF SECTION I Organization Qualifications and Experience

	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	Points Awarded
Section I. Organization Qualifications and Experience	40	23

# Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Overview of the Organization
  - 40+ years of experience
  - More than 4,800 completed projects
  - Work with companies and organizations nationally broad experience
  - Previous projects
    - i. Brand videos, including testimonials
    - ii. Social media and other digital platforms
- II. Subcontractors
  - Relation to Argentine Productions was not clear not clearly defined as a subcontractor
- III. Organizational Chart
  - 7 team members mentioned, provided profiles for 6
  - Some typos
- IV. Litigation

V.

- Not addressed
- Licensure/Certification
  - None provided
- VI. Certificate of Insurance
  - Provided

### RFP #: 201807151 RFP TITLE: PQVL For Multimedia and Creative Services BIDDER: Bradley Brown Design Group DATE: November 12, 2024

### EVALUATION OF SECTION II Proposed Services

	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	Points Awarded
Section II. Proposed Services	35	28

- Production quality seems adequate depending on the budget
- Planning and storyboarding, other required services included
- Specialized equipment available helicopters, dollies, etc.
  - Capable, but doesn't seem very relevant to the needs the State would have in this area.
- Typo found attention to detail
- Mentioned partnering with Argentine
- Audio description and captioning available good for accessibility

# RFP #: 201807151 RFP TITLE: PQVL For Multimedia and Creative Services BIDDER: Bradley Brown Design Group DATE: November 12, 2024

### EVALUATION OF SECTION III Cost Proposal

	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	<u>Points</u> <u>Awarded</u>
Section III. Cost Proposal	25	14

- Rate sheet from Argentine Productions
- Quite detailed, but could use more description/context for rates
- Rates appear very high
- Equipment rates are provided but not likely to be feasible for State agencies with smaller budgets, who are likely to use this PQVL

RFP #: 201807151 RFP TITLE: PQVL For Multimedia and Creative Services BIDDER: Colehour + Cohen Inc. (C+C) DATE: December 2, 2024

### SUMMARY PAGE

**Department Name:** Department of Administrative and Financial Services **Name of RFP Coordinator:** Lindsey Kendall **Names of Evaluators**: Jessica Crosby, Paulo Muanda, Adam Dounane **Service Type:** Marketing Agency

Scoring Sections	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	<u>Points</u> <u>Awarded</u>
Section I. Organization Qualifications and Experience	40	38
Section II. Proposed Services	35	32
Section III. Cost Proposal	25	15
Total Points	<u>100</u>	<u>85</u>

### RFP #: 201807151 RFP TITLE: PQVL For Multimedia and Creative Services BIDDER: Colehour + Cohen Inc. (C+C) DATE: December 2, 2024

### EVALUATION OF SECTION I Organization Qualifications and Experience

	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	Points Awarded
Section I. Organization Qualifications and Experience	40	38

- I. Overview of the Organization
  - Government experience
  - Projects were well defined, relevant, contacts provided
  - No Maine office, but have experience in New England
  - Mentioned work during COVID
  - 37 languages, 17 years of experience with Somalian and French languages i. Have captured many different audiences through previous campaigns
  - Experience with outreach to at-risk communities
- II. Subcontractors
  - None
- III. Organizational Chart
  - Provided
  - Full profile for all staff
- IV. Litigation
  - None
- V. Licensure/Certification
- None provided
- VI. Certificate of Insurance
  - Provided

### RFP #: 201807151 RFP TITLE: PQVL For Multimedia and Creative Services BIDDER: Colehour + Cohen Inc. (C+C) DATE: December 2, 2024

### EVALUATION OF SECTION II Proposed Services

	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	<u>Points</u> <u>Awarded</u>
Section II. Proposed Services	35	32

- Thorough overview of in-house capabilities
- Breakdown of planning efforts to reach at-risk communities
- Implementation is well defined, emphasized early engagement of key stakeholders
- Have a standard approach, but are able to shift to accommodate client needs
- Good balance between new and traditional media
- Mentioned indigenous communities, but did not name them specifically
- Mentioned other languages and communities they are comfortable working with good accessibility approach

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### EVALUATION OF SECTION III Cost Proposal

	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	<u>Points</u> <u>Awarded</u>
Section III. Cost Proposal	25	15

