

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
No. 25-TA006104SB
CDBG-DR GENERAL GRANT
SUPPORT SERVICES &
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT
ASSISTANCE
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CDBG-DR GENERAL GRANT SUPPORT SERVICES & CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida (hereinafter referred to as County) will receive proposals from individuals, corporations, partnerships, and other legal entities authorized to do business in the State of Florida (Proposers), to provide CDBG-DR General Grant Support Services and Construction Management Services, as specified in this Request for Proposals.

DATE, TIME, AND PLACE DUE

The Due Date and Time for submission of Proposals in response to this RFP is **August 27, 2025 at 2:00 P.M. ET**. Proposals must be delivered to the following location: Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, 7th Floor, Suite 705, Bradenton, FL 34205 prior to the Due Date and Time.

SOLICITATION INFORMATION CONFERENCE

There is no Solicitation Information Conference for this Request for Proposals.

DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS AND CLARIFICATION REQUESTS

The deadline to submit all questions, inquiries, or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to this Request for Proposal to the Manatee County Procurement Division is **August 6, 2025 by 3:00 P.M. ET**. Questions and inquiries should be submitted via email to the Designated Procurement Contact shown below.

Important: A prohibition of lobbying is in place. Review Section A.13 carefully to avoid violation and possible sanctions.

DESIGNATED PROCUREMENT CONTACT: Stacia Branco, Procurement Manager Non-Construction

(941) 749-3041, Fax (941) 749-3034

Email: stacia.branco@mymanatee.org

Manatee County Financial Management Department
Procurement Division

AUTHORIZED FOR RELEASE:

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SECTION A, INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

In order to receive consideration, Proposers must meet the minimum qualification requirements and comply with the following instructions. Proposals will be accepted from a single business entity, joint venture, partnership, or corporation.

A.01 INFORMATION CONFERENCE

There is no Solicitation Information Conference scheduled for this Request for Proposal.

A.02 PROPOSAL DUE DATE

The Due Date and Time for submission of Proposals in response to this Request for Proposals (RFP) is **August 27, 2025 at 2:00 P.M. ET**. Proposals must be delivered to the following location: Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Ave. W., 7th Floor, Suite 705, Bradenton, FL 34205 and be time stamped by a Procurement representative prior to the Due Date and Time. Proposals will be opened immediately following the Due Date and Time at the Manatee County Administration Building, 7th Floor, Suite 705.

Proposal(s) received after the Due Date and Time will not be considered. It will be the sole responsibility of the Proposer to deliver its proposal to the Manatee County Procurement Division for receipt on or before the Due Date and Time. If a proposal is sent by U.S. Mail, courier or other delivery services, the Proposer will be responsible for its timely delivery to the Procurement Division. Proposals delayed in delivery will not be considered, will not be opened at the public opening, and arrangements will be made for their return at the Proposer's request and expense.

A.03 PUBLIC OPENING OF PROPOSALS

Sealed Proposals will be publicly opened at Manatee County Administration Procurement Division, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, 7th Floor, Suite 705, Bradenton, Florida 34205, in the presence of County officials immediately upon expiration of the Due Date and Time.

Manatee County will make public the names of the business entities which submitted a proposal and city and state in which they reside at the opening. No review or analysis of the proposals will be conducted at the proposal opening.

A.04 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

The contents of the proposal sealed package must include:

- One (1) bound original clearly identifying Proposer and marked "ORIGINAL".
- One (1) electronic format copy(s) clearly identifying Proposer.

Electronic format copies should be submitted on separate Universal Serial Bus (USB) portable flash memory drives or compact disc (CD) in Microsoft Office® or Adobe

Acrobat® portable document format (PDF) **in one file that includes all required TAB sections shown in Exhibit 2 and/or Exhibit 3 in a continuous file. Do not** submit electronic format proposal with separate files for each TAB section. **Do not** password protect or otherwise encrypt electronic proposal copies. Electronic copies must contain an identical proposal to the “ORIGINAL”.

Submit the proposal package in a sealed container with the following information clearly marked on the outside of the package: RFP No. 25-TA006104SB, CDBG-DR General Grant Support Services & Construction Management Assistance, Proposer’s name, and Proposer’s address. Proposals must be received by the Manatee County Procurement Division prior to the Due Date and Time at the following address:

Manatee County
Procurement Division
1112 Manatee Avenue West, 7th Floor, Suite 705
Bradenton, FL 34205

A.05 ORGANIZATION OF PROPOSALS

Proposals must be organized and arranged with TABS in the same order as listed in the subsections within Exhibit 2 and /or Exhibit 3 identifying the response to each specific item.

Proposals must clearly indicate the legal name, address, and telephone number of the Proposer. Proposals must be signed by an individual authorized to make representations for the Proposer.

A.06 DISTRIBUTION OF SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS

All documents issued pursuant to this RFP are distributed electronically and available for download at no charge at www.mymanatee.org > *Bids and Proposals*. This link is located on the left side of the County website home page. Documents may be viewed and downloaded for printing using Adobe Reader® software. At its sole discretion, the County may utilize a third-party provider, to distribute proposals. Visit the third-party’s website for more information regarding this service. Participation in the third-party system is not a requirement for doing business with Manatee County.

Additionally, the RFP and all related documents are available for public inspection at the Manatee County Procurement Division, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, 7th Floor, Suite 705, Bradenton, FL 34205. Call (941) 749-3014 to schedule an appointment. Documents are available between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, with the exception of County holidays.

As a courtesy, Manatee County notifies the Manatee County Chamber of Commerce and the Manasota Black Chamber of Commerce of all active solicitations, who then distributes the information to its members.

A.07 ADDENDA

Any interpretations, corrections or changes to this RFP will be made by addenda. Addenda will be posted on the Procurement Division's web page of the County website at <http://www.mymanatee.org/purchasing> > *Bids and Proposals*. For those solicitations that are advertised on a third-party distribution system, addenda will also be posted on the third-party distribution system on the 'Planholders' link.

All addenda are a part of the RFP, and each Proposer will be bound by such addenda. It is the responsibility of each Proposer to read and comprehend all addenda issued. Failure of any Proposer to acknowledge an issued addendum in its Proposal will not relieve the Proposer from any obligation contained therein.

A.08 PROPOSAL EXPENSES

All costs incurred by Proposer in responding to this RFP and to participate in any interviews/presentations/demonstrations, including travel, will be the sole responsibility of the Proposer.

A.09 QUESTION AND CLARIFICATION PERIOD

Each Proposer shall examine all RFP documents and will judge all matters relating to the adequacy and accuracy of such documents. Any questions or requests concerning interpretation, modification, clarification or additional information pertaining to this RFP shall be made in writing via email to the Manatee County Procurement Division to the Designated Procurement Contact or to purchasing@mymanatee.org. All questions received and responses given will be provided to potential Proposers via an addendum to this RFP.

If the Proposer requests modifications to the RFP documents, the Proposer must provide detailed justification for each modification requested. The County will determine what changes will be acceptable to the County and changes approved by the County will be issued in a written addendum.

Manatee County will not be responsible for oral interpretations given by other sources including County staff, representative, or others. The issuance of a written addendum by the Procurement Division is the only official method whereby interpretation, clarification or additional information will be given.

A.10 FALSE OR MISLEADING STATEMENTS

Proposals which contain false or misleading statements, or which provide references which do not support an attribute or condition claimed by the Proposer, may be rejected. If, in the opinion of the County, such information was intended to mislead the County in its evaluation of the proposal, and the attribute, condition or capability is a requirement of this RFP such Proposer will be disqualified from consideration for this RFP and may be disqualified from submitting a response on future solicitation opportunities with the County.

A.11 WITHDRAWAL OR REVISION OF PROPOSALS

Proposers may withdraw Proposals under the following circumstances:

- a. If Proposer discovers a mistake(s) prior to the Due Date and Time. Proposer may withdraw its proposal by submitting a written notice to the Procurement Division. The notice must be received in the Procurement Division prior to the Due Date and Time for receiving proposals. A copy of the request shall be retained, and the unopened proposal returned to the Proposer; or
- b. After the Proposals are opened but before a contract is signed, Proposer alleges a material mistake of fact if:
 1. The mistake is clearly evident in the solicitation document; or
 2. Proposer submits evidence which clearly and convincingly demonstrates that a mistake was made in the Proposal. Request to withdraw a Proposal must be in writing and approved by the Purchasing Official.

A.12 JOINT VENTURES

Proposers intending to submit a proposal as a joint venture with another entity are required to have filed proper documents with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation and all other State or local licensing agencies as required by Florida Statute Section 489.119, prior to the Due Date and Time.

A.13 LOBBYING

After the issuance of any solicitation, no prospective Proposers, or their agents, representatives or persons acting at the request of such Proposers, shall contact, communicate with, or discuss any matter relating in any way to the solicitation with any County officers, agents or employees, other than the Purchasing Official or designee, unless otherwise directed by the Purchasing Official or designee. This prohibition includes copying such persons on written communications (including email correspondence) but does not apply to presentations made to evaluation committees or at a County Commission meeting where the Commission is considering approval of a proposed contract/purchase

order. This requirement ends upon final execution of the contract/purchase order or at the time the solicitation is cancelled. Violators of this prohibition will be subject to sanctions as provided in the Manatee County Code of Ordinances Section 2-26-31 and 2-26-32. Sanctions may include (a) written warning; (b) termination of contracts; and (c) debarment or suspension.

A.14 EXAMINATION OF PROPOSALS

The examination and evaluation of the proposals submitted in response to this solicitation generally requires a period of not less than ninety (90) calendar days from the Due Date and Time.

A.15 ERRORS OR OMISSIONS

Once a proposal is opened, the County will not accept any request by Proposer to correct errors or omissions in the proposal other than as identified in paragraph A.11.

A.16 DETERMINATION OF RESPONSIBLENESS AND RESPONSIVENESS

The County will conduct a due diligence review of all proposals received to determine if the Proposer is responsible and responsive.

To be responsive a Proposer must submit a proposal that conforms in all material respects to the requirements of this RFP and contains all the information, fully completed attachments and forms, and other documentation required. Proposals that are deemed non-responsive will not be considered or evaluated.

To be responsible, a Proposer must meet the minimum qualification requirements and have the capability to perform the Scope of Services contained in this RFP. Proposals submitted by Proposers that are deemed non-responsible will not be considered or evaluated.

A.17 RESERVED RIGHTS

The County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals, to waive irregularities and technicalities, to request additional information and documentation, and to cancel this solicitation at any time prior to execution of the contract. In the event only one proposal is received, the County reserves the right to negotiate with the Proposer. The County reserves the right to award the contract to a responsive and responsible Proposer which in its sole determination is the best value and in the best interests of the County.

The County reserves the right to conduct an investigation as it deems necessary to determine the ability of any Proposer to perform the work or service requested. Upon request by the County, Proposer shall provide all such information to the County. Additional information may include, but will not be limited to, current financial

statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices and certified by an independent CPA or official of Proposer; verification of availability of equipment and personnel; and past performance records.

A.18 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 contract. This solicitation process will be conducted in accordance with Manatee County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2-26.

A.19 TAXES

Manatee County is exempt from Federal Excise and State Sales Taxes. (F.E.T. Cert. No. 59-78-0089K; Florida Sales Tax Exempt Cert. No. 85-8012622206C-6). Therefore, the Proposer is prohibited from delineating a separate line item in its proposal for any sales or service taxes.

The successful Proposer will be responsible for the payment of taxes of any kind, including but not limited to sales, consumer, use, and other similar taxes payable on account of the work performed and/or materials furnished under the award in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

A.20 SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES

Pursuant to Florida Statute Section 287.135, as of July 1, 2012, a company that, at the time of submitting a response for a new contract or renewal of an existing contract, is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to Florida Statute Section 215.473, is ineligible for, and may not submit a response for or enter into or renew a contract with an agency or local governmental entity for goods or services of \$1 million or more.

A.21 COLLUSION

Proposer certifies that its Proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any other corporation, firm or person submitting a Proposal for the same materials, services, supplies, or equipment and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud.

Any such violation may result in contract cancellation, return of materials or discontinuation of services and the possible removal of Proposer from participation in future County solicitations for a specified period.

The County reserves the right to disqualify a Proposer during any phase of the solicitation process and terminate for cause any resulting contract upon evidence of collusion with intent to defraud on the part of the Proposer.

A.22 CODE OF ETHICS

With respect to this proposal, if any Proposer violates, directly or indirectly, the ethics provisions of the Manatee County Procurement 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 Officers and Employees, such Proposer will be disqualified from eligibility to perform the work described in this RFP, and may also be disqualified from submitting any future bids or proposals to supply goods or services to Manatee County.

A.23 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, 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 County Code of Laws 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, Manatee County Code of Laws requires all persons or entities desiring to contract with Manatee 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 Manatee County. Proposer is to complete Form 3 and submit with its Proposal.

A.24 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES

Manatee County does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of County's functions including

one's access to participation, employment, or treatment in its programs or activities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation for an information conference or proposal opening should contact the person named on the cover page of this document at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of either activity.

A.25 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title 15, Part 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations and the Civil Rights Act of 1992, Manatee County hereby notifies all Proposers that it will affirmatively ensure minority business enterprises are afforded full opportunity to participate in response to this Request For Proposal and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, handicap, or marital status in consideration of award.

A.26 MINORITY AND/OR DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

The State of Florida Office of Successful Proposer Diversity provides the certification process and maintains the database of certified MBE/DBE firms. Additional information may be obtained at <http://www.osd.dms.state.fl.us/iframe.htm> or by calling (850) 487-0915.

A.27 DISCLOSURE

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

Proposals become subject to disclosure thirty (30) days after the opening or if a notice of intent to award decision is made earlier than this time as provided by Florida Statutes § 119.071(1)(b). No announcement or review of the proposals shall be conducted at the public opening.

If County rejects all proposals and concurrently notices its intent to reissue the solicitation, the rejected proposals are exempt from public disclosure until such time the County provides notice of an intended decision concerning the reissued solicitation or until County withdraws the reissued solicitation. A proposal is not exempt for longer than twelve (12) months after the initial notice of rejection of all proposals.

Pursuant to Florida Statute 119.0701, to the extent successful Proposer is performing services on behalf of County, successful Proposer must:

- a. Keep and maintain public records required by public agency to perform the service. That information and data it manages as part of the services may be public record in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes and Manatee County public record policies. Proposer agrees, prior to providing goods/services, it will implement policies

and procedures, which are subject to approval by County, to maintain, produce, secure, and retain public records in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and County policies including but not limited to Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes.

- b. Upon request from the public agency's custodian of public records, provide the public agency with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Florida Statutes, Chapter 119, or as otherwise provided by law.
- c. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the contract if the successful Proposer does not transfer the records to the public agency.
- d. Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the public agency all public records in possession of contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the public agency to perform the service. If the successful Proposer transfers all public records to County upon completion of the contract, the successful Proposer shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the successful Proposer keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, the successful Proposer shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to County, upon request from County's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of County.

IF THE SUCCESSFUL PROPOSER HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO ITS DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO ANY RESULTING CONTRACT, CONTACT COUNTY'S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:

PHONE: (941) 742-5845

EMAIL: LACY.PRITCHARD@MYMANATEE.ORG

ATTN: RECORDS MANAGER

1112 MANATEE AVENUE WEST

BRADENTON, FL 34205

A.28 TRADE SECRETS

Manatee County is subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Therefore, all documents, materials, and data submitted as part of a Proposal in response to a Request for Proposal

are governed by the disclosure, exemption and confidentiality provisions relating to public records in Florida Statutes.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this solicitation, designation of the entire proposal as trade secret, proprietary, or confidential, is not permitted and may result in a determination that the Proposal is non-responsive and therefore the proposal will not be evaluated or considered.

Except for materials that are ‘**trade secrets**’ as defined by Chapter 812, Florida Statutes, ownership of all documents, materials and data submitted as part of a Proposal in response to the Request for Proposal shall belong exclusively to County.

To the extent that Proposer desires to maintain the confidentiality of materials that constitute trade secrets pursuant to Florida law, trade secret material submitted must be segregated from the portions of the Proposal that are not declared as trade secret. In addition, Proposer shall cite, for each trade secret claimed, the Florida Statute number which supports the designation. Further, Proposer must offer a brief written explanation as to why the cited Statute is applicable to the information claimed as trade secret.

Additionally, Proposer shall provide a hard copy of its Proposal that redacts all information designated as trade secret.

In conjunction with trade secret designation, Proposer acknowledges and agrees that:

- a. Trade secret requests made after the opening will not be considered. However, County reserves the right to clarify the Proposers request for trade secret at any time; and
- b. County and its officials, employees, agents, and representatives are hereby granted full rights to access, view, consider, and discuss the information designated as trade secret throughout the evaluation process and until final execution of any awarded purchase order or contract; and
- c. That after notice from County that a public records request has been made pursuant to Proposer’s proposal, the Proposer at its sole expense, shall be responsible for defending its determination that submitted material is a trade secret and is not subject to disclosure. Action by Proposer in response to notice from the County shall be taken immediately, but no later than 10 calendar days from the date of notification or Proposer will be deemed to have waived the trade secret designation of the materials. Proposer shall indemnify and hold County, and its officials, employees, agents, and representatives harmless from any actions, damages (including attorney’s fees and costs), or claims arising from or related to the designation of trade secrets by the Proposer, including actions or claims arising from County’s non-disclosure of the trade secret materials.

