

IFB NO. 19-R072299MG  
BOTTLED WATER  
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AUGUST 20, 2019

Manatee County BCC  
Procurement Division  
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Bradenton, FL 34205  
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### **INVITATION FOR BID NO. 19-R072299MG**

#### **BOTTLED WATER**

Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida (hereinafter referred to as County), will receive sealed bids from individuals, corporations, partnerships, and other legal entities authorized to do business in the State of Florida, to provide Bottled Water , as specified in this Invitation for Bid to include deliveries of bottled water.

#### **DATE, TIME AND PLACE DUE:**

The Due Date and Time for submission of Bids in response to this IFB is **September 13, 2019 at 3:00 P.M. ET**. Bids 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. Bids will be opened immediately following the Due Date and Time at the Manatee County Administration Building, Suite 803 and the Bidder's name and total bid amount will be read aloud. Interested parties may attend the opening.

#### **SOLICITATION INFORMATION CONFERENCE:**

No Information Conference will be conducted for this solicitation.

#### **DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS AND CLARIFICATION REQUESTS:**

The deadline to submit all questions, inquiries, or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to this Invitation for Bid to the Manatee County Procurement Division is Aug 23, 2019. 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.15 carefully to avoid violation and possible sanctions.**

**DESIGNATED PROCUREMENT CONTACT:** Maria Goldaraz, Procurement Team Leader, Goods  
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Procurement Division

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## **SECTION A, INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**

### **IFB No. 19-R072299MG**

To receive consideration, entities who submit a response to this Invitation for Bid (Bidders) must meet the minimum qualification requirements and comply with the following instructions. Bid responses (Bids) will be accepted from single business entities, joint ventures, partnerships or corporations.

#### **A.01 BID DUE DATE**

The Due Date and Time for submission of Bids in response to this Invitation for Bid (IFB) is **September 13, 2019 at 3:00 P.M. ET**. Bids must be delivered to the following location: Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Ave. W., Suite 803, Bradenton, FL 34205 and time stamped by a Procurement representative prior to the Due Date and Time.

Bids received after the Due Date and Time will not be considered. It will be the sole responsibility of the Bidder to deliver its bid to the Manatee County Procurement Division for receipt on or before the Due Date and Time. If a bid is sent by U.S. Mail, courier or other delivery services, the Bidder will be responsible for its timely delivery to the Procurement Division. Bids 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 Bidder's request and expense.

#### **A.02 PUBLIC OPENING OF BIDS**

Sealed Bids 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. Bidders or their representatives may attend the Bid opening.

Manatee County will make public at the opening the names of the business entities which submitted a Bid, the city and state in which they reside, and the total bid price. No review or analysis of the Bids will be conducted at the bid opening.

#### **A.03 SUBMISSION OF BIDS**

The contents of the Bid sealed package must include:

- One (1) bound original clearly identifying Bidder and marked "ORIGINAL".
- One (1) bound copy clearly identifying Bidder and marked "COPY" with all required information and identical to the original.
- One (1) electronic format copy clearly identifying Bidder with all required information and identical to the original.

Electronic format copy should be submitted on a Universal Serial Bus (USB) portable flash memory drive 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 Bid copies. Electronic copies must be searchable and contain an identical Bid to the original.

Submit the Bid package in a sealed container with the following information clearly marked on the outside of the package: IFB No. 19-R072299MG, Bottled Water, Bidder's name, and Bidder's address.

Bids must be delivered to 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.04 BID FORMS**

Bids must include the forms provided in this IFB. If needed, additional pages may be attached to a form. Bidders must fully complete and execute all Bid Forms. Bid Forms must be executed by an authorized official of the company who has the legal authority to bind the company.

**A.05 ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

Bidder shall acknowledge in its Bid if Bidder has an environmental sustainability initiative. In addition, Bidder shall submit with its Bid a brief summary of its environmental sustainability initiative. This information will be used as a determining factor in the award decision when all other factors, including local preference, are otherwise equal.

**A.06 STANDARDS FOR MATHEMATICAL ERRORS**

1. Bid pricing forms without imbedded mathematical formulas: In the event of multiplication/extension error(s), the unit price shall prevail. In the event of addition error(s) the extension totals will prevail. In the event the dollar amount for contract contingency is omitted, it will be added to the total price of the Bid.
2. Bid pricing forms with imbedded mathematical formulas: Interactive bid pricing forms that contain mathematical formulas may be provided to automate lengthy and complex bid forms. In the event bid pricing forms with imbedded formulas are used and a multiplication/extension error(s) is discovered in the formula, the unit price entered by the Bidder shall prevail.
3. Bidder shall assume the responsibility and accuracy of the information input in the bid pricing form and therefore shall verify that the calculations are correct before submitting its Bid.
4. Regardless of the type of bid pricing form used, all Bids shall be reviewed mathematically by the County using these standards.

**A.07 DISTRIBUTION OF SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS**

All documents issued pursuant to this IFB are distributed electronically and available for download at no charge at [www.mymanatee.org](http://www.mymanatee.org) > *Business, Bids and Proposals*. This link is located at the top of the County website home page under the business tab. Documents may be viewed and downloaded for printing using Adobe Reader® software.

