

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS  
No. 24-TA005116CD  
PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION  
ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION  
SERVICES FOR US-41 FROM 69<sup>TH</sup> AVE  
TO CORTEZ ROAD PROJECT  
(FM# 433592-1) (PROJECT NO. 6099270)  
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**PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR US-41 FROM 69<sup>TH</sup> AVE TO CORTEZ ROAD PROJECT**

Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida (hereinafter referred to as County) will receive qualification proposal responses (Proposals) from individuals, corporations, partnerships, and other legal entities authorized to do business in the State of Florida (Proposers), to provide professional construction engineering and inspection services as specified in this Request for Qualifications.

**DATE, TIME AND PLACE DUE:**

The Due Date and Time for submission of Proposals in response to this RFQ is **February 27, 2024 by 3:00 P.M. ET**. Proposals must be delivered to the following location: Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Ave. W., Suite 705, Bradenton, FL 34205 and time stamped by a Procurement representative by the Due Date and Time. Proposals will be opened immediately following the Due Date and Time at the Manatee County Administration Building, Suite 705.

**SOLICITATION INFORMATION CONFERENCE:**

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

**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 Qualifications to the Manatee County Procurement Division is February 16, 2024. 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:** Chris Daley, CPPO, CPPB, Procurement Project Manager

(941) 749-3048, Fax (941) 749-3034

Email: [chris.daley@mymanatee.org](mailto:chris.daley@mymanatee.org)

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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, submit the required forms and information, and comply with the instructions as follows. Proposals will be accepted from a single business entity, joint venture, partnership or corporation. The County intends to award an agreement(s) for the provision of professional construction engineering and inspection services as identified in this RFQ.

### **A.01 INFORMATION CONFERENCE**

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

### **A.02 DUE DATE AND TIME**

The Due Date and Time for submission of Proposals in response to this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is **February 27, 2024 by 3:00 P.M. ET**. Proposals must be delivered to the following location: Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Ave. W., Suite 803, Bradenton, FL 34205 prior to the Due Date and Time.

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 RESPONSES**

Sealed Proposals will be publicly opened at Manatee County Administration Procurement Division, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Suite 803, Bradenton, Florida 34205, in the presence of County officials immediately upon expiration of the Due Date and Time. Proposers or their representatives may attend the Proposal opening.

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

### **A.04 SUBMISSION OF RESPONSES**

The contents of the Proposal sealed package must include:

- One (1) bound original clearly identifying Proposer and marked "ORIGINAL".
- Three (3) bound copy(s) clearly identifying Proposer and marked "COPY" with all required information and identical to the 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 continuous file. Do not password protect or otherwise encrypt electronic Proposal copies. Electronic copies must contain an identical Proposal to the original.

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 Qualifications whether, or not, the Proposal is accepted.

Submit the Proposal package in a sealed container with the following information clearly marked on the outside of the package: RFQ No. 24-TA005116CD, Professional Constuction Engineering and Inspection Services for US-41 from 69<sup>th</sup> Ave to Cortez Road Project (FM#433592-1), 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, Suite 803  
Bradenton, FL 34205

#### **A.05 ORGANIZATION OF RESPONSES**

Proposals must be organized and arranged with tabs in the same order as listed in the subsections within Exhibit 2, Proposal Response, identifying the response to each specific item.

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

#### **A.06 DISTRIBUTION OF SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS**

All documents issued pursuant to this RFQ are distributed electronically and available for download at no charge at [www.mymanatee.org](http://www.mymanatee.org) > *Business* > *Bids and Proposals*. Documents may be viewed and downloaded for printing using Adobe Reader<sup>®</sup> or Microsoft software, as applilcable.

At its sole discretion, the County may utilize a third-party provider to distribute Proposals. For more information regarding this service visit the Procurement webpage of the County website. Utilization of this third-party service is not a requirement for doing business with Manatee County.

Additionally, the RFQ and all related documents are available for public inspection at the Manatee County Procurement Division, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803, 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 RFQ will be made by addendum. Addenda will be posted on the Procurement Division's web page of the County website at <http://www.mymanatee.org/> > *Business > Bids and Proposals*. For those solicitations that are advertised on a third-party website, addenda will likewise be posted on the third-party website.

All addenda are a part of the RFQ and each Proposer will be bound by such addenda. It is the responsibility of each Proposer to obtain, 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 RESPONSE EXPENSES**

All costs incurred by Proposer in responding to this RFQ 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 RFQ documents and will judge all matters relating to the adequacy and accuracy of such documents. Any questions or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to this RFQ shall be made in writing via email to the Manatee County Procurement Division to the Designated Procurement Contact or to [purchasing@mymanatee.org](mailto:purchasing@mymanatee.org). All questions received and responses given will be provided to potential Proposers via an addendum to this RFQ

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 RFQ. Such Proposer will be disqualified from consideration for this RFQ and may be disqualified from submitting a response on future solicitation opportunities with the County.

**A.11 WITHDRAWAL OR REVISION OF RESPONSES**

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 Procurement 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 Proposer, or their agents, representatives or persons acting at the request of such Proposer, 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 Procurement Official or designee, unless otherwise directed by the Procurement 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 RESPONSES**

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 RFQ 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 RFQ. 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.



The contracting prohibitions in the preceding paragraph become inoperative on the date that federal law ceases to authorize states to adopt and enforce contracting prohibitions.

**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 Request for Qualifications, 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 RFQ, 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, Successful Proposer, 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 your 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 Qualifications 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: [DEBBIE.SCACCIANOCE@MYMANATEE.ORG](mailto:DEBBIE.SCACCIANOCE@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 shall 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):
  1. 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.
  2. 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.

3. 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 RFQ, 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 MINIMUM WAGE REQUIREMENTS**

The successful Proposer shall comply with all minimum wage requirements, such as Living Wage requirements, minimum wages based on Federal Law, minimum wages based on the Davis-Bacon Act, and the provisions of any other employment laws, as may be applicable to the Agreement.

### **A.33 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 Procurement Official.

Protest must be in writing and delivered via email at [purchasing@mymanatee.org](mailto:purchasing@mymanatee.org) or by hand delivery to the Procurement Division at 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803, 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 Procurement 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.34 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.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](mailto: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 PROMPT PAYMENT**

County shall pay in accordance with the requirements of Florida Statutes § 218.73, Prompt Payment Act.

**A.37 RECORD RETENTION**

Successful Proposer shall retain all records and supporting documents related any Agreement resulting from this RFQ in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, and, at a minimum, retain all records and supporting documents related to said Agreement, except duplicate copies or drafts, for at least five (5) years from final payment.

**A.38 RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS**

Neither the County nor any of its contractors or their subcontractors shall enter into any contract, subcontract or arrangement in connection with the Project or any property included or planned to be included in the Project in which any member, officer or employee of the County or the locality during tenure or for 2 years thereafter has any interest, direct or indirect. The County shall insert in all contracts entered into in connection with the Project or any property included or planned to be included in any Project, and shall require its contractors to insert in each of their subcontracts, the following provision:

"No member, officer or employee of the Recipient or of the locality during his tenure or for 2 years thereafter shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this contract or the proceeds thereof."

**A.39 SOLICITATION SCHEDULE**

The following schedule has been established for this Solicitation process. Refer to the County’s website ([www.mymanatee.org](http://www.mymanatee.org) > *Business > Bids & Proposals*) for meeting locations and updated information pertaining to any revisions to this schedule.

<b>Scheduled Item</b>	<b>Scheduled Date</b>
Non-Mandatory Information Conference	None
Question and Clarification Deadline	February 16, 2024
Proposal Due Date and Time	February 27, 2024 at 3:00 PM
Technical Evaluation Meeting	March 14, 2024
Technical Evaluation Meeting	March 15, 2024
Interviews/Presentations/Demonstrations (if conducted)	March 27, 2024
Final Evaluation Meeting	March 28, 2024
Projected Award	May 2024

**END SECTION A**

## SECTION B, EVALUATION OF RESPONSES

### B.01 EVALUATION

A due diligence review will be conducted to determine if the Proposal is responsive to the submission requirements outlined in this Solicitation and to determine if the Proposer is a responsible Proposer.

A responsive Proposal is one that follows the requirements of this Solicitation, includes all documentation, is submitted in the format outlined in this Solicitation, is of timely submission, and has the appropriate signatures as required on each document. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in the Proposal being deemed non-responsive. A responsible Proposer is a Proposer which the County affirmatively determines has the ability, capability and skill to perform under the terms of the agreement; can provide the materials and/or service promptly within the time specified, without delay or interference; has a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics; and meets the minimum qualification requirements in this RFQ.

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 will consider all information submitted by each responsible and responsive Proposer; clarification information provided by Proposer; information obtained during the interviews, presentations, or demonstrations; feedback received from Proposer's references; and any other relevant information received during any investigation of Proposer to ascertain the ability of the Proposer to perform the Scope of Services as stated in this RFQ.

### B.02 EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following evaluation criteria have been established for this RFQ.

<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Maximum Points</b>
Proposer & Team's Experience	25
Approach to Project Management and Design	25
Organizational Structure and Capacity	25
Similar Completed Projects	25

### B.03 CLARIFICATIONS, INTERVIEWS, PRESENTATIONS, DEMONSTRATIONS

As part of the evaluation process, the evaluation committee will determine a list of those responsive and responsible Proposals that are deemed by the committee as having a reasonable probability of being selected for award (Short List). At a minimum, the evaluation committee shall conduct discussions with the Short List Proposers and 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 clarification must be submitted by Proposer within the requested time-period.

Additionally, interviews, presentations or demonstrations may be conducted with Proposers as part of the evaluation process. If conducted, the Short List Proposers will be invited to meet



with the committee. The information gained from these interviews, presentations, or demonstrations will be part of the committee's consideration in making a recommendation for award. Therefore, Proposers should make arrangements to attend, if invited.

The interviews, presentations and demonstrations are closed to the public to the extent permitted by law.