A.29 CONFIDENTIALITY OF SECURITY RELATED RECORDS

- a. Pursuant to Florida Statutes § 119.071(3), the following records (hereinafter referred to collectively as “the Confidential Security Records”) are confidential and exempt from the disclosure requirements of Florida Statutes § 119.07(1):
 - i. A Security System Plan or portion thereof for any property owned by or leased to County or any privately owned or leased property held by County.
 - ii. Building plans, blueprints, schematic drawings, and diagrams, including draft, preliminary, and final formats, which depict the internal layout and structural elements of a building, arena, stadium, water treatment facility, or other structure owned or operated by County.
 - iii. Building plans, blueprints, schematic drawings, and diagrams, including draft, preliminary, and final formats, which depict the internal layout or structural elements of an attractions and recreation facility, entertainment or resort complex, industrial complex, retail and service development, office development, or hotel or motel development in the possession of, submitted to County.
- b. Successful Proposer agrees that, as provided by Florida Statute, it shall not, as a result of a public records request, or for other reason disclose the contents of, or release or provide copies of the Confidential Security Records to any other party absent the express written authorization of County’s Property Management Director or to comply with a court order requiring such release or disclosure. To the extent successful Proposer receives a request for such records, it shall immediately contact the County’s designated Contract administrator who shall coordinate County’s response to the request.

A.30 E-VERIFY

Prior to the employment of any person under this contract, the successful Proposer shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of (a) all persons employed during the contract term by the successful Proposer to perform employment duties within Florida and (b) all persons, including subcontractors, assigned by the successful Proposer to perform work pursuant to the contract with Manatee County. For more information on this process, please refer to United States Citizenship and Immigration Service site at: <http://www.uscis.gov/>. Only those individuals determined eligible to work in the United States shall be employed under this contract.

By submission of a proposal in response to this RFP, the successful Proposer commits that all employees and subcontractors will undergo e-verification before placement on this contract.

The successful Proposer shall maintain sole responsibility for the actions of its employees and subcontractors. For the life of the contract, all employees and new employees brought in after contract award shall be verified under the same requirement stated above.

A.31 LICENSES AND PERMITS

The successful Proposer shall be solely responsible for obtaining all necessary license and permit fees, including, but not limited to, all license fees, permit fees, impact fees, or inspection fees, and responsible for the costs of such fees. Successful Proposer is solely responsible for ensuring all work complies with all Federal, State, local, and Manatee County ordinances, orders, codes, laws, rules, regulations, directives, and guidelines.

A.32 HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA)

Any person or entity that performs or assists the County with a function or activity involving the use or disclosure of “individually identifiable health information (IIHI) and/or Protected Health Information (PHI) shall comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996. HIPAA mandates for privacy, security, and electronic transfer standards include, but are not limited to:

- a. Use of information only for performing services required by the contract or as required by law;
- b. Use of appropriate safeguards to prevent non-permitted disclosures;
- c. Reporting to the County any non-permitted use or disclosure;
- d. Assurances that any agents and subcontractors agree to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to the Proposer and reasonable assurances that IIHI/PHI will be held confidential;
- e. Making PHI available to the customer;
- f. Making PHI available to the customer for review and amendment, and incorporating any amendments requested by the customer;
- g. Making PHI available to the County for an accounting of disclosures; and making internal practices, books, and records related to PHI available to the County for compliance audits.

PHI shall maintain its protected status regardless of the form and method of transmission (paper records and/or electronic transfer of data). The selected Proposer must give its customers written notice of its privacy information practices, including specifically, a description of the types of uses and disclosures that would be made with protected health information.

A.33 BINDING OFFER

Proposals will remain valid for a period of 120 days following the Due Date and Time and will be considered a binding offer to perform the required services and/or provide the

required goods. The submission of a Proposal will be taken as prima facie evidence that the Proposer has familiarized itself with the contents of this Solicitation.

A.34 PROTEST

Any actual bidder, proposer, or contractor who is aggrieved in connection with the notice of intent to award of a contract with a value greater than \$250,000 where such grievance is asserted to be the result of a violation of the requirements of the Manatee County Procurement Code or any applicable provision of law by the officers, agents, or employees of the County, may file a protest to the Purchasing Official.

Protest must be in writing and delivered via email at purchasing@mymanatee.org or by hand delivery to the Procurement Division at 1112 Manatee Avenue West, 7th Floor, Suite 705, Bradenton, FL 34205 by 5:00 p.m. on the fifth business day following the date of posting of the Notice of Intent to Award on the County website. There is no stay of the procurement process during a protest. The Purchasing Official shall have the authority to settle and resolve a protest concerning the intended award of a contract.

For additional information regarding the County protest process, visit the Procurement Division webpage on the County website.

A.35 ACCESSIBILITY

The County is committed to making its documents and information technologies accessible to individuals with disabilities by meeting the requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act and best practices (W3C WCAG 2). **For assistance with accessibility regarding this solicitation, contact the Manatee County Procurement Division via email at purchasing@mymanatee.org or by phone at 941-748-4501, X3014.**

Successful Proposer shall ensure all its electronic information, documents, applications, reports, and deliverables required in the proposal are in a format that meets the requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act and best practices (W3C WCAG 2).

Where not fully compliant with these requirements and best practices, Successful Proposer shall provide clear points of contact for each document and information technology to direct users in how to obtain alternate formats. Further, successful Proposer shall develop accommodation strategies for those non-compliant resources and implement strategies to resolve the discrepancies.

A.36 PROJECTED SOLICITATION SCHEDULE

The following projected solicitation schedule has been established for this Solicitation process. Refer to the County's website (www.mymanatee.org > *Business* > *Bids &*

Proposals) for meeting locations and updated information pertaining to any revisions to this schedule.

Scheduled Item	Scheduled Date
No Information Conference has been scheduled for this solicitation	N/A
Question and Clarification Deadline	August 6, 2025 by 3:00 P.M., ET
Proposal Due Date and Time	August 27, 2025 at 2:00 P.M., ET
Technical Evaluation Meeting	TBD
Technical Evaluation Meeting	TBD
Interviews/Demonstrations/Presentations, if conducted	TBD
Final Technical Evaluations	TBD
Projected Award	October 2025

The purpose of the Solicitation Schedule is to provide a projected timeline of solicitation events. The County reserves the right to modify or change any of the projected dates and times.

END SECTION A

SECTION B, EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

B.01 EVALUATION

Evaluation of proposals will be conducted by an evaluation committee. Each evaluation committee member will evaluate and score the proposals for each of the evaluation criteria.

The committee reserves the right to provide a final score without conducting interviews, presentations, and/or demonstrations with Proposers. Therefore, each Proposer must ensure that its proposal contains all the information requested in this RFP and reflects Proposer's best offer.

The committee will consider all information submitted by each responsible and responsive Proposer, clarification information provided by Proposer, information obtained during the interview/presentation/demonstration, feedback received from Proposer's references, and any other relevant information received during any investigation of Proposer, to ascertain the ability of the Proposer(s) to perform the scope of services as stated in this RFP.

The evaluation committee shall score task 1 and task 2 separately to determine the award recommendation for each specific task.

B.02 EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following evaluation criteria have been established for each task outlined in this RFP.

Criteria	Maximum Score
Proposer & Team's Experience (TAB 6)	25
Approach (TAB 7)	25
Capacity (TAB 8)	25
Fee Proposal (TAB 9)	25

B.03 CLARIFICATIONS/INTERVIEWS /PRESENTATIONS/ DEMONSTRATIONS

As part of the evaluation process the evaluation committee may request additional information or clarification from Proposers for the purpose of further evaluation of (a) conformance to the solicitation requirements, (b) the abilities of the Proposer, and (c) understanding of the proposal submitted. Additional information and/or clarification must be submitted by Proposer within the requested time-period.

Additionally, interviews, presentations and/or demonstrations may be conducted with Proposers as part of the evaluation process. If conducted, the evaluation committee will

make a determination of those proposals that are deemed by the committee as having a reasonable probability of being selected for award. The Proposers for this 'short-list' of proposals will be invited to meet with the committee. Proposers shall make arrangements to attend the interviews, presentations and/or demonstrations if invited. The interviews, presentations and/or demonstrations are closed to the public to the extent permitted by law.

The committee reserves the right to provide a final score without conducting interviews, presentations, and/or demonstrations with Proposers. Therefore, each Proposer must ensure that its proposal contains all the information requested in this RFP and reflects Proposer's best offer.

B.04 BEST AND FINAL OFFER (BAFO)

The County may request a BAFO if additional information or modified proposals are necessary for the evaluation committee to complete its evaluation and scoring. The information received from the BAFO will be used by the evaluation committee to re-evaluate and re-score the Proposers.

B.05 SCORING OF PROPOSALS

The evaluation committee will determine from the responses to this RFP and subsequent investigation as necessary, the Proposer(s) whose proposal(s) best meet the County's requirements and recommend the County enter into negotiations for an agreement.

In its review, the evaluation committee may take the following actions:

- a. Review all responses pursuant to the evaluation factors stated herein.
- b. Short list Proposers to be further considered in written or oral interview/presentation/product demonstrations.
- c. Recommend commencement of negotiations to the Purchasing Official.
- d. Reject all proposals received and cancel the Request for Proposal.
- e. Receive written clarification of proposal.

END SECTION B

SECTION C, NEGOTIATION OF THE AGREEMENT

C.01 GENERAL

- a. The proposal will serve as a basis for negotiating an agreement.
- b. Upon submission, all proposals become the property of Manatee 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 by Proposer and submitted to the County during the solicitation process become the property of Manatee County.

C.02 NEGOTIATION

The evaluation committee will make a recommendation as to the Proposer which the County should enter into negotiations, if any. Upon approval of the recommendation, the successful Proposer will be invited to enter negotiations led by the County Procurement Division. These negotiations are generally relative to the scope of work/services to be provided and any associated costs.

The County will publicly notice the Intent to Negotiate prior to commencing negotiations as required by law and policy.

C.03 RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

Upon successful completion of negotiations, a recommendation for award to the successful Proposer(s) will be presented for approval per County ordinances, policies, and procedures.

C.04 AGREEMENT

The successful Proposer(s) will be required to enter into an agreement. Agreement may, or may not, include all elements of this RFP or the resulting successful Proposer's Proposal where alternatives provide best value, are desirable to the County, and the parties agree to such terms.

The term of the Agreement shall be for the period of six (6) years with the option to extend for two (2), one (1)-year periods.

C.05 AWARD

The County does not make award to a Proposer who is delinquent in payment of any taxes, fees, fines, contractual debts, judgments, or any other debts due and owed to County, or is in default on any contractual or regulatory obligation to County. By submitting this solicitation response, Proposer attests that it is not delinquent in payment of any such debts due and owed to County, nor is it in default on any contractual or regulatory obligation to County. In the event the Proposer's statement is discovered to be false, Proposer will be subject to suspension and/or debarment and County may terminate any contract it has with Proposer.

Award of an agreement is subject to the approval of either the Purchasing Official or the Board of County Commissioners, as provided for in the current Manatee County Procurement Code.

END SECTION C

FORM 1 - ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ADDENDA
RFP No. 25-TA006104SB

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the following addenda:

Addendum No. _____	Date Received:
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Addendum No. _____	Date Received:
Addendum No. _____	Date Received:
Addendum No. _____	Date Received:

Print or type Proposer's information below:

_____ Name of Proposer	_____ Telephone Number
_____ Street Address	_____ City/State/Zip
_____ Email Address	_____ Website Address
_____ Print Name & Title of Authorized Officer	_____ Signature of Authorized Official and Date

Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.

FORM 2 - PROPOSAL SIGNATURE FORM
RFP No. 25-TA006104SB

The undersigned represents that by signing this Proposal Signature Form that:

- (1) He/she has the authority and approval of the legal entity purporting to submit the Proposal and any additional documentation which may be required such as the Joint Venture Agreement or Joint Venture Affidavit, if applicable; and
- (2) All facts and responses set forth in the Proposal are true and correct; and
- (3) If the Proposer is selected by County to negotiate an agreement, that Proposer's negotiators will negotiate in good faith to establish an agreement to provide the services described in this RFP; and
- (4) By submitting a Proposal and signing below, the Proposer agrees to the terms and conditions in this RFP, which incorporates all addenda, appendices, exhibits, and attachments, in its entirety, and is prepared to sign the Agreement, of which a sample is incorporated into this RFP as Exhibit 5. The Proposer understands that if it submits exceptions to the Sample Agreement in its Proposal, the Proposer may be determined non-responsive.

Print or type Proposer's information below:

_____ Name of Proposer	_____ Telephone Number	
_____ Street Address	_____ City/State/Zip	
_____ Email Address	_____ Web Address	
_____ Print Name & Title of Authorized Officer	_____ Signature of Authorized Officer	_____ Date

Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.

**FORM 3 - PUBLIC CONTRACTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES
CERTIFICATION
RFP No. 25-TA006104SB**

SWORN STATEMENT PURSUANT TO MANATEE COUNTY PROCUREMENT CODE
SECTION 2-26 ARTICLE V,

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 Manatee County 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, the undersigned, 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 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 Proposers or prospective Proposers
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, as determined by the
County, 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/she 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 Manatee County's Purchasing Official. Upon presentation of such satisfactory proof, the person or entity shall be allowed to contract with Manatee County.

I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY CONTRACT OR BUSINESS TRANSACTION SHALL PROVIDE FOR SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS, OR TERMINATION, OR BOTH, IF THE PROCUREMENT DIVISION OR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DETERMINES THAT SUCH PERSON OR ENTITY HAS MADE FALSE CERTIFICATION.

Signature of Contractor Representative

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____
by _____.

☐ Personally known OR ☐ Produced the following 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.

Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.

FORM 4 - CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE FORM
RFP No. 25-TA006104SB

The award of an agreement resulting from this RFP is subject to the provisions of Manatee County Code of Laws. Proposer must disclose within its Proposal: the name of any officer, director, or agent who is also an employee of Manatee County. Furthermore, Proposer must disclose the name of any County employee who owns, directly or indirectly, an interest of more than five percent (5%) in the Proposer's firm or any of its branches, divisions, or affiliates.

By signing below, Proposer confirms that it is not currently engaged or will not become engaged in any obligations, undertakings or contracts that will require the firm to maintain an adversarial role against the County or that will impair or influence the advice or recommendations it provides to the County.

Please check one of the following statements and attach additional documentation if necessary:

_____ To the best of my knowledge, the undersigned firm has no potential conflict of interest for this RFP.

_____ The undersigned firm, by execution of this form, submits information which may be a potential conflict of interest for this RFP.

Acknowledged and attested to by:

Firm Name

Signature

Name and Title (Print or Type)

Date

Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.

FORM 5 - NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT
RFP No. 25-TA006104SB

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared _____, who, after being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says of his/her personal knowledge that:

- a. He/She is _____ of _____, the Proposer that has submitted a Proposal to perform work for the following:
RFP No.: _____ Title: _____
- b. He/She is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached Request for Qualifications, and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such Solicitation.
Such Proposal is genuine and is not a collusive or sham Proposal.
- c. Neither the said Proposer nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiant, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other Proposer, firm, or person to submit a collusive or sham Proposal in connection with the Solicitation and contract for which the attached Proposal has been submitted or to refrain from proposing in connection with such Solicitation and contract, or has in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any other Proposer, firm, or person to fix the price or prices in the attached Proposal or any other Proposer, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of the Proposal price or the Proposal price of any other Proposer, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement any advantage against the City or any person interested in the proposed contract.
- d. The price or prices to be submitted shall be fair and proper and shall not be tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement on the part of the Proposer or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiant.

Signature: _____

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this _____ day of _____
20__, by _____, who is personally known to me OR has produced _____
as identification.

Notary Signature _____

Notary Name: _____

Notary Public (State): _____

My Commission Number: _____

Expires on: _____

SEAL

Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.

FORM 6 - TRUTH – IN – NEGOTIATION CERTIFICATE
RFP No. 25-TA006104SB

The undersigned warrants (i) that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than bona fide employees working solely for the undersigned, to solicit or secure the Agreement and (ii) that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm other than its bona fide employees working solely for the undersigned or agreed to pay any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of the Agreement.

The undersigned certifies that the wage rates and other factual unit costs used to determine the compensation provided for in the Agreement are accurate, complete, and current as of the date of the Agreement.

(This document must be executed by an authorized official of Proposer (e.g., President, CEO, Partner, Managing Partner))

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.

FORM 7 – SCRUTINIZED COMPANY CERTIFICATION
RFP No. 25-TA006104SB

This certification is required pursuant to Florida State Statute Section 287.135 and must be executed and returned with Proposer's Proposal.

As of July 1, 2011, a company that, at the time of bidding or submitting a Proposal for a new contract or renewal of an existing contract, is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List is ineligible for, and may not bid on, submit a Proposal for, or enter into or renew a contract with an agency or local governmental entity for goods or services of \$1 million or more.

Companies must complete and return this form with its response.

Company: _____

FEIN: _____

Address. _____

City/State/Zip. _____

I, _____, as a representative of _____
certify and affirm that this entity is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List
or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List.

Signature

Title

Printed Name

Date

Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.

