

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL #13-0168BG**

**GENERAL PLANNING CONSULTING SERVICES**  
**FOR**  
**MANATEE COUNTY AREA TRANSIT**

Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida (hereinafter "Manatee County" or the "County") will receive proposals from individuals, corporations, partnerships, and other business entities authorized to do business in the State of Florida, for the purpose of the GENERAL PLANNING CONSULTING SERVICES FOR MANATEE COUNTY AREA TRANSIT in accordance with Florida Statute Chapter 287, Section 055, Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act and as described in this Request For Proposal.

**DEADLINE FOR CLARIFICATION REQUESTS:** **January 7, 2013 at 5:00 PM** shall be the deadline to submit all inquiries, suggestions, or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to this Request For Proposals to the Manatee County Purchasing Division. This deadline has been established to maintain fair treatment for all potential bidders or Proposers, while ensuring an expeditious transition to a final agreement.

**TIME AND DATE DUE:** **Proposals will be received until 1:00 PM on January 14, 2013**, at which time they will be **publicly opened**. All interested parties are invited to attend this opening.

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**Important note: A prohibition of Lobbying is in place. Please review paragraph A.17 carefully to avoid violation and possible sanctions.**

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Manatee County, Financial Management Department, Purchasing Division

AUTHORIZED FOR RELEASE: 

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**SECTION A: INFORMATION TO PROPOSERS**

PROPOSERS MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION:

**A.01 OPENING LOCATION**

Proposals will be publicly opened at Manatee County Purchasing Division, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, 8th Floor, Suite 803, Bradenton, Florida 34205 in the presence of County officials at the time and date stated on the cover sheet. All Proposers or their representatives are invited to attend.

**A.02 PROPOSAL INFORMATION AND PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS**

Bids and Proposals on <http://www.mymanatee.org>

Bid or Proposal documents and the Notices of Source Selection related to those Bids or Proposals are available for download in a portable document format (.PDF) file on the Manatee County web page on the Purchasing tab under "Bids and Proposals". You may view and print these files using Adobe Acrobat software. You may download a free copy of this software (Adobe) from the County's web page if you do not have.

Manatee County collaborates with the Manatee Chamber of Commerce on distributing solicitations using the RFP Tool web page on the Chambers website: <http://www.Manateechamber.com> to post Bid and Proposal documents in a portable document format (.PDF) file. This step is in addition to the posting on Manatee County Government web page.

Manatee County may also use an internet service provider to distribute Bids and Proposals. A link to that service <http://www.DemandStar.com>, is provided on this website under the Tab "MyDemandStar". Participation in the DemandStar system is not a requirement for doing business with Manatee County.

Note: The County posts the **Notice of Source Selection** seven (7) calendar days prior to COMMENCING NEGOTIATIONS with the selected firms.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH PROPOSER, PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THEIR PROPOSAL, TO CONTACT THE MANATEE COUNTY PURCHASING DIVISION (see contact information on page one of this document) TO DETERMINE IF ADDENDA WERE ISSUED AND TO MAKE SUCH ADDENDA A PART OF THEIR PROPOSAL.

### **A.03 REQUIREMENTS FOR FORMAT AND DELIVERY OF PROPOSALS**

Any proposals received after the stated time and date will not be considered. It shall be the sole responsibility of the Proposer to have their proposal delivered to the Manatee County Purchasing Division for receipt on or before the stated time and date. If a proposal is sent by U.S. Mail, the Proposer shall be responsible for its timely delivery to the Purchasing Division. Proposals delayed by mail shall not be considered, shall not be opened at the public opening, and arrangements shall be made for their return at the Proposer's request and expense.

Proposals must be submitted in the format specified in Section B hereof. The contents of each proposal shall be **separated and arranged with tabs in the same order as listed in the Subsections within Section B** identifying the response to each specific item thereby facilitating expedient review of all responses.

### **A.04 CLARIFICATION & ADDENDA**

Each Proposer shall examine all Request For Proposal documents and shall judge all matters relating to the adequacy and accuracy of such documents. Any inquiries, suggestions or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to the Request For Proposal shall be made in writing through the Manatee County Purchasing Division. The County shall not be responsible for oral interpretations given by any County employee, representative, or agent. The issuance of a written addendum by the Purchasing Official's Division is the only official method whereby interpretation, clarification or additional information can be given.

Addenda shall be posted on <http://www.mymanatee.org>

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**A.05 SEALED & MARKED**

One signed (1) Original (marked Original) and Five (5) marked copies of your proposal shall be submitted in one sealed package, clearly marked on the outside with the **name ,address and phone number of the proposer** and as follows:

**"Sealed Proposal #13-0168BG - GENERAL PLANNING CONSULTING SERVICES FOR MANATEE COUNTY AREA TRANSIT".**

and addressed to:

Manatee County Purchasing Division  
1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803  
Bradenton, FL 34205

**A.06 LEGAL NAME**

Proposals shall clearly indicate the legal name, address, email and telephone number of the Proposer (company, firm, partnership or individual). Proposals shall be signed above the typed or printed name and title of the signer. The signer must have the authority to bind the Proposer to the submitted proposal.

**A.07 PROPOSAL EXPENSES**

All expenses for making proposals to the County are to be borne by the Proposer.

**A.08 EXAMINATION OF PROPOSAL**

The examination of the proposal and the Proposer generally requires a period of not less than ninety (90) calendar days from the date of the opening of the proposals.