In the final evaluations, each evaluator will consider the information obtained from the proposals as well as the discussions and clarifications presented during the presentations. As part of the final evaluations, the initial technical evaluation scores for each short-listed firm, in each of the evaluation criterion, will be discussed by the evaluation committee and are subject to change.

#### **B.04 RECOMMENDATION FOR NEGOTIATION**

The evaluation committee will determine from the responses to this RFQ and subsequent investigations, the Proposer(s) who best meets the County's requirements. Upon completion of the technical evaluations, the evaluation committee will make a recommendation as to the Proposer(s) which the County should enter into negotiations, if any. The County will notice the Intent to Negotiate, in the same manner the original Request for Qualifications document was noticed prior to commencing negotiations.

Upon approval to commence negotiations, the recommended Proposer(s) shall submit one original hard copy and one electronic copy on a CD or USB flash drive of its pricing proposal. The pricing information should show a categorical breakout of the pricing, with any alternates or options clearly identified. The pricing information shall be clear and unambiguous to facilitate evaluation of the prices submitted.

The County will conduct negotiations with the highest scoring Proposer. If the County and the highest-scored Proposer cannot reach agreement on a contract, the County reserves the right to terminate negotiations and may, at its sole discretion, begin negotiations with the next highest-scored Proposer(s). This process may continue until a contract acceptable to the County has been negotiated or all Proposals are rejected.

#### **B.05 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.

### **END SECTION B**

## **SECTION C, AWARD OF THE AGREEMENT**

### **C.01 GENERAL**

By submitting a Proposal, Proposer understands and agrees:

- a. The Proposal and all subsequent information requested by the County during the procurement process will serve as a basis for the Agreement.
- b. All products and papers produced during the Agreement period become the property of Manatee County upon termination or completion of the engagement.

### **C.02 AGREEMENT**

The successful Proposer(s) will be required to execute the Agreement in a form and with provisions acceptable to the County (See Exhibit 5, Sample Agreement). The County (as Owner) will execute this Agreement with the successful Proposer (as Consultant).

The negotiated Agreement may or may not include all elements of this RFQ or the Proposal submitted by the successful Proposer(s) where alternatives provide best value, are desirable to the County, and the parties agree to such terms. Negotiations of the terms of the Agreement, may include specifications, scope of project, price, the Agreement period, renewal, or any other relevant provisions.

### **C.03 AWARD**

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 debarment and County may terminate any contract it has with Proposer.

Award of the Agreement is subject to approval as provided for in the Manatee County Procurement Code.

**END SECTION C**

## **SECTION D, FORMS**

**FORM 1 - ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ADDENDA**

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the following addenda:

Addendum No. _____	Date Received:
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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
	Date

**FORM 2 - PROPOSAL SIGNATURE FORM**

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 RFQ; and
- (4) By submitting a Proposal and signing below, the Proposer agrees to the terms and conditions in this RFQ, 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 RFQ 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

**FORM 3 - PUBLIC CONTRACTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES CERTIFICATION**  
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.

# CONFLICT OF INTEREST/CONFIDENTIALITY CERTIFICATION FOR CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/TECHNICAL ADVISORS

I certify that I have no present conflict of interest, that I have no knowledge of any conflict of interest that my firm may have, and that I will recuse myself from any capacity of decision making, approval, disapproval, or recommendation on any contract if I have a conflict of interest or a potential conflict of interest.

Consultants/Contractors are expected to safeguard their ability to make objective, fair, and impartial decisions when performing work for the Department, and therefore may not accept benefits of any sort under circumstances in which it could be inferred by a reasonable observer that the benefit was intended to influence a pending or future decision of theirs, or to reward a past decision. Consultants performing work for the Department should avoid any conduct (whether in the context of business, financial, or social relationships) which might undermine the public trust, whether or not that conduct is unethical or lends itself to the appearance of ethical impropriety.

I will maintain the confidentiality of all information not made public by the Florida Department of Transportation ("Department") related to the procurement of the above-referenced ("Project") that I gain access to as a result of my involvement with the Project ("Procurement Information"). I understand that Procurement Information includes, but is not limited to, documents prepared by or for the Department related to procurement of the Project. I also understand that Procurement Information includes, but is not limited to, documents submitted to the Department by entities seeking an award of the Project ("Proposers"). I understand that Procurement Information may include documents submitted by Proposers related to letters of response/letters of interest, technical proposals, price proposals, financial proposals, and information shared during exempt meetings. I also understand that Procurement Information may also include documents that evaluate or review documents submitted by Proposers, and information regarding Project cost estimates. I also agree not to discuss the Project with anyone who is a member of or acting on behalf of a Proposer.

Unless so ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or an opinion of the Office of the Florida Attorney General, I will not divulge any Procurement Information except to individuals who have executed a Conflict of Interest/Confidentiality Certification which has been approved by the Department ("Project Personnel"). I understand that a list of Project Personnel will be maintained by Department. If I am contacted by any member of the public or the media with a request for Procurement Information, I will promptly forward such request to the Department's Procurement Office. I will also maintain security and control over all documents containing Procurement Information which are in my custody.

I agree not to solicit or accept gratuities, unwarranted privileges or exemptions, favors, or anything of value from any firm under consideration for an agreement associated with the Project, and I recognize that doing so may be contrary to statutes, ordinances, and rules governing or applicable to the Department or may otherwise be a violation of the law.

I agree not to engage in bid tampering, pursuant to Section 838.22, Florida Statutes.

I realize that violation of the above mentioned standards could result in the termination of my work for the Department. I further realize that violation of the above mentioned statute would be punishable in accordance with Section 838.22, Florida Statutes..

Advertisement No./ Solicitation No	Description	Financial Project Number(s)
24-TA005116CD	Professional Construction Engineering and Inspection Services for US41 from 69th Ave to Cortez Road Project	433592-1
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Each undersigned individual agrees to the terms of this Conflict of Interest/Confidentiality Certification.

Printed Names	Signatures	Date
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____





**FORM 5 - NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

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:

RFQ 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 No: \_\_\_\_\_

Expires on: \_\_\_\_\_

SEAL

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
**TRUTH IN NEGOTIATION CERTIFICATION**

Pursuant to Section 287.055(5)(a), Florida Statutes, for any lump-sum or cost-plus-a-fixed fee professional services contract over the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes for CATEGORY FOUR, the Department of Transportation (Department) requires the Consultant to execute this certificate and include it with the submittal of the Technical Proposal, or as prescribed in the contract advertisement.

The Consultant hereby certifies, covenants, and warrants that wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation for this project's agreement are accurate, complete, and current at the time of contracting.

The Consultant further agrees that the original agreement price and any additions thereto shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the Department determines the agreement price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or noncurrent wage rates and other factual unit costs. All such agreement adjustments shall be made within (1) year following the end of the contract. For purposes of this certificate, the end of the agreement shall be deemed to be the date of final billing or acceptance of the work by the Department, whichever is later.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Consultant

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**FORM 7 – SCRUTINIZED COMPANY CERTIFICATION**

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

## FORM 8, INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

## **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  
RFQ NO. 24-TA005116CD**

**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 RFQ 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 signed statement with your proposal.***

**FORM 9, INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS**

**MANATEE COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

To the extent provided by law, the Successful Proposer shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless County, the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, including its officers, agents and employees against any actions, claims, or damages arising out of, relating to, or resulting from negligent or wrongful act(s) of the Successful Proposer, or any of its officers, agents, or employees, acting within the scope of their office or employment, in connection with the rights granted to or exercised by the Successful Proposer.

The foregoing indemnification shall not constitute a waiver of the Department's or County's sovereign immunity beyond the limits set forth in Florida Statutes, Section 768.28. Nor shall the same be construed to constitute agreement by the Successful Proposer to indemnify County for the negligent acts or omissions of County, its officers, agents, or employees, or third parties. Nor shall the same be construed to constitute agreement by the Successful Proposer to indemnify the Department for the negligent acts or omissions of the Department, its officers, agents, or employees, or third parties. This indemnification shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

Signature of Authorized Official of Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: 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

**CERTIFICATION FOR DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES  
ON FEDERAL-AID CONTRACTS  
(Compliance with 49CFR, Section 20.100 (b))**

The prospective participant certifies, by signing this certification, that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief:

(1) No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities", in accordance with its instructions. (Standard Form-LLL can be obtained from the Florida Department of Transportation's Professional Services Administrator or Procurement Office.)

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The prospective participant also agrees by submitting his or her proposal that he or she shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000 and that all such subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Name of Consultant: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
**DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES**

Is this form applicable to your firm?

YES  NO

If *no*, then please complete section 4 below for "Prime"

<b>1. Type of Federal Action:</b> a. contract b. grant c. cooperative agreement d. loan e. loan guarantee f. loan insurance	<b>2. Status of Federal Action:</b> a. bid/offer/application b. initial award c. post-award	<b>3. Report Type:</b> a. initial filing b. material change <b>For Material Change Only:</b> Year: _____ Quarter: _____ Date of last report: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)
<b>4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Prime <input type="checkbox"/> Subawardee Tier _____, <i>if known</i> : _____ _____ _____ Congressional District, <i>if known</i> : 4c _____	<b>5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is a Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime:</b> _____ _____ _____ Congressional District, <i>if known</i> : _____	
<b>6. Federal Department/Agency:</b> _____ _____	<b>7. Federal Program Name/Description:</b> _____ _____ CFDA Number, <i>if applicable</i> : _____	
<b>8. Federal Action Number, if known:</b> _____	<b>9. Award Amount, if known:</b> \$ _____	
<b>10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant</b> <i>(if individual, last name, first name, MI):</i> _____ _____ _____	<b>b. Individuals Performing Services</b> <i>(including address if different from No. 10a)</i> <i>(last name, first name, MI):</i> _____ _____ _____	
<b>11.</b> Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.	Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Title: _____ Telephone No.: _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____	
<b>Federal Use Only:</b>		Authorized for Local Reproduction Standard Form LLL (Rev. 7-97)

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES**

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a followup report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the fullname, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the Federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitation for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Include prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.  
  