FORM 8, INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS
RFP No. 25-TA006104SB

The Successful Proposer will not commence work under the resulting Agreement until all insurance coverages indicated by an “X” herein have been obtained. The Successful Proposer shall obtain and submit to the Procurement Division within ten (10) calendar days from the date of notice of intent to award, at its expense, the following minimum amounts of insurance (inclusive of any amounts provided by an umbrella or excess policy): Work under this Agreement cannot commence until all insurance coverages indicated herein have been obtained on a standard ACORD form (inclusive of any amounts provided by an umbrella or excess policy):

☒ **Automobile Liability Insurance Required Limits**

Coverage must be afforded under a per occurrence policy form including coverage for all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles for bodily injury and property damage of not less than:

- \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit; OR
- \$ 500,000 Bodily Injury and \$500,000 Property Damage
- \$10,000 Personal Injury Protection (No Fault)
- \$500,000 Hired, Non-Owned Liability
- \$10,000 Medical Payments

This policy shall contain severability of interests’ provisions.

☒ **Commercial General Liability Insurance Required Limits (per Occurrence form only; claims-made form is not acceptable)**

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name ‘Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida’ as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$1,000,000 Single Limit Per Occurrence
- \$2,000,000 Aggregate
- \$1,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate
- \$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury Liability
- \$50,000 Fire Damage Liability
- \$10,000 Medical Expense, and
- \$1,000,000, Third Party Property Damage
- \$ Project Specific Aggregate (Required on projects valued at over \$10,000,000)

This policy shall contain severability of interests’ provisions.

☒ **Employer’s Liability Insurance**

Coverage limits of not less than:

- \$100,000 Each Accident
- \$500,000 Disease Each Employee
- \$500,000 Disease Policy Limit

- ☒ Worker's Compensation Insurance
- ☐ **US Longshoremen & Harbor Workers Act**
- ☐ **Jones Act Coverage**

Coverage limits of not less than:

- Statutory workers' compensation coverage shall apply for all employees in compliance with the laws and statutes of the State of Florida and the federal government.
- If any operations are to be undertaken on or about navigable waters, coverage must be included for the US Longshoremen & Harbor Workers Act and Jones Act.

Should 'leased employees' be retained for any part of the project or service, the employee leasing agency shall provide evidence of Workers' Compensation coverage and Employer's Liability coverage for all personnel on the worksite and in compliance with the above Workers' Compensation requirements. NOTE: Workers' Compensation coverage is a firm requirement. Elective exemptions are considered on a case-by-case basis and are approved in a very limited number of instances.

☐ **Aircraft Liability Insurance Required Limits**

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name 'Manatee County a political subdivision of the State of Florida' as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$ Each Occurrence Property and Bodily Injury with no less than \$100,000 per passenger each occurrence or a 'smooth' limit.
- \$ General Aggregate.

☐ **Un-Manned Aircraft Liability Insurance (Drone)**

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name 'Manatee County a political subdivision of the State of Florida' as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$ Each Occurrence Property and Bodily Injury; Coverage shall specifically include operation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), including liability and property damage.
- \$ General Aggregate

☐ **Installation Floater Insurance**

When the contract or agreement **does not** include construction of, or additions to, above ground building or structures, but does involve the installation of machinery or equipment, Installation Floater Insurance shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name "Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida" as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- 100% of the completed value of such addition(s), building(s), or structure(s)

☐ **Professional Liability and/or Errors and Omissions (E&O) Liability Insurances**

Coverage shall be afforded under either an occurrence policy form or a claims-made policy form. If the coverage form is on a claims-made basis, then coverage must be maintained for a minimum of three years from termination of date of the contract. Limits must not be less than:

- \$ 1,000,000 Bodily Injury and Property Damage Each Occurrence
- \$ 2,000,000 General Aggregate

☐ **Builder's Risk Insurance**

When the contract or agreement includes the construction of roadways and/or the addition of a permanent structure or building, including the installation of machinery and/or equipment, Builder's Risk Insurance shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name "Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida" as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- An amount equal to 100% of the completed value of the project, or the value of the equipment to be installed
- The policy shall not carry a self-insured retention/deductible greater than \$10,000

Coverage shall be for all risks and include, but not be limited to, storage and transport of materials, equipment, supplies of any kind whatsoever to be used on or incidental to the project, theft coverage, and Waiver of Occupancy Clause Endorsement, where applicable.

☐ **Cyber Liability Insurance**

Coverage shall comply with Florida Statute 501.171, shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name 'Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida' as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$ Security Breach Liability
- \$ Security Breach Expense Each Occurrence
- \$ Security Breach Expense Aggregate
- \$ Replacement or Restoration of Electronic Data
- \$ Extortion Threats
- \$ Business Income and Extra Expense
- \$ Public Relations Expense

NOTE: Policy must not carry a self-insured retention/deductible greater than \$25,000.

☐ **Hazardous Materials Insurance (As Noted Below)**

Hazardous materials include all materials and substances that are currently designated or defined as hazardous by the law or rules of regulation by the State of Florida or federal government.

All coverage shall be afforded under either an occurrence policy form or a claims-made policy form, and the policy shall be endorsed and name 'Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida' as an Additional Insured. If the coverage form is on a claims-made basis, then coverage must be maintained for a minimum of three years from termination of date of the contract. Limits must not be less than:

☐ ***Pollution Liability***

Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a \$1,000,000 minimum, for Bodily Injury and Property Damage to include sudden and gradual release, each claim and aggregate.

☐ ***Asbestos Liability (If handling within scope of Contract)***

Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a \$1,000,000 minimum, for Bodily Injury and Property Damage to include sudden and gradual release, each claim and aggregate.

☐ ***Disposal***

When applicable, Successful Proposer shall designate the disposal site and furnish a Certificate of Insurance from the disposal facility for Environmental Impairment Liability Insurance covering liability.

- Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a \$1,000,000 minimum, for Liability for Sudden and Accidental Occurrences, each claim and an aggregate.
- Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a \$1,000,000 minimum, for Liability for Non-Sudden and Accidental Occurrences, each claim and an aggregate.

☐ **Hazardous Waste Transportation Insurance**

Successful Proposer shall designate the hauler and have the hauler furnish a Certificate of Insurance for Automobile Liability insurance with Endorsement MCS-90 for liability arising out of the transportation of hazardous materials. EPA identification number shall be provided.

All coverage shall be afforded under either an occurrence policy form or a claims-made policy form and the policy shall be endorsed and name “Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida” as an Additional Insured. If the coverage form is on a claims-made basis, then coverage must be maintained for a minimum of three years from termination of date of the contract. Limits must not be less than:

- Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a \$1,000,000 minimum, per accident.

☐ **Liquor Liability Insurance**

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name “Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida” as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence and Aggregate

☐ **Garage Keeper’s Liability Insurance**

Coverage shall be required if the maintenance, servicing, cleaning or repairing of any County motor vehicles is inherent or implied within the provision of the contract.

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name “Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida” as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- Property and asset coverage in the full replacement value of the lot or garage.

☐ **Bailee's Customer Liability Insurance**

Coverage shall be required for damage and/or destruction when County property is temporarily under the care or custody of a person or organization, including property that is on, or in transit to and from the person or organization's premises. Perils covered should include fire, lightning, theft, burglary, robbery, explosion, collision, flood, earthquake and damage or destruction during transportation by a carrier.

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name "Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida" as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- Property and asset coverage in the full replacement value of the County asset(s) in the Successful Proposer's care, custody and control.

☐ **Hull and Watercraft Liability Insurance**

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name "Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida" as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$ Each Occurrence
- \$ General Aggregate
- \$ Fire Damage Liability
- \$10,000 Medical Expense, and
- \$ Third Party Property Damage
- \$ Project Specific Aggregate (Required on projects valued at over \$10,000,000)

☐ **Other [Specify]**

BOND REQUIREMENTS

☐ **Bid Bond**

A Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the total offer. Bid bond shall be submitted with the sealed response and shall include project name, location, and / or address and project number. In lieu of the bond, the bidder may file an alternative form of security in the amount of 5% of the total offer. in the form of a money order, a certified check, a cashier's check, or an irrevocable letter of credit issued to Manatee County. NOTE: A construction project over \$200,000 requires a Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid offer.

☐ **Payment and Performance Bond**

A Payment and Performance Bond shall be submitted by Successful Bidder for 100% of the award amount and shall be presented to Manatee County within ten (10) calendar days of issuance of the notice of intent to award. NOTE: A construction project over \$200,000 requires a Payment and Performance Bond.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

I. THE POLICIES ARE TO CONTAIN, OR BE ENDORSED TO CONTAIN, THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS:

Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverages

- a. **“Manatee County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida,” is to be named as an Additional Insured in respect to:** Liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the Successful Proposer, his agents, representatives, and employees; products and completed operations of the Successful Proposer; or automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the Successful Proposer. The coverage shall contain no special limitation(s) on the scope of protection afforded to the COUNTY, its officials, employees or volunteers.
In addition to furnishing a Certificate of Insurance, the Successful Proposer shall provide the endorsement that evidences Manatee COUNTY being listed as an Additional Insured. This can be done in one of two ways: (1) an endorsement can be issued that specifically lists “Manatee County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida,” as Additional Insured; or, (2) an endorsement can be issued that states that all Certificate Holders are Additional Insured with respect to the policy.
- b. The Successful Proposer'S insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to the COUNTY, its officials, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the COUNTY, its officials, employees or volunteers shall be excess of Successful Proposer's insurance and shall be non-contributory.
- c. The insurance policies must be on an occurrence form.

Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Coverages

The insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the COUNTY, its officials, employees and volunteers for losses arising from work performed by the Successful Proposer for the COUNTY.

II. General Insurance Provisions Applicable to All Policies

1. Prior to the execution of contract, or issuance of a Purchase Order, and then annually upon the anniversary date(s) of the insurance policy's renewal date(s) for as long as this contract remains in effect, Successful Proposer shall furnish the COUNTY with a Certificate(s) of Insurance (using an industry accepted certificate form, signed by the Issuer, with applicable endorsements, and containing the solicitation or contract number, and title or description) evidencing the coverage set forth above and naming “Manatee County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida” as an Additional Insured on the applicable coverage(s) set forth above.
2. If the policy contains an aggregate limit, confirmation is needed in writing (letter, email, etc.) that the aggregate limit has not been eroded to procurement representative when supplying Certificate of Insurance. In addition, when requested in writing from the COUNTY, Successful Proposer will provide the COUNTY with a certified copy of all applicable policies. The address where such certificates and certified policies shall be sent or delivered is as follows:

Manatee County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida
Attn: Risk Management Division
1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 969
Bradenton, FL 34205

3. The project's solicitation number and title shall be listed on each certificate.
4. Successful Proposer shall provide thirty (30) days written notice to the Risk Manager of any cancellation, non-renewal, termination, material change, or reduction in coverage of any insurance policies to procurement representative including solicitation number and title with all notices.
5. Successful Proposer agrees that should at any time Successful Proposer fail to meet or maintain the required insurance coverage(s) as set forth herein, the COUNTY may terminate this contract.
6. The Successful Proposer waives all subrogation rights against COUNTY, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida, for all losses or damages which occur during the contract and for any events occurring during the contract period, whether the suit is brought during the contract period or not.
7. The Successful Proposer has sole responsibility for all insurance premiums and policy deductibles.
8. It is the Successful Proposer's responsibility to ensure that his agents, representatives and subcontractors comply with the insurance requirements set forth herein. Successful Proposer shall include his agents, representatives, and subcontractors working on the project or at the worksite as insured under its policies, or Successful Proposer shall furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each agent, representative, and subcontractor working on the project or at the worksite. All coverages for agents, representatives, and subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements set forth to the procurement representative.
9. All required insurance policies must be written with a carrier having a minimum A.M. Best rating of A- FSC VII or better. In addition, the COUNTY has the right to review the Successful Proposer's deductible or self-insured retention and to require that it be reduced or eliminated.
10. Successful Proposer understands and agrees that the stipulated limits of coverage listed herein in this insurance section shall not be construed as a limitation of any potential liability to the COUNTY, or to others, and the COUNTY'S failure to request evidence of this insurance coverage shall not be construed as a waiver of Successful Proposer'S obligation to provide and maintain the insurance coverage specified.
11. Successful Proposer understands and agrees that the COUNTY does not waive its immunity and nothing herein shall be interpreted as a waiver of the COUNTY'S rights, including the limitation of waiver of immunity, as set forth in Florida Statutes 768.28, or any other statutes, and the COUNTY expressly reserves these rights to the full extent allowed by law.
12. No award shall be made until the Procurement Division has received the Certificate of Insurance in accordance with this section.

BONDING REQUIREMENTS

Bid Bond/Certified Check. By submitting a proposal, the Successful Proposer agrees should its proposal be accepted, **to execute the form of Agreement and present the same to COUNTY for approval within ten (10) calendar days after notice of intent to award.** The Successful Proposer further agrees that failure to execute and deliver said form of Agreement **within ten (10) calendar days** will result in damages to COUNTY and as guarantee of payment of same a bid bond/certified check shall be enclosed within the submitted sealed proposal in the amount of five (5%) percent of the total amount of the proposal. The Successful Proposer further agrees that in case the Successful Proposer fails to enter into an Agreement, as prescribed by COUNTY, the bid bond/certified check accompanying the proposal shall be forfeited to COUNTY as agreed liquidated damages. If COUNTY enters into an agreement with a Successful Proposer, or if COUNTY rejects any and/or all proposals, accompanying bond will be promptly returned.

Payment and Performance Bonds. Prior to commencing work, the Successful Proposer shall obtain, for the benefit of and directed to COUNTY, a Payment and Performance Bond satisfying the requirements of Florida Statutes § 255.05, covering the faithful performance by the Successful Proposer of its obligation under the Contract Documents, including but not limited to the construction of the project on the project site and the payment and obligations arising thereunder, including all payments to Subcontractors, laborers, and materialmen. The surety selected by the Successful Proposer to provide the Payment and Performance Bond shall be approved by COUNTY prior to issuance of such Bond, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed provided that surety is rated A- or better by Best's Key Guide, latest edition.

Failure to provide the required bonds on the prescribed form may result in Successful Proposer being deemed nonresponsive. Bonds must be in the form prescribed in Florida Statutes § 255.05, and must not contain notice, demand or other terms and conditions, including informal pre-claim meetings, not provided for in Florida Statutes § 255.05.

Bonds shall be in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price issued by a duly authorized and nationally recognized surety company, authorized to do business in the State of Florida, satisfactory to COUNTY. Surety shall be rated as "A-" or better by Best's Key Guide, latest edition. The attorney-in-fact who signs the bonds must file with the bonds, a certificate and effective dated copy of power-of-attorney. Payment and Performance Bonds shall be issued to "Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida", **within ten (10) calendar days after issuance of notice of intent to award.**

In addition, pursuant to Florida Statutes § 255.05(1)(b), Florida Statutes, prior to commencing work, the Successful Proposer shall be responsible and bear all costs associated to record the Payment and Performance Bond with the Manatee County Clerk of the Circuit Court. A certified copy of said recording shall be furnished to the Procurement Division upon filing. Pursuant to Florida Statutes § 255.05(1)(b), Florida Statutes, COUNTY will make no payment to the Successful Proposer until the Successful Proposer has complied with this paragraph.

Furnishing Payment and Performance Bonds shall be requisite to execution of an Agreement with COUNTY. Said Payment and Performance Bonds will remain in force for the duration of

this Agreement with the premiums paid by the Successful Proposer. Failure of the Successful Proposer to execute such Agreement and to supply the required bonds shall be just cause for cancellation of the award. COUNTY may then contract with the next lowest, responsive and responsible Successful Proposer or re-advertise this RFP.

Failure of COUNTY at any time to require performance by the Successful Proposer of any provisions set out in the resulting Agreement will in no way affect the right of COUNTY, thereafter, to enforce those provisions.

FORM 8, INSURANCE STATEMENT
RFP No. 25-TA006104SB

THE UNDERSIGNED has read and understands the insurance requirements applicable to any Agreement resulting from this solicitation and shall provide the insurances required in this RFP within ten (10) days from the date of Notice of Intent to Award.

Proposer Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature
(Authorized Official): _____

Printed Name/Title: _____

Insurance Agency: _____

Agent Name: _____ Agent Phone: _____

Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.

FORM 9, INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS
RFP No. 25-TA006104SB

MANATEE COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

The Successful Proposer shall indemnify and hold harmless County, its officers, and employees from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the Successful Proposer, its personnel, design professionals and other persons employed or utilized by the Successful Proposer in the performance of the Agreement, including without limitation, defects in design, or errors or omissions that result in material cost increases to County. Such indemnification shall include the payment of all valid claims, losses, and judgments of any nature whatsoever in connection therewith and the payment of all related fees and costs. County reserves the right to defend itself with its own counsel or retained counsel at Successful Proposer's expense.

Signature of Authorized Official of Proposer: _____

Title and Date: _____

Project Number and /or Name: _____

Insurance Agent: _____

Acknowledgement:

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____,
20__ by _____ [FULL LEGAL NAME],
who is

☐ Personally known to me

OR

☐ has produced _____ as identification.

Notary Signature _____

Print Name _____

SEAL

Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.

FORM 10, ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING AFFIDAVIT

RFP No. 25-TA006104SB

(Section 787.06, Florida Statutes)

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared _____,
who was sworn and says that the following information is true and correct:

1. My name is _____ of _____. I have been authorized by the Company to provide and execute this affidavit.
2. I am over eighteen years of age and the following information is given from my own personal knowledge.
3. Company is a nongovernmental entity and I hereby attest that Company does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in Section 787.06, Florida Statutes.
4. This affidavit is made and given by affiant under penalty of perjury with full knowledge of applicable Florida laws regarding sworn affidavits and the penalties and liabilities resulting from false statements and misrepresentations therein.