**A.09 DISCLOSURE**

Upon receipt, all inquiries and responses to inquiries related to this Request for Proposal become "Public Records" and are subject to public disclosure consistent with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

Proposals become subject to disclosure thirty (30) days after the Opening or if a notice of intended award decision is made earlier than this time as provided by Florida Statute 119.071(1)(b). No announcement of review of the offer shall be conducted at the public opening. If the County rejects all offers and concurrently notices its intent to reissue the solicitation, initial offers are exempt until the County provides notice of its intended decision or, thirty (30) days after the opening of the new offers.

**A.10 ERRORS OR OMISSIONS**

Once a proposal is submitted, the County shall not accept any request by any Proposer to correct errors or omissions in the proposal.

**A.11 DISQUALIFICATION DUE TO NON-RESPONSIVENESS:**

Manatee County reserves the right to find that any proposal received which does not contain all of the information, attachments, verification, forms or other information may be considered non responsive and therefore be disqualified from eligibility to proceed further in the RFP process.

**A.12 RESERVED RIGHTS**

The County reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals, to waive irregularities and technicalities, and to request resubmission. Any sole response received by the first submission date may or may not be rejected by the County, depending on available competition and timely needs of the County. The County reserves the right to award the contract to a responsible Proposer submitting a responsive proposal, with a resulting negotiated agreement which is most advantageous and in the best interests of the County. The County shall be the sole judge of the proposal, and the resulting negotiated agreement that is in its best interest and its decision shall be final. Also, the County reserves the right to make such investigation as it deems necessary to determine the ability of any Proposer to perform the work or service requested. Information the County deems necessary to make this determination shall be provided by the Proposer. Such information may include, but shall not be limited to: current financial statements prepared by an independent CPA; verification of availability of equipment and personnel; and past performance records.

**A.13 APPLICABLE LAWS**

Proposer must be authorized to transact business in the State of Florida. All applicable laws and regulations of the State of Florida and ordinances and regulations of Manatee County will apply to any resulting agreement. Any involvement with any Manatee County procurement shall be in accordance with Manatee County Code Chapter 2-26. Procedures and deadlines concerning protests related to this Request for Proposal shall be those which are set forth in § 2-26-61 of the County Code.

**A.14 CODE OF ETHICS**

With respect to this proposal, if any Proposer violates, directly or indirectly, the ethics provisions of the Manatee County Purchasing Code and/or Florida criminal or civil laws related to public procurement, including but not limited to Florida Statutes Chapter 112, Part II, Code of Ethics for Public Division and Employees, such Proposer will be disqualified from eligibility to perform the work described in this Request for Proposal.

**A.14** CODE OF ETHICS (continued)

and may also be disqualified from furnishing future goods or services to, and from submitting any future bids or proposals to supply goods or services to, Manatee County.

By submitting a proposal, the Proposer represents to the County that all statements made and materials submitted are truthful, with no relevant facts withheld. If a Proposer is determined to have been untruthful in its proposal or any related presentation, such Proposer will be disqualified from eligibility to perform the work described in this Request for Proposal, and may also be disqualified from furnishing future goods or services to, and from submitting any future bids or proposals to supply goods or services to, Manatee County.

**A.15** COLLUSION

By offering a submission to this Request For Proposal the Proposer certifies the Proposer has not divulged to, discussed or compared his proposal with other Proposers and has not colluded with any other Proposer or parties to this proposal whatsoever. Also, the Proposer certifies, and in the case of a joint proposal, each party thereto certifies, as to their own organization that in connection with this proposal:

- a. any prices and/or data submitted have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices and/or cost data, with any other Proposer or with any competitor;
- b. any prices and/or cost data quoted for this proposal have not been knowingly disclosed by the Proposer prior to the scheduled opening directly or indirectly to any competitor;
- c. no attempt has been made or will be made by the Proposer to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit a proposal for the purpose of restricting competition;
- d. the only person or persons interested in this proposal as principal or principals is/are named therein and that no person other than therein mentioned has any interest in this proposal or in the contract to be entered into; and
- e. no person or agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees.

**A.16 PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES**

In accordance with Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a proposal on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a proposal on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit proposals on leases or real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 for Category Two for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

In addition, Manatee Code Chapter 2-26 Article V prohibits the award of County contracts to any person or entity who/which has, within the past 5 years, been convicted of, or admitted to in court or sworn to under oath, a public entity crime or of any environmental law that, in the reasonable opinion of the Purchasing Official, establishes reasonable grounds to believe the person or business entity will not conduct business in a reasonable manner.

To ensure compliance with the foregoing, the Code requires all persons or entities desiring to contract with the County to execute and file with the Purchasing Official an affidavit, executed under the pain and penalties of perjury, confirming that person, entity, and any person(s) affiliated with the entity, does not have such a record and is therefore eligible to seek and be awarded business with the County. **Proposer is to complete Attachment "C".**

**A.17 LOBBYING**

After the issuance of any Request For Proposals, prospective Proposers or any agent, representative or person acting at the request of such Proposer shall not contact, communicate with or discuss any matter relating in any way to the Request For Proposals with any Division, agent or employee of Manatee County other than the Purchasing Official or as directed in the Request For Proposals. This prohibition begins with the issuance of any Request For Proposals and ends upon an award of the final contract, when all solicitations have been rejected, or when the request has been canceled. Violators of this prohibition shall be subject to sanctions as provided in the Manatee County Code of Law.