- Detailed, comprehensive
- Included rates and explanation of rates for context
- Rates seem somewhat high/expensive, but they offer unique and quality services
- Included rate increase per year
- Some mark-ups weren't clear
- Some rates for services/positions weren't clearly differentiated/not clear how they would be applied

RFP #: 201807151 RFP TITLE: PQVL For Multimedia and Creative Services BIDDER: Tabnie Dozier Enterprises, Inc. DATE: December 2, 2024

### SUMMARY PAGE

**Department Name:** Department of Administrative and Financial Services **Name of RFP Coordinator:** Lindsey Kendall **Names of Evaluators**: Jessica Crosby, Paulo Muanda, Adam Dounane **Service Type:** Copy Writer

Scoring Sections	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	<u>Points</u> <u>Awarded</u>
Section I. Organization Qualifications and Experience	40	N/A
Section II. Proposed Services	35	N/A
Section III. Cost Proposal	25	N/A
Total Points	<u>100</u>	N/A

The proposal submitted by Tabnie Dozier Enterprises contained only a Certificate of Insurance. The evaluation team disqualified the proposal, as it was determined to be non-responsive to the RFP as defined in Part IV of the RFP.

RFP# 201807151 RFP TITLE: PQVL for Multimedia and Creative Services BIDDER NAME: Bradley Brown Design Group, Inc. DATE: November 1, 2024 EVALUATOR NAME: Adam Dounane EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DAFS, OSPS

# Individual Evaluator Comments:

### I. Organization Qualifications and Experience

- 1. Overview of Organization
  - Goes back to 1980 (P)
  - More than 4800 projects (P)
  - Seven team members total (I) capacity limitations?
  - Did not fully complete Appendix C (N) No contact info for previous projects available
  - Provides no performance or satisfaction measures in this section (N)
- 2. Subcontractors
  - Unresponsive (N) Very vague.
- 3. Organizational Chart
  - Typos (N) Missing 't' in 'Education' and Responsibilities for President's profile
  - Having work experience under responsibilities is confusing (N)
  - Unsure of delegation of responsibility (N)
- 4. Litigation
  - Nothing listed
- 5. Licensure/Certification
  - Nothing provided
- 6. Certificate of Insurance
  - Requirements met

#### II. Proposed Services

- 1. Services to be Provided (Appendix D)
  - Meets minimum requirements

#### III. Cost Proposal (Rate Sheet)

Seems high overall

RFP# 201807151 RFP TITLE: PQVL for Multimedia and Creative Services BIDDER NAME: Bradley Brown Design Group, Inc. DATE: 11/7/2024 EVALUATOR NAME: Paulo Muanda EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DAFS

# Individual Evaluator Comments:

### I. Organization Qualifications and Experience

- 1. Overview of Organization
  - (P)More than 40 of experience
  - (P)Specialize in print and digital communications
  - (P)Have executed over 4.800 projects
  - Annual revenue under a million dollar
  - (P)Project 1 information provided.
    - (N)No contacts information was provided
  - (P)Project 2 information provided.
    - (N)No contacts information was provided
  - (P)Project 3 information provided.
    - (N)No contacts information was provided
- 2. Subcontractors
  - None
- 3. Organizational Chart
  - Mentioned a team of 7 but only provided a profile for 6
- 4. Litigation
  - None was mentioned
- 5. Licensure/Certification
  - None was provided
- 6. Certificate of Insurance
  - (P)Provided

#### II. Proposed Services

- 1. Services to be Provided (Appendix D)
  - (P) Copywriting for brochures, 2-pagers, social media
  - (P) The copywriter responsible for concept and theme development
  - (P)The samples of past projects appear to be professional and of high quality.

# III. Cost Proposal (Rate Sheet)

• (P)The rate sheet was easy to understand

RFP# 201807151 RFP TITLE: PQVL for Multimedia and Creative Services (Copy Writer) BIDDER NAME: Bradley Brown Design Group Inc DATE: 11/6/23 EVALUATOR NAME: Jessica Crosby EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DAFS/BHR

# Individual Evaluator Comments:

### I. Organization Qualifications and Experience

- 1. Overview of Organization
  - P: Organization has been in business for 40+ years.
  - P: Organization works with companies and organizations across the country.
- 2. Subcontractors
  - P: provided information on the types of subcontractors they work with and their process for determining which project requires subcontractors.
- 3. Organizational Chart
  - P: Provided a list of the 6 primary employees, their tenure, roles, and responsibilities.
- 4. Litigation
  - No litigation information provided.
- 5. Licensure/Certification
  - •
- 6. Certificate of Insurance
  - Provided a copy of their liability insurance.