At its sole discretion, the County may utilize a third-party provider, to distribute Bids. Participation in the third-party provider's system is not a requirement for doing business with the County.

Additionally, the IFB 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 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 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 active solicitations, who then distributes the information to its members.

**A.08 ADDENDA**

Any interpretations, corrections or changes to this IFB 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 DemandStar, addenda will also be posted on the DemandStar distribution system on the 'Planholders' link.

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

**A.09 BID EXPENSES**

All costs incurred by Bidder in responding to this IFB will be the sole responsibility of the Bidder.

**A.10 QUESTION AND CLARIFICATION PERIOD**

Each Bidder shall examine all terms, conditions and requirements in the IFB documents and will judge all matters relating to the adequacy and accuracy of such documents. Any questions or request for changes or interpretations, clarification or additional information pertaining to this IFB 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) prior to the Deadline for Questions and Clarifications. Bidder shall furnish any data or information it deems necessary for the County to evaluate requests to modify the terms, conditions or requirements of this IFB. Any changes or modifications to the terms, conditions and requirements of this IFB will be at the sole discretion of the County. All questions received and responses given will be provided to potential Bidders via an addendum to this IFB.

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

**A.11 FALSE OR MISLEADING STATEMENTS**

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

#### **A.12 UNBALANCED BIDDING**

County recognizes that large and/or complex projects will often result in a variety of methods, sources, and prices. However, where in the opinion of the County such variation does not appear to be justified given bid requirements and industry and market conditions, the Bid will be presumed to be unbalanced. Examples of unbalanced Bids will include:

1. Bids showing omissions, alterations of form, additions not specified, or required conditional or unauthorized alternate bids.
2. Bids quoting prices that substantially deviate, either higher or lower, from those included in the Bids of competitive Bidders for the same line item unit costs.
3. Bids where the unit costs offered are in excess of, or below reasonable cost analysis values.

In the event County determines that a Bid is presumed unbalanced, it will request the opportunity to and reserves the right to, review all source quotes, bids, price lists, letters of intent, and other supporting documentation which the Bidder obtained and upon which the Bidder relied upon to develop its Bid. County reserves the right to deem any presumptive unbalanced Bid where the Bidder is unable to demonstrate the validity and/or necessity of the unbalanced unit costs as non-responsive.

#### **A.13 WITHDRAWAL OR REVISION OF BIDS**

Bidders may withdraw Bids under the following circumstances:

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

#### **A.14 JOINT VENTURES**

Bidders intending to submit a bid 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.15 LOBBYING**

After the issuance of any solicitation, no prospective Bidders, or their agents, representatives or persons acting at the request of such Bidder, 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. This requirement ends upon final execution of the contract 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.16 IRREVOCABLE OFFER**

Any Bid may be withdrawn up until the Due Date and Time. Any Bid not so withdrawn shall, upon opening, constitute an irrevocable offer for a period of ninety (90) days to provide the goods or services set forth in this IFB or until one or more of the Bids have been duly accepted by County, whichever occurs first.

**A.17 ERRORS OR OMISSIONS**

Once a Bid is opened, the County will not accept any request by Bidder to correct errors or omissions in the Bid other than as identified in paragraph A.13.

**A.18 DETERMINATION OF RESPONSIBLENESS AND RESPONSIVENESS**

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

To be responsive a Bidder must submit a Bid that conforms in all material respects to the requirements of this IFB and contains all the information, fully completed attachments and forms, and other documentation required. Bids that are deemed non-responsive will not be considered.

To be responsible, a Bidder must meet the minimum qualification requirements and have the capability to perform the Scope of Services contained in this IFB. Bids submitted by Bidders that are deemed non-responsible will not be considered.

**A.19 SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES FORM**

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. To the extent certification is required, it shall be provided on Attachment G, *Vendor Certification Regarding Scrutinized Companies Lists*.

**A.20 LOCAL PREFERENCE**

To qualify for local preference, a local business, as defined in Section B.05, Terms and Conditions, must provide certification to County by completing an 'Affidavit as to Local Business' form which is available for download at [www.mymanatee.org/vendor](http://www.mymanatee.org/vendor). Click on 'Affidavit for Local Business' to access and print the form. Complete, notarize, and return the original with Bidder's Bid. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to ensure accuracy of the affidavit and notify County of any changes affecting its local business status.

#### **A.21 COLLUSION**

Bidder certifies that its Bid is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any other corporation, firm or person submitting a Bid 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 Bidder from participation in future County solicitations for a specified period.

The County reserves the right to disqualify a Bidder 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 Bidder.

#### **A.22 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 bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases or real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 for Category Two for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

In addition, Manatee 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 five 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.

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime, as that term is defined in Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, may not submit a bid to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform Work as a contractor, supplier, Subcontractor, or consultant under an agreement with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of thirty-six (36) months following the date of being placed on the convicted list.