**A.18 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

In accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title 15, part 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Manatee County hereby notifies all prospective Proposers that it will affirmatively ensure minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to participate in response to this advertisement

**A.18 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (continued)**

and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award.

**A.19 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

The Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of the County's functions including one's access to, participation, employment, or treatment in its programs or activities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation for the **public meetings** specified herein (i.e. Information Conference or Proposal Opening), should contact the person named on the first page of this document at least twenty four (24) hours in advance of the activity to request accommodations.

**END OF SECTION A**



## **SECTION B: SCOPE OF SERVICES**

### **B.01 BACKGROUND**

Manatee County Area Transit (MCAT) is the Transit Division of the Manatee County Public Works Department and is governed by the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners. MCAT provides public transportation services in Manatee County by operating fixed-route motorbus services and American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Transportation Disadvantaged paratransit services. Currently, MCAT operates 13 fixed routes. The system serves several cities and key locations such as Bradenton, Palmetto, Anna Maria Island, and the Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport. MCAT shares two inter-county routes with Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT).

### **B.02 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Request For Proposal is to obtain from qualified firms, their experience and qualifications to provide General Planning Consulting (GPC) Services on an as required basis to assist MCAT with various transit planning tasks including, but not limited to, route and service planning, ridership analysis and forecasting, financial analysis, capital projects planning, federal transit grant administration, performance monitoring and comprehensive planning for MCAT.

Project size may vary and tasks will be assigned on the basis of individually negotiated work assignments. The Consultant shall perform all the services specified in this Agreement in accordance with generally accepted professional standards. The Consultant shall perform all services as expeditiously as is consistent with professional skill and care and the orderly progress of the work. All work of any kind, shall conform to and be in compliance with applicable codes, laws, ordinances, regulations and restrictions. The Consultant's services will include, but not be limited to the necessary architectural/engineering, services for design and specifications, services during bidding and construction, as-built drawings, permits, value engineering. Services may include renovations/ additions to existing facilities, asbestos surveys, buildings, special project analysis and studies.

### **B.03 SCOPE OF SERVICES**

The following generally describes the "Scope of Services" that will be the successful Proposer's responsibility.

Consultant(s) to have the capability of providing the full spectrum of transit planning services associated with the operation of an urban transit system. Examples of capabilities desired include, but are not limited to:

- Route and service planning and design
- Planning and analysis for bus preferential treatments, including potential bus rapid transit projects
- Operational analysis and planning

**B.03 SCOPE OF SERVICES (continued)**

- Ridership analysis and forecasting for existing services, service modifications, and potential new services, including potential "small starts/very small starts"
- Financial planning and analysis, including service costing and passenger revenue forecasting
- Fare policy analysis
- Performance monitoring and evaluation
- Alternatives analysis documentation
- Paratransit planning and service analysis
- Planning to enhance the land use/development and transit interface, including transit oriented development
- Capital project planning, including facility and bus stop amenities planning and design and cost estimation.
- Geographical information systems analysis and bus stop database development
- Analysis of computer information system planning applications
- Passenger survey development and analysis, including onboard surveys, origin and destination analysis, user satisfaction.
- Intelligent Transportation Systems planning and "open" architecture integration
- Federal transit funding and compliance requirements, including grant administration, Title VI and Environmental Justice analysis, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements
- Public participation program development
- Architectural and Engineering Services
- Computerized GIS mapping / Route mile and service area population calculations
- Transit route and service planning
- Route and system ridership analysis and modeling / TBEST knowledge and experience
- New service analysis and costing / service equity analyses
- Financial analysis and planning
- Market research and focus group sampling and evaluations
- Comprehensive planning / long range vision planning
- On-board survey design, administration and analysis
- Performance monitoring / peer reviews
- Report writing and presentation
- Title VI Program and DBE Updates
- Average fare by fare category, trend analysis and recommendations for fare equity analysis and modifications
- Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plans (TDSP)

**B.03 SCOPE OF SERVICES (continued)**

- ADA Compliance for transit and paratransit programs and facilities
- ITS systems engineering and risk analysis, including specifications development, project cost estimation, and procurement assistance
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations / analysis of new regulations / compliance assessment
- Very Small Starts Funding eligibility requirements / project submittals
- Bus stop and transit passenger facility design capabilities / development of “typical” designs
- Facilitated Workshops and Presentations
- Department of Home Land Security (DHS) / FTA Compliance security consulting including Threat and Vulnerability Assessments (TVAs), Continuity of Operations Programs (COOP), System Security Programs (SSP) and Transit Security Training Programs.
- Marketing and communications consulting

**Deliverables:**

Each Work Assignment will define the deliverables. Data collected from research shall be provided in electronic format along with a written summary of the contents of the disk. Deliverables shall be accepted by the appropriate MCAT project manager before payment for such work.

**END OF SECTION B**

## SECTION C: FORM OF PROPOSAL

This section identifies specific information which must be contained within each proposal. The contents of each proposal shall be **separated** and **arranged with tabs** in the same order as listed in **Sections C.01 through C.03**, identifying the response to each specific item.