(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10 (a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503.

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION,  
INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION-  
LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS FOR FEDERAL AID CONTRACTS**  
(Compliance with 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200)

It is certified that neither the below identified firm nor its principals are presently suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.

Name of Consultant/Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Instructions for Certification

Instructions for Certification - Lower Tier Participants:

(Applicable to all subcontracts, purchase orders and other lower tier transactions requiring prior FHWA approval or estimated to cost \$25,000 or more - 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200)

- a. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier is providing the certification set out below.
- b. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department, or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
- c. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- d. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "participant," "person," "principal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations. "First Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction between a grantee or subgrantee of Federal funds and a participant (such as the prime or general contract). "Lower Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction under a First Tier Covered Transaction (such as subcontracts). "First Tier Participant" refers to the participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a grantee or subgrantee of Federal funds (such as the prime or general contractor). "Lower Tier Participant" refers any participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a First Tier Participant or other Lower Tier Participants (such as subcontractors and suppliers).
- e. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
- f. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions exceeding the \$25,000 threshold.
- g. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any lower tier prospective participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the Excluded Parties List System website (<https://www.epls.gov/>), which is compiled by the General Services Administration.
- h. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- i. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph e of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

## **SECTION E, EXHIBITS**

**Exhibit 1, Scope of Services**

**Exhibit 2, Proposal Response**

**Exhibit 3, FDOT LAP Terms and Conditions**

**Exhibit 4, DBE Bid Package Information (Form 275-030-11)**

**Exhibit 5, Sample Agreement**

## **Exhibit 1- Scope of Services**

### **Section 1 Summary of Services**

#### **A. Introduction:**

1. It is the intent of this Request for Proposals for Professional Services (PS) is to select a Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pre-qualified firm to provide Construction Engineering and Inspection services for the US-41 sidewalks/lighting/utility improvements project

2. This project is a Federal-aid funded project through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Local Agency Program (LAP), (FM# 433592-4).

3. **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Prequalification Requirements:** The Proposer (Prime) shall be FDOT prequalified in Major Work Group 10.1 (Roadway Construction Engineering Inspection). Proposers are to include with their proposal a copy of the FDOT issued prequalification letter per Attachment "P" of this solicitation.

**Note:** Proposers must be FDOT prequalified in the above-mentioned Major Work Group at the time of proposal submittal. FDOT prequalification must be verifiable.

4. It is the intent and purpose of this solicitation to promote competition. It shall be the proposer's responsibility to advise the Procurement Services Representative at the address noted above, if any language, requirements, etc., or any combination thereof, inadvertently restricts or limits competition or if the requirements stated in this document limits it to a single source. Such notification must be submitted in writing and must be received by the Procurement Services Representative no later than ten (10) calendar days prior to the proposal closing date.

5. **Governing Standards and Specifications:** Latest available Governing Standard and Specifications applicable at the time of bid opening.

#### **B. Scope of Services:**

##### **1. PURPOSE:**

This scope of services describes and defines the Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) services which are required for contract administration, inspection, and materials sampling and testing for the construction project listed below.

##### **2. SCOPE:**

Provide services as defined in this Scope of Services, the referenced FDOT manuals, and procedures. The project for which the services are required is:

Financial Project IDs: 433592-4

Descriptions: US-41 sidewalks/lighting/utility improvements project

County: Manatee County

This safety project contains sidewalk and lighting safety improvements along US-41 (14<sup>th</sup> St W) in Bradenton, Manatee County, Florida. Along US-41, the project length is about 16,000 feet

from 69<sup>th</sup> Ave W to due south of Cortez Rd (SR684). The project will have safety improvements on the east and west sidewalks along the length of the project area.

The project includes sidewalk widening and installation of 54 light poles with concrete footer foundations from 69<sup>th</sup> Ave W to Cortez Rd along US-41 in Bradenton, FL. The underground utilities have to be protected underneath the light poles locations therefore steel casing will be installed at each lighting location and 3 minor utility relocations of watermains or sanitary sewer line.

The intersection improvements include construction of 3 new mast arm traffic signals and new pedestrian signal features. The signal phasing will be adjusted to accommodate the new traffic pattern. The project also includes signing and pavement markings, maintenance of traffic, mobilization, clearing and grubbing and drainage modifications to accommodate for the urban typical.

The project consists of safety improvements as well as minor underground utility improvements and will be funded from two separate sources, local funds and FDOT safety funds. The construction plans will be separated into two sets with one set including the FDOT improvements and the other set including the underground utility improvements. The successful CEI firm will be required to track the projects separately and invoice the County separately.

The successful Proposer shall exercise independent professional judgment in performing obligations and responsibilities under the resulting Agreement. Pursuant to Section 4.1.4 of the Construction Project Administration Manual (CPAM), the authority of the Consultant's lead person, such as the Senior Project Engineer, and the Consultant's Project Administrator shall be identical to the County's Engineer and Project Administrator respectively and shall be interpreted as such. Services provided by the Consultant shall comply with FDOT manuals, procedures, and memorandums in effect as of the date of execution of the resulting Agreement unless otherwise directed in writing by the County. Such FDOT manuals, procedures, and memorandums are found at the State Construction Office's website.

On a single Construction Contract, it is a conflict of interest for a professional firm to receive compensation from both the County and the Contractor either directly or indirectly.

### **3. LENGTH OF SERVICE:**

The services for the Construction Contract shall begin upon written notification to proceed by the County.

Track the execution of the Construction Contract such that the Consultant is given timely authorization to begin work. While no personnel shall be assigned until written notification by the County has been issued, the Consultant shall be ready to assign personnel within two weeks of notification. For the duration of the project, coordinate closely with the County and Contractor to minimize rescheduling of Consultant activities due to construction delays or changes in scheduling of Contractor activities.

For estimating purposes, the Consultant will be allowed an accumulation of thirty (30) calendar days to perform preliminary administrative services prior to the issuance of the Contractor's notice to proceed on the project and thirty (30) calendar days to demobilize after final acceptance of the last Construction Contract.

The anticipated construction duration for the project is 660 days which includes substantial completion and final acceptance date.

#### **4. DEFINITIONS:**

A. Agreement: The Professional Services Agreement between the County and the Consultant setting forth the obligations of the parties thereto, including but not limited to the performance of the work, furnishing of services, and the basis of payment.

B. Contractor: The individual, firm, or company contracting with the County for performance of work or furnishing of materials.

C. Construction Contract: The written agreement between the County and the Contractor setting forth the obligations of the parties thereto, including but not limited to the performance of the work, furnishing of labor and materials, and the basis of payment.

D. Construction Project Manager: The County employee assigned to manage the Construction Engineering and Inspection Contract and represent the County during the performance of the services covered under the resulting Agreement.

E. Construction Training/Qualification Program (CTQP): The FDOT program for training and qualifying technicians in Aggregates, Asphalt, Concrete, Earthwork, and Final Estimates Administration. Program information is available at CTQP website.

F. Consultant: The Consulting firm under contract to the County for administration of Construction Engineering and Inspection services.

G. Consultant Project Administrator/Project Engineer: The employee assigned by the Consultant to oversee providing Construction Contract administration services for one or more Construction Projects.

H. Consultant Senior Project Engineer: The Engineer assigned by the Consultant to oversee providing Construction Contract administration for one or more Construction Projects. This person may supervise other Consultant employees and act as the lead Engineer for the Consultant.

I. Engineer of Record: The Engineer noted on the Construction plans as the responsible person for the design and preparation of the plans.

J. Operations Engineer: The Engineer assigned to a County or area to administer Construction and Maintenance Contracts for the County.

K. Resident Compliance Specialist: The employee assigned by the Consultant to oversee project specific compliance functions.

L. Public Information Office: The County's office assigned to manage the Public Information Program

M. County Engineer: The Engineer assigned to the County to administer Construction Contracts for the County.

## **5. ITEMS TO BE FURNISHED BY THE COUNTY TO THE CONSULTANT:**

A. The COUNTY, on an as needed basis, will furnish the following Construction Contract documents for the project. These documents may be provided in either paper or electronic format.

1. Construction Plans,
2. Technical Specification Package
3. Copy of the Executed Construction Contract, and
4. Utility Agency's Approved Product List

## **6. ITEMS FURNISHED BY THE CONSULTANT:**

### **A. County Documents:**

County documents referenced herein shall be a condition of the resulting Agreement. All County documents, directives, procedures, and standard forms are available through the County's website [www.mymanatee.org](http://www.mymanatee.org)

All applicable FDOT documents referenced herein shall also be a condition of the resulting Agreement. All FDOT documents, directives, procedures, and standard forms are available through the FDOT's Internet website. Most items can be purchased through the following address. All others can be acquired through the FDOT District Office or on-line at the FDOT's website.

Florida Department of Transportation  
Maps and Publication Sales  
605 Suwannee Street, MS 12  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450  
Telephone No. (850) 488-9220  
<http://www.fdot.gov/construction/>

### **B. Office Automation:**

Provide all software and hardware necessary to efficiently and effectively carry out the responsibilities under the resulting Agreement.

Provide each inspection staff with a laptop computer (or tablet) running an application and/or program that is compatible with current LAP guidelines. In addition, the method of storage and accessibility by County and FDOT staff must be compatible with current LAP guidelines.



All computer coding shall be input by Consultant personnel using equipment furnished by them.

**C. Vehicles:**

Vehicles will be equipped with appropriate safety equipment and must be able to effectively carryout requirements of the resulting Agreement. Vehicles shall have the name and phone number of the consulting firm visibly displayed on both sides of the vehicle.

**D. Field Equipment:**

Supply survey, inspection, and testing equipment essential to perform services under the resulting Agreement; such equipment includes non-consumable and non-expendable items.

Hard hats shall have the name of the consulting firm visibly displayed.

Equipment described herein and expendable materials under the resulting Agreement will remain the property of the Consultant and shall be removed at completion of the work.

Handling of nuclear density gauges shall be in compliance with their license.