In addition, the Manatee County Code of Laws prohibits the award of any bid to any person or entity who/which has, within the past five (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 responsible matter.

To ensure compliance with the foregoing, the Code requires all persons or entities desiring to do business with 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 County. In the case of a business entity other than a partnership or a corporation, such affidavit shall be executed by an authorized agent of the entity. In the case of a partnership, such affidavit shall be executed by the general partner(s). A Public Contracting and Environmental Crimes Certification form is attached herein for this purpose.

**A.23 DISCOUNTS AND PRICING**

All discounts must be incorporated in the prices contained in the bid and not shown separately. Unless otherwise specified in this IFB, pricing must be all inclusive, including delivery costs. The prices indicated on the Pricing Form shall be the prices used in determining award. When there is a discrepancy between the unit prices and any extended prices, the unit prices shall prevail.

**A.24 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.25 LICENSES AND PERMITS**

The successful Bidder 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 Bidder 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.26 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Manatee County Code of Laws prohibits contracts where conflicts are found to exist. Bidder shall not be currently engaged in, or if awarded, will not become engaged in any obligations, undertakings or contracts that will require Bidder to maintain an adversarial role against the County or that will impair or influence the advice or recommendations it provides to the County.

**A.27 BASIS OF AWARD**

Award(s) will be made to the responsive, responsible Bidder having the lowest Bid. The County, at its sole discretion, may make multiple awards based upon groups, price, or other such criteria. Whenever the lowest Bid is submitted by two or more Bidders and are equal with respect to price, quality, and/or service, the Bid received from a local business shall be given preference in the award. Whenever two or more lowest Bids are received from local businesses and are equal with respect to price, quality, and/or service, the award shall be determined by a chance drawing to be conducted by the Procurement Official in a publicly noticed meeting.

Local business is defined as a business legally authorized to engage in the sale of goods and/or services which, for at least six months prior to the announcement of the solicitation for Bids, has maintained a physical place of business in Manatee, Desoto, Hardee, Hillsborough, Pinellas, or Sarasota County, and which has had at least one full-time employee at that location during the qualifying period.

**A.28 OTHER PUBLIC ENTITIES**

The successful Bidder agrees to make available to all governmental agencies, authorities, departments, and municipalities (collectively referred to as Public Entities) the terms, conditions and agreed upon prices of the award resulting from this solicitation. Any Public Entity electing to utilize the award will enter into its own agreement with successful Bidder and coordinate the requirements. The County shall in no way be responsible for any such agreement between successful Bidder and Public Entity.

**A.29 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 Bidder shall ensure all its electronic information, documents, applications, reports, and deliverables required under the Agreement 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 Bidder shall provide clear points of contact for each document and information technology to direct users in how to obtain alternate formats. Further, successful Bidder shall develop accommodation strategies for those non-compliant resources and implement strategies to resolve the discrepancies.

**A.30 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.

Scheduled Item	Scheduled Date
There is no information conference scheduled for this solicitation	
Question and Clarification Deadline	Aug 23, 2019
Final Addendum Posted	Aug 29, 2019
Bid Response Due Date and Time	Sept 13, 2019, no later than 3:00 p.m.
Projected Award	September 2019

**END OF SECTION A**

## **SECTION B, TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **IFB No. 19-R072299MG**

#### **B.01 AGREEMENT**

The agreement resulting from the acceptance of a bid shall be in the form of a contract and/or a purchase order. The agreement term shall be for three (3) years from date of award with two (2), two-year renewal options.

#### **B.02 NON-EXCLUSIVE**

Unless otherwise stated in this IFB, successful Bidder understands and agrees that any resulting contractual relationship is non-exclusive and the County reserves the right to contract with more than one Bidder or seek similar or identical goods and services elsewhere if deemed in the best interest of the County.

#### **B.03 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 Bidder 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 Bidder 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.

#### **B.04 PURCHASING COOPERATIVE**

It is the intent of this IFB to include requirements and to obtain bids on behalf of Manatee County. Further it authorizes entities belonging to the Sarasota Bay Area Chapter of NIGP to obtain purchases utilizing the terms, conditions and pricing of this IFB. This opportunity is also made available to all public agencies, pursuant to their own governing laws, and subject to the agreement of the supplier. Manatee County will not be financially responsible for the purchases of other entities utilizing this IFB and any resulting contract or purchase order.

#### **B.05 LOCAL PREFERENCE**

Local business is defined as a business legally authorized to engage in the sale of the goods and/or services, and which certifies within its Bid that for at least six (6) full months prior to the advertisement of this IFB it has maintained a physical place of business in Manatee, Desoto, Hardee, Hillsborough, Pinellas or Sarasota County with at least one full-time employee at that location. Local preference shall not apply to the following categories of agreements:

1. Purchases or agreements which are funded, in whole or in part, by a governmental or other funding entity, where the terms and conditions governing the funds prohibit the preference.
2. Any bid announcement which specifically provides that local preference, as set forth in this section, is suspended due to the unique nature of the goods or services sought, the existence of an emergency as found by either the County Commission or County Administrator, or where such suspension is, in the opinion of the County Attorney, required by law.
3. For a competitive solicitation for construction services in which fifty percent (50%) or more of the cost will be paid from state-appropriated funds which have been appropriated at the time of the competitive solicitation.
4. To qualify for local preference under this section, **a local business must certify to County** by completing an **“Affidavit as to Local Business Form,”** which is available for download at [www.mymanatee.org/vendor](http://www.mymanatee.org/vendor). Click on “Affidavit for Local Business” to access and print the form. Complete, notarize, and mail the notarized original to the following address: Manatee County Procurement Division, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803, Bradenton, FL 34205.
5. It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure accuracy of the Affidavit as to Local Business and notify County of any changes affecting same.