#### II. Proposed Services

- 1. Services to be Provided (Appendix D)
  - P: Three examples of previous projects are provided, including a statement about the results of their project.
  - P: Scope of Services is thorough and outlines the responsibilities of the copy writer depending on the project.

#### III. Cost Proposal (Rate Sheet)

• Rate sheet is provided and easy to understand

RFP# 201807151 RFP TITLE: PQVL for Multimedia and Creative Services BIDDER NAME: Bradley Brown Design Group, Inc. DATE: November 1, 2024 EVALUATOR NAME: Adam Dounane EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DAFS, OSPS

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  - Having work experience under responsibilities is confusing (N)
  - Unsure of delegation of responsibility (N)
- 4. Litigation
  - Nothing listed
- 5. Licensure/Certification
  - Nothing provided
- 6. Certificate of Insurance
  - Requirements met

#### II. Proposed Services

- 1. Services to be Provided (Appendix D)
  - Overall scope seems well thought-out

#### III. Cost Proposal (Rate Sheet)

Seems high

RFP# 201807151 RFP TITLE: PQVL for Multimedia and Creative Services BIDDER NAME: Bradley Brown Design Group, Inc. DATE: 11/7/2024 EVALUATOR NAME: Paulo Muanda EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DAFS

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- 2. Subcontractors
  - None
- 3. Organizational Chart
  - Mentioned a team of 7 but only provided a profile for 6
- 4. Litigation
  - None was mentioned
- 5. Licensure/Certification
  - None was provided
- 6. Certificate of Insurance
  - (P)Provided

#### II. Proposed Services

- 1. Services to be Provided (Appendix D)
  - Research, planning, and onboarding
  - Concept development and design
  - Design completion and production

#### III. Cost Proposal (Rate Sheet)

• (P)The rate sheet was easy to understand

RFP# 201807151 RFP TITLE: PQVL for Multimedia and Creative Services (Graphic Designer) BIDDER NAME: Bradley Brown Design Group Inc. DATE: 11/6/24 EVALUATOR NAME: Jessica Crosby EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DAFS/BHR

# Individual Evaluator Comments:

### I. Organization Qualifications and Experience

- 1. Overview of Organization
  - P: Organization has been in business for 40+ years.
  - P: Organization has done business with government entities in the past (US Merchant Marine Academy) as well as having clients across the country.
  - P: Have experience modernizing client recruitment materials.
- 2. Subcontractors
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- 3. Organizational Chart
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- 4. Litigation
  - Q: No litigation information provided.
- 5. Licensure/Certification
- 6. Certificate of Insurance
  - Provided a copy of their liability insurance.

#### II. Proposed Services

- 1. Services to be Provided (Appendix D)
  - P: Three examples of previous projects are provided.
  - P: Scope of Services is thorough and covers the planning, design, and execution stages

#### III. Cost Proposal (Rate Sheet)

• Rate sheet is provided and easy to understand

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# Individual Evaluator Comments:

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  - Did not fully complete Appendix C (N) No contact info for previous projects available
  - Provides no performance or satisfaction measures in this section (N)
- 2. Subcontractors
  - Unresponsive (N) very vague form message
  - Argentine listed in another section—confusing and shows lack of effort
- 3. Organizational Chart
  - Typos (N) Missing 't' in 'Education' and Responsibilities for President's profile
  - Having work experience under responsibilities is confusing (N)
  - Unsure of delegation of responsibility (N)
- 4. Litigation
  - Nothing listed
- 5. Licensure/Certification
  - Nothing provided
- 6. Certificate of Insurance
  - Requirements met

#### II. Proposed Services

- 1. Services to be Provided (Appendix D)
  - Meets requirements
  - Including audio description and captioning for accessibility

#### III. Cost Proposal (Rate Sheet)

• 235 dollars per 15 min captioning seems very, very high when compared to industry standards

RFP# 201807151 RFP TITLE: PQVL for Multimedia and Creative Services BIDDER NAME: Bradley Brown Design Group, Inc. DATE: 11/7/2024 EVALUATOR NAME: Paulo Muanda EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DAFS