The information that you provide shall be used to determine those Proposers with perceived ability to perform the Scope of Services as stated in this Request for Proposal which may overall best meet the needs of Manatee County. A review with those Proposers reasonably susceptible of being selected for award shall be conducted for the purposes of clarification of both ability and benefit to Manatee County. **See Section D: Selection.**

### **C.01 MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

The Proposer must present qualifications as follows prior to further consideration of their proposal:

- A. Present proof of certification and any current valid licensing that may be required in and by the State of Florida to provide the services required by this document.
- B. Submit certification that your firm is registered to do business in the State of Florida.

Proposals may be submitted by one (1) or more sole proprietorship, corporation, partnership or a joint venture, the entity(ies) submitting the proposal shall be properly registered, certified, and licensed as required by the State of Florida and include copies of such registration, certification and licensing in the proposal.

Proposers intending to submit a proposal as a Joint Venture are required to have filed proper documents with the Florida Department of State, the Division of Professions and any other state or local licensing agency prior to submitting the proposal.

Joint Venture Firms must provide an affidavit on the firm's letterhead, signed, witnessed and notarized attesting to the formulation of a joint venture and provide either proof of incorporation or a copy of the formal agreement between all joint venture parties, indicating their respective roles, responsibilities and levels of participation for the project.

Prior to any consideration of the responses to the criteria in this Request For Proposal If the Proposer is relying on any acquisition or merger for meeting the minimum qualifications requirement, the Proposer shall clearly disclose such acquisition or merger.

**C.01 MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS (continued)**

The Proposer shall clearly explain how the acquisition or merger meets the minimum qualification requirements, including a description of each firm's experience and personnel.

After Manatee County staff validates the qualifications given, those Proposers who meet the minimum qualifications stated above will be considered.

**C.02 ADMINISTRATIVE SUBMITTAL**

- a. Proposal Signature Form. (ATTACHMENT A)
- c. Public Contracting and Environmental Crimes Certification. (ATTACHMENT C)

**C.03 INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED REGARDING PROPOSER**

Note: Tabs are required to identify each item defined in this Section.

- C.03.1 Provide a description of each Proposers' **background and size**. Provide a general statement of qualifications to include Proposers' professional credentials, legal status, and experience in providing the service enumerated in this Request for Proposal.
- C.03.2 Submit a narrative **explaining the direct economic benefit to Manatee County to be realized by selecting Proposer(s)**. Please include a discussion of the employment, subcontracting, and support services contracting which would be procured within Manatee County.
- C.03.3 Provide an **explanation of the Proposers' legal capacity** to perform all parts of the scope of services. Include a description of corporate or other structure and governance, and detail the legal, financial, and technical capabilities of Proposer(s) relevant to performing the scope of services. If more than one Proposer is teaming up to file a proposal, any prior work any two or more joint proposers have done before should be detailed.
- C.03.4 Identify each **principal of the firm and other "key personnel"** who will be professionally associated with the County. Do not include personnel that will not have a key role in providing services. Describe their respective areas of expertise.

For each identified person, provide the following:

- Full Name
- Title

**C.03 INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED REGARDING PROPOSER (CONTINUED)**

- Professional credentials
- Area of expertise, individual's roles and duties in providing services
- Office address
- Email address
- Telephone number
- Personalized resumes which identify the qualifications, training and experience of each key personnel

C.03.5 **Local Office, Procurement, Hiring.** Gaining maximum economic impact is paramount. Proposer(s) should therefore describe whether the managing office will be located within the County, and detail what plans and policies will be adopted to help ensure County citizens receive preferential consideration for employment, and vendors located within the County will be used as suppliers of goods and services needed to perform the scope of services.

C.03.6 Disclose **any ownership interest in other entities** involved in these services which might reasonably be selected to perform work under the scope of services set forth in this Request for Proposal. This ownership disclosure shall be included, whether such ownership occurs by the Proposer through a parent, subsidiary or holding company or any other form of business entity. Submit entity names and the percent of ownership for each.

C.03.7 **Provide authorization for a Manatee County auditor and/or financial analysts to have access to your financial records at the primary location of the business entity** explained in response to item C.03.6, or such other location as may be agreed, for the purposes of verifying your financial representations, review and assessment of the historical and current financial capacity of your business entity and its expected ability to meet ongoing financial obligations to the County as proposed in this proposal to Manatee County. The County's audit and /or financial analyst agents will report their findings in a summary report to the Manatee County Purchasing Official, which will be placed in the proposal files for subsequent use and review.

C.03.8 Provide a list, with **references, of your business entity's Transit Planning Consulting Services experience.** Specify which key personnel were responsible for the contracted services. References given must specify employees in senior level management positions with knowledge of the operations to confirm the claimed details.

Include the name of the entity the work was completed for, a description of the services provided, the dates of service and the name(s) and telephone number(s) of the contact persons. This list shall be for both Governmental and Private clients for the past five (5) years.

C.03 INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED REGARDING PROPOSER(S)(continued)

- C.03.9 Include a statement of qualifications that includes Proposer's credentials and experience in providing, operating and maintaining facilities and programs as outlined in the scope of services.
- C.03.10 Submit a staffing plan which details all staffing needs Proposer(s) believe will be required to perform the programs and services proposed in the submitted proposal.