#### **B.06 SUPPLIER REGISTRATION**

Registering your business will provide Manatee County a sourcing opportunity to identify suppliers of needed goods and services and identify local businesses. To register as a supplier with the County go to [www.mymanatee.org/vendor](http://www.mymanatee.org/vendor). For assistance with supplier registration, call the Procurement Division main number at (941) 749-3014. Office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., excluding County holidays.

#### **B.07 RESERVED RIGHTS**

The County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Bids, 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 bid is received, the County reserves the right to negotiate with the Bidder. The County reserves the right to award to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder.

The County reserves the right to conduct an investigation as it deems necessary to determine the ability of any Bidder to perform the work or service requested. Upon request by the County, Bidder 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 Bidder; verification of availability of equipment and personnel; and past performance records.

**B.08 APPLICABLE LAWS**

Bidder 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.

**B.09 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 Bidder is prohibited from delineating a separate line item in its bid for any sales or service taxes.

The Successful Bidder 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.

**B.10 CODE OF ETHICS**

With respect to this and any bid, if a Bidder 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 Bidder will be ineligible for award to perform the work described in this IFB, and may be disqualified from submitting on any future quote or bid requests to supply goods or services to Manatee County. By submitting a bid, the Bidder represents to County that all statements made, and materials submitted are truthful, with no relevant facts withheld.

**B.11 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 bid opening should contact the person named on the cover page of this document at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of either activity.

**B.12 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 Bidders that it will affirmatively ensure minority business enterprises are afforded full opportunity to participate in response to this Invitation for Bid 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.

**B.13 MINORITY AND/OR DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**

The State of Florida Office of Supplier 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.

**B.14 QUALITY**

Unless otherwise specifically provided in the IFB documents, all goods provided shall be new, the latest make or model, of the best quality, of the highest grade of workmanship, and of the most suitable for the purpose intended.

Unless otherwise specifically provided in the IFB documents, reference to any equipment, material, article or patented process, by trade name, brand name, make or catalog number, shall be regarded as establishing a standard of quality and shall not be construed as limiting competition.

**B.15 DELIVERY**

Unless otherwise specified, all prices shall include all delivery cost (FOB Destination).

**B.16 AUTHORIZED PRODUCT REPRESENTATION**

Bidder, by virtue of submitting the name and specifications of a manufacturer's product, will be required to furnish the named manufacturer's product. Failure to do so may, in the County's sole discretion, be deemed a material breach of the resulting agreement and shall constitute grounds for County's immediate termination of the resulting agreement.

**B.17 ROYALTIES AND PATENTS**

The successful Bidder shall pay all royalties and license fees for equipment or processes in conjunction with the equipment and/or services being furnished. Successful Bidder shall defend all suits or claims for infringement of any patent, trademark or copyright, and shall save County harmless from loss on account thereof, including costs and attorney's fees.

**B.18 PUBLIC RECORDS**

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

Bids become subject to disclosure thirty (30) days after the opening or when notice of intent to award is made, whichever occurs first, as provided by Florida Statutes § 119.071(1)(b).

If County rejects all Bids and concurrently notices its intent to reissue the solicitation, the rejected Bids 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 bid is not exempt for longer than twelve (12) months after the initial notice of rejection of all Bids.

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

1. 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. Bidder 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.

2. 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.
3. 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 Bidder does not transfer the records to the public agency.
4. 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 Bidder transfers all public records to County upon completion of the contract, the Successful Bidder shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Successful Bidder keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, the Successful Bidder 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 BIDDER 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: (941) 742-5845, DEBBIE.SCACCIANOCE@MYMANATEE.ORG, ATTN: RECORDS MANAGER, 1112 MANATEE AVENUE WEST, BRADENTON, FL 34205.**

#### **B.19 TRADE SECRETS**

Manatee County is subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Therefore, all documents, materials, and data submitted as part of a Bid in response to a Request for Bid are governed by the disclosure, exemption and confidentiality provisions relating to public records in Florida Statutes.

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 Bid in response to the Request for Bid shall belong exclusively to County.

To the extent that Bidder 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 Bid that are not declared as trade secret. In addition, Bidder shall cite, for each trade secret claimed, the Florida Statute number which supports the designation. Further, Bidder shall offer a brief written explanation as to why the cited Statute is applicable to the information claimed as trade secret. Additionally, Bidder shall provide a hard copy of its Bid that redacts all information designated as trade secret.