# Individual Evaluator Comments:

### I. Organization Qualifications and Experience

- 1. Overview of Organization
  - (P)More than 40 of experience
  - (P)Have executed over 4.800 projects
  - Annual revenue under a million dollar
  - (P)Project 1 information provided.
    - (N)No contacts information was provided
  - (P)Project 2 information provided.
    - (N)No contacts information was provided
  - (P)Project 3 information provided.
    - (N)No contacts information was provided
- 2. Subcontractors
  - (Q)Argentine Productions partner or subcontractor?
- 3. Organizational Chart
  - Mentioned a team of 7 but only provided a profile for 6
- 4. Litigation
  - None was mentioned
- 5. Licensure/Certification
  - None was provided
- 6. Certificate of Insurance
  - (P)Provided

#### II. Proposed Services

- 1. Services to be Provided (Appendix D)
  - will partner with Argentine Productions for Video Production Services
  - Included in the work: web series, visitor center films, and museum media projects

#### III. Cost Proposal (Rate Sheet)

• (P)The rate sheet was easy to understand

RFP# 201807151 RFP TITLE: PQVL for Multimedia and Creative Services (Video Production) BIDDER NAME: Bradley Brown Design Group Inc DATE: 11/6/24 EVALUATOR NAME: Jessica Crosby EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DAFS/BHR

### Individual Evaluator Comments:

### I. Organization Qualifications and Experience

- 1. Overview of Organization
  - P: Organization has been in business for 40+ years.
  - P: Organization has experience creating brand videos which include testimonials.
  - P: Organization has experience creating videos for social media and other digital platforms.
- 2. Subcontractors
  - P: provided information on the types of subcontractors they work with and their process for determining which project requires subcontractors.
- 3. Organizational Chart
  - P: Provided a list of the 6 primary employees, their tenure, roles, and responsibilities.
- 4. Litigation
  - Q: No litigation information provided.
- 5. Licensure/Certification
- 6. Certificate of Insurance
  - Provided a copy of their liability insurance.

#### II. Proposed Services

- 1. Services to be Provided (Appendix D)
  - P: Three examples of previous projects are provided.
  - Scope of Services indicates that Bradley Brown partners with Argentine Productions for Video Production services.
    - 1. P: A full scope of video production services is provided.

#### III. Cost Proposal (Rate Sheet)

• Rate sheet is provided and easy to understand

RFP# 201807151 RFP TITLE: PQVL for Multimedia and Creative Services BIDDER NAME: Colehour + Cohen, Inc., "C+C" DATE: November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 EVALUATOR NAME: Adam Dounane EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DAFS, OSPS

# Individual Evaluator Comments:

### I. Organization Qualifications and Experience

- 1. Overview of Organization
  - Extensive experience working with government in different areas(P)
    - 1. ENERGY STAR program with US EPA
    - 2. Massachusetts' Community Colleges and MA Dept. of Higher Education
  - Extensive experience in New England (P) including:
    - 1. Efficiency Maine Trust
    - 2. Mass Save
    - 3. Efficiency Vermont
    - 4. Connecticut Green Bank
  - Accessibility to ranging audiences (P)
    - COVID communications for the State of Washington

       a. 37 different languages
    - 2. 17 years' experience including serving Somali and French communities
    - 3. Overall, it seems dedicated to serving the State of Maine's intended audiences, including community organizations
- 2. Subcontractors
  - No subcontractor use
- 3. Organizational Chart
  - Lacking a primary point of contact between Market Intelligence, Multicultural Communications, Account Services, Creative & Content, Digital & Social Media, **and** the State of Maine (N)
  - Seems organized considering the size of the organization (~115 employees.
- 4. Litigation
  - None
- 5. Licensure/Certification
  - 'Not applicable'
- 6. Certificate of Insurance
  - ACORD looks good

#### II. Proposed Services

1. Services to be Provided (Appendix D)

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- Seems to cover the gamut between traditional PR campaigns with TV/print/radio, and 'new media', with animating digital ads and Snapchat filters (P)
- Reiterates crossing linguistic barriers in over 30 languages (P)
   1. Including Somali and French
- Has strategic partnerships to reach different communities (P)
  - 1. Including Indigenous/American Indian
    - a. Would have been nice to see the Wabanaki or [Bantu] Somali mentioned given the local context (N)
- Weekly check-in calls seem reasonable in theory

### III. Cost Proposal (Rate Sheet)

- Rates are at the higher end, reflecting higher standards based on previous work
- The Intern rate of \$65/hour being paired with Social Good Ambassador (Internal PR/ Community Affairs?), and Account Support seems odd.
- Rate escalation of 5% per annum would seem to outpace average national inflation (N)
- 5% mark-up on hard costs incurred on behalf of the client could use more explanation—would all ad buys become, in-turn, five percent more expensive? (Q)