**END SECTION C**

## **SECTION D: SELECTION**

### **D.01 EVALUATION FACTORS**

Evaluation of proposals will be conducted by an evaluation committee. The committee's goal will be to identify the proposal which will overall best meet the needs of Manatee County as determined from the proposals received and subsequent investigation by the County. General factors to be applied will be: (1) the perceived ability of the Proposer(s) to perform the Scope of Services as stated in this Request for Proposal in the most timely and efficient manner possible, (2) the legal, technical and financial capabilities of Proposer(s), and (3) the experience of Proposer(s).

These evaluation factors shall determine the successful proposal.

### **D.02 RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF EVALUATION FACTORS**

Unless noted, no weight will be assigned to the Evaluation Factors stated above.

### **D.03 PRELIMINARY RANKING**

An evaluation committee shall determine from the responses to this Request for Proposal and subsequent investigation as necessary, the Proposer(s) most qualified to be selected to negotiate an agreement.

### **D.04 REVIEW OF PROPOSERS AND PROPOSALS**

In-person reviews may be conducted with responsible Proposers who are deemed reasonably susceptible of being selected for award, for the purposes of assuring full understanding of: (a) conformance to the solicitation requirements, (b) the abilities of the Proposer, and (c) the proposal submitted.

Proposers shall be available for presentations to and interviews with the evaluation committee, upon reasonable notification from the Purchasing Division. The date(s) and time(s) of any such presentations / interviews shall be determined solely by the County, and may be closed to the public in the discretion of the Purchasing Official, and to the extent permitted by law.

### **D.05 SELECTION FOR NEGOTIATION**

The evaluation committee will make a recommendation to the County Administrator as to the proposer which the County should enter into negotiations. The County Administrator will act upon that recommendation and, if accepted, the successful Proposer will be invited to enter negotiations led by the Purchasing Division.



**D.06 AWARD**

Award of an agreement is subject to the successful negotiations and the approval of either the County Administrator or the Board of County Commissioners (as provided for in the current Purchasing Code and Procurement Procedures).

**END SECTION D**

## **SECTION E: NEGOTIATION OF THE AGREEMENT**

### **E.01 GENERAL**

The following general terms and conditions apply to the proposal submitted for consideration and the subsequent negotiations:

- a. The proposal will serve as a basis for negotiating an agreement.
- b. Upon submission, all proposals become the property of the County which has the right to use any or all ideas presented in any proposal submitted in response to this Request for Proposal whether or not the proposal is accepted.
- c. All products and papers produced in the course of this engagement become the property of the County upon termination or completion of the engagement.

### **E.02 AGREEMENT**

All work under the resulting Agreement is Federal Transit Authority funded requiring compliance to FTA clauses as delineated in yellow in Exhibit A. Clarification of these requirements may be found in the FTA Master Agreement at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/18-Master.pdf>.

The selected Proposer(s) shall be required to negotiate an agreement, in a form and with provisions acceptable to Manatee County.

Negotiated Agreements may or may not include all elements of this RFP or the resulting successful proposal where alternative terms or conditions become more desirable to the County, and the parties agree to such terms.

The parties will negotiate the term of the agreement, and the circumstances in which it may be renewed, assigned or terminated however It is anticipated the Agreement shall remain in effect for a period of one (1) year, but may be renewed through mutual agreement of both parties, for up to a total aggregate of five years.

The parties will negotiate matters of insurance, liability, record-keeping, auditing, and all other relevant contractual matters.

**END SECTION E**

**ATTACHMENT A**

**PROPOSAL SIGNATURE FORM**

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The undersigned represents that by signing the proposal, that he/she has the authority and approval of the legal entity purporting to submit the proposal, and that all of the facts and responses set forth in the proposal are true and correct. If the proposer is selected by the County to negotiate an agreement, the undersigned certifies that the proposer's negotiators will negotiate in good faith to establish an agreement to provide the services described in the Scope of Services of this Request for Proposal.

Print or Type Proposer's Information Below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Proposer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Web Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name & Title of Authorized Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

Acknowledge Addendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Acknowledge Addendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Acknowledge Addendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

## ATTACHMENT B

### MANATEE COUNTY LOCAL PREFERENCE LAW AND VENDOR REGISTRATION

#### Vendor Registration

All vendors are encouraged to register with Manatee County using the on-line "Vendor Registration" web page on [www.mymanatee.org](http://www.mymanatee.org).

Enclosed is a copy of the current Manatee County law that details the County's Local Preference and definition of a Local Business.

If you assert that your firm meets the stated definition of a Local Business, we ask that in addition to registering on the County's Web page, you fill out the attached "**Affidavit As To Local Business Form**" that is the **last page** in this section of the proposal, have the completed document notarized, and mail the original to the following address: Manatee County Government Purchasing Division, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803, Bradenton, FL 34205.

Your cooperation in registering your business with Manatee County will enhance our opportunities to identify sources for goods and services, plus identify Local Businesses. This information is used for soliciting quotations up to \$250,000.00 and for competitive solicitations of larger purchases.

You will note that Manatee County collaborates with the Manatee Chamber of Commerce, posting bids on [www.manateechamber.com](http://www.manateechamber.com) as well as using the same vendor categories for registration. Our staff can assist you with your registration as needed. Our office hours are 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday on regular business days. Please call (941) 749-3014 if you wish to have a purchasing staff member assist you.

**Quick steps to on line registration:**                      **[www.mymanatee.org](http://www.mymanatee.org)**

A link to "Purchasing" is listed under the "Quick Links" on page one of the County Web Site. On the left hand side of the Purchasing Web page, click on "Vendor Registration."