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

- a. Trade secret requests made after the opening will not be considered. However, County reserves the right to clarify the Bidders 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 Bidder's bid, the Bidder 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 Bidder in response to notice from the County shall be taken immediately, but no later than 10 calendar days from the date of notification or Bidder will be deemed to have waived the trade secret designation of the materials.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this solicitation, designation of the entire bid as 'trade secret', 'proprietary', or 'confidential' is not permitted and may result in a determination that the Bid is non-responsive.

#### **B.20 ePAYABLES**

Manatee County Board of County Commissioners and the Manatee County Clerk of the Circuit Court have partnered to offer the ePayables program, which allows payments to be made to vendors via credit cards.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court will issue a unique credit card number to vendor after goods are delivered or services rendered, vendors submit invoices to the remit to address on the purchase order. When payments are authorized, an email notification is sent to the vendor. The email notification includes the invoice number(s), invoice date(s), and amount of payment. There is no cost for vendors to participate in this program; however, there may be a charge by the company that processes your credit card transactions.

If Bidder is interested in participating in this program, complete the ePayables Application attached herein and return the completed form via email to [lori.bryan@manateeclerk.com](mailto:lori.bryan@manateeclerk.com).

#### **B.21 FUNDING**

This IFB is subject to the appropriation of funds in an amount sufficient to allow continuation of the County's performance in accordance with the terms and conditions herein. The County shall provide prompt written notice to the successful Bidder that sufficient funds have not been appropriated to continue its full and faithful performance under the terms of this IFB, and shall, effective thirty (30) days after giving such notice or upon the expiration of the time for which funds were appropriated whichever occurs first, be thereafter released of all further obligations in any way related to this IFB.

#### **B.22 CONDITIONS FOR EMERGENCY EVENTS**

A critical challenge in emergency situations is to obtain essential supplies, goods and equipment in the affected areas. It is the County's priority that public property, life, safety, and health are protected during any emergency as declared by the State and/or the County. Therefore, before, during and after a disaster, hurricane, flood, act of terrorism, or other

public emergency event, whether natural or man-made, successful Bidder shall make delivery to the County of the goods and services in this IFB its first-priority.

Successful Bidder will ensure that contract prices are billed to the County for deliveries as part of an emergency event. Upon award of a contract, successful Bidder shall furnish an email and phone number in which successful Bidder can be contacted twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven days per week for emergency services.

**B.23 TERMINATION**

The County, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to terminate any contract entered into pursuant to this IFB with or without cause immediately upon providing written notice to the successful Bidder. Upon receipt of such notice, the successful Bidder shall not incur any additional costs under the contract. The County shall be liable only for reasonable costs incurred by the successful Bidder prior to the date of the notice of termination.

The County reserves the right to terminate any contract entered into pursuant to this IFB, in part or in whole, or place the successful Bidder on probation in the event it fails to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions stated herein. Notification will be made by providing written notice of such failure or default and by specifying a reasonable time period within which the successful Bidder must cure any such failure to perform or default. If the successful Bidder fails to cure the default within the time specified, the County may then terminate the subject contract by providing written notice to the successful Bidder. The County further reserves the right to suspend or debar the successful Bidder in accordance with the appropriate County ordinances and/or policies. In the event of termination for default, the County may procure the required goods and/or services from any source and use any method deemed in its best interest.

**B.24 PRECEDENCE**

Statements contained in the Scope of Work or Bid Summary Sections of this IFB, which vary from the information contained in Sections A and B, shall have precedence.

**B.25 E-VERIFY**

Prior to the employment of any person under this contract, the Successful Bidder 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 Bidder to perform employment duties within Florida and (b) all persons, including subcontractors, assigned by the Successful Bidder 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 bid in response to this IFB, the successful Bidder commits that all employees and subcontractors will undergo e-verification before placement on this contract.

The successful Bidder 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.

**B.26 SUBCONTRACTORS**

The successful bidder will obtain prior written approval from the County for any subcontractor(s) and the work they will perform. A subcontractor is defined as any entity performing work within the scope of the project who is not an employee of the successful Bidder.

Bidders subcontracting any portion of the work shall include a list of subcontractors along with their bid. The list shall include: name and address of subcontractor, type of work to be performed and the percent of the contract amount to be subcontracted.

If County has reasonable objection to any subcontractor, the County may request the successful bidder to submit an acceptable substitute without an increase in contract sum or contract time.

If successful Bidder declines to make any such substitution, the County may award the resulting agreement to the next lowest qualified bidder that proposes to use acceptable subcontractors, who County does not make written objection to. In the event the successful Bidder declines to make any such substitution post award, the County may exercise its right to terminate the agreement.

The successful Bidder shall maintain sole responsibility for the actions of its employees and subcontractors. New employees brought in after contract award shall follow the same requirement stated above for the life of the contract.

**B.27 RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD**

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

The County, at its sole discretion, reserves the right, prior to making an award decision, to perform testing on some or all of Bidder's products.