Signature

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of

- ☐ physical presence or
☐ online notarization

this _____ day of _____, 2025, by _____, who

- ☐ is personally known to me or
☐ has produced _____ as identification.

[CHECK APPLICABLE BOXES TO SATISFY IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT OF
SECTION 117.05, FLORIDA STATUTES]

Signature of Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.

**EXHIBIT 1, SCOPE OF SERVICE: GENERAL CDBG-DR GRANT SUPPORT
SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE
RFP No. 25-TA006104SB**

1.01 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Manatee County (herein after referred to as “County”) seeks to contract with a highly professional and qualified Proposer(s) to provide a broad range of services to assist with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) grant.

Work will be assigned under the resulting Agreement and authorized by negotiated Work Assignments based on the County’s evolving needs. The initial Work Assignment will include program support for the County’s \$252,711,000 CDBG-DR allocation resulting from the declared disasters as governed by the Universal Notice (90 FR 1754).

Agreements will be awarded separately for each Task listed; however, a qualified Proposer may be awarded both Tasks if they are able to demonstrate the ability to perform the services for multiple projects concurrently.

Proposers shall submit responses for each of the Tasks as outlined in Exhibits 2 and 3 of this RFP.

1.02 SCOPE

At the request of the County and formalized in a Work Assignment executed by both parties, the Proposer shall provide general grant support, which may include, but is not limited to grant staff augmentation, drafting of environmental reviews, and general grant administration. Such activities shall be carried out in full compliance with HUD, and/or other federal or state requirements and under the general direction of the County.

Each task shall be assigned through the use of a Work Assignment that will authorize the work. Task descriptions are not intended to be an exhaustive list of activities necessary to complete the objectives of the work; the precise activities and duties performed may vary depending on the County’s needs as the program and the projects thereunder progress. No work is authorized under the contract until execution of a Work Assignment by both parties.

The scope of this solicitation and any resulting Agreement fully contemplates support for current and future CDBG-DR allocations at the County’s discretion and through a negotiated Work Assignment. The Agreement is intended to be used on an as-needed basis and no specific amount of work is guaranteed.

1.03 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The Proposers will need to be competently knowledgeable about and remain compliant with all HUD regulations, CDBG-DR regulations, OMB 2 CFR 200 Uniform Guidance, and applicable state requirements, as well as County policies and procedures. This

solicitation is pursuant to HUD's most recent [Universal Notice](#), issued March 19, 2025, but will also encapsulate any new Universal Notices that are published between now and the end of the CDBG-DR grant that are required for the grant for which work is assigned. Also, please see the current [Action Plan](#), which guides the vision of the County in helping Manatee County communities to heal from the previous storms and strengthen against future storms. The Proposer(s) shall prepare their officers and counsel for expedited document reviews and revisions, and that no federal requirement within the contract can be waived or altered.

As part of regular management of its activities in delivery of services under the contract, the Proposer shall:

- A. Provide all necessary equipment and supplies for staff working under this contract.
- B. Establish a functional organization structure with proper administrative oversight.
- C. Submit monthly invoices, including individual time sheets and evidence indicating the percent of work complete for each Work Assignment.
- D. Submit monthly activity reports indicating the status of projects. Reports shall include any areas of concern or needs identifies by the Proposer.
- E. Meet at least once per month, potentially more frequently, with the County's Contract Manager and cooperate with all County monitoring activities for contract oversight.
- F. Adhere to all County policies and procedures, state and federal regulations.
- G. Collaborate with County staff as necessary in an open, professional, and supportive manner.
- H. The County is, and shall remain at all times, the sole owner of all data and documents affiliated with the County's work. The Proposer acknowledges that the County has all rights, title, or other ownership interest in all County documents and work products. The Proposer shall ensure that all grant files and records under its control, are complete and available to the County at all times.
- I. After contract award and throughout the term of the contract, the Proposer shall provide and keep current an organizational chart and supervisory hierarchy to ensure adequate staffing levels, staff oversight, and accountability. The Proposer shall designate a primary manager who will maintain frequent communication with the County's Contract Manager, which shall include a weekly meeting.
- J. Staff assigned by the Proposer to provide services to the County, shall possess the appropriate knowledge and experience for the classification under which they work. Subject Matter Experts shall have a deep knowledge of their areas with an ability to accurately advise the County on regulations and best practices.
- K. The Proposer shall not substitute key personnel assigned to the performance of this Contract without prior written approval by the County. The Proposer shall notify the County's Contract Manager of any desired substitution, including the name(s), resumes, and references of The Proposer's recommended substitute personnel. The County will approve or disapprove the requested substitution in a timely manner. The County may, in its sole discretion, direct the Proposer to terminate the services of any person providing services under this Contract. Upon such termination, the County may request acceptable substitute personnel or terminate the Contract services provided by such personnel.

Location of Work:

- A. The Proposer shall meet the County's expectations for collaboration, staff oversight, hours of availability, productivity, and collaboration in all aspects of this project. Unless onsite work is specifically required by the County, the Proposer may propose remote work for any staff provided, and the County may consider approval as part of a Work Assignment under the Contract.
 - 1. The County expects the hourly rate for remote work employees be discounted as a result of reduced overhead costs.
 - 2. If the County agrees that an onsite position or staff member may move to remote work, the Proposer and the County shall negotiate a new hourly rate for that position.
- B. On-site work shall take place in County facilities within Manatee County, Florida. Exact work locations are to be determined, and some staff positions may require travel within the County for meetings and program oversight. The County is not responsible for relocation or housing of staff assigned but will reimburse expenses for travel that is necessary to complete objectives under the Contract. Such travel will be considered on a case-by-case basis, and will require County approval, and shall be in accordance with the Florida Statute Chapter 112.061.
- C. Generally, personnel provided by the Proposer shall work no more than 40 hours per week. Staff members shall not work more than 12 hours in one shift and must take meal breaks as required by law. Any overtime or variations in these work hours may be approved by the County on case-by-case basis.

1.04 SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

This solicitation is for two (2) Tasks, which may be bid in whole or in part by Proposers. The County reserves the right to select a Proposer to provide any or all tasks and the County may choose to select multiple Proposers using this same RFP.

TASK 1 – CDBG-DR GENERAL GRANT SUPPORT SERVICES

Upon request of the County and authorization by Work Assignment, the Proposer shall support the County's grant administrators with general grant management and compliance. This work may include any of a broad range of grant support services and may include use of County software systems for grant management and documentation. At the request of the County, the Proposer's work under this Task shall include, but is not limited to:

- A. Provide program management staff augmentation, grant compliance and monitoring activities, and project support for the County's grant-funded programs and general grant administration. Such activities shall be carried out in full compliance with the grantor's requirements and under the general direction of the County.
- B. Update HUD CDBG-DR related policies and procedures.
 - 1. Staff assigned to this task by the Proposer shall have experience in developing policies and procedures for HUD-funded activities and have in-depth knowledge of all applicable regulations.
- C. Provide Grant Compliance and Monitoring Support Staff to perform quality assurance, monitoring, reporting duties, and provide technical assistance for grant compliance to

County staff and sub-recipients. This work may include, but is not limited to, conducting regular onsite monitoring activities, policies, procedures, websites, documents, files, and reports. This work may also include supporting the County during any audits and developing best practices for compliance and monitoring. This is expected to be a full-time person assigned solely to Manatee County's CDBG-DR grant.

1. Staff assigned to this task by the Proposer shall have experience in successful grant compliance and monitoring.
- D. Review construction solicitations, contracts, and associated purchasing documentation to ensure compliance with federal and state regulations, as requested. The Proposer shall ensure that solicitations, contracts, and associated purchasing documentation contain required provisions, and ensure that templates are kept current as regulations evolve.
1. Staff assigned to this task by the Proposer shall be a subject matter expertise who can provide the County with clear guidance regarding the applicability of federal and state laws and regulations affecting procurement.
- E. Assist County staff with the preparation of grant reports and with close-out assistance.

TASK 2 – CDBG-DR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

Upon request of the County and authorization by Work Assignment, the Proposer shall support the County's grant administrators with construction activities. This work may include any of a broad range of grant support services and may include managing contractors, Davis-Bacon and Related Acts (DBRA) services, and environmental reviews, among other duties. The Proposer is expected to provide a full-time person assigned solely to Manatee County's CDBG-DR grant. At the request of the County, the Proposer's work under this Task shall include, but is not limited to:

- A. Assisting the County with managing and monitoring construction contractors during their work on homes, rental units, and infrastructure.
- B. Provide experienced damage inspectors to assess eligibility of damaged homes and develop scopes of work to be utilized for task assigning to contractors.
- C. Provide subject matter expertise and best practice recommendations for any and all grant-related construction activities which may include real property acquisition requirements, DBRA services, environmental reviews, and other labor law compliance, or other regulatory areas.
- D. Assist County staff with conducting work-related labor standards requirements, such as payroll certification and interviews for Davis-Bacon and Related Acts compliance, or similar tasks.
 1. Staff provided by the Proposer must have DBRA subject matter expertise and related experience to inform the County and its subrecipients and developers of best practices and make policy and programmatic recommendations. The Proposer staff assigned to this work must be familiar with any grantor systems used for the environmental review process when applicable.
- E. Conduct or support the County during environmental reviews including, but not limited to, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) processes for federally funded projects as required by the granting agency.

1. Staff provided by the Proposer must have environmental review subject matter expertise and related experience to inform the County and its subrecipients and developers of best practices and make policy and programmatic recommendations. The Proposer staff assigned to this work must be familiar with any grantor systems used for the environmental review process when applicable.
2. Duties may include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Documenting program compliance to 24 CFR Part 58 for all Federal environmental regulations, especially for public notice, required consultations, permitting, and record retention in the HUD database, HUD Environmental Review Online System (HEROS).
 - b. Recommending level of clearance and best practices required for all projects listed in the Action Plans and Action Plan amendments for programs including but not limited to housing programs, buyouts and acquisitions, and infrastructure repair.
 - c. Reviewing and updating an area-wide Tier 1 - Broad Level environmental review in compliance with 24 CFR Part 58.
 - d. Developing a Tier 2 - Site Specific checklists.
 - e. Ensuring Tier 2 environmental compliance and monitoring of staff for compliance with CDBG-DR requirements including developing scheduling and reporting for all Tier 2 environmental reviews.
 - f. Completing all required Tier 2 - Site Specific environmental review reports in a reasonable timeframe to be established mutually.
 - g. Providing drafts of the Environmental Review Records (ERRs) and all related correspondence and forms to the County for review and final signature by the County.
 - h. Completing all required public advertisement, notices, and consultations necessary to produce completed ERRs.
 - i. Preparing responses to all requests for information, observations, and findings by federal environmental reviewers.
 - j. Reviewing change orders and Action Plan changes for potential effect on approved ERRs. Conducting training and technical assistance for County staff and potential sub-recipients related to HUD requirements for the 24 CFR Part 58 environmental review process and all applicable related laws and authorities. Training shall include practical, scenario-based guidance on the roles and responsibilities of staff and the Responsible Entity; required documentation; project timelines; public noticing requirements; conducting and documenting database searches; compliance with cross-cutting federal laws and authorities; effective use of the HUD Environmental Review Online System (HEROS); and best practices to ensure timely, complete, and compliant Environmental Reviews for all HUD-funded projects.

1.05 DATA AND TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

The County is, and shall remain at all times, the sole owner of all data and documents affiliated with County work, whether accessed by Consultant on the County's system and/or contained in Consultant's electronic data management system, where applicable.

Consultant acknowledges that the County has all right, title, or other ownership interest in all County documents and work products.

Computer Equipment and Network Access:

- A. The Proposer's employee who is designated as working 100% of hours on work for the County within this Scope of Services must have a dedicated laptop for the Manatee County work alone, with the laptop being provided by the Proposer.
- B. The Proposer users shall be required to acknowledge and sign an Acceptable Use Policy provided by the County.
- C. The Proposer's computers must have an endpoint protection software which is updated to effectively identify and prevent malicious code and general malware.
- D. Support for the Proposer's computers, aside from network connections and County provided devices, is the responsibility of the Proposer.
- E. The Manatee County IT Department reserves the right to perform a security scan at the County's expense to any computer equipment that requires and is approved access to the County's network.

Data Integrity and Security:

- A. Proposer, its staff, and subconsultants shall take all necessary precautions to ensure the integrity and data security of program-related documentation and/or information that contains personal identifiable information (PII) of potential clients and beneficiaries of the County's Program.
- B. Proposer shall maintain and routinely review its staff security credentialing and electronic user access to certain systems utilized by the County or granted access to by the County to the Proposer. The County shall be advised of any changes to the Proposer's employees and/or subconsultants related access requirements as soon as possible by the Proposer, but no later than 24 hours after the occurrence.
- C. Proposer shall ensure its employees and/or subconsultants whom have access to certain confidential and PII related information are trained and certified in protecting the confidentiality and release of this information. The County reserves the right to remove and request replacement of any Proposer's employees and/or subconsultants that do not meet this standard.

1.06 ACCESSIBILITY

The Proposer shall ensure all of its electronic information, documents, applications, reports, and deliverables required under the Agreement are in a format that meets the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and best practices (W3C WCAG 2).

Where not fully compliant with these requirements and best practices, The Proposer shall provide clear points of contact for each document and information technology to direct users in how to obtain alternate formats. Further, The Proposer shall develop accommodation strategies for those non-compliant resources and implement strategies to resolve the discrepancies.

END OF EXHIBIT 1

EXHIBIT 2, PROPOSAL RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS FOR CDBG-DR GENERAL GRANT SUPPORT SERVICES (TASK 1)

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This section identifies specific information which must be contained within the Proposal and the order in which such information should be organized. The information each Proposer provides will be used to determine those Proposers with the background, experience, and capacity to perform the scope of services as stated in this RFP and which Proposer(s) best meets the overall needs of the County. The Proposer must show to the complete satisfaction of the County that it has the necessary facilities, ability, and financial resources to provide the services specified herein in a satisfactory manner. The Proposer should also give a past history and references in order to satisfy the County in regard to the Proposer's qualifications. The County may make reasonable investigations deemed necessary and proper to determine the ability of the Proposer to perform the work, and the Proposer shall furnish to the County all information for this purpose that may be requested. The County reserves the right to reject any offer if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, the Proposer fails to satisfy the County that the Proposer is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the work described therein. Evaluation of the Proposer's qualifications shall include:

- The ability, capacity, skill, financial and other necessary resources to perform the work or provide the service required.
- The ability to perform the work or provide the service promptly or within the time specified, without delay or interference.
- The character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience, and efficiency of the Proposer.
- The quality of performance of previous contracts or services.

For more information on the evaluation process, refer to Section B, Evaluation of Proposals.

2.01 INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED

The contents of each Proposal will be organized and arranged with tabs in the same order as listed below and with the same TAB numbers. The Proposal should contain sufficient detail to permit the County to conduct a meaningful evaluation. However, overly elaborate proposals are not requested or desired. In addition, although weight has not been assigned to tabs 1, 3, 4, or 5, incomplete information within these tabs will disqualify a proposal from being evaluated. All proposals must meet the general requirements (tab 2) to move to evaluation.

2.02 PROPOSAL FORMAT

A. FORMAT

For more information regarding submission of Proposals, refer to the Request for Proposals, Section A.04, Submission of Proposals.

B. TAB 1 - INTRODUCTION

In Tab 1, include the following:

1. A cover page that identifies Proposer, the RFP by title, the RFP number, **and which specific task number Proposer is submitting on.**

2. An introductory letter/statement that describe your Response in summary form (limit 2 pages).
3. A table of contents.

C. TAB 2 – MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

In Tab 2, submit the information and documentation requested that confirms Proposers meets the following minimum qualification requirement(s):

1. Proposer must be registered with the State of Florida, Division of Corporations to do business in Florida.

No documentation is required. The County will verify registration.

2. Proposer must be registered with the federal Systems for Award Management (sam.gov) as a federal contractor.

No documentation is required. The County will verify registration.

3. Proposer has written policies that address “public policy compliance” and “proper classification of employees” pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act. [200.318(h)].

Submit information and documentation that confirms policies exist.

4. Proposer is not listed on the Florida State Board of Administration, Scrutinized List of Prohibited Companies found on the SBAFLA website.

No documentation is required. The County will verify.

5. Proposer is not on the Florida Department of Management Services Suspended, Debarred, and Convicted Vendor Lists.

No documentation is required. The County will verify.

6. Proposer is not on the Federal Convicted Vendor or Excluded Parties list (SAM/EPLS).

No documentation is required. The County will verify.

7. Proposer is not on the Florida Department of Transportation Contractor Suspended List.

No documentation is required. The County will verify.

8. Proposer has not been convicted of a public entity crime per Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, or environmental law in the past five (5) years.

Proposer must complete Form 3 and submit with its Proposal attesting that it has not been convicted of a public entity crime or environmental law in the past five (5) years.

9. If Proposer is submitting as a joint venture, Proposer must have filed the required documents with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation as required by Florida Statute Section 489.119, prior to the Due Date and Time for submission of Proposals in response to this RFP.

If Proposer is a joint venture, Proposer must provide a copy of Proposer's approved filing with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

10. Proposer has no reported conflict of interests in relation to this RFP.

If no conflicts of interests are present, Proposer must submit a fully completed copy of Form 4.