Retain responsibility for risk of loss or damage to said equipment during performance of the resulting Agreement. Field office equipment shall be maintained and in operational condition at all times.

**E. Licensing for Equipment Operations:**

Obtain proper licenses for equipment and personnel operating equipment when licenses are required. The license and supporting documents shall be available for verification by the County, upon request.

Radioactive Materials License for use of Surface Moisture Density Gauges shall be obtained through the State of Florida Department of Health.

**7. LIAISON RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONSULTANT:**

For the duration of the Agreement, keep the County's Construction Project Manager in Responsible Charge informed of all significant activities, decisions, correspondence, reports, and other communications related to its responsibilities under the resulting Agreement.

Facilitate communications between all parties (i.e. architectural, mechanical, materials, landscaping, local agencies, etc.) ensuring responses and resolutions are provided in a timely manner. Maintain accurate records to document the communication process.

Inform the designated County project personnel of any design defects, reported by the contractor or observed by the consultant.

Submit all administrative items relating to Invoice Approval, Personnel Approval, User IDs, Time Extensions, and Supplemental Amendments to the Construction Project Manager for review and approval.

## **8. PERFORMANCE OF THE CONSULTANT:**

During the term of the resulting Agreement and all Supplemental Amendments thereof, the County/FDOT will review various phases of Consultant operations, such as construction inspection, materials sampling and testing, and administrative activities, to determine compliance with the resulting Agreement. Cooperate and assist County representatives in conducting the reviews. If deficiencies are indicated, remedial action shall be implemented immediately. County/FDOT recommendations and Consultant responses/actions are to be properly documented by the Consultant. No additional compensation shall be allowed for remedial action taken by the Consultant to correct deficiencies. Remedial actions and required response times may include but are not necessarily limited to the following:

A. Further subdivide assigned inspection responsibilities, reassign inspection personnel, or assign additional inspection personnel, within one week of notification.

B. Immediately replace personnel whose performance has been determined by the Consultant and/or the County to be inadequate.

C. Immediately increase the frequency of monitoring and inspection activities in phases of work that are the Consultant's responsibility.

D. Increase the scope and frequency of training of the Consultant personnel.

## **9. REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONSULTANT:**

### **A. General:**

It shall be the responsibility of the Consultant to administer, monitor, and inspect the Construction Contract such that the project is constructed in reasonable conformity with the plans, specifications, and special provisions for the Construction Contract.

Observe the Contractor's work to determine the progress and quality of work. Identify discrepancies, report significant discrepancies to the County, and direct the Contractor to correct such observed discrepancies.

The Consultant shall assist the County in negotiating Supplemental Agreements within the thresholds established in the CPAM. Seek input from the Construction Project Manager relating to all Supplemental Agreement requests. Supplemental Agreements must be determined to be in accordance with Florida law by the County. For any Supplemental Agreement which exceeds the thresholds, prepare the Supplemental Agreement as a recommendation to the County, which the County may accept, modify or reject upon review. Consult with the Construction Project Manager as necessary and direct all issues, which exceed delegated authority to the Construction Project Manager for County action or direction.

Inform the Construction Project Manager of any significant omissions, substitutions, defects, and deficiencies noted in the work of the Contractor and the corrective action that has been directed to be performed by the Contractor. Inform the Construction Project Manager of any design defects, reported by the Contractor or observed by the Consultant.

Consultant shall assist the County in complying with the construction documentation requirements of the Florida Department of Transportation's Local Agency Program (LAP), which includes all required forms.

**B. Survey Control:**

Check or establish the survey control baseline(s) along with sufficient baseline control points and bench marks at appropriate intervals along the project in order to (1) make and record measurements necessary to calculate and document quantities for pay items, (2) make and record pre-construction and final cross section surveys of the project site in those areas where earthwork (i.e., embankment, excavation, subsoil excavation, etc.) is part of the construction project, and (3) perform incidental engineering surveys.

Any questions or requests for "Waiver of Survey" should be directed to County.

**C. On-site Inspection:**

Monitor the Contractor's on-site construction activities and inspect materials entering into the work in accordance with the plans, specifications, and special provisions for the Construction Contract to determine that the projects are constructed in reasonable conformity with such documents. Maintain detailed accurate records of the Contractor's daily operations and of significant events that affect the work.

Monitor and inspect Contractor's Work Zone Traffic Control Plan and review modifications to the Work Zone Traffic Control Plan, including Alternate Work Zone Traffic Control Plan, in accordance with the FDOT's procedures. Consultant employees performing such services shall be qualified in accordance with the County's procedures.

**D. Sampling and Testing:**

Perform sampling and testing of component materials and completed work in accordance with the Construction Contract documents. The minimum sampling frequencies set out in the County's Materials Sampling, Testing and Reporting Guide shall be met. In complying with the aforementioned guide, provide daily surveillance of the Contractor's Quality Control activities and perform the sampling and testing of materials and completed work items for verification and acceptance.

Determine the acceptability of all materials and completed work items on the basis of either test results or verification of a certification, certified mill analysis, DOT label, DOT stamp, etc.

The County will monitor the effectiveness of the Consultant's testing procedures through observation and independent assurance testing.

Sampling, testing and laboratory methods shall be as required by the County's Standard Specifications, Supplemental Specifications or as modified by the Special Provisions of the Construction Contract.

Documentation reports on sampling and testing performed by the Consultant shall be submitted during the same week that the construction work is done.

**E. Engineering Services:**

Coordinate the Construction Contract administration activities of all parties other than the Contractor involved in completing the construction project. Notwithstanding the above, the Consultant is not liable to the County for failure of such parties to follow written direction issued by the Consultant.

Services shall include maintaining the required level of surveillance of Contractor activities, interpreting plans, specifications, and special provisions for the Construction Contract. Maintain complete, accurate records of all activities and events relating to the project and properly document all project changes. The following services shall be performed:

1. Attend a Pre-Construction meeting for the Task in accordance with the Master Agreement, CPAM and LAP Manual. Provide appropriate staff to attend and participate in the pre-service meeting.
2. Schedule and attend a meeting with the County prior to the Pre-construction Conference. The Resident Compliance Officer shall attend this meeting. In most cases, the above will take two separate meetings based on experience and knowledge of the particular firm.
3. Schedule and conduct a meeting with the County prior to the Pre-construction conference and another meeting prior to project final acceptance. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss the required documentation, including as-builts, necessary for permit(s) compliance.
4. Verify that the Contractor is conducting inspections, preparing reports and monitoring all storm water pollution prevention measures associated with the project. For each project that requires the use of the NPDES General Permit, provide at least one inspector who has successfully completed the "Florida Stormwater, Erosion, and Sedimentation Control Training and Certification Program for Inspectors and Contractors". The Consultant's inspector will be familiar with the requirements set forth in the FEDERAL REGISTER, Vol. 57, No. 187, Friday, September 5, 1992, pages 4412 to 4435 "Final NPDES General Permits for Storm Water Discharges from Construction Sites" and the County's guidelines.
5. Analyze the Contractor's schedule(s) (i.e. baseline(s), revised baseline(s), updates, asbuilt, etc.) for compliance with the contract documents. Elements including, but not limited to, completeness, logic, durations, activity, flow, milestone dates, concurrency, resource allotment, and delays will be reviewed. Verify the schedule conforms with the construction phasing and MOT sequences, including all contract modifications. Provide a written review of the schedule identifying significant omissions, improbable or unreasonable activity durations, errors in logic, and any other concerns as detailed in the contract documents and CPAM.

6. Analyze problems that arise on a project and proposals submitted by the Contractor; work to resolve such issues, and process the necessary paperwork.

7. Monitor, inspect and document utility relocation self-performed by the contractor for conformance with Utility Agency's Standards and the Utility Agency's Approved Materials List. Document utility construction progress to be performed by Utility Agencies. Facilitate coordination and communication between Utility Agency's representatives, County's staff and Contractors executing the work. Identify potential utility conflicts and assist in the resolution of utility issues including FDOT, County and Local Government owned facilities.

Identify, review, and track progress of Joint Project Agreements, and/or other County and utility agreements. Address work progress, track reimbursement activities, and address betterment and salvage determination. Prepare all necessary documentation to support reimbursement activities and betterment and salvage determination.

8. Produce reports, verify quantity calculations and field measure for payment purposes as needed to prevent delays in Contractor operations and to facilitate prompt processing of such information in order for the County to make timely payment to the Contractor.

9. Monitor each Contractor and Subcontractor's compliance with specifications and special provisions of the Construction Contract in regard to payment of predetermined wage rates in accordance with County procedures.

10. Provide a Resident Compliance Specialist for surveillance of the Contractor's compliance with Construction Contract requirements. The Resident Compliance Specialist is responsible for reviewing, monitoring, evaluating and acting upon documentation required for Construction Contract compliance, and maintaining the appropriate files thereof. Typical areas of compliance responsibility include EEO Affirmative Actions for the prime contractor and subcontractor, DBE Affirmative Action, Contractor Formal Training, Payroll, and Subcontracts. The Resident Compliance Specialist must keep all related documents and correspondence accurate and up to date; attend all compliance reviews and furnish the complete project files for review; and assist the County Contract Compliance Manager as requested.

11. Provide Community Outreach Services and be proactive in keeping the community aware of the status and traffic impacts of the referenced project. With approval from the County's designee, prepare and disseminate information to the public, elected officials and the media of any upcoming events, which will affect traffic flow. Produce and distribute all publications (letters, flyers, brochures and news releases) necessary for this contract. Prior to release, the County's designee will approve all responses, letters, news releases and the like. Provide timely, professional responses to project inquiries including emails, telephone calls, etc. Coordinate general public information meetings, open houses, community meetings as directed by the County's representatives.

12. Prepare and submit to the Construction Project Manager monthly in a format to be provided by the County.

13. Video tape the pre-construction conditions throughout the project limits. Provide a digital photo log or video of project activities, with heavy emphasis on potential claim items/issues and on areas of real/potential public controversy.