END SECTION B

**SECTION C Bid Forms**

(To be completed and returned with Bid)

**ATTACHMENT A, ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ADDENDA**

IFB No. 19-R072299MG

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the following addenda:

Addendum No. _____	Date Received:

Print or type Bidder's information below:

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

Bidder must fully execute and return this form with its Bid.

**ATTACHMENT B, BID SIGNATURE FORM**

IFB No. 19-R072299MG

The undersigned represents that:

- (1) By signing the bid, that he/she has the authority and approval of the legal entity purporting to submit the bid and any additional documentation which may be required such as the Joint Venture Agreement or Joint Venture Affidavit, if applicable;
- (2) All facts and responses set forth in the bid are true and correct;
- (3) By submitting a bid and signing below, the Bidder agrees to all terms and conditions in this IFB, which incorporates all addenda, appendices, exhibits, and attachments, in its entirety, and is prepared to sign the Contract as written. The Respondent understands that if it submits exceptions to the Contract in its Response, the Respondent's Response may be determined non-responsive; and
- (4) The Bidder, which includes all companies included in a partnership or joint venture, is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List.

Print or type Bidder's information below:

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

Bidder must fully execute and return this form with its Bid.

**ATTACHMENT C, PUBLIC CONTRACTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES CERTIFICATION**

IFB No. 19-R072299MG

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

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

This sworn statement is submitted to 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 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 Bidders or prospective Bidders in restraint of freedom of competition, by agreement to bid a fixed price, or otherwise; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_\_\_ by\_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
[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.

Bidder must fully execute and return this form with its Bid.

**ATTACHMENT D, INSURANCE AND BOND REQUIREMENTS**

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Work under the resulting Agreement cannot commence until all insurance coverages indicated herein have been obtained. The cost for insurance coverages is the sole responsibility of successful Proposer. 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, proof the following minimum amounts of insurance on a standard ACORD form (inclusive of any amounts provided by an umbrella or excess policy):

STANDARD INSURANCES	REQUIRED LIMITS
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Automobile Liability:</b></p>	<p>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:            \$ <u>1,000,000</u> combined single limit; OR            \$ <u>500,000</u> bodily injury and \$ <u>500,000</u> property damage.            \$<u>10,000</u> Personal Injury Protection (No Fault)            \$<u>1,000,000</u> Hired, Non-Owned Liability            \$<u>10,000</u> Medical Payments.  <i>This policy shall contain severability of interests' provisions.</i></p>
<p>2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Commercial General Liability:</b>  <b>(Per Occurrence form only; claims-made form is not acceptable)</b></p>	<p>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:            \$ <u>1,000,000</u> single limit per occurrence;            \$ <u>2,000,000</u> aggregate            \$ <u>1,000,000</u> Products/Completed Operations Aggregate            \$ <u>1,000,000</u> Personal and Advertising Injury Liability            \$ <u>100,000</u> Fire Damage Liability            \$ <u>10,000</u> Medical Expense, and            \$ <u>1,000,000</u>, Third Party Property Damage.            \$ _____ Project Specific Aggregate (Required on projects valued at over \$<u>10,000,000</u>)  <i>This policy shall contain severability of interests' provisions.</i></p>
<p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Employer's Liability</b></p>	<p>Coverage limits of not less than:            \$<u>100,000</u> each accident            \$<u>500,000</u> disease each employee            \$<u>500,000</u> disease policy limit</p>
<p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Worker's Compensation</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>US Longshoremen &amp; Harbor Workers Act coverage</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Jones Act coverage</b></p>	<p>Coverage limits of not less than:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• If any operations are to be undertaken on or about navigable waters, coverage must be included for the US Longshoremen &amp; Harbor Workers Act and Jones Act.</li> </ul>

	<p>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.</p> <p><u>Note:</u> 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.</p>
<b>OTHER INSURANCES</b>	<b>REQUIRED LIMITS</b>
5. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Aircraft Liability</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Aircraft</b> 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 <u>\$100,000</u> per passenger each occurrence or a 'smooth' limit. \$ _____ General Aggregate.
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Unmanned Aircraft (Drone)</b> 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.
6. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Installation Floater</b>	When the contract or agreement <b>does not</b> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of the completed value of such addition(s), building(s), or structure(s)</li> </ul>
7. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Professional Liability and/or Errors and Omissions (E&amp;O) Liability Insurances</b>	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:  \$ _____ Bodily Injury and Property Damage Each Occurrence

	\$ _____ General Aggregate
8. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Builder's Risk Insurance</b>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An amount equal to 100% of the completed value of the project, or the value of the equipment to be installed</li> <li>• The policy shall not carry a self-insured retention/deductible greater than \$10,000</li> </ul> <p>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.</p>
9. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cyber Liability</b>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$ _____ Security Breach Liability</li> <li>\$ _____ Security Breach Expense Each Occurrence</li> <li>\$ _____ Security Breach Expense Aggregate</li> <li>\$ _____ Replacement or Restoration of Electronic Data</li> <li>\$ _____ Extortion Threats</li> <li>\$ _____ Business Income and Extra Expense</li> <li>\$ _____ Public Relations Expense</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy must not carry a self-insured retention/deductible greater than <u>\$25,000</u>.</li> </ul>

10.  Hazardous Materials Insurances (as noted)

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.