This will bring up the Vendor Registration form for on-line input. Please note "local business" is defined in the Purchasing Code.

Thank you for reviewing this information and considering registering your business with Manatee County. Registration is not mandatory; however, by taking the time to register, you are helping the County to provide timely notifications of quotation, bid, and proposal opportunities to your business.

## MANATEE COUNTY LOCAL PREFERENCE LAW AND VENDOR REGISTRATION

### Section 2-26-6. Local preference, tie bids, local business defined.

- a) Whenever a responsible local business bidder and a responsible non-local business bidder are found, upon the opening of bids, to have both submitted the lowest responsive bid, the bid of the local bidder shall be awarded the contract. Should more than one responsible local business bidder match the responsible non-local business bidder's lowest responsive bid, or should no responsible local business bidder match the lowest responsive bid but two or more responsible non-local business bidders submit lowest responsive bids for equal amounts, then the award of the contract shall be determined by a chance drawing, coin toss, or similar tie-breaking method conducted by the purchasing office and open to the public. Any bidders seeking to be recognized as local businesses for purposes of this local business preference provision may be required by the terms of the bid announcement to certify they meet the definition of local business set forth in this section, and to register as a local business with the county in the manner prescribed by the county to facilitate the county's ability to track the award of contracts to local businesses and to allow the county to provide future notifications to its local businesses concerning other bidding opportunities.
- b) Nothing herein shall be deemed to prohibit the inclusion of requirements with respect to operating and maintaining a local place of business in any invitation for bids when the bidder's location materially affects the provisions of the services or supplies that are required by the invitation.
- c) Local business is defined as a business legally authorized to engage in the sale of the goods and/or services to be procured, and which certifies within its bid that for at least six (6) months prior to the announcement of the solicitation of bids it has maintained a physical place of business in Manatee, Desoto, Hardee, Hillsborough, Pinellas or Sarasota County with at least one full-time employees at that location.
- d) **Each solicitation for bids made by the county shall contain terms expressly describing the local business preference policies of the county, and shall provide that by electing to submit a bid pursuant to a request for bids, all bidders are deemed to understand and agree to those policies.**
- e) For all contracts for architecture, professional engineering, or other professional services governed by Florida Statute § 287.055, the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act, the county shall include the local business status of a firm among the factors considered when selecting which firms are "most highly qualified." In determining which firm is the "most qualified" for purposes of negotiating a satisfactory contract, preference shall be given to a local business where all other relevant factors are equal.

**Section 2-26-6. Local preference, tie bids, local business defined. (Continued)**

- f) Local preference shall not apply to the following categories of contracts:
1. Goods or services provided under a cooperative purchasing agreement or similar “piggyback” contract;
  2. Contracts for professional services subject to Florida Statute § 287.055, the Consultants’ Competitive Negotiation Act, except as provided for in subsection (e) above;
  3. Purchases or contracts which are funded, in whole or in part, by a governmental or other funding entity, where the terms and conditions of receipt of the funds prohibit the preference;
  4. Purchases or contracts made pursuant to a non-competitive award process, unless otherwise provided by this section;
  5. Any bid announcement which specifically provides that the general local preference policies set forth in this section are suspended due to the unique nature of the goods or services sought, the existence of an emergency as found by either the county commission or county administrator, or where such suspension is, in the opinion of the county attorney, required by law.
- g) To qualify for local preference under this section, **a local business must certify to the County that it:**
1. Has not within the five years prior to the bid announcement admitted guilt or been found guilty by any court or state or federal regulatory enforcement agency of violation of any criminal law, or a law or administrative regulation regarding fraud;
  2. Is not currently subject to an unresolved citation or notice of violation of any Manatee County Code provision, except citations or notices which are the subject of a current legal appeal, as of the date of the bid announcement;
  3. Is not delinquent in the payment of any fines, liens, assessments, fees or taxes to any governmental unit or taxing authority within Manatee County, except any such sums which are the subject of a current legal appeal.

Ref: Manatee County Purchasing Code § 2-26-6.

**MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AFFIDAVIT AS TO LOCAL BUSINESS**

**(Complete and Initial Items B-F)**

A. Authorized Representative

I, [name] \_\_\_\_\_, am the [title] \_\_\_\_\_ and the duly authorized representative of: [name of business] \_\_\_\_\_, and that I possess direct personal knowledge to make informed responses to these certifications and the legal authority to make this Affidavit on behalf of myself and the business for which I am acting; and by electing to submit a **proposal** pursuant to this **Request for Proposal**, shall be deemed to understand and agree to the local business preference policies of Manatee County; and that I have the direct knowledge to state that this firm complies with all of the following conditions to be considered to be a Local Business as required by the Manatee County Code § 2-26-6.