If there is a potential conflict of interest, on a separate page submit a statement to that affect and disclose the name of any officer, director or agent who is an employee of the County. Disclose the name of any County employee who owns, directly or indirectly, any interest in Proposer's firm or any of its branches.

D. TAB 3 – FORMS

In Tab 3, provide the completed and executed Forms listed below.

Form 1, Acknowledgement of Addenda
Form 2, Proposal Signature Form
Form 3, Public Contracting and Environmental Crimes Certification
Form 4, Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form
Form 5, Non-Collusion Affidavit
Form 6, Truth in Negotiation Certification
Form 7, Scrutinized Company Certification
Form 8, Insurance Statement
Form 9, Indemnity and Hold Harmless
Form 10, Anti-Human Trafficking Affidavit

E. TAB 4 – TRADE SECRETS

In Tab 4, Pursuant to Section A.28, Trade Secrets, identify any trade secret being claimed.

NOTE: Designation of the entire Proposal as "Trade 'Secret', 'Proprietary' or 'Confidential' is not permitted and may result in a determination that the Proposal is non-responsive and therefore will not be evaluated or considered.

Proposer must submit purported trade secret as follows:

1. Trade secret material must be segregated, within the applicable TAB, from the portions of the Response that are not being declared as trade secret. **NOTE:** Responses cannot be designated as 'Proprietary' or 'Confidential' in their entirety.
2. Proposer shall cite, for each trade secret being claimed, the Florida Statute number which supports the designation.
3. Proposer shall provide a brief written explanation as to why information claimed as trade secret fits the cited Statute.
4. Proposer shall provide an additional electronic copy of its Response that redacts all designated trade secrets.

F. TAB 5 – PROPOSER STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION

In Tab 5, provide information and documentation on Proposer as follows:

1. Legal contracting name including any dba.
2. State of organization or incorporation.
3. Ownership structure of Proposer's company.
(e.g., Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, Limited Liability Corporation, Corporation)
4. Federal Identification Number (Tax ID number).
5. Federal Unique Entity Identity (UEI) from sam.gov.
6. A fully completed (signed and dated) copy of Proposer's W-9.
7. Contact information for Proposer's corporate headquarters and local office (if different)
NOTE: local is defined as Manatee, DeSoto, Hardee, Hillsborough, Pinellas, or Sarasota counties.
 - a. Address
 - b. County, State, Zip
 - c. Phone
 - d. Website
 - e. Number of years at this location
8. List of officers, owners and/or partners, or managers of the firm. Per each, include:
 - a. Name
 - b. Title
 - c. Mailing Address
 - d. County, State, Zip
 - e. Email address
 - f. Phone
9. Provide supporting documentation from the certifying agent indicating Proposer is a certified Minority-owned Business Enterprise, if applicable.
10. Contact information for Proposer's primary and secondary representatives during this RFP process to include the following information:
 - a. Name
 - b. Phone
 - c. Email
 - d. Mailing Address
 - e. County, State, Zip
11. Provide a brief summary regarding any prior or pending litigation, either civil or criminal, involving a governmental agency or which may affect the performance of the services to be rendered herein, in which the Proposer, any of its partners, employees or

- subcontractors is or has been involved within the last three (3) years.
12. Provide details of any ownership changes to Proposer's organization in the past three (3) years or changes anticipated within six (6) months of the Due Date and Time (e.g., mergers, acquisitions, changes in executive leadership).
 13. Detail Proposer's accessibility under Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act strategies and processes as follows:
 - a. Detail Proposer's strategies and approach to meeting the ADA accessibility compliance standards of Section 508 and/or WCAG 2.0 AA for all documents to be submitted under the Agreement.
 - b. Briefly describe Proposer's ADA accessibility conformance testing process.

G. TAB 6 – PROPOSER AND TEAM'S EXPERIENCE (MAXIMUM POINTS: 25)

In Tab 6, provide details of Proposer and its team's experience to include the following:

1. Provide a summary of Proposer's background, size, and years in business.
2. Describe Proposer's experience in CDBG-DR General Grant Support Services for other government agencies, particularly those within Florida.
3. Provide Proposer's years of experience in CDBG-DR General Grant Support Services. Note: must be experience specific to CDBG-DR.
4. Identify and include information regarding experience and qualifications of Proposer's key staff to be assigned to the services. Include a resume for each with the name of the firm(s) for their current and previous employers, their full names, professional credentials (e.g., certifications and/or licenses), and roles and duties which the individuals will provide to the County. Include the address of their current primary office location, email address and phone number.

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6. Provide sample reports Proposer has previously used on projects to include the following: CDBG-DR policy and procedure updates, compliance monitoring of projects and support of County staff.
7. Provide a statement on company letterhead and signed by an authorized official of Proposer attesting to its commitment to meet the County's time and budget requirements for all assigned work.
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2. Detail the location of the managing office and what plans will be adopted to ensure County citizens receive consideration for employment; and vendors located within the County will be used for the acquisition of goods and services needed to perform the scope of services.
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 9. An explanation, in general terms, of Proposers' financial capacity to perform the scope of services. If Proposer is jointly filing a Response with other entities, details must be provided to demonstrate financial capacity of each entity.
 10. Provide a statement on company letterhead and signed by a company official authorizing a County auditor and/or financial analysts access to your financial records, including all records prepared by an independent firm, or the financial records of other entities for which you have ownership interest. Such access will occur at the primary location of the Proposer, or such other location as may be agreed, for the purposes of verifying financial representations, and/or to review and assess the historical and current financial capacity of Proposer's business entity and its expected ability to meet ongoing financial obligations related to the required services, if awarded a contract. If an audit is conducted, the County's audit and/or financial analysts will report their findings in a summary report to the Procurement Official, which will be placed in the Response files for subsequent use, review, and discussions during evaluations.
 11. Disclose any ownership interest in other entities proposed for services. This ownership disclosure includes ownership 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.
 12. Provide details of Proposer and any subcontractor's current workloads and any projected changes to the workload within the next six (6) months.
 13. Provide a list of general CDBG-DR general grant support service projects that have

been awarded to the Proposer by Manatee County in the past two (2) years. Include the following information for each:

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END OF EXHIBIT 2

**EXHIBIT 3, PROPOSAL RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS FOR CDBG-DR
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (TASK2)
RFP No. 25-TA006104SB**

This section identifies specific information which must be contained within the Proposal and the order in which such information should be organized. The information each Proposer provides will be used to determine those Proposers with the background, experience, and capacity to perform the scope of services as stated in this RFP and which Proposer(s) best meets the overall needs of the County. The Proposer must show to the complete satisfaction of the County that it has the necessary facilities, ability, and financial resources to provide the services specified herein in a satisfactory manner. The Proposer should also give a past history and references in order to satisfy the County in regard to the Proposer's qualifications. The County may make reasonable investigations deemed necessary and proper to determine the ability of the Proposer to perform the work, and the Proposer shall furnish to the County all information for this purpose that may be requested. The County reserves the right to reject any offer if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, the Proposer fails to satisfy the County that the Proposer is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the work described therein. Evaluation of the Proposer's qualifications shall include:

- The ability, capacity, skill, financial and other necessary resources to perform the work or provide the service required.
- The ability to perform the work or provide the service promptly or within the time specified, without delay or interference.
- The character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience, and efficiency of the Proposer.
- The quality of performance of previous contracts or services.

For more information on the evaluation process, refer to Section B, Evaluation of Proposals.

2.01 INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED

The contents of each Proposal will be organized and arranged with tabs in the same order as listed below and with the same TAB numbers. The Proposal should contain sufficient detail to permit the County to conduct a meaningful evaluation. However, overly elaborate proposals are not requested or desired. In addition, although weight has not been assigned to tabs 1, 3, 4, or 5, incomplete information within these tabs will disqualify a proposal from being evaluated. All proposals must meet the general requirements (tab 2) to move to evaluation.

2.02 PROPOSAL FORMAT

A. FORMAT

For more information regarding submission of Proposals, refer to the Request for Proposals, Section A.04, Submission of Proposals.

B. TAB 1 - INTRODUCTION

In Tab 1, include the following:

1. A cover page that identifies Proposer, the RFP by title, the RFP number, and **which specific task number Proposer is submitting on.**

2. An introductory letter/statement that describe your Response in summary form (limit 2 pages).
3. A table of contents.

C. TAB 2 – MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

In Tab 2, submit the information and documentation requested that confirms Proposers meets the following minimum qualification requirement(s):

1. Proposer must be registered with the State of Florida, Division of Corporations to do business in Florida.

No documentation is required. The County will verify registration.

2. Proposer must be registered with the federal Systems for Award Management (sam.gov) as a federal contractor.

No documentation is required. The County will verify registration.

3. Proposer has written policies that address “public policy compliance” and “proper classification of employees” pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act. [200.318(h)].

Submit information and documentation that confirms policies exist.

4. Proposer is not listed on the Florida State Board of Administration, Scrutinized List of Prohibited Companies found on the SBAFLA website.

No documentation is required. The County will verify.

5. Proposer is not on the Florida Department of Management Services Suspended, Debarred, and Convicted Vendor Lists.

No documentation is required. The County will verify.

6. Proposer is not on the Federal Convicted Vendor or Excluded Parties list (SAM/EPLS).

No documentation is required. The County will verify.

7. Proposer is not on the Florida Department of Transportation Contractor Suspended List.

No documentation is required. The County will verify.

8. Proposer has not been convicted of a public entity crime per Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, or environmental law in the past five (5) years.

Proposer must complete Form 3 and submit with its Proposal attesting that it has not been convicted of a public entity crime or environmental law in the past five (5) years.

9. If Proposer is submitting as a joint venture, Proposer must have filed the required documents with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation as required by Florida Statute Section 489.119, prior to the Due Date and Time for submission of Proposals in response to this RFP.

If Proposer is a joint venture, Proposer must provide a copy of Proposer's approved filing with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

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If no conflicts of interests are present, Proposer must submit a fully completed copy of Form 4.

If there is a potential conflict of interest, on a separate page submit a statement to that affect and disclose the name of any officer, director or agent who is an employee of the County. Disclose the name of any County employee who owns, directly or indirectly, any interest in Proposer's firm or any of its branches.

D. TAB 3 – FORMS

In Tab 3, provide the completed and executed Forms listed below.

Form 1, Acknowledgement of Addenda
Form 2, Proposal Signature Form
Form 3, Public Contracting and Environmental Crimes Certification
Form 4, Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form
Form 5, Non-Collusion Affidavit
Form 6, Truth in Negotiation Certification
Form 7, Scrutinized Company Certification
Form 8, Insurance Statement
Form 9, Indemnity and Hold Harmless
Form 10, Anti-Human Trafficking Affidavit

E. TAB 4 – TRADE SECRETS

In Tab 4, Pursuant to Section A.28, Trade Secrets, identify any trade secret being claimed.

NOTE: Designation of the entire Proposal as "Trade 'Secret', 'Proprietary' or 'Confidential' is not permitted and may result in a determination that the Proposal is non-responsive and therefore will not be evaluated or considered.

Proposer must submit purported trade secret as follows:

1. Trade secret material must be segregated, within the applicable TAB, from the portions of the Response that are not being declared as trade secret. **NOTE:** Responses cannot be designated as 'Proprietary' or 'Confidential' in their entirety.
2. Proposer shall cite, for each trade secret being claimed, the Florida Statute number which supports the designation.
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4. Proposer shall provide an additional electronic copy of its Response that redacts all designated trade secrets.

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In Tab 5, provide information and documentation on Proposer as follows:

1. Legal contracting name including any dba.
2. State of organization or incorporation.
3. Ownership structure of Proposer's company.
(e.g., Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, Limited Liability Corporation, Corporation)
4. Federal Identification Number (Tax ID number).
5. Federal Unique Entity Identity (UEI) from sam.gov.
6. A fully completed (signed and dated) copy of Proposer's W-9.
7. Contact information for Proposer's corporate headquarters and local office (if different)
NOTE: local is defined as Manatee, DeSoto, Hardee, Hillsborough, Pinellas, or Sarasota counties.
 - a. Address
 - b. County, State, Zip
 - c. Phone
 - d. Website
 - e. Number of years at this location
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 - a. Name
 - b. Title
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END OF EXHIBIT 3

**EXHIBIT 4, MANATEE COUNTY – SPECIAL PROVISIONS – CDBG-DR
RFP No. 25-TA006104SB**

MANATEE COUNTY – SPECIAL PROVISIONS – CDBG-DR

In addition to other provisions required, all contracts made by the County that are funded in whole, or in part, by a Federal grant the following provisions will apply:

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 - b. Failure to deliver or perform the Work within the time specified in the agreement; or
 - c. Progress that is at a rate that disrupts the overall performance of this Agreement.
2. Prior to termination for default, COUNTY shall provide adequate written notice to CONTRACTOR, affording CONTRACTOR the opportunity to cure the deficiencies or to submit a specific plan to resolve the deficiencies within ten (10) days (or the period specified in the notice) after receipt of the notice. Failure to adequately cure the deficiency shall result in termination action.
3. Such termination may also result in suspension or debarment of CONTRACTOR in accordance with Manatee County's Procurement Ordinance, Chapter 2-26. CONTRACTOR shall be liable for any damage to COUNTY resulting from CONTRACTOR'S default of the Agreement.
4. In the event of termination of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall be liable for any damage to COUNTY resulting from CONTRACTOR'S default of this Agreement. This liability includes any increased costs incurred by COUNTY in completing performance under this Agreement.
5. In the event of termination by COUNTY for any cause, CONTRACTOR shall not have any right or claim against COUNTY for lost profits or compensation for lost opportunities. After a receipt of COUNTY'S Notice of Termination and except as otherwise directed by COUNTY, CONTRACTOR shall:
 - a. Stop the Work on the date and to the extent specified;
 - b. Terminate and settle all orders and subcontracts relating to the performance of the terminated Work;
 - c. Transfer all work in process, completed Work, and other materials related to the terminated Work as directed by COUNTY; and
 - d. Continue and complete all parts of the Work that have not been terminated.

B. Termination for Convenience

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C. Equal Opportunity Employment

In accordance with 41 C.F.R. §60-1.4(b), the County hereby agrees that it will incorporate or cause to be incorporated into any contract for construction work, or modification thereof, as defined in the regulations of the Secretary of Labor at 41 CFR Chapter 60, which is paid for in whole or in part with funds obtained from the Federal Government or borrowed on the credit of the Federal Government pursuant to a grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, or undertaken pursuant to any Federal program involving such grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, the following equal opportunity clause:

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- i. Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- ii. The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
- iii. The contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee’s essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such

information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.

- iv. The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- v. The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- vi. The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- vii. In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
- viii. The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance:

Provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

D. Davis-Bacon Act

2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II (D).

COUNTY will provide/post current and appropriate Wage Determinations with any Contract that requires Davis Bacon Act provisions.

- a. All transactions regarding this contract shall be done in compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141- 3144, and 3146-3148) and the requirements of 29C.F.R. pt. 5 as may be applicable. The contractor shall comply with 40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148 and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 5 as applicable.
- b. Contractors are required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor.
- c. Additionally, contractors are required to pay wages not less than once a week.

Copeland Anti-Kickback Act

2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II (E).

- a. Contractor. The contractor shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this contract.
- b. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clause above and such other clauses as the FFGA may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all of these contract clauses.
- c. Breach. A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12.

E. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701–3708)

To the extent applicable, Contractor agrees to comply with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act. Contractor must compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer based on a standard work week of 40 hours.

Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the workweek. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or underworking conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous.

NOTE: These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

F. Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33U.S.C. 1251–1387), as amended

To the extent possible, Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C.1251–1387). Contractor shall report all violations of such Acts to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

G. Suspension and Debarment (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)

Contractor states that Contractor is not listed on the government-wide exclusions in the federal government's System for Award Management (SAM). Such listing would prevent performance of this Agreement in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." The SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

H. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31U.S.C. 1352)

Contractor agrees to file any required anti-lobbying certification required for agreements funded by Federal grants. Contractor agrees and certifies that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Contractor agrees to disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining this Agreement or any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.

I. Domestic Preferences for Procurement. (2 CFR Part 200.322)

Contractor agrees to, as appropriate, to the extent consistent with law, and to the greatest extent practicable, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or product under this award.

J. Procurement of Recovered Materials (2 CFR Part 200.323)

Contractor agrees to comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

K. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (2 CFR Part 200.216)

Contractor is prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to:

1. Procure or obtain;
2. Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or

3. Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
 - i. For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by companies such as, Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities). Please see the updated list at <https://www.fcc.gov/supplychain/coveredlist>.
 - ii. Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.
 - iii. Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

L. Minority/Women-owned/Labor Surplus Firms' Participation

In accordance with the requirements as stated in C.F.R. 200.321, the County encourages the active participation of minority businesses, women-owned business enterprises and labor surplus area firms. Contractor understands that this Agreement may be funded, in whole or in part, by Federal award(s) and, accordingly, agrees to comply with CFR 200.321 and take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible. If subcontracts are to be let, by the Contractor, Contractor shall be required to take the affirmative steps listed in items 1 through 5 below:

1. Place qualified small and minority businesses and women-owned business enterprises on its solicitation lists;
2. Assure that small and minority businesses, and women-owned business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
3. Divide total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small, minority, and women-owned business enterprises;
4. Establish delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small, minority, and women-owned business enterprises;
5. Use the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.