14. Provide a digital camera for photographic documentation of pre-construction state and of noteworthy incidents or events during construction.

These photographs will be filed and maintained on the Consultant's computer using a digital photo management system.

Photographs shall be taken the day prior to the start of construction and continue as needed throughout the project. Photographs shall be taken the days of Conditional, Partial and Final Acceptance.

Provide visual documentation of the Project through the periodic collection of a set of panoramic digital photographs at predetermined stations throughout the project. Photographic locations should be located at intervals such that the digital photographs collectively portray the majority of the visible surfaces on the Project. The digital photographs should be taken with a frequency designed to reveal changes in the progress of the Project, which can be compared to other project data including daily reports of construction and scheduling updates. Photographic data files comprising each digital photograph are to be supplied together with an HTML (web page) based access and display system for viewing the photographs. Original photographic data files are to be supplied for archival purposes and comprise photographic data identical in form and content to that produced by the digital camera used to capture the image. Working photographic data files are to be supplied for everyday reference purposes and comprise copies of each original photographic data file, which have been processed to a reduced pixel and color resolution (size and clarity) for distribution via CD ROM and the Internet. The access and display system should be comprised of a series of HTML files (web pages) which allow a user to view each photographic data file at random, and in a sequence which simulates the visual experience of a viewer moving through the actual Project from one photographic station to the next. The original photographic data files, working photographic data files and access and display system are to be distributed on CD ROM and portable hard disk media. The working photographic data files and the access and display system should also be maintained on a server accessible via the Internet.

#### **F. Geotechnical Engineering:**

The prime Consultant may engage the services of a geotechnical subconsultant to perform some of the services indicated in this section. However, the prime Consultant will be responsible to the County for the satisfactory performance and timeliness of these services.

Become familiar with the existing site conditions and the contract documents. Observe and

record the progress and quality of foundation work to determine that the foundations are constructed at the correct locations and elevations, identify discrepancies, and direct the Contractor to correct such observed discrepancies. Attend the Preconstruction Conference and/or special geotechnical meeting for the Construction Contract. All services under this section will be performed in accordance to FDOT Specification Section 455. Inspect and verify that the Contractor has performed the foundation work in accordance with applicable FDOT Specification

Section 455 and other contract documents. Provide qualified Geotechnical Engineers Schedule meetings and facilitate communications between the Contractor and any Specialty Contractors, the CEI, and the County as needed. Observe and verify that all work is performed in accordance with the contract documents. Assure that any specialty work is completed as necessary to accomplish its intent.

## **10. PERSONNEL:**

### **A. General Requirements:**

Provide qualified personnel necessary to efficiently and effectively carry out its responsibilities under the resulting Agreement. Method of compensation for personnel assigned to this project is outlined in Exhibit "B."

**Unless otherwise agreed to by the County, the County will not compensate straight overtime or premium overtime for the positions of Senior Project Engineer, Project Administrator/Project Engineer, Contract Support Specialist and Assistant or Associate to any of these positions.**

### **B. Personnel Qualifications:**

Provide competent personnel qualified by experience and education. Submit in writing to the Construction Project Manager the names of personnel proposed for assignment to the project, including a detailed resume for each containing at a minimum: salary, education, and experience. The Consultant Action Request form for personnel approval shall be submitted to the Construction Project Manager at least two weeks prior to the date an individual is to report to work.

Personnel identified in the Consultant technical proposal are to be assigned as proposed and are committed to performing services under the resulting Agreement. Personnel changes will require written approval from the County. Staff that has been removed shall be replaced by the Consultant within one week of County notification.

Before the project begins, all project staff shall have a working knowledge of the current CPAM and must possess all the necessary qualifications/certifications for fulfilling the duties of the position they hold. Cross training of the Consultant's project staff is highly recommended to achieve a knowledgeable and versatile project inspection team but shall not be at any additional cost to the County and should occur as workload permits. Visit the training page on the State Construction Office website for training dates.

Minimum qualifications for the Consultant personnel are set forth as follows. Exceptions to these

minimum qualifications will be considered on an individual basis. However, a Project Administrator working under the supervision and direction of a Senior Project Engineer or an Inspector working under the supervision and direction of a Senior Inspector shall have six months

from the date of hire to obtain the necessary qualifications/certifications provided all other requirements for such positions are met and the Consultant submits a training plan detailing when such qualifications/certifications and other training relative to the FDOT's procedures, Specifications and Design Standards will be obtained. The District Construction Engineer or designee will have the final approval authority on such exceptions.

**CEI SENIOR PROJECT ENGINEER** - A Civil Engineering degree and registered in the State of Florida as a Professional Engineer (or if registered in another state, the ability to obtain registration in the State of Florida within six months) and six (6) years of engineering experience [(two (2) years of which are in major road or bridge construction)] or [(five (5) of which are in major bridge construction) - for Complex Bridge Projects with the exception of PTS projects which require two (2) years of major bridge construction], or for non-degreed personnel the aforementioned registration and ten (10) years of engineering experience (two (2) years of which are in major road or bridge construction). Qualifications include the ability to communicate effectively in English (verbally and in writing); direct highly complex and specialized construction engineering administration and inspection program; plans and organizes the work of subordinate and staff members; develops and/or reviews policies, methods, practices, and procedures; and reviews programs for conformance with Department standards. Also must have the following:

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

Attend the CTQP Quality Control Manager course and pass the examination.

**CERTIFICATIONS:**

FDOT Advanced MOT

**OTHER:**

A Master's Degree in Engineering may be substituted for one (1) year engineering experience.

**CEI PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR/PROJECT ENGINEER** - A Civil Engineering degree plus two (2) years of engineering experience in construction of major road or bridge structures, or for non-degreed personnel eight (8) years of responsible and related engineering experience, two (2) years of which involved construction of major road or bridge structures.

**CPTS** years of experience must have included a minimum of twelve (12) months experience in each of the following areas: (1) casting yard operations and related surveying; (2) segment erection and related surveying, post-tensioning (PT) of tendons and grouting of prestressing steel.

**CPTCB** years of experience must include monitoring of the following: girder erection, safe use of girder erection cranes, stabilization of girders after erection, false work for temporary girder support, and PT and grouting operations.



PTS years of experience must include monitoring of the following: installation of PT ducts and related hardware and post-tensioning and grouting of strands or be the level of experience that meets the criteria for CPTS or CPTCB bridges.

MB years of experience must have been in MB mechanical and/or electrical construction. Receives general instructions regarding assignments and is expected to exercise initiative and independent judgment in the solution of work problems. Directs and assigns specific tasks to inspectors and assists in all phases of the construction project. Will be responsible for the progress and final estimates throughout the construction project duration. Must have the following:

QUALIFICATIONS:

CTQP Final Estimates Level II

CERTIFICATIONS:

FDOT Advanced MOT

OTHER:

Attend CTQP Quality Control Manager Course and pass the examination.

A Master's Degree in Engineering may be substituted for one (1) year of engineering experience

**CEI CONTRACT SUPPORT SPECIALIST** - A High School diploma or equivalent and four (4) years of road & bridge construction engineering inspection (CEI) experience having performed/assisted in project related duties (i.e., Materials Acceptance and Certification (MAC) System, progress and final estimates, EEO compliance, processing Construction Contract changes, etc.) or a Civil Engineering Degree. Should exercise independent judgment in planning work details and making technical decisions related to the office aspects of the project. Should be familiar with the Department's Procedures covering the project related duties as stated above and be proficient in the computer programs necessary to perform these duties. Shall become proficient in Multi-Line and Engineering Menu.

QUALIFICATIONS:

CTQP Final Estimates Level II

**CEI RESIDENT COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST** - A High School diploma or equivalent with one (1) year of experience as a resident compliance officer on a construction project or two (2) years of assisting the compliance officer in monitoring the project. Should have prior experience in both State funded and Federal Aid funded construction projects with FDOT and knowledge of EEO/AA laws and FDOT's DBE and OJT programs. Ability to analyze, collect, evaluate data, and take appropriate action when necessary. Must attend all training workshops or meetings for Resident Compliance Specialists as determined necessary.

**CEI SENIOR INSPECTOR/SENIOR ENGINEER INTERN** – A High School diploma or equivalent plus four (4) years of experience in construction inspection, two (2) years of which shall have been in bridge and/or roadway construction inspection or a Civil Engineering degree

and one (1) year of road & bridge CEI experience with the ability to earn additional required qualifications within one year.

(Note: Senior Engineer Intern classification requires one (1) year experience as an Engineer Intern.)

CPTS years of experience must have included a minimum of twelve (12) months of inspection experience in one or both of the following depending on which area the inspector is being approved for: (1) casting yard inspection; (2) erection inspection. In addition, two (2) years of geometry-control surveying experience is required for inspectors that perform or monitor geometry control surveying in a casting yard.

CPTCB years of experience must include monitoring and inspection of the following: girder erection, safe use of girder erection cranes, girder stabilization after erection, false work for temporary girder support, and PT and grouting operations.

PTS years of experience must include monitoring of the following: installation of PT ducts and related hardware and post-tensioning and grouting of strands or be the level of experience that meets the criteria for CPTS or CPTCB bridges.

MB years of experience must have included the inspection of MB mechanical components for machinery inspectors and MB electrical components/systems for electrical inspectors.

Must have the following as required by the scope of work for the project:

QUALIFICATIONS:

CTQP Concrete Field Technician Level I

CTQP Concrete Field Inspector Level II (Bridges)

CTQP Asphalt Roadway Level I

CTQP Asphalt Roadway Level II

CTQP Earthwork Construction Inspection Level I

CTQP Earthwork Construction Inspection Level II

CTQP Pile Driving Inspection

CTQP Drilled Shaft Inspection (required for inspection of all drilled shafts including miscellaneous structures such as sign structures, lighting structures, and traffic signal structures)

CTQP Grouting Technician Level I

CTQP Post-Tensioning Technician Level I

IMSA Traffic Signal Inspector Level I

CTQP Final Estimates Level I

CERTIFICATIONS:

FDOT Intermediate MOT

Nuclear Radiation Safety

IMSA Traffic Signal Inspector Level I

Responsible for performing highly complex technical assignments in field surveying and construction layout, making, and checking engineering computations, inspecting construction work, and conducting field tests and is responsible for coordinating and managing the lower level inspectors. Work is performed under the general supervision of the Project Administrator.