B. Place of Business: I certify that the above business is legally authorized to engage in the sale of goods and/or services and has a physical place of business in Manatee, DeSoto, Hardee, Hillsborough, Pinellas or Sarasota County with at least one (1) fulltime employee at that location. The physical address of the location which meets the above criteria is \_\_\_\_\_ [Initial]\_\_\_\_\_

C. Business History: I certify that business operations began at the above physical address with at least one fulltime employee on [date] \_\_\_\_\_ [Initial]\_\_\_\_\_

D. Criminal Violations: I certify that within the past five years of the date of this **proposal** announcement, this business has not admitted guilt nor been found guilty by any court or local, state or federal regulatory enforcement agency of violation of any criminal law or administrative regulation regarding fraud. [Initial]\_\_\_\_\_

E. Citations or Code Violations: I certify that this business is not currently subject to any unresolved citation or notice of violation of any Manatee County Code provision, with the exception of citations or notices which are the subject of a legal current appeal within the date of this **proposal** announcement. [Initial]\_\_\_\_\_

F. Fees and Taxes: I certify that within this business is not delinquent in the payment of fines, liens, assessments, fees or taxes to any governmental unit or taxing authority within Manatee County, with the exception of those which are the subject of a legal current appeal. [Initial]\_\_\_\_\_

*Each of the above certifications is required to meet the qualification of "Local Business" under Manatee County Code § 2-26-6.*

Signature of Affiant \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by (name of person making statement).

(Notary Seal) Signature of Notary: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Notary (Typed or Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Personally Known \_\_\_\_ OR Produced Identification \_\_\_\_ Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit executed copy to Manatee County Purchasing, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803, Bradenton, FL 34205.**

## ATTACHMENT C

### PUBLIC CONTRACTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES CERTIFICATION

SWORN STATEMENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 6,  
MANATEE COUNTY PURCHASING CODE

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND SWORN TO IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC OR OTHER OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS.

This sworn statement is submitted to the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners by \_\_\_\_\_  
[print individual's name and title]

\_\_\_\_\_ For \_\_\_\_\_  
[name of entity submitting sworn statement]

whose business address is: \_\_\_\_\_

and (if applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is \_\_\_\_\_. If the entity has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the individual signing this sworn statement:

I understand that no person or entity shall be awarded or receive a county contract for public improvements, procurement of goods or services (including professional services) or a county lease, franchise, concession or management agreement, or shall receive a grant of county monies unless such person or entity has submitted a written certification to the County that it has not:

(1) been convicted of bribery or attempting to bribe a public officer or employee of Manatee County, the State of Florida, or any other public entity, including, but not limited to the Government of the United States, any state, or any local government authority in the United States, in that officer's or employee's official capacity; or

(2) been convicted of an agreement or collusion among bidders or prospective bidders in restraint of freedom of competition, by agreement to bid a fixed price, or otherwise; or

(3) been convicted of a violation of an environmental law that, in the sole opinion of the County's Purchasing Director, reflects negatively upon the ability of the person or entity to conduct business in a responsible manner; or

(4) made an admission of guilt of such conduct described in items (1), (2) or (3) above, which is a matter of record, but has not been prosecuted for such conduct, or has made an admission of guilt of such conduct, which is a matter of record, pursuant to formal prosecution. An admission of guilt shall be construed to include a plea of nolo contendere; or

(5) where an officer, official, agent or employee of a business entity has been convicted of or has admitted guilt to any of the crimes set forth above on behalf of such and entity and pursuant to the direction or authorization of an official thereof (including the person committing the offense, if he is an official of the business entity), the business shall be chargeable with the conduct herein above set forth. A business entity shall be chargeable with the conduct of an affiliated entity, whether wholly owned, partially owned, or one which has common ownership or a common Board of Directors.

For purposes of this Form, business entities are affiliated if, directly or indirectly, one business entity controls or has the power to control another business entity, or if an individual or group of individuals controls or has the power to control both entities. Indicia of control shall include, without limitation, interlocking management or ownership, identity of interests amount family members, shared organization of a business entity following the ineligibility of a business entity under this Article, or using substantially the same management, ownership or principles as the ineligible entity.

Any person or entity who claims that this Article is inapplicable to him/her/it because a conviction or judgment has been reversed by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall prove the same with



documentation satisfactory to the County's Purchasing Director. Upon presentation of such satisfactory proof, the person or entity shall be allowed to contract with the County.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM TO THE CONTRACTING OFFICER FOR MANATEE COUNTY IS VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 31 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH IT IS FILED. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT ANY CONTRACT OR BUSINESS TRANSACTION SHALL PROVIDE FOR SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS, OR TERMINATION, OR BOTH, IF THE CONTRACTING OFFICER OR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DETERMINES THAT **SUCH PERSON OR ENTITY HAS MADE FALSE CERTIFICATION.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Signature]

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

Personally known \_\_\_\_\_ OR Produced identification \_\_\_\_\_  
[Type of identification]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public Signature My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Print, type or stamp Commissioned name of Notary Public]

**Signatory Requirement** - In the case of a business entity other than a partnership or a corporation, this affidavit shall be executed by an authorized agent of the entity. In the case of a partnership, this affidavit shall be executed by the general partner(s). In the case of a corporation, this affidavit shall be executed by the corporate president.