<p><b>11. <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste Transportation Insurance</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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 <u>\$1,000,000</u> minimum, per accident.</p>
<p><b>12. <input type="checkbox"/> Liquor Liability Insurance</b></p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>\$1,000,000</u> Each Occurrence and Aggregate.</li> </ul>
<p><b>13. <input type="checkbox"/> Garage Keeper's Liability Insurance</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Property and asset coverage in the full replacement value of the lot or garage.</li> </ul>
<p><b>14. <input type="checkbox"/> Bailee's Customer Liability Insurance</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

<p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hull and Watercraft Liability Insurance</b></p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$ _____ Each Occurrence;</li> <li>• \$ _____ General Aggregate</li> <li>• \$ _____ Fire Damage Liability</li> <li>• \$10,000 Medical Expense, and</li> <li>• \$ _____ Third Party Property Damage.</li> <li>• \$ _____ Project Specific Aggregate (Required on projects valued at over \$10,000,000)</li> </ul>
<p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other (Please Specify)</b></p>	

**BOND REQUIREMENTS**

<p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Bid Bond</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>NOTE: A construction project over \$200,000 requires a Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid offer.</p>
<p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Payment and Performance Bond</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>NOTE: A construction project over \$200,000 requires a Payment and Performance Bond.</p>

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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

#### 1. 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, unless specifically noted otherwise.

#### 2. 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.

In addition, when requested in writing from the County, Successful Proposer will provide the County with a certified copy of all applicable insurance policies. The address where such certificates and certified policies shall be sent or delivered is as follows unless otherwise provided:

**Manatee County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida**

**Attn: Purchasing Division - Procurement  
1112 Manatee Avenue West  
Bradenton, FL 34205**

2. The project's solicitation number and title shall be listed on each Certificate of Insurance or policy.
  3. 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.
  4. Successful Proposer shall provide thirty (30) days written notice 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 Manatee 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 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.
- III. 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.
- IV. 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.
- V. The enclosed Hold Harmless Agreement shall be signed by the Successful Proposer and shall become a part of the contract.
- VI. No award shall be made until the Procurement Division has received the Certificate of Insurance and Hold Harmless Agreement in accordance with this section.

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**ATTACHMENT D**  
**INSURANCE STATEMENT**  
IFB No. 19-R072299MG

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

Bidder Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature  
(Authorized  
Official): \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Agent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

***Return this signed statement with your bid or proposal.***

**ATTACHMENT E, CONFLICT OF INTEREST AFFIDAVIT**

**IFB No. 19-R072299MG**

The award of this contract is subject to the provisions of Manatee County Code of Laws. Bidder must disclose within its Bid: the name of any officer, director, or agent who is also an employee of Manatee County. Furthermore, all Bidders must disclose the name of any County employee who owns, directly or indirectly, an interest of more than five percent (5%) in the Bidder’s firm or any of its branches.

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ To the best of our knowledge, the undersigned firm has no potential conflict of interest for this IFB.

\_\_\_\_\_ The undersigned firm, by attachment to this form, submits information which may be a potential conflict of interest for this IFB.

Acknowledged and attested to by:

\_\_\_\_\_ Firm Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Name and Title (Print or Type)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

**Return this fully executed form with your bid.**

**ATTACHMENT F, DRUG FREE WORK-PLACE CERTIFICATION**

**IFB No. 19-R072299MG**

This form must be signed and sworn to in the presence of a notary public or other official authorized to administer oaths.

This sworn statement is submitted to the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners by

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[print individual's name and title]

for \_\_\_\_\_ whose business address is

\_\_\_\_\_

[print name of entity submitting sworn statement]

\_\_\_\_\_

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

I understand that no person or entity shall be awarded or receive a county contract for public improvements, procurement of goods or services (including professional services) or a county lease, franchise, concession or management agreement, or shall receive a grant of county monies unless such person or entity has submitted a written certification to the County that it will provide a drug free work place by:

(1) providing a written statement to each employee notifying such employee that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance as defined by § 893.02(4), Florida Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time, in the person's or entity's work place is prohibited specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition. Such written statement shall inform employees about:

- (i) the dangers of drug abuse in the work place;
- (ii) the person's or entity's policy of maintaining a drug free environment at all its work places, including but not limited to all locations where employees perform any task relating to any portion of such contract, business transaction or grant;
- (iii) any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
- (iv) the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.

(2) Requiring the employee to sign a copy of such written statement to acknowledge his or her receipt of same and advice as to the specifics of such policy. Such person or entity shall retain the statements signed by its employees. Such person or entity shall also post in a prominent place at all of its work places a written statement of its policy containing the foregoing elements (i) through (iv).

(3) Notifying the employee in the statement required by subsection (1) that as a condition of employment the employee will:

- (i) abide by the terms of the statement;
- (ii) notify the employer of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the work place no later than five (5) days after such a conviction.