**CEI INSPECTOR/ENGINEER INTERN** - A High School diploma or equivalent plus two (2) years experience in construction inspection, one (1) year of which shall have been in bridge and/or roadway construction inspection, or an Engineer Intern with a Civil Engineering degree (requires certificate) having the ability to earn the required qualifications and certifications within one year, plus demonstrated knowledge in the following:

Must have the following as required by the scope of work of the project:

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

CTQP Concrete Field Inspector Level I

CTQP Asphalt Roadway Level I

CTQP Earthwork Construction Inspection Level I

CTQP Pile Driving Inspection

CTQP Drilled Shaft Inspection (required for inspection of all drilled shafts including miscellaneous

structures such as sign structures, lighting structures, and traffic signal structures)

IMSA Traffic Signal Inspector Level I

CTQP Final Estimates Level I

**CERTIFICATIONS:**

FDOT Intermediate MOT

Nuclear Radiation Safety

IMSA Traffic Signal Inspector Level I

Florida Stormwater, Erosion, and Sedimentation Control Training and Certification Program for Inspectors and Contractors

Responsible for performing assignments in assisting Senior Inspector in the performance of their duties. Receive general supervision from the Senior Inspector who reviews work while in progress.

**C. Staffing:**

Once authorized, the Consultant shall establish and maintain appropriate staffing throughout the duration of construction and completion of the final estimate. Responsible personnel, thoroughly familiar with all aspects of construction and final measurements of the various pay items, shall be available to resolve disputed final pay quantities until the County has received a regular acceptance letter.

Construction engineering and inspection forces will be required of the Consultant while the Contractor is working. If Contractor operations are substantially reduced or suspended, the Consultant will reduce its staff appropriately.

In the event that the suspension of Contractor operations requires the removal of Consultant forces from the project, the Consultant will be allowed ten (10) days maximum to demobilize,

relocate, or terminate such forces.

## **11. QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) PROGRAM:**

### **A. Quality Assurance Plan:**

Within thirty (30) days after receiving award of an Agreement, furnish a QA Plan to the **01** Construction Project Manager. The QA Plan shall detail the procedures, evaluation criteria, and instructions of the Consultant's organization for providing services pursuant to the resulting Agreement. Unless specifically waived, no payment shall be made until the County approves the Consultant QA Plan.

Significant changes to the work requirements may require the Consultant to revise the QA Plan. It shall be the responsibility of the Consultant to keep the plan current with the work requirements. The Plan shall include, but not be limited to, the following areas:

#### **1. Organization:**

A description is required of the Consultant QA Organization and its functional relationship to the part of the organization performing the work under the Agreement. The authority, responsibilities and autonomy of the QA organization shall be detailed as well as the names and qualifications of personnel in the quality control organization.

#### **2. Quality Assurance Reviews:**

Detail the methods used to monitor and achieve organization compliance with Agreement requirements for services and products.

#### **3. Quality Assurance Records:**

Outline the types of records which will be generated and maintained during the execution of the QA program.

#### **4. Control of Subconsultants and Vendors:**

Detail the methods used to control subconsultant and vendor quality.

#### **5. Quality Assurance Certification:**

An officer of the Consultant firm shall certify that the inspection and documentation was done in accordance with FDOT specifications, plans, standard indexes, and Department

### **B. Quality Assurance Reviews:**

Conduct semi-annual Quality Assurance Reviews to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Agreement. Quality Assurance Reviews shall be conducted to evaluate the adequacy of materials, processes, documentation, procedures, training, guidance, and staffing included in the execution of the resulting Agreement. Quality Assurance Reviews shall also be developed and performed to achieve compliance with specific QA provisions contained in the resulting Agreement. The semi-annual reviews shall be submitted to the Construction Project Manager in written form no later than one (1) month after the review.

On short duration CCEI projects (nine (9) months or less), the CCEI shall perform an initial QA review within the first two (2) months of the start of construction.

On asphalt projects, the CCEI shall perform an initial QA review on its asphalt inspection staff after the Contractor has completed ten (10) full work days of mainline asphalt paving operations, or 25% of the asphalt pay item amount (whichever is less) to validate that all sampling, testing, inspection, and documentation are occurring as required of the CCEI staff.

**C. Quality Records:**

Maintain adequate records of the quality assurance actions performed by the organization (including subcontractors and vendors) in providing services and products under the resulting Agreement. All records shall indicate the nature and number of observations made, the number and type of deficiencies found, and the corrective actions taken. All records shall be available to the County, upon request, during the Agreement term. All records shall be kept at the primary job site and shall be subject to audit review.

**ALLOWABLE COST**

A determination of allowable cost in accordance with the Federal cost principles will be performed for services rendered under the Agreement resulting from award of this RFQ.

**FLORIDA STATUTE 20.055**

The Parties agree to comply with section 20.55(5), Florida Statutes, and to incorporate in all subcontracts the obligation to comply with section 20.55(5), Florida Statutes.

## **EXHIBIT 2, PROPOSAL RESPONSE**

This section identifies specific information which must be contained within the Proposal response 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 RFQ and which Proposer(s) best meets the overall needs of the County. For more information on the evaluation process, refer to Section B, Evaluation of Responses.

### **B.01 INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED**

The contents of each Response will be organized and arranged with tabs in the same order as listed below and with the same TAB numbers. The Response should contain sufficient detail to permit the County to conduct a meaningful evaluation. However, overly elaborate responses are not requested or desired.

### **B.02 RESPONSE FORMAT**

#### **A. TAB 1 - INTRODUCTION**

Include the following in Tab 1 of the Response.

1. A cover page that identifies Proposer, the RFP by title and the RFP number.
2. An introductory letter/statement that describe your Response in summary form (limit 2 pages).
3. A table of contents.

#### **B. 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. 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 possess current, valid licenses and certifications required under Florida Statute to perform professional engineer services and must be prequalified by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in Major Work Group 10.1- Roadway Construction Engineering Inspection as is applicable for the Construction Engineering and Inspection Services for the US-41 Sidewalk/Lighting/Watermain Improvements from 69<sup>th</sup> Ave to Cortez Road Project.

**Submit information and documentation from the issuing agency that confirms Proposer, and/or its subcontractor(s) meet the following:**

- a. **Certified under Section 471.023, Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice engineering; AND**
- b. **Prequalified with FDOT for Major Work Group 10.1 (Roadway Construction Engineering Inspection**

3. Proposer must have been in business providing consulting services in transportation engineering for a minimum of five (5) years since January 1, 2019.

**Provide a copy of Proposer's, or the managing partner's, business license issued by the state, county, or local government indicating it has been in business in transportation engineering services since January 1, 2019.**

4. Proposer Is NOT listed on the Florida State Board of Administration, Scrutinized List of Prohibited Companies found at the SBAFLA website at <http://www.sbafla.com/fsb/FundsWeManage/FRSPensionPlan/PFIA/tabid/1478/ItemId/3354/Default.aspx>

**No documentation is required. The County will verify**

5. If Proposer is submitting as a joint venture, it 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.

**If Proposer is a joint venture, provide a copy of Proposer's approved filing with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation. If Proposer is not a joint venture, provide a statement to that effect.**

6. Proposer has no reported conflict of interests in relation to this RFQ.

**Disclose the name of any officer, director or agent who is also an employee of the County. Disclose the name of any County employee who owns, directly or indirectly, any interest in the Proposer's firm or any of its branches. If no conflicts of interests are present, Proposer must submit a statement to that effect.**

### **C. TAB 3 – FORMS**

Provide the completed and executed Forms listed below in Tab 3.

Form 1, Acknowledgement of Addenda

Form 2, Response Signature Form

Form 3, Public Contracting and Environmental Crimes Certification

Form 4, Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form (Form 375-030-50)

Form 5, Non-Collusion Affidavit

Form 6, Truth in Negotiation Certification (Form 375-030-30)

Form 7, Scrutinized Company Certification

Form 8, Insurance Statement

Form 9, Indemnity and Hold Harmless

Form 10, Certification for Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (Form 375-030-33)

Form 11, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (Form 375-03-34)

Form 12, Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion (Form 375-030-32)

Form 13, DBE Bid Package Information (Form 275-030-11)

**D. TAB 4 - TRADE SECRETS**

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

**E. TAB 5 - PROPOSER STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION (LIMIT 5 PAGES)**

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.
5. A fully completed (signed and dated) copy of Proposer’s W-9.
6. 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.
  - i. Address
  - ii. County, State, Zip
  - iii. Phone
  - iv. Number of years at this location
7. List of officers, owners and/or partners, or managers of the firm. Include names, addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers.
8. Contact information for Proposer’s primary and secondary representatives during this RFQ process to include the following information:
  - i. Name
  - ii. Phone
  - iii. E-mail
  - iv. Mailing Address
  - v. County, State, Zip
9. 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 years.
10. Provide details of any ownership changes to Proposer’s organization in the past three years or changes anticipated within six months of the Due Date and Time (e.g., mergers, acquisitions, changes in executive leadership).