**EXHIBIT "A"**

FTA C 4220.1F  
 11/01/2008  
 Rev. 1, 04/14/2009  
 Rev. 2, 07/01/2010  
 Rev. 3, 02/15/2011

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**D. APPENDIX D**

**PROVISIONS, CERTIFICATIONS, REPORTS, FORMS, AND OTHER --  
 MATRICES**

**A. THIRD PARTY CONTRACT PROVISIONS**

(excluding micro-purchases, except Davis-Bacon requirements apply to contracts exceeding \$2,000)

PROVISION	COMMENTS	MASTER AGREEMENT REFERENCE (based on FA MA(17) 10-1-2010)
<b>All FTA Assisted Third Party Contracts and Subcontracts</b>		
No Federal Government Obligations to Third Parties (Use of Disclaimer)		§ 2.f
False or Fraudulent Statements or Claims – Civil and Criminal Fraud		§ 3.f
Access to Third Party Contract Records		§ 15.t
Changes to Federal Requirements		§ 2.c(1)
Civil Rights (Title VI, ADA, EEO (except special DOL construction clause) )		§ 12
Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs)	Contract awarded on the basis of a bid/proposal offering to use DBEs.	§ 12.d
Incorporation of FTA Terms	Per FTA C 4220.1F.	§ 15.a
<b>Awards Exceeding \$10,000</b>		
Terminations	If 49 CFR Part 18 applies.	§ 11 and § 15.a, which incorporate 49 CFR Part 18
Special EEO provision for construction contracts	If 49 CFR Part 18 or Part 19 indicate that the DOL EEOC regulations at 41 C.F.R. Chapter 60 apply.	§ 15.a, which incorporates 49 CFR Part 18 and Part 19
<b>Awards Exceeding \$25,000</b>		
Debarment and Suspension		§ 3.b
<b>Awards Exceeding the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (\$100,000) (As of February 2011, OMB has not to date adopted the FAR clause 2.101 \$150,000 standard for grants.)</b>		
Buy America	When tangible property or construction will be acquired.	§ 14.a
Resolution of Disputes, Breaches, or Other Litigation		§ 56
<b>Awards Exceeding \$100,000 by Statute</b>		
Lobbying	As of February 2011, the OMB Office of Federal Financial Management has not adopted the FAR clause 2.101 \$150,000 simplified acquisition threshold standard.	§ 3.d
Clean Air		§ 25.b
Clean Water		§ 25.c

**PROVISIONS, CERTIFICATIONS, REPORTS, FORMS, AND OTHER — MATRICES****A. THIRD PARTY CONTRACT PROVISIONS (Continued)**

(excluding micro-purchases, except Davis-Bacon requirements apply to contracts exceeding \$2,000)

PROVISION	COMMENTS	MASTER AGREEMENT REFERENCE (based on FA MA(17) 10-1-2010)
<b>Transport of Property or Persons</b>		
Cargo Preference	When acquiring property suitable for shipment by ocean vessel.	§ 14.b
Fly America	When property or persons are transported by air between U.S. and foreign destinations, or between foreign locations.	§ 14.c
<b>Construction Activities</b>		
Construction Employee Protections – Davis-Bacon Act	For contracts exceeding \$2,000.	§ 24.a(1)
Construction Employee Protections – Contract Work Hours & Safety Standards Act	For contracts exceeding \$100,000. As of February 2011, the OMB Office of Federal Financial Management has not adopted the FAR clause 2.101 \$150,000 simplified acquisition threshold standard.	§ 24.a(2)
Construction Employee Protections – Sec. 1 Copeland Anti-Kickback Act – Sec. 2 Copeland Anti-Kickback Act	All contracts All construction contracts exceeding \$2,000.	§ 24.a(3)
Bonding for Construction Activities Exceeding \$100,000	5% bid guarantee bond. 100% performance bond. Payment bond equal to: – 50% for contracts < \$1M. – 40% for contracts >\$1M – < \$5M. – \$2.5M for contracts > \$5M.	§ 15.o(1)
Seismic Safety	Construction contracts for new buildings or for existing buildings.	§ 23.e
<b>Nonconstruction Activities</b>		
Nonconstruction Employee Protection – Contract Work Hours & Safety Standards Act	For all turnkey, rolling stock, and operational contracts (except transportation services contracts and open market contracts) exceeding \$100,000. As of February 2011, the OMB Office of Federal Financial Management has not adopted the FAR clause 2.101 \$150,000 simplified acquisition threshold standard.	§ 24.b
<b>Transit Operations</b>		
Transit Employee Protective Arrangements		§ 24.d
Charter Bus Operations		§ 28
School Bus Operations		§ 29
Drug Use and Testing	Safety sensitive functions.	§ 32.b
Alcohol Misuse and Testing	Safety sensitive functions.	§ 32.b

**PROVISIONS, CERTIFICATIONS, REPORTS, FORMS, AND OTHER— MATRICES**

**A. THIRD PARTY CONTRACT PROVISIONS (Continued)**

(excluding micro-purchases, except Davis-Bacon requirements apply to contracts exceeding \$2,000)

PROVISION	COMMENTS	MASTER AGREEMENT REFERENCE (based on FA MA(17) 10-1-2010)
<b>Planning, Research, Development, and Demonstration Projects</b>		
Patent Rights		§ 17
Rights in Data and Copyrights		§ 18
<b>Special Notification Requirements for States</b>		
Special Notification Requirement for States		§ 38
<b>Miscellaneous Special Requirements</b>		
Energy Conservation		§ 26
Recycled Products	Contracts when procuring \$10,000 or more per year of items designated by EPA.	§ 15.k
Conformance with National ITS Architecture	Contracts and solicitations for ITS projects.	§ 15.m
ADA Access	Contracts for rolling stock or facilities construction/renovation.	§ 12.g
Assignability Clause	Procurements through assignments.	§ 15.a, which incorporates 49 CFR Part 18 and 49 CFR Part 19