RFP# 201807151 RFP TITLE: PQVL for Multimedia and Creative Services BIDDER NAME: Colehour + Cohen Inc. DATE: 11/25/2024 EVALUATOR NAME: Paulo Muanda EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DAFS

# Individual Evaluator Comments:

### I. Organization Qualifications and Experience

- 1. Overview of Organization
  - Vendor located in Seattle, Boston and Portland, OR.
  - More than 115 staff located throughout North America
  - Government work experience
  - (P)Project 1 information provided.
  - (P)Project 2 information provided.
  - (P)Project 3 information provided.
- 2. Subcontractors
  - None was mentioned
- 3. Organizational Chart
  - Provided
  - Well qualified team
- 4. Litigation
  - None
- 5. Licensure/Certification
  - N/A
- 6. Certificate of Insurance
  - Provided

#### II. Proposed Services

- 1. Services to be Provided (In-house capabilities)
  - (P)Social marketing, public relations, marketing communications, creative strategy and advertising, multicultural communications, media planning and buying, market intelligence, social and digital media strategy, content development and management
  - (P)Detailed project implementation approach

#### III. Cost Proposal (Rate Sheet)

• (P)Detailed rate sheet and easy to understand

RFP# 201807151 RFP TITLE: PQVL for Multimedia and Creative Services BIDDER NAME: C&C (Marketing Agency) DATE: 11/26/24 EVALUATOR NAME: Jessica Crosby EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DAFS

# Individual Evaluator Comments:

### I. Organization Qualifications and Experience

- 1. Overview of Organization
  - P: The bidder has experience in marketing programs salient to state government, including water conservation/environmental, public health, and transportation.
  - P: 115 person team with experience working with governments and non-profit organizations, including Efficiency Maine Trust, US Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR program, and US Department of Energy's Better Buildings Initiative. They have also worked with higher education.
  - P: They have experience with outreach to diverse communities and audiences.
  - P: They offer different teams based on the type of service, including media relations, advertising and branding, digital and social, market intelligence, multicultural, behavior change, and events/outreach.
  - I: In business for 17 years.
  - P: Their 3 project examples are all highly relevant (other state agencies), have contact information, and provide a thorough overview with visual examples of the projects.
  - P: In one project, they specifically engaged with historically underrepresented communities to identify barriers to energy and environmental equity. They also created ads in Spanish.
  - P: In another project, the campaign generated 92% more applications (for teachers) than the established goal.
  - P: in another project, they created materials in 36 languages to reach all residents in the state.
- 2. Subcontractors
  - They do not list any subcontractors.
- 3. Organizational Chart
  - P: an org chart with the names of the leaders in each of their focus areas is provided, and a more detailed break out of their account services team is also included. They then go into an explanation of their staffing plan and key member bios.
- 4. Litigation
  - None.
- 5. Licensure/Certification

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- Indicated "not applicable".
- 6. Certificate of Insurance
  - P: Certificate of Insurance was provided.

#### II. Proposed Services

- 1. Services to be Provided (Appendix D)
  - P: Very thorough overview of their in-house capabilities.
  - P: They include a breakdown of how they ensure their planning and execution reflects and reaches multicultural perspectives, including emphasizing that in order to make their work relevant to their audiences, it has to be made with their incorporating their viewpoints from the beginning.
  - P: They give an overview of their approach as well, in a step by step explanation, but also indicate they tailor their approach based on the needs of the client.

#### III. Cost Proposal (Rate Sheet)

- P: They include their rates but also an explanation of those rates.
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### STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

**Kirsten LC Figueroa** Commissioner

#### AGREEMENT AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT RFP# 201807151 **RFP TITLE: PQVL for Multimedia and Creative Services**

Adam Dounane

Ι. accept the offer to become a member of the Request for Proposals (RFP) Evaluation Team for the State of Maine Department of Administrative and Financial Services. I do hereby accept the terms set forth in this agreement AND hereby disclose any affiliation or relationship I may have in connection with a bidder who has submitted a proposal to this RFP.

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Signature

Date



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#### AGREEMENT AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT RFP# 201807151 RFP TITLE: PQVL for Multimedia and Creative Services

Jessica Crosby

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Signature

Date