AGREEMENT No. [ENTER NUMBER]

[ENTER TITLE]

between

**MANATEE COUNTY
(COUNTY)**

and

**[ENTER CONSULTANT NAME]
(CONSULTANT)**

AGREEMENT FOR [INSERT TYPE OF SERVICE]

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of this day of , 20 (“Effective Date”), by and between **MANATEE COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, (“**COUNTY**”), with offices located at 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida 34205, and **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]**, a [<enter the state of incorporation> and identify if it is a Company, Corporation, Limited Liability Company, etc.], (“**CONSULTANT**”) with offices located at [Insert address], and duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida. COUNTY and CONSULTANT are collectively referred to as the “Parties” and individually as “Party.”

WHEREAS, CONSULTANT engages in the business of [title]; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY has determined that it is necessary, expedient and in the best interest of COUNTY to retain CONSULTANT to render the professional services described in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, [this Agreement is a result of CONTRACTOR'S submission of a proposal/bid in response to Request for Proposal/Invitation for Bid No. number and COUNTY thereafter conducted a competitive selection process OR this Agreement is a sole source/single source contract] in accordance with the Manatee County Procurement Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, the COUNTY and CONSULTANT, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises, and representations contained herein, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1. EXHIBITS INCORPORATED

This Agreement consists of a primary contract and <number> exhibits, which are as follows:

Exhibit A Scope of Services

Exhibit B Fee Rate Schedule

Exhibit C Work Assignment

Exhibit D Affidavit of No Conflict

Exhibit E Anti-Human Trafficking Affidavit

Exhibit F Insurance and Bond Requirements

These Exhibits are attached hereto and are incorporated into this Agreement. In the event of a conflict between the terms and conditions provided in the Articles of this Agreement and any Exhibit, the provisions contained within these Articles shall prevail unless the Exhibit specifically states that it shall prevail.

ARTICLE 2. SCOPE OF SERVICES

CONSULTANT shall provide professional services as described in **Exhibit A**, Scope of Services ("Services"). "Task" as used in this Agreement, refers to particular categories/groupings of services specified in **Exhibit A**. "Work Assignment" as used in this Agreement, refers to a supplemental agreement entered into by the Parties under the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 3. AGREEMENT TERM

- A. This Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and continue for an initial term of .
- B. COUNTY reserves the right to extend the initial term of number of years for an additional number of years not to exceed a total of [insert number of years].
- C. This Agreement shall remain in force until all Work Assignments issued during the effective period of this Agreement are completed, unless terminated by COUNTY pursuant to Article 12.

ARTICLE 4. COMPENSATION

- A. Compensation payable to CONSULTANT for Services rendered and expenditures incurred in providing the Services shall be established for each written Work Assignment issued in accordance with Article 9.
- B. Compensation to CONSULTANT shall be based on actual hours performed times the fee rate of the individual performing the work.
- C. The fee rates specified in **Exhibit B** shall be the total compensation for Services and shall contain all costs to include salaries, office operation, transportation, equipment, overhead, general and administrative, incidental expenses, fringe benefits and operating margin.

ARTICLE 5. INVOICES AND TIME OF PAYMENT

- A. Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, COUNTY shall pay CONSULTANT for the Services at a rate of compensation according to the deliverable payment schedule stated in **Exhibit B**.
- B. COUNTY shall approve of all invoices in writing prior to payment.
- C. When CONSULTANT seeks payment for the Services, it shall provide COUNTY with an invoice that includes a written description of authorized work performed and/or expense incurred, and the total unpaid compensation CONSULTANT represents as being due and

owing as of the invoice date. All invoices shall include the number which COUNTY shall assign to this Agreement and will be provided to CONSULTANT in writing, upon execution of this Agreement.

- D. If any Task requires units of deliverables, such units must be received and accepted in writing by the COUNTY prior to payment. COUNTY shall have forty-five (45) days from the receipt of an invoice seeking payment of fees or costs to either pay the invoice, or notify CONSULTANT that the deliverable, or any part thereof, is unacceptable.
- E. COUNTY shall have the right to retain from any payment due CONSULTANT under this Agreement, an amount sufficient to satisfy any amount of liquidated damages due and owing to COUNTY by CONSULTANT on any other Agreement between CONSULTANT and COUNTY.
- F. If any Work Assignment requires units of deliverables, then such units must be received and accepted in writing by the COUNTY prior to payment.
- G. All costs of providing the Services shall be the responsibility of CONSULTANT.
- H. Any dispute between COUNTY and CONSULTANT with regard to the percentage of the Work Assignment that has been completed or CONSULTANT'S invoice shall be resolved pursuant to the dispute resolution procedures established by Manatee County Procurement Code and Article 14 of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 6. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONSULTANT

- A. CONSULTANT shall appoint an Agent with respect to the Services. CONSULTANT'S Agent shall have the authority to make representations on behalf of CONSULTANT, receive information, and interpret and define the needs of CONSULTANT and make decisions pertinent to the Services. CONSULTANT'S Agent shall have the right to designate other employees of CONSULTANT to serve in his or her absence. CONSULTANT reserves the right to designate a different agent, provided that COUNTY is given advance written notice thereof.
- B. CONSULTANT shall perform the Services in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and any applicable Work Assignment.
- C. CONSULTANT shall ensure that all employees assigned to render the Services are duly qualified, registered, licensed or certified to provide the Services required.
- D. CONSULTANT shall be responsible for collecting all existing data required for the successful completion of each Task.
- E. CONSULTANT shall not engage in any obligations, undertakings, contracts or professional obligations that create a conflict of interest, or even an appearance of a conflict of interest, with respect to the Services. CONSULTANT attests to this via an Affidavit of No Conflict, **Exhibit D.**

- F. CONSULTANT shall be entitled to rely upon information provided from COUNTY. Information includes, but is not limited to, additional services, consultations, investigations, and reports necessary for the execution of the Services. CONSULTANT shall be fully responsible for verifying, to the extent practicable, documents and information provided by COUNTY and identifying any obvious deficiencies concerning the documents and information provided. CONSULTANT shall notify COUNTY of any errors or deficiencies noted in such information provided and assist, to the extent practicable, COUNTY in the identification and resolution of same. CONSULTANT agrees to incorporate the provisions of this paragraph in any subcontract into which it might enter with reference to the Services.
- G. CONSULTANT shall be responsible for the professional quality technical accuracy, and the coordination of all designs, drawings, specifications, and Services furnished by CONSULTANT under this Agreement. CONSULTANT shall, without additional compensation, correct or revise any errors or deficiencies in its designs, drawings, specifications, and Services.
- H. CONSULTANT shall maintain an adequate and competent staff of professionally qualified persons during the term of this Agreement for the purpose of rendering the Services. CONSULTANT shall not sublet, assign or transfer any services under this Agreement without prior written consent of COUNTY.
- I. COUNTY may require in writing that CONSULTANT remove from the Services any of CONSULTANT'S personnel that COUNTY determines to be incompetent, careless or otherwise objectionable. No claims for an increase in compensation or agreement term based on COUNTY'S use of this provision will be valid.
- J. CONSULTANT understands and agrees that this is a firm fixed price contract and that there shall be no allowances or reimbursement for any cost whatsoever except as otherwise explicitly provided in this Agreement. CONSULTANT agrees to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, regardless of cost, for the sole and sufficient compensation stated in Exhibit B with no expectation of additional compensation. COUNTY will not be obligated to pay CONSULTANT any amount in excess of the firm fixed price specified in Exhibit B.

ARTICLE 7. RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNTY

- A. COUNTY shall, through its County Administrator, appoint an individual to serve as County Representative. The County Representative shall have the authority to transmit instructions, receive information, interpret and define the policy of COUNTY and make decisions pertinent to the Services. COUNTY reserves the right to designate a different County Representative, provided that CONSULTANT is given written notice thereof.
- B. COUNTY shall make available, at no cost to CONSULTANT, information relative to the Services that is useful in the performance of the Services.
- C. COUNTY shall provide prompt notice to CONSULTANT whenever COUNTY observes or

otherwise becomes aware of any defect in the performance of the Services.

- D. COUNTY shall give careful and reasonable consideration to the findings and recommendations of CONSULTANT and shall respond and issue notices to proceed in a timely manner.
- E. COUNTY personnel shall be available on a time-permitting basis, where required and necessary to assist CONSULTANT. The availability and necessity of said personnel to assist CONSULTANT shall be at the discretion of COUNTY.
- F. COUNTY shall perform the responsibilities enumerated in this Article at no cost to CONSULTANT.

ARTICLE 8. COUNTY'S PROJECT MANAGER

The Project Manager shall be appointed to represent COUNTY in all technical matters pertaining to and arising from the Services. The Project Manager shall have the following responsibilities:

- A. The examination of all reports, sketches, drawings, estimates, proposals, and any other documents provided by CONSULTANT.
- B. Providing CONSULTANT written decisions of COUNTY'S approval or disapproval of these documents within a reasonable time.
- C. Transmission of instructions, receipt of information, and interpretation of COUNTY policies and decisions with respect to design, materials and other matters pertinent to the Services.
- D. Provide CONSULTANT with prompt written notice whenever COUNTY observes, or otherwise becomes aware of, any defects or changes necessary in the Services.

ARTICLE 9. WORK ASSIGNMENTS

- A. CONSULTANT shall provide services only after receipt of a written Work Assignment issued in accordance with this Article and in accordance with the form provided in **Exhibit C**. Work Assignments shall be signed by CONSULTANT and COUNTY.
- B. Each Work Assignment shall establish the following:
 - 1. A title for the project and a general description of the purpose for the work.
 - 2. The specific Service(s) to be provided under the Work Assignment and any additional information necessary to describe the nature of these Services.
 - 3. The Services that shall be furnished for a fixed fee and based upon time and charges provided.
 - 4. The maximum total compensation that will be paid to CONSULTANT by COUNTY upon completion of the Work Assignment.

5. An agreed upon date of completion for each Work Assignment. Where identified services within a Work Assignment must be completed by a specific date prior to the completion of the entire Work Assignment, such date shall be stated in the Work Assignment.
 6. Additional duties and obligations of the Parties with respect to a Work Assignment that are not provided for in this Agreement.
 7. The identification of the person(s) who will serve as CONSULTANT'S Project Manager and COUNTY'S Project Manager for the Work Assignment.
- C. When a Work Assignment calls for the preparation of plans, specifications, maps and reports, these items as well as all data collected, together with summaries and charts of said data, shall be considered works made for hire and shall become the property of COUNTY without restriction or limitation on their use; and shall be made available, upon request, to COUNTY at any time. CONSULTANT shall not copyright any material or product developed under this Agreement.
- D. All final plans, documents, reports, studies and other data prepared by CONSULTANT shall bear the endorsement of a person in the full employ of CONSULTANT.
- E. It shall be the responsibility of CONSULTANT to ensure that the Services are completed timely. If the completion of the Services is expected to be delayed, CONSULTANT shall promptly submit a written request to the Project Manager which identifies the reason(s) for the delay and the amount of time related to each reason. The Project Manager will promptly review the request and make a determination as to granting all or part of the requested extension. If the Project Manager determines that an extension of a Work Assignment deadline is appropriate, a recommendation for a Change Order shall be initiated.
- F. Any Work Assignment shall not be effective until approved and executed by the County.
- G. When a Work Assignment is complete, CONSULTANT shall notify COUNTY in writing. Thereupon COUNTY, within thirty (30) days, shall either provide its written acceptance or give CONSULTANT written notice of any unfinished or improperly performed Services to be finished or corrected. If such written notice of acceptance or exception is not given within this period of time, the Services shall be deemed to have been accepted by COUNTY. However, acceptance of the work performed by CONSULTANT shall never be construed as an acceptance of improper, defective or deficient Services.

ARTICLE 10. NEGOTIATION OF WORK ASSIGNMENT

COUNTY shall negotiate each Work Assignment based upon estimated hours and/or fee rates, projected by CONSULTANT and in accordance with the rate schedule specified in **Exhibit B**. Compensation for each Work Assignment shall be based on actual hours performed and/or fee rates, but in no event shall CONSULTANT be eligible for reimbursement in excess of the amount established in a Work Assignment. COUNTY'S Purchasing Official may authorize, in writing, in advance, adjustments in the compensation for particular phases or tasks established in the Work

Assignment provided such adjustments do not exceed the maximum compensation authorized for the particular Work Assignment.

ARTICLE 11. COUNTY OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCT

The Parties agree that COUNTY shall have exclusive ownership of all reports, documents, designs, ideas, materials, concepts, plans, creative works, and other work product developed for or provided to COUNTY in connection with this Agreement, and all patent rights, copyrights, trade secret rights and other intellectual property rights relating thereto (collectively “the Intellectual Property”). CONSULTANT hereby assigns and transfers all rights in the Intellectual Property to COUNTY. CONSULTANT further agrees to execute and deliver such assignments and other documents as COUNTY may later require to perfect, maintain and enforce COUNTY’S rights as sole owner of the Intellectual property, including all rights under patent and copyright law.

ARTICLE 12. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

A. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE:

1. COUNTY shall have the right, by written notice to CONSULTANT, to terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, for failure to substantially comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement (Work Assignments, if applicable), to include:
 - a. Failure to provide Services that comply with the specifications herein or that fail to meet COUNTY’S performance standards;
 - b. Failure to deliver or perform the Services within the time specified in the Work Assignments; or
 - c. Progress that is at a rate that disrupts the overall performance of this Agreement.
2. Prior to termination for default, COUNTY shall provide adequate written notice to CONSULTANT, affording CONSULTANT the opportunity to cure the deficiencies or to submit a specific plan to resolve the deficiencies within ten (10) days (or the period specified in the notice) after receipt of the notice. Failure to adequately cure the deficiency shall result in termination action.
3. Such termination may also result in suspension or debarment of CONSULTANT in accordance with Manatee County’s Procurement Ordinance, Chapter 2-26. CONSULTANT shall be liable for any damage to COUNTY resulting from CONSULTANT’S default of the Agreement.
4. In the event of termination of this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall be liable for any damage to COUNTY resulting from CONSULTANT’S default of this Agreement. This liability includes any increased costs incurred by COUNTY in completing performance under this Agreement.
5. In the event of termination by COUNTY for any cause, CONSULTANT shall not have any right or claim against COUNTY for lost profits or compensation for lost opportunities. After a receipt of COUNTY’S Notice of Termination and except as otherwise directed by COUNTY, CONSULTANT shall:

- a. Stop the Services on the date and to the extent specified;
- b. Terminate and settle all orders and subcontracts relating to the performance of the terminated Services;
- c. Transfer all work in process, completed Services, and other materials related to the terminated Services as directed by COUNTY; and
- d. Continue and complete all parts of the Services that have not been terminated.

B. TERMINATION WITHOUT CAUSE:

COUNTY may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, or individual Work Assignments without cause. COUNTY shall provide CONSULTANT a written "Notice of Intent to Terminate" thirty (30) days prior to the date of termination. If this Agreement is terminated by the COUNTY without cause, CONSULTANT shall be entitled to payment for all Services performed to the satisfaction of the COUNTY and all expenses incurred under this Agreement prior to termination, less any costs, expenses or damages due to the failure of the CONSULTANT to properly perform pursuant to this Agreement. CONSULTANT shall not be entitled to any other compensation, including anticipated profits on unperformed Services.

ARTICLE 13. TRANSITION SERVICES UPON TERMINATION

Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall cooperate with COUNTY to assist with the orderly transfer of the Services provided by CONSULTANT to COUNTY. Prior to termination or expiration of this Agreement, COUNTY may require CONSULTANT to perform and, if so required, CONSULTANT shall perform, certain transition services necessary to shift the services of CONSULTANT to another provider or to COUNTY itself as described below (the "Transition Services"). The Transition Services may include but shall not be limited to:

- A. Working with COUNTY to jointly develop a mutually agreed upon Transition Services plan to facilitate the termination of the Services;
- B. Executing the Transition Services plan activities;
- C. Answering questions regarding the Services on an as-needed basis; and
- D. Providing such other reasonable services needed to effectuate an orderly transition to a new service provider or to COUNTY.

ARTICLE 14. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- A. Disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the Manatee County Purchasing Code (Chapter 2-26 of the Manatee County Code of Ordinances). Any dispute resolution constituting a material change in this Agreement shall not be final until an amendment to this Agreement has been approved and executed by the County Purchasing Official. If such dispute involves the percentage of the work completed by CONSULTANT, COUNTY shall, as promptly and reasonably as possible after resolution of such dispute, forward payment to CONSULTANT

of any amount that is determined to be owed by the COUNTY.

- B. CONSULTANT agrees it must exhaust all dispute resolution procedures set forth in Manatee County's Purchasing Code prior to instituting any action in state or federal court or before any administrative agency or tribunal.

ARTICLE 15. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

All Services rendered or performed by CONSULTANT shall be in compliance with all applicable local, state and federal laws and ordinances. CONSULTANT shall have and keep current at all times during the term of this Agreement all licenses and permits as required by law.

ARTICLE 16. NON-DISCRIMINATION

CONSULTANT shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, sex, creed, national origin, disability or age, and will take affirmative action to ensure that all employees and applicants are afforded equal employment opportunities. Such action will be taken with reference to, but shall not be limited to, recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff or termination, rates of training or retraining (including apprenticeship and on-the-job training).