**F. TAB 6 – RESPONDENT AND TEAM’S EXPERIENCE (LIMIT 20 PAGES)**

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 construction engineering and inspection services for other government agencies, particularly those within Florida.
3. Provide Proposer's years of experience in construction engineering and inspection services for sidewalks, lighting, and watermains.
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.
5. Identify any proposed sub-contractors to accomplish the work. Include the company name, the name of the individual(s) to be assigned, and an overview of their experience and qualifications applicable to their role in the provision of design services for the County.
6. Describe any significant or unique accomplishments, recognition, or awards received by Proposer, its key personnel, or its subcontractors for previous similar services.
7. Provide a minimum of three (3) client references for design services performed by Proposer, similar in scope as defined in this RFQ, who are agreeable to responding to an inquiry by the County. References should include the following information:
  - a. Client name
  - b. Client address
  - c. Client contact name
  - d. Client contact phone and fax numbers
  - e. Client contact email address
  - f. Brief description of work (1-2 sentences)
  - g. Performance period (start/end dates)
  - h. Total dollar value of contract

**G. TAB 7 - APPROACH (LIMIT 14 PAGES)**

In Tab 7, provide Proposer's project approach to include the following:

1. A narrative of the project approach and an explanation of how this approach meets County objectives and requirements as specified in this RFQ.
2. An explanation of Proposer's technical ability to perform all facets of the scope of services defined in Attachment A. If more than one Proposer is jointly filing a Response, details must be provided to clearly demonstrate individual roles and responsibility for all components of the project.
3. Details of implementation plan and schedule. Provide an implementation schedule for each key milestone and component of services.
4. Provide a narrative of the methodology for engaging with County representatives in-the-course of performing the duties.
5. Proposer shall thoroughly explain:
  - a. Its accessibility in the areas of availability for meetings, general communications, coordination, and supervision.
  - b. How Proposer physically plans on attending pre-scheduled meetings.
  - c. How Proposer plans on ensuring accessibility and availability during the term of the Agreement.
6. Proposer's Risk Management and Safety Plan that includes a list of risks related

to the provision of services and Proposer's proposed mitigation procedures for each item.

7. Submit any additional information not previously requested which Proposer believes would assist County in the evaluation of Proposer's approach to provide the required services.

**H. TAB 8 - ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND CAPACITY (LIMIT 12 PAGES)**

In Tab 8, provide information and documentation on Proposer as follows:

1. Identify whether or not the Proposer is a certified minority business enterprise and include as copy of the applicable document from the certifying agency.
2. Submit details of Proposer's staffing resources, at the location that will provide services to the County as well as corporately; by discipline and the number of personnel within each discipline.
3. Detail the location of the managing office and what plans will be adopted to ensure County citizens receive consideration for employment; and suppliers located within the County will be used for the acquisition of goods and services needed to perform the scope of services.
4. Submit an organizational diagram clearly identifying key personnel as well as other staffing resources who are designated to provide services to the County. For each individual in the organization diagram, include each individual's name, title, firm and indicate their functional relationship to each other.
5. If Proposer's staffing resources includes sub-consultants, submit the name of the firm(s) who will perform each discipline. If more than one firm is listed for a discipline, then label which firm is the primary firm for that discipline. Firms may perform more than one discipline.
6. If Proposer is teaming with other entities to provide the required goods and services, detail any prior similar work any two or more team members have jointly performed.
7. If a joint venture is proposed, provide an affidavit attesting to the formulation of the joint venture and provide proof of incorporation as a joint venture or a copy of the formal joint venture agreement between all joint venture parties, indicating their respective roles, responsibilities, and levels of participation in the project.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.

11. Detail Proposer and any subcontractor's current workloads and any projected changes to the workload within the next six months.
12. Provide a list of design projects that have been awarded to the Proposer, or any of the proposed sub-consultants, by Manatee County since January 1, 2022. Include the following information for each:
  - a. Name of the project.
  - b. Date of award.
  - c. Dollar value of the design work.
13. Submit any additional information not previously requested which Proposer believes would assist County in the evaluation of Proposer's capacity to provide the required services.

**I. TAB 9 - SIMILAR COMPLETED PROJECTS (LIMIT 10 PAGES)**

Provide a list of up to ten projects, particularly those for sidewalk- lighting and watermain, which Proposer has provided construction engineering and inspection services, and the project has been successfully constructed and completed (completed meaning final payment has been made) since January 1, 2012. Include the following information:

- a. Organization/Owner name
- b. Address (City/State)
- c. Project date (Start/End)
- d. Proposer's role in the project
- e. Scope of work (Brief description)
- f. Total project costs

NOTE: Representative photographs and exhibits supporting the above projects are permitted as an attachment to this section (limit ten pages).

END OF EXHIBIT 2

**EXHIBIT 3, FDOT LAP TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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**TERMS FOR FEDERAL AID CONTRACTS (APPENDIX I):**

The following terms apply to all contracts in which it is indicated that the services involve the expenditure of federal funds:

- A. It is understood and agreed that all rights of the Local Agency relating to inspection, review, approval, patents, copyrights, and audit of the work, tracings, plans, specifications, maps, data, and cost records relating to this Agreement shall also be reserved and held by authorized representatives of the United States of America.
- B. All tracings, plans, specifications, maps, computer files and/or reports prepared or obtained under this Agreement, as well as all data collected, together with summaries and charts derived therefrom, will be considered works made for hire and will become the property of the Agency upon completion or termination without restriction or limitation on their use and will be made available, upon request, to the Agency at any time during the performance of such services and/or completion or termination of this Agreement. Upon delivery to the Agency of said document(s), the Agency will become the custodian thereof in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. The Consultant will not copyright any material and products or patent any invention developed under this agreement. The Agency will have the right to visit the site for inspection of the work and the products of the Consultant at any time.
- C. It is understood and agreed that, in order to permit federal participation, no supplemental agreement of any nature may be entered into by the parties hereto with regard to the work to be performed hereunder without the approval of the U.S. Department of Transportation, anything to the contrary in this Agreement notwithstanding.
- D. The consultant shall provide access by the Florida Department of Transportation (recipient), the Agency (subrecipient), the Federal Highway Administration, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Inspector General, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives to any books, documents, papers, and records of the consultant which are directly pertinent to that specific contract for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions.
- E. Compliance with Regulations: The Consultant shall comply with the Regulations: relative to nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time, (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement.
- F. Nondiscrimination: The Consultant, with regard to the work performed during the contract, shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or family status in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of material and leases of equipment. The Consultant shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers a program set forth in Appendix B of the Regulations.
- G. Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment: In all solicitations made by the Consultant, either by competitive bidding or negotiation for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the Consultant of the Consultant's obligations under this contract and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or family status.
- H. Information and Reports: The Consultant will provide all information and reports required by the Regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Local Agency, Florida Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, and/or Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations, orders and instructions. Where any information required of the Consultant is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the Consultant shall so certify to the Local Agency, Florida Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, and/or the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
- I. Sanctions for Noncompliance: In the event of the Consultant's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, the Local Agency shall impose such contract sanctions as it or the Florida Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, and/or Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to,
  - 1. withholding of payments to the Consultant under the contract until the Consultant complies and/or
  - 2. cancellation, termination or suspension of the contract, in whole or in part.
- J. Incorporation or Provisions: The Consultant will include the provisions of Paragraph C through K in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment unless exempt by the Regulations, order, or instructions

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issued pursuant thereto. The Consultant shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Local Agency, Florida Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, and/or the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance. In the event a Consultant becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subconsultant or supplier as a result of such direction, the Consultant may request the Local Agency to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the Local Agency, and, in addition, the Consultant may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

- K. Compliance with Nondiscrimination Statutes and Authorities: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 CFR Part 21; The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects); Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. § 324 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR Part 27; The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age); Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 USC § 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex); The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not); Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131 -- 12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38; The Federal Aviation Administration's Non-discrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex); Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures non-discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations; Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100); Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq).
- L. Interest of Members of Congress: No member of or delegate to the Congress of the United States will be admitted to any share or part of this contract or to any benefit arising therefrom.
- M. Interest of Public Officials: No member, officer, or employee of the public body or of a local public body during his tenure or for one year thereafter shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this contract or the proceeds thereof. For purposes of this provision, public body shall include municipalities and other political subdivisions of States; and public corporations, boards, and commissions established under the laws of any State.
- N. Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises: The Consultant shall agree to abide by the following statement from 49 CFR 26.13(b). This statement shall be included in all subsequent agreements between the Consultant and any subconsultant or contractor.
1. The Consultant, sub recipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the Consultant to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in termination of this contract or other such remedy as the recipient deems appropriate.
- O. It is mutually understood and agreed that the willful falsification, distortion or misrepresentation with respect to any facts related to the project(s) described in this Agreement is a violation of the Federal Law. Accordingly, United States Code, Title 18, Section 1020, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement.
- P. It is understood and agreed that if the Consultant at any time learns that the certification it provided the Local Agency in compliance with 49 CFR, Section 26.51, was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances, the Consultant shall provide immediate written notice to the Local Agency. It is further agreed that the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transaction" as set forth in 49 CFR, Section 29.510, shall be included by the Consultant in all lower tier covered transactions and in all aforementioned federal regulation.
- Q. The Local Agency hereby certifies that neither the consultant nor the consultant's representative has been required by the Local Agency, directly or indirectly as an express or implied condition in connection with obtaining or carrying out this contract, to

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1. employ or retain, or agree to employ or retain, any firm or person, or
2. pay, or agree to pay, to any firm, person, or organization, any fee, contribution, donation, or consideration of any kind;

The Local Agency further acknowledges that this agreement will be furnished to a federal agency, in connection with this contract involving participation of Federal-Aid funds, and is subject to applicable State and Federal Laws, both criminal and civil.

R. The Consultant hereby certifies that it has not:

1. employed or retained for a commission, percentage, brokerage, contingent fee, or other consideration, any firm or person (other than a bona fide employee working solely for the above contractor) to solicit or secure this contract;
2. agreed, as an express or implied condition for obtaining this contract, to employ or retain the services of any firm or person in connection with carrying out this contract; or
3. paid, or agreed to pay, to any firm, organization or person (other than a bona fide employee working solely for the above contractor) any fee contribution, donation, or consideration of any kind for, or in connection with, procuring or carrying out the contract.

The consultant further acknowledges that this agreement will be furnished to the Local Agency, the State of Florida Department of Transportation and a federal agency in connection with this contract involving participation of Federal-Aid funds, and is subject to applicable State and Federal Laws, both criminal and civil.

- S. The Consultant shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the Contractor during the term of the Contract and shall expressly require any subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to the Contract to likewise utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the subcontractor during the Contract term.