ARTICLE 17. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS; AUDITS; LICENSES

- A. CONSULTANT shall maintain records, accounts, property records, and personnel records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, as deemed necessary by COUNTY to assure proper accounting of funds and compliance with the provisions of this Agreement.
- B. CONSULTANT shall provide COUNTY all information, reports, records and documents required by this Agreement or by COUNTY ordinances, rules or procedures, or as needed by COUNTY to monitor and evaluate CONSULTANT'S performance. Such materials shall also be made available to COUNTY upon request for auditing purposes. Inspection or copying will occur during normal business hours, and as often as COUNTY may deem necessary. COUNTY shall have the right to obtain and inspect any audit pertaining to the performance of this Agreement or CONSULTANT made by any local, state or federal agency. To the extent such materials are in the possession of a third party, CONSULTANT must obtain them from that third party, or certify in writing to COUNTY why it was unable to do so. CONSULTANT shall retain all records and supporting documents related to this Agreement in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, and, at a minimum, retain all records and supporting documents related to this Agreement, except duplicate copies or drafts, for at least three (3) years after the termination date.
- C. CONSULTANT shall obtain any licenses required to provide the Services and maintain full compliance with any licensure requirements. Copies of reports provided to or by any licensing or regulatory agency shall be forwarded to COUNTY within ten (10) days of receipt by CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT shall immediately notify COUNTY if the required licenses of any of its principles or agents working on this Agreement are terminated, suspended, revoked or are otherwise invalid and/or are no longer in good standing.

ARTICLE 18. PUBLIC RECORDS

Pursuant to Florida Statutes §119.0701, to the extent CONSULTANT is performing services on behalf of COUNTY, CONSULTANT shall:

- A. Keep and maintain public records that would ordinarily be required by COUNTY to perform the service.
- B. Upon request from COUNTY'S custodian of public records, provide COUNTY with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law.
- C. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of this Agreement and following completion of this Agreement if CONSULTANT does not transfer the records to COUNTY.
- D. Upon completion of this Agreement, transfer, at no cost, to COUNTY all public records in possession of CONSULTANT or keep and maintain public records required by COUNTY to perform the service. If CONSULTANT transfers all public records to COUNTY upon completion of this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If CONSULTANT keeps and maintains public records upon completion of this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to COUNTY, upon request from COUNTY'S custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of COUNTY.

IF CONSULTANT HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO COUNTY'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:

Phone: 941.742.5845

Email: lacy.pritchard@mymanatee.org

**Mail or hand delivery:
Attn: Records Manager
1112 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, FL 34205**

ARTICLE 19. INDEMNIFICATION

The CONSULTANT shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless COUNTY, its officers, and employees from all liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including but not limited to reasonable

attorney's fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the CONSULTANT, its personnel, design professionals and other persons employed or utilized by the CONSULTANT in the performance of this Agreement, including without limitation, defects in design, or errors or omissions that result in material cost increases to COUNTY. Such indemnification shall include the payment of all valid claims, losses, and judgments of any nature whatsoever in connection therewith and the payment of all related fees and costs. COUNTY reserves the right to defend itself with its own counsel or retained counsel at CONSULTANT's expense.

ARTICLE 20. NO WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

Nothing herein shall be interpreted as a waiver by COUNTY of its rights, including the limitations of the waiver of immunity as set forth in Florida Statutes § 768.28, or any other statutes or immunities. COUNTY expressly reserves these rights to the full extent allowed by law.

ARTICLE 21. INSURANCE

- A. CONSULTANT shall, at its own cost and expense, acquire and maintain (and cause any subcontractors, representatives, or agents to acquire and maintain) insurance policies that comply with the Insurance Requirements, attached as **Exhibit F**, during the term of this Agreement, to include any renewal terms.
- B. Certificates of Insurance and copies of policies evidencing the insurance coverage specified in **Exhibit F** shall be filed with the Purchasing Official before the Effective Date of this Agreement. The required certificates shall identify the type of policy, policy number, date of expiration, amount of coverage, companies affording coverage, shall refer specifically to the title of this Agreement, and shall name Manatee County as an additional insured. No changes shall be made to the insurance coverage without prior written approval by COUNTY'S Risk Management Division.
- C. Insurance shall remain in force for at least three (3) years after completion of services under this Agreement in the amounts and types of coverage as required by **Exhibit F**, including coverage for all products and services completed under this Agreement.
- D. If the initial insurance expires prior to the termination of this Agreement, renewal Certificates of Insurance and required copies of policies shall be furnished by CONSULTANT and delivered to the Purchasing Official thirty (30) days prior to the date of their expiration.

ARTICLE 22. SOLICITATION OF AGREEMENT

CONSULTANT warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person other than a bona fide employee working solely for CONSULTANT to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person other than an employee working solely for CONSULTANT, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, contingent fee, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, COUNTY shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability, or at its discretion, to deduct from this Agreement price or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts, or contingent fee.

ARTICLE 23. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING

CONSULTANT shall not assign or transfer any right or duty under this Agreement to any other Party without the prior written consent of COUNTY. In the event CONSULTANT asserts it is necessary to utilize the services of third parties to perform any Service under this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall first obtain prior written approval of COUNTY.

Approval to utilize any third party shall not relieve CONSULTANT from any direct liability or responsibility to COUNTY pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, or obligate COUNTY to make any payments other than payments due to CONSULTANT as outlined in this Agreement. All terms and conditions of this Agreement shall extend to and be binding on any approved purchaser, assignee, or other successor in interest.

Assignment, pledging, sale, transfer or encumbering of any interest or rights under this Agreement, to anyone other than the CONSULTANT, without the prior written consent of the COUNTY, shall be grounds for immediate termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 24. CERTIFICATION OF NON-PAYMENT OF COMMISSION OR GIFT

CONSULTANT warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person other than a bona fide employee working solely for CONSULTANT to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person other than an employee working solely for CONSULTANT, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, contingent fee, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, COUNTY shall have the right to annul this Agreement, without liability or at its discretion to deduct from the agreement price consideration or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts, or contingent fee.

ARTICLE 25. KEY PERSONNEL

The following key personnel are hereby assigned to this Agreement by CONSULTANT:

Enter Name, Title

CONSULTANT shall not remove such key personnel from providing the Services contemplated by this Agreement; provided, however, that the removal of such personnel due to their incapacity, voluntary termination, or termination due to just cause will not constitute a violation of this Agreement. The COUNTY will require that, at a minimum, any proposed replacement have equal or greater qualifications and experience as the key personnel being replaced. CONSULTANT shall not make any personnel changes of the key personnel until written notice is made to and approved by the COUNTY.

ARTICLE 26. SUB-CONSULTANTS

If CONSULTANT receives written approval from the COUNTY to use the services of a sub-consultant(s), CONSULTANT shall utilize the sub-consultant fees specified in **Exhibit B**. CONSULTANT shall notify COUNTY of any replacements or additions to **Exhibit B** and receive

prior written approval of COUNTY for replacements or additions before the use of the sub-consultant.

ARTICLE 27. PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY.

To the fullest extent allowed by law, the individuals performing the Services shall be personally liable for negligent acts or omissions. To the fullest extent allowed by law, CONSULTANT shall likewise be liable for negligent acts or omissions in the performance of the Services.

ARTICLE 28. NOTICES

All notices, requests and authorizations provided for herein shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or mailed through the U.S. Mail, addressed as follows:

To COUNTY: Manatee County Government
 Department
 Attn: Title of Contact
 Address
 City, State, Zip
 Phone: (941)
 Email:

To CONSULTANT: Consultant Name
 Attn: Representative Name
 Address
 City, State, Zip
 Phone: ()
 Email:

ARTICLE 29. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES

The relationship of CONSULTANT to COUNTY shall be that of an independent contractor. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as vesting or delegating to CONSULTANT or any of the officers, employees, personnel, agents, or sub-consultants of CONSULTANT any rights, interest or status as an employee of COUNTY. COUNTY shall not be liable to any person, firm or corporation that is employed by Agreements or provides goods or services to CONSULTANT in connection with this Agreement or for debts or claims accruing to such parties. CONSULTANT shall promptly pay, discharge or take such action as may be necessary and reasonable to settle such debts or claims.

ARTICLE 30. NO CONFLICT

By accepting award of this Agreement, CONSULTANT, which shall include its directors, officers and employees, represents that it presently has no interest in and shall acquire no interest in any business or activity which would conflict in any manner with the performance of the Services.

ARTICLE 31. ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

CONSULTANT recognizes that in rendering the Services, CONSULTANT is working for the residents of Manatee County, Florida, subject to public observation, scrutiny and inquiry; and

based upon said recognition CONSULTANT shall, in all of its relationships with COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement, conduct itself in accordance with all of the recognized applicable ethical standards set by any related national societies, and the reasonable traditions to perform the Services. CONSULTANT shall be truthful in its communications with COUNTY personnel regarding matters pertaining to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 32. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES

CONSULTANT has been made aware of the Florida Public Entity Crimes Act, Florida Statutes § 287.133, specifically section 2(a), and COUNTY'S requirement that CONSULTANT comply with it in all respects prior to and during the term of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 33. TAXES

COUNTY is exempt from Federal Excise and State Sales Taxes (F.E.T. Exemption Certificate No. 59-78-0089K; FL Sales Tax Exemption Certificate No. 51-02-027548-53C). Therefore, CONSULTANT is prohibited from charging or imposing any sales or service taxes. Nothing herein shall affect CONSULTANT'S normal tax liability.

CONSULTANT shall be responsible for payment of federal, state, and local taxes which may be imposed upon CONSULTANT under applicable law to the extent that CONSULTANT is responsible for the payment of same under applicable law.

ARTICLE 34. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither Party shall be considered in default in performance of its obligations hereunder to the extent that performance of such obligations or any of them is delayed or prevented by Force Majeure.

Force Majeure shall include, but not be limited to, hostility, revolution, civil commotion, strike, epidemic, accident, fire, flood, wind, earthquake, hurricane, explosion, lack of or failure of transportation facilities, any law, proclamation, regulation, ordinance or other act of government, or any act of God or any cause whether of the same or different nature, existing or future; provided that the cause, whether or not enumerated in this Article, is beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Party seeking relief under this Article.

ARTICLE 35. GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION AND VENUE

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any action filed regarding this Agreement will be filed only in Manatee County, Florida, or if in Federal Court, the Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division.

ARTICLE 36. ATTORNEY FEES

In the event of any litigation arising under the terms of this Agreement, each Party shall be responsible for their own attorney's fees, including appellate fees, regardless of the outcome of the litigation.

ARTICLE 37. PATENT AND COPYRIGHT RESPONSIBILITY

Any material, design or supplied specified by CONSULTANT or supplied by CONSULTANT pursuant to this Agreement shall not knowingly infringe any patent or copyright, and CONSULTANT shall be solely responsible for securing any necessary licenses required for patented or copyrighted material utilized by CONSULTANT in the performance of the Services.

ARTICLE 38. AMENDMENTS

This Agreement and Exhibits referenced herein constitute the entire Agreement between the Parties with respect to subject matter and mutually agree that no verbal agreements, representations, warranties or other understandings affecting the same exist. No amendment hereof shall be effective until and unless reduced to writing and executed by the Parties. The Parties shall execute any additional documents as may be necessary to implement and carry out the intent of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 39. SEVERABILITY

It is understood and agreed by the Parties hereto that if any part, term, or provision of this Agreement is held to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining portions or provisions shall not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the Parties shall be construed and enforced as if this Agreement did not contain the particular part, term or provision held to be invalid.

ARTICLE 40. LEGAL REFERENCES

All references to statutory sections or chapters shall be construed to include subsequent amendments to such provisions, and to refer to the successor provision of any such provision. References to “applicable law” and “general law” shall be construed to include provisions of local, state and federal law, whether established by legislative action, administrative rule or regulation, or judicial decision.

ARTICLE 41. HEADINGS, CONSTRUCTION

The Parties agree that they have each participated in the drafting of this Agreement and that the rules with respect to construing ambiguities against the drafter of a contract shall not apply in any action or litigation regarding this Agreement. All articles and descriptive headings of paragraphs of this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation hereof.

ARTICLE 42. TIME

For purposes of computing any period of number of days hereunder for notices or performance of ten (10) days or less, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays shall be excluded, unless otherwise stated.

ARTICLE 43. E-VERIFY

The CONSULTANT, and any subcontractor thereof, shall register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all new employees of the CONSULTANT or

subcontractor. The CONSULTANT hereby represents and warrants that it has, and shall remain throughout the duration of this Agreement, registered with, and uses and shall continue to use, the E-Verify system. The CONSULTANT shall not enter into any contract with a subcontractor for services hereunder unless such subcontractor also has registered with and uses the E-Verify system. If the CONSULTANT enters into a contract with a subcontractor, the subcontractor shall provide the CONSULTANT with an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. The CONSULTANT shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of this Agreement.

Pursuant to Section 488.095(5)(c)3, Florida Statutes, the COUNTY is authorized to terminate this Agreement if it has a good faith belief that the CONSULTANT has knowingly violated Section 448.09(1), Florida Statutes, regarding the employment of someone not authorized to work by the immigration laws of the United States, the U.S. Attorney General, or the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. Such termination action is not considered a breach of contract.

ARTICLE 44. FUNDS FOR IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

No funds provided by the COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement shall be used for the purpose of issuing an identification card or document to an individual who does not provide proof of lawful presence in the United States.

ARTICLE 45. ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING

CONSULTANT shall provide County with a sworn affidavit signed by an officer or a representative of CONSULTANT under penalty of perjury attesting that CONSULTANT does not use coercion for labor or services, as such terms are defined in Section 787.06, Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE 46. AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE

Each of the Parties hereto covenants to the other Party that it has lawful authority to enter into this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed effective as of the date set forth above.

CONSULTANT NAME

BY: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

**MANATEE COUNTY, a political subdivision
of the State of Florida**

Jacob Erickson, MBA, CPPO, NIGP-CPP
Purchasing Official

Date: _____

EXHIBIT A, SCOPE OF SERVICES

SAMPLE

EXHIBIT B, FEE RATE SCHEDULE

1. FEES

Fees for the Services shall be as indicated in this Exhibit B.

2. ESCALATION/DE-ESCALATION

CONSULTANT fees for <type of good/service> shall remain firm for a minimum of <years/months> after execution of the Agreement. Any escalation or de-escalation in pricing thereafter will be based on the (Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment Cost Index (ECI) <identify the index and include the INDEX number> change in most recent twelve (12)-month period. No more than price increase is allowed in a month period.

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EXHIBIT C, WORK ASSIGNMENT

WORK ASSIGNMENT NUMBER:

Pursuant to the Manatee County, Florida, Agreement for _____ Services entered into by and between MANATEE COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY" and Insert Consultant name _____, hereinafter referred to as "CONSULTANT," a determination has been made by COUNTY that there is a need for the performance of or rendering of services by CONSULTANT of a certain "Work Assignment" under the purview of said Agreement, and CONSULTANT is hereby authorized to perform or render the particular services of work described as follows:

TITLE OF THE PROJECT:

PHASES AND/OR TASKS OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AUTHORIZED:

CONSULTANT shall perform Tasks as more specifically detailed in Exhibits 1-3 as follows:

Exhibit 1, Scope of Services
Exhibit 2, Hourly Fee Schedule
Exhibit 3, Schedule

Compensation to CONSULTANT for rendering all of the above identified Services shall not exceed \$ _____. Compensation for the tasks shall not exceed the amounts set forth as follows:

Task/Description # _____ - \$ _____

Task/Description # _____ - \$ _____

COUNTY may authorize, in writing, in advance, adjustments in the compensation for particular Tasks established above, provided such adjustments do not exceed the maximum compensation authorized for this Work Assignment.

Partial compensation may be requested on a monthly basis for unit prices and actual hours incurred but not to exceed the percentage of the Task completed.

CONSULTANT agrees to perform or render Services in accordance with this Agreement No. _____
for _____ Services and this Work Assignment dated _____. .

CONSULTANT NAME

BY: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

**MANATEE COUNTY, a political subdivision
of the State of Florida**

Jacob Erickson, MBA, CPPO, NIGP-CPP
Purchasing Official

Date: _____

EXHIBIT D, AFFIDAVIT OF NO CONFLICT

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, this day personally appeared [INSERT NAME] _____
_____, as [INSERT TITLE] _____ of
[INSERT CONSULTANT NAME] _____ (hereinafter
"CONSULTANT") with full authority to bind, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that
CONSULTANT:

- (a) Is not currently engaged and will not become engaged in any obligations, undertakings or contracts that will require CONSULTANT to maintain an adversarial role against the County or that will impair or influence the advice, recommendations or quality of work provided to the County; and
- (b) Has provided full disclosure of all potentially conflicting contractual relationships and full disclosure of contractual relationships deemed to raise a question of conflict(s); and
- (c) Has provided full disclosure of prior work history and qualifications that may be deemed to raise a possible question of conflict(s).

Affiant makes this Affidavit for the purpose of inducing Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, to enter into this Agreement No. _____ for _____

DATED this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

CONSULTANT Signature

The foregoing instrument was sworn to and acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____, by [NAME] _____, as [TITLE] _____ of [CONSULTANT] _____.

CONSULTANT is personally known to me or has produced _____
[TYPE OF IDENTIFICATION] as identification.

Notary Signature
Commission No. _____

Please return this completed and signed exhibit with your agreement.

EXHIBIT E, ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING AFFIDAVIT

(Section 787.06, Florida Statutes)

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared _____, who was sworn and says that the following information is true and correct:

1. My name is _____ of _____. I have been authorized by the Company to provide and execute this affidavit.
2. I am over eighteen years of age and the following information is given from my own personal knowledge.
3. Company is a nongovernmental entity and I hereby attest that Company does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in Section 787.06, Florida Statutes.
4. This affidavit is made and given by affiant under penalty of perjury with full knowledge of applicable Florida laws regarding sworn affidavits and the penalties and liabilities resulting from false statements and misrepresentations therein.

Signature

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of

☐ physical presence or

☐ online notarization

this _____ day of _____, 2025, by _____, who

☐ is personally known to me or

☐ has produced _____ as identification.

[CHECK APPLICABLE BOXES TO SATISFY IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 117.05, FLORIDA STATUTES]

Signature of Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

(Legibly print, type, or stamp commissioned name of Notary Public and affix official notary seal below.)

Please return this completed and signed exhibit with your agreement.

EXHIBIT F, INSURANCE AND BOND REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED INSURANCES

The CONSULTANT will not commence work under the resulting Agreement until all insurance coverages indicated by an “X” herein have been obtained. The CONSULTANT shall obtain and submit to the Procurement Division within ten (10) calendar days from the date of notice of intent to award, at its expense, the following minimum amounts of insurance (inclusive of any amounts provided by an umbrella or excess policy): Work under this Agreement cannot commence until all insurance coverages indicated herein have been obtained on a standard ACORD form (inclusive of any amounts provided by an umbrella or excess policy):

☒ **Automobile Liability Insurance Required Limits**

Coverage must be afforded under a per occurrence policy form including coverage for all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles for bodily injury and property damage of not less than:

- \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit; OR
- \$ 500,000 Bodily Injury and \$500,000 Property Damage
- \$10,000 Personal Injury Protection (No Fault)
- \$500,000 Hired, Non-Owned Liability
- \$10,000 Medical Payments

This policy shall contain severability of interests’ provisions.

☒ **Commercial General Liability Insurance Required Limits (per Occurrence form only; claims-made form is not acceptable)**

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name ‘Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida’ as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$1,000,000 Single Limit Per Occurrence
- \$2,000,000 Aggregate
- \$1,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate
- \$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury Liability
- \$50,000 Fire Damage Liability
- \$10,000 Medical Expense, and
- \$1,000,000, Third Party Property Damage
- \$ Project Specific Aggregate (Required on projects valued at over \$10,000,000)

This policy shall contain severability of interests’ provisions.

☒ **Employer’s Liability Insurance**

Coverage limits of not less than:

- \$100,000 Each Accident
- \$500,000 Disease Each Employee
- \$500,000 Disease Policy Limit

☒ **Worker's Compensation Insurance**

☐ **US Longshoremen & Harbor Workers Act**

☐ **Jones Act Coverage**

Coverage limits of not less than:

- Statutory workers' compensation coverage shall apply for all employees in compliance with the laws and statutes of the State of Florida and the federal government.
- If any operations are to be undertaken on or about navigable waters, coverage must be included for the US Longshoremen & Harbor Workers Act and Jones Act.

Should 'leased employees' be retained for any part of the project or service, the employee leasing agency shall provide evidence of Workers' Compensation coverage and Employer's Liability coverage for all personnel on the worksite and in compliance with the above Workers' Compensation requirements. NOTE: Workers' Compensation coverage is a firm requirement. Elective exemptions are considered on a case-by-case basis and are approved in a very limited number of instances.

☐ **Aircraft Liability Insurance Required Limits**

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name 'Manatee County a political subdivision of the State of Florida' as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$ Each Occurrence Property and Bodily Injury with no less than \$100,000 per passenger each occurrence or a 'smooth' limit.
- \$ General Aggregate.

☐ **Un-Manned Aircraft Liability Insurance (Drone)**

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name 'Manatee County a political subdivision of the State of Florida' as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$ Each Occurrence Property and Bodily Injury; Coverage shall specifically include operation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), including liability and property damage.
- \$ General Aggregate

☐ **Installation Floater Insurance**

When the contract or agreement **does not** include construction of, or additions to, above ground building or structures, but does involve the installation of machinery or equipment, Installation Floater Insurance shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name "Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida" as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- 100% of the completed value of such addition(s), building(s), or structure(s)

☐ **Professional Liability and/or Errors and Omissions (E&O) Liability Insurances**

Coverage shall be afforded under either an occurrence policy form or a claims-made policy form. If the coverage form is on a claims-made basis, then coverage must be maintained for a minimum of three years from termination of date of the contract. Limits must not be less than:

- \$ 1,000,000 Bodily Injury and Property Damage Each Occurrence
- \$ 2,000,000 General Aggregate

☐ **Builder's Risk Insurance**

When the contract or agreement includes the construction of roadways and/or the addition of a permanent structure or building, including the installation of machinery and/or equipment, Builder's Risk Insurance shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name "Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida" as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- An amount equal to 100% of the completed value of the project, or the value of the equipment to be installed
- The policy shall not carry a self-insured retention/deductible greater than \$10,000

Coverage shall be for all risks and include, but not be limited to, storage and transport of materials, equipment, supplies of any kind whatsoever to be used on or incidental to the project, theft coverage, and Waiver of Occupancy Clause Endorsement, where applicable.

☐ **Cyber Liability Insurance**

Coverage shall comply with Florida Statute 501.171, shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name 'Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida' as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$ Security Breach Liability
- \$ Security Breach Expense Each Occurrence
- \$ Security Breach Expense Aggregate
- \$ Replacement or Restoration of Electronic Data
- \$ Extortion Threats
- \$ Business Income and Extra Expense
- \$ Public Relations Expense

NOTE: Policy must not carry a self-insured retention/deductible greater than \$25,000.

☐ **Hazardous Materials Insurance (As Noted Below)**

Hazardous materials include all materials and substances that are currently designated or defined as hazardous by the law or rules of regulation by the State of Florida or federal government.

All coverage shall be afforded under either an occurrence policy form or a claims-made policy form, and the policy shall be endorsed and name 'Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida' as an Additional Insured. If the coverage form is on a claims-made basis, then coverage must be maintained for a minimum of three years from termination of date of the contract. Limits must not be less than:

☐ ***Pollution Liability***

Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a \$1,000,000 minimum, for Bodily Injury and Property Damage to include sudden and gradual release, each claim and aggregate.

☐ ***Asbestos Liability (If handling within scope of Contract)***

Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a \$1,000,000 minimum, for Bodily Injury and Property Damage to include sudden and gradual release, each claim and aggregate.

☐ ***Disposal***

When applicable, CONSULTANT shall designate the disposal site and furnish a Certificate of Insurance from the disposal facility for Environmental Impairment Liability Insurance covering liability.

- Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a \$1,000,000 minimum, for Liability for Sudden and Accidental Occurrences, each claim and an aggregate.
- Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a \$1,000,000 minimum, for Liability for Non-Sudden and Accidental Occurrences, each claim and an aggregate.

☐ **Hazardous Waste Transportation Insurance**

CONSULTANT shall designate the hauler and have the hauler furnish a Certificate of Insurance for Automobile Liability insurance with Endorsement MCS-90 for liability arising out of the transportation of hazardous materials. EPA identification number shall be provided.

All coverage shall be afforded under either an occurrence policy form or a claims-made policy form and the policy shall be endorsed and name "Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida" as an Additional Insured. If the coverage form is on a claims-made basis, then coverage must be maintained for a minimum of three years from termination of date of the contract. Limits must not be less than:

- Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a \$1,000,000 minimum, per accident.

☐ **Liquor Liability Insurance**

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name "Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida" as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence and Aggregate

☐ **Garage Keeper's Liability Insurance**

Coverage shall be required if the maintenance, servicing, cleaning or repairing of any County motor vehicles is inherent or implied within the provision of the contract.

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name "Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida" as an Additional Insured, and

include limits not less than:

- Property and asset coverage in the full replacement value of the lot or garage.

☐ **Bailee's Customer Liability Insurance**

Coverage shall be required for damage and/or destruction when County property is temporarily under the care or custody of a person or organization, including property that is on, or in transit to and from the person or organization's premises. Perils covered should include fire, lightning, theft, burglary, robbery, explosion, collision, flood, earthquake and damage or destruction during transportation by a carrier.

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name "Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida" as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- Property and asset coverage in the full replacement value of the County asset(s) in the CONSULTANT'S care, custody and control.

☐ **Hull and Watercraft Liability Insurance**

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name "Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida" as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$ Each Occurrence
- \$ General Aggregate
- \$ Fire Damage Liability
- \$10,000 Medical Expense, and
- \$ Third Party Property Damage
- \$ Project Specific Aggregate (Required on projects valued at over \$10,000,000)

☐ **Other [Specify]**

REQUIRED BONDS

☐ **Bid Bond**

A Bid Bond in the amount of \$_____ or _____% of the total offer. Bid bond shall be submitted with the sealed response and shall include project name, location, and / or address and project number. In lieu of the bond, the bidder may file an alternative form of security in the amount of \$_____ or _____% of the total offer. in the form of a money order, a certified check, a cashier's check, or an irrevocable letter of credit issued to Manatee County. NOTE: A construction project over \$200,000 requires a Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid offer.

☐ **Payment and Performance Bond**

A Payment and Performance Bond shall be submitted by Successful Bidder for 100% of the award amount and shall be presented to Manatee County within ten (10) calendar days of issuance of the notice of intent to award. NOTE: A construction project over \$200,000 requires a Payment and

Performance Bond.

I. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

THE POLICIES ARE TO CONTAIN, OR BE ENDORSED TO CONTAIN, THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS:

Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverages

- a. **“Manatee County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida,” is to be named as an Additional Insured in respect to:** Liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the CONSULTANT, his agents, representatives, and employees; products and completed operations of the CONSULTANT; or automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the CONSULTANT. The coverage shall contain no special limitation(s) on the scope of protection afforded to the COUNTY, its officials, employees or volunteers.

In addition to furnishing a Certificate of Insurance, the CONSULTANT shall provide the endorsement that evidences Manatee COUNTY being listed as an Additional Insured. This can be done in one of two ways: (1) an endorsement can be issued that specifically lists “Manatee County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida,” as Additional Insured; or, (2) an endorsement can be issued that states that all Certificate Holders are Additional Insured with respect to the policy.

- b. The CONSULTANT'S insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to the COUNTY, its officials, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the COUNTY, its officials, employees or volunteers shall be excess of CONSULTANT's insurance and shall be non-contributory.
- c. The insurance policies must be on an occurrence form.

Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Coverages

The insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the COUNTY, its officials, employees and volunteers for losses arising from work performed by the CONSULTANT for the COUNTY.

II. General Insurance Provisions Applicable To All Policies:

- a. Prior to the execution of contract, or issuance of a Purchase Order, and then annually upon the anniversary date(s) of the insurance policy's renewal date(s) for as long as this contract remains in effect, CONSULTANT shall furnish the COUNTY with a Certificate(s) of Insurance (using an industry accepted certificate form, signed by the Issuer, with applicable endorsements, and containing the solicitation or contract number, and title or description) evidencing the coverage set forth above and naming

“Manatee County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida” as an Additional Insured on the applicable coverage(s) set forth above.

- b. If the policy contains an aggregate limit, confirmation is needed in writing (letter, email, etc.) that the aggregate limit has not been eroded to procurement representative when supplying Certificate of Insurance.

In addition, when requested in writing from the COUNTY, CONSULTANT will provide the COUNTY with a certified copy of all applicable policies. The address where such certificates and certified policies shall be sent or delivered is as follows:

Manatee County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida
Attn: Risk Management Division
1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 969
Bradenton, FL 34205

- c. The project’s solicitation number and title shall be listed on each certificate.
- d. CONSULTANT shall provide thirty (30) days written notice to the Risk Manager of any cancellation, non-renewal, termination, material change, or reduction in coverage of any insurance policies to procurement representative including solicitation number and title with all notices.
- e. CONSULTANT agrees that should at any time CONSULTANT fail to meet or maintain the required insurance coverage(s) as set forth herein, the COUNTY may terminate this contract.
- f. The CONSULTANT waives all subrogation rights against COUNTY, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida, for all losses or damages which occur during the contract and for any events occurring during the contract period, whether the suit is brought during the contract period or not.
- g. The CONSULTANT has sole responsibility for all insurance premiums and policy deductibles.
- h. It is the CONSULTANT'S responsibility to ensure that his agents, representatives and subcontractors comply with the insurance requirements set forth herein. CONSULTANT shall include his agents, representatives, and subcontractors working on the project or at the worksite as insured under its policies, or CONSULTANT shall furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each agent, representative, and subcontractor working on the project or at the worksite. All coverages for agents, representatives, and subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements set forth to the procurement representative.
- i. All required insurance policies must be written with a carrier having a minimum A.M. Best rating of A- FSC VII or better. In addition, the COUNTY has the right to review

the CONSULTANT's deductible or self-insured retention and to require that it be reduced or eliminated.

- j. CONSULTANT understands and agrees that the stipulated limits of coverage listed herein in this insurance section shall not be construed as a limitation of any potential liability to the COUNTY, or to others, and the COUNTY'S failure to request evidence of this insurance coverage shall not be construed as a waiver of CONSULTANT'S obligation to provide and maintain the insurance coverage specified.
- k. CONSULTANT understands and agrees that the COUNTY does not waive its immunity and nothing herein shall be interpreted as a waiver of the COUNTY'S rights, including the limitation of waiver of immunity, as set forth in Florida Statutes 768.28, or any other statutes, and the COUNTY expressly reserves these rights to the full extent allowed by law.
- l. No award shall be made until the Procurement Division has received the Certificate of Insurance in accordance with this section.

III. BONDING REQUIREMENTS

Bid Bond/Certified Check. By submitting a proposal, the CONSULTANT agrees should its proposal be accepted, **to execute the form of Agreement and present the same to COUNTY for approval within ten (10) calendar days after notice of intent to award.** The CONSULTANT further agrees that failure to execute and deliver said form of Agreement **within ten (10) calendar days** will result in damages to COUNTY and as guarantee of payment of same a bid bond/certified check shall be enclosed within the submitted sealed proposal in the amount of five (5%) percent of the total amount of the proposal. The CONSULTANT further agrees that in case the CONSULTANT fails to enter into an Agreement, as prescribed by COUNTY, the bid bond/certified check accompanying the proposal shall be forfeited to COUNTY as agreed liquidated damages. If COUNTY enters into an agreement with a CONSULTANT, or if COUNTY rejects any and/or all proposals, accompanying bond will be promptly returned.

Payment and Performance Bonds. Prior to commencing work, the CONSULTANT shall obtain, for the benefit of and directed to COUNTY, a Payment and Performance Bond satisfying the requirements of Section 255.05, Florida Statutes, covering the faithful performance by the CONSULTANT of its obligation under the Contract Documents, including but not limited to the construction of the project on the project site and the payment and obligations arising thereunder, including all payments to Subcontractors, laborers, and materialmen. The surety selected by the CONSULTANT to provide the Payment and Performance Bond shall be approved by COUNTY prior to issuance of such Bond, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed provided that surety is rated A- or better by Best's Key Guide, latest edition.

Failure to provide the required bonds on the prescribed form may result in CONSULTANT being deemed nonresponsive. Bonds must be in the form prescribed in Section 255.05, Florida Statutes,

and must not contain notice, demand or other terms and conditions, including informal pre-claim meetings, not provided for in Section 255.05, Florida Statutes.

Bonds shall be in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price issued by a duly authorized and nationally recognized surety company, authorized to do business in the State of Florida, satisfactory to COUNTY. Surety shall be rated as “A-” or better by Best’s Key Guide, latest edition. The attorney-in-fact who signs the bonds must file with the bonds, a certificate and effective dated copy of power-of-attorney. Payment and Performance Bonds shall be issued to “Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida”, **within ten (10) calendar days after issuance of notice of intent to award.**

In addition, pursuant to Section 255.05(1)(b), Florida Statutes, prior to commencing work, the CONSULTANT shall be responsible and bear all costs associated to record the Payment and Performance Bond with the Manatee County Clerk of the Circuit Court. A certified copy of said recording shall be furnished to the Procurement Division upon filing. Pursuant to Section 255.05(1)(b), Florida Statutes, COUNTY will make no payment to the CONSULTANT until the CONSULTANT has complied with this paragraph.

Furnishing Payment and Performance Bonds shall be requisite to execution of an Agreement with COUNTY. Said Payment and Performance Bonds will remain in force for the duration of this Agreement with the premiums paid by the CONSULTANT. Failure of the CONSULTANT to execute such Agreement and to supply the required bonds shall be just cause for cancellation of the award. COUNTY may then contract with the next lowest, responsive and responsible CONSULTANT or re-advertise this RFP.

Failure of COUNTY at any time to require performance by the CONSULTANT of any provisions set out in the resulting Agreement will in no way affect the right of COUNTY, thereafter, to enforce those provisions.

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CONSULTANT'S INSURANCE STATEMENT

THE UNDERSIGNED has read and understands the aforementioned insurance and bond requirements of this Agreement and shall provide the insurance required by this section within ten (10) days from the date of notice of intent to award.

Date: _____

Consultant's Name: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Printed Name/Title: _____

Insurance Agency: _____

Agent Name: _____

Agent Phone: _____

Surety Agency: _____

Surety Name: _____

Surety Phone: _____

Please return this completed and signed statement with your agreement.