**EXHIBIT 4, DBE BID PACKAGE INFORMATION (FORM 275-030-11)**



### **DBE Utilization**

The Department began its DBE race neutral program January 1, 2000. **Contract specific goals are not placed on Federal/State contracts;** however, the Department has an overall 10.65% DBE goal it must achieve. In order to assist contractors in determining their DBE commitment level, the Department has reviewed the estimates for this letting.

As you prepare your bid, please monitor potential or anticipated DBE utilization for contracts. When the low bidder executes the contract with the Department, information will be requested of the contractor's DBE participation for the project. While the utilization is not mandatory in order to be awarded the project, continuing utilization of DBE firms on contracts supports the success of Florida's DBE Program, and supports contractors' Equal Employment Opportunity and DBE Affirmative Action Programs.

Any project listed as 0% DBE availability does not mean that a DBE may not be used on that project. A 0% DBE availability may have been established due to any of the following reasons: limited identified subcontracting opportunities, minimal contract days, and/or small contract dollar amount. Contractors are encouraged to identify any opportunities to subcontract to DBE's.

Please contact the Equal Opportunity Office at (850) 414-4747 if you have any questions regarding this information.

### **DBE Reporting**

If you are the prime contractor on a project, enter your DBE participation in the Equal Opportunity Compliance system prior to the pre-construction or pre-work conference for all federal and state funded projects. This **will not** become a mandatory part of the contract. It will assist the Department in tracking and reporting planned or estimated DBE utilization. During the contract, the prime contractor is required to report actual payments to DBE and MBE subcontractors through the web-based Equal Opportunity Compliance (EOC) system.

All DBE payments must be reported whether or not you initially planned to utilize the company. In order for our race neutral DBE Program to be successful, your cooperation is imperative. If you have any questions, please contact EOOHelp@dot.state.fl.us.

### **Bid Opportunity List**

The Federal DBE Program requires States to maintain a database of all firms that are participating or attempting to participate on FDOT-assisted contracts. The list must include all firms that bid on prime contracts or bid or quote subcontracts on FDOT-assisted projects, including both **DBE's and non-DBEs**.

Please complete the Bidders Opportunity List through the Equal Opportunity Compliance system within 3 business days of submission of the bid or proposal for ALL subcontractors or sub-consultants who quoted to you for specific project for this letting. The web address to the Equal Opportunity Compliance system is: <https://www.fdot.gov/equalopportunity/eoc.shtm>.

### **DBE/AA Plans**

Contractors bidding on FDOT contracts are to have an approved DBE Affirmative Action Plan (FDOT Form 275-030-11B) on file with the FDOT Equal Opportunity Office before execution of a contract. DBE/AA Plans must be received with the contractors bid or received by the Equal Opportunity Office prior to the award of the contract.

Plans are approved by the Equal Opportunity Office in accordance with Ch. 14-78, Florida Administrative Code. Plans that do not meet these mandatory requirements may not be approved. Approvals are for a (3) three year period and should be updated at anytime there is a change in the company's DBE Liaison Officer and/or President. Contractors may evidence adoption of the DBE/AA Policy and Plan and/or a change in the designated DBE Liaison officer as follows:

- Print the first page of the document on company stationery ("letterhead") that indicates the company's name, mailing address, phone number, etc.
- Print the company's name in the "\_\_\_\_" space; next to "Date" print the month/day/year the policy is being signed; record the signature of the company's Chief Executive Officer, President or Chairperson in the space next to "by" and print the full first and last name and position title of the official signing the policy.
- Print the DBE Liaison's full name, email address, business mailing address and phone number the bottom of email.

E-mail the completed and signed DBE AA Plan to: **eeoforms@dot.state.fl.us**.

The Department will review the policy, update department records and issue a notification of approval or disapproval; a copy of the submitted plan will not be returned to the contractor.

**EXHIBIT 5, SAMPLE AGREEMENT**



**CONSULTANT COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATION**

**ACT (CCNA)**

**AGREEMENT No. [ENTER NUMBER]**

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES [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 providing [INSERT TYPE OF SERVICE]; 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 **CONSULTANT**'S submission of a proposal in response to Request for Qualifications No. [INSERT RFP NUMBER] and **COUNTY** thereafter conducted a competitive selection process in accordance with the Manatee County Procurement Code and Florida Statute § 287.055.

**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. 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**.

### ARTICLE 2. 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** Affidavit of No Conflict
- Exhibit D** Insurance and Bond Requirements
- Exhibit E** FDOT Lap terms and Conditions

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 3. AGREEMENT TERM

- A. This Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and remain in force until all Work issued during the effective period of this Agreement is completed, unless terminated by COUNTY pursuant to Article 10, but not to exceed [insert number of years] years.

### ARTICLE 4. COMPENSATION

- A. Compensation payable to CONSULTANT for the Services and expenditures incurred in providing the Services specified in **Exhibit A** shall be as stated in **Exhibit B**.
- B. Compensation to CONSULTANT shall be based on actual hours performed times fee rate of the individual performing the work, plus reimbursable expenses up to the maximum compensation authorized in **Exhibit B**.
- 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 PAYMENTS

- 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 prior to payment.
- C. When CONSULTANT seeks payment for any deliverable or reimbursable expense, it shall provide COUNTY with an invoice that includes a description of authorized Services 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.
- E. COUNTY shall pay in accordance with the requirements of Florida Statutes § 218.73, Prompt Payment Act..
- F. 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.
- G. All costs of providing the Services shall be the responsibility of CONSULTANT, with the exception of reimbursement by COUNTY for costs deemed reimbursable in **Exhibit B**.

H. Any dispute between COUNTY and CONSULTANT with regard to the Services or CONSULTANT'S invoice shall be resolved pursuant to the dispute resolution procedures established by Manatee County Procurement Code and Article 12 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 Services covered by this Agreement. 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.

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 C**.

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 CONSULTANT'S work under this Agreement. 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 other 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 other 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 required services hereunder. 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 project 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.

#### **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 services covered by this Agreement. 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 project 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 under this Agreement.
- 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 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



provided under this Agreement.

- D. Provide CONSULTANT with prompt written notice whenever COUNTY observes, or otherwise becomes aware of, any defects or changes necessary in a project.

**ARTICLE 9. COUNTY OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCT**

The Parties agree that COUNTY shall have exclusive ownership of all reports, documents, designs, ideas, materials, reports, 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 10. 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, to include:
  - a. Failure to provide products or Services that comply with the specifications herein or that fail to meet COUNTY’S performance standards;
  - b. Failure to deliver the supplies or perform the Services within the time specified; 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 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 that work that have not been terminated.

**B. TERMINATION WITHOUT CAUSE:**

COUNTY may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, 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 11. 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 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 12. 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.
- B. CONSULTANT agrees it must exhaust all dispute resolution procedures set forth in Manatee

County's Procurement Code prior to instituting any action in state or federal court or before any administrative agency or tribunal.

### **ARTICLE 13. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS**

All Services rendered or performed by CONSULTANT pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement 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 14. 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 15. 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.

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 five (5) years after the termination date.

- B. 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 16. 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: [Debbie.Scaccianoce@mymanatee.org](mailto:Debbie.Scaccianoce@mymanatee.org)**

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

## ARTICLE 17. INDEMNIFICATION

- A. The CONSULTANT 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 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. 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.

- B. CONSULTANT shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the COUNTY, its officers, and employees all third-party claims, liabilities, loss, or cause of action that the Services constitutes an infringement of any third-party intellectual property right(s), unless such claim is based on COUNTY'S wrongful or illegitimate use of the Services. The foregoing states the entire liability of CONSULTANT and the sole and exclusive remedy for COUNTY with respect to any third-party claim of infringement or misappropriation of intellectual property rights. Such indemnification shall include, but not be limited to, 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, including attorneys' fees.

#### **ARTICLE 18. 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 19. 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 D**, during the term of this Agreement, to include any renewal term.

Certificates of Insurance and copies of policies evidencing the insurance coverage specified in **Exhibit D** 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.

- B. Insurance shall remain in force for at least three (3) years after completion of the Services in the amounts and types of coverage as required by **Exhibit D**, including coverage for all Services completed under this Agreement.
- C. 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 20. 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 terminate this Agreement without liability, or at its discretion, to deduct from this Agreement price or consideration or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts, or contingent fee.

**ARTICLE 21. 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 provided 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 encumbrance 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 22. 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 23. 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; 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 24. SUB-CONTRACTOR**

If CONSULTANT receives written approval from the COUNTY to use the services of a sub-contractor(s), CONSULTANT shall utilize the sub-contractor 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-contractor.

**ARTICLE 25. 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 26. 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  
Name  
Address  
City, State, Zip  
Phone: (941)  
Email:

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

**SAMPLE**

**ARTICLE 27. 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 28. NO CONFLICT**

By accepting award of this Agreement, CONSULTANT, 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 29. 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 and the Services rendered to COUNTY.

**ARTICLE 30. 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 31. 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 32. 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 33. 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 34. 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 35. 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 36. 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 37. 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 38. 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 39. 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 40. 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 41. 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**

\_\_\_\_\_  
INSERT PURCHASING OFFICIAL  
Purchasing Official

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SAMPLE**

**EXHIBIT A, SCOPE OF SERVICES**

**SAMPLE**

## **EXHIBIT B, FEE RATE SCHEDULE**

### **1. FEES**

Fees for the Services detailed in this Agreement shall be as set forth in this **Exhibit B**.

### **2. REIMBURSEABLE EXPENSES**

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**EXHIBIT C, 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).

CONSULTANT 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]\_\_\_\_\_. He / She is personally  
known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ [TYPE OF IDENTIFICATION]  
as identification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Signature  
Commission No. \_\_\_\_\_

## EXHIBIT D, 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 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 Expenses
- \$ 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 Florida Statutes § 255.05 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 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 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 Florida Statutes § 255.05(1)(b) 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 the 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 and bonds 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**SAMPLE**

*Please return this completed and signed statement with your agreement.*