(4) Notifying the County within ten (10) days after receiving notice under subsection (3) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction.

(5) Imposing appropriate personnel action against such employee up to and including termination; or requiring such employee to satisfactorily participate in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a federal, state, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency.

(6) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug free work place through implementation of sections (1) through (5) stated above.

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

- (1) Such person or entity has made false certification.
- (2) Such person or entity violates such certification by failing to carry out the requirements of sections (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), or (6) or subsection 3-101(7)(B); or
- (3) Such a number of employees of such person or entity have been convicted of violations occurring in the work place as to indicate that such person or entity has failed to make a good faith effort to provide a drug free work place as required by subsection 3-101(7)(B).

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Signature of Owner, Partner, President, CEO or other Authorized Official or Agent of Bidder]

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

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
who is:

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

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **ATTACHMENT G, PRICING FORM**

**IFB No. 19-R072299MG**

1. Bidders must complete **Attachment G in Micro Soft Excel® format, is posted on the Procurement webpage of the County's website with this solicitation and available for download. Bidder must provide hard copies and electronic copies of the Pricing Form with its Bid per the requirements of this IFB.**
2. Provide a firm, fixed cost. Costs must be all-inclusive, including any delivery fees, to provide the goods and/or services.



**ATTACHMENT H**  
**Scrutinized Company Certification**  
IFB No. R072299MG

This certification is required pursuant to Florida State Statute Section 287.135.

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, enter into, or renew a contract with an agency or local governmental entity for goods or services **of \$1 million or more.**

**Bidder must fully complete and return this form with its Bid.**

Company \_\_\_\_\_ FID or EIN No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as a representative of \_\_\_\_\_  
certify and affirm that this company 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

**ATTACHMENT I**  
**BIDDER'S INFORMATION**  
ITQ 19-R072299MG

**Bidder must fully complete and return this form with its Bid. Bidder warrants the truth and accuracy of all statements and answers herein contained. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)**

1. Bidder Information:

FEIN #: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DBA: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Bidder's primary contact for this solicitation:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Bidding as:  individual  partnership  corporation  joint venture

4. If a partnership, list names and addresses of partners; if a corporation, list names of officers, directors, shareholders, and state of incorporation; if joint venture, list names and address of ventures' and the same if any venture are a corporation for each such corporation, partnership, or joint venture:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Bidder is a joint venture:  Yes  No

6. Bidder is authorized to do business in the State of Florida:  Yes  No

7. Bidder has been in business (under the above name) for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

8. Has Bidder had any bankruptcy filings in the past five years? \_\_\_\_\_, If yes explain.

\_\_\_\_\_

BIDDER Name: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Has Bidder been a party to any litigation in the past five years that would affect its ability to provide the goods or services required? If yes, provide summary details. If no, provide a statement to that effect.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. Has Bidder had a contract terminated prior to the expiration in the past five years? If so, state why, when, where, and provide a contact name, address, phone number.

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11. Has Bidder been debarred or prohibited from providing a bid to a governmental entity in the past five years? If yes, name the entity and describe the circumstances.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

12. Does Bidder plan to subcontract any part of the work? If so, describe which portion(s) and to whom.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. What major equipment does Bidder own to accomplish the work? (A listing may be attached)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

14. Is Bidder a local business as defined in Section \_\_\_\_\_, Local Preference?  Yes  No

(Bidder must, for at least six months prior to the advertisement date of this solicitation, have maintained a physical place of business in Manatee, Desoto, Hardee, Hillsborough, Pinellas or Sarasota county(s) with at least one full-time employee at that location).

By signing below Bidder certifies that the statements in this Bidder Questionnaire are true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Environmental Sustainability Initiative Certification**

Manatee County has an interest in doing business with firms that have formalized initiatives that preserve the environment and energy as defined by Section 2-26-8 of the Manatee County Code which states in part as follows:

*Where relevant, vendors will be asked to state their reuse and recycling policies and practices in their bids or proposals, and when so stated in the solicitation, where all other evaluative factors, including local preference policies, are otherwise equal, such policies and practices will be a determinative factor in the award decision*

This sworn statement is submitted to Manatee County by \_\_\_\_\_  
[print individual's name]

\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_  
[print individual's title] [print name of entity submitting sworn statement]

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

Summarize your entity's reuse and recycling policies and practices in the section below. If additional pages are required, attach to this form.

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**This form must be signed by an authorized official of the entity (e.g., owner, partner, CEO, President).**

I attest that \_\_\_\_\_ has a formalized environmental sustainability initiative as described  
[Name of entity]

above and that the information presented on this form is true and correct.

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Signature of official

Title

Date

**SECTION D EXHIBITS**

**Exhibit 1, SCOPE OF WORK  
IFB NUMBER 19-R072299MG**

**1.01 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Manatee County (County) is located on the Gulf of Mexico in West Central Florida and consists of six incorporated municipalities and a population of about 363,000. The County government has approximately 1,700 employees working in 12 departments in multiple locations throughout the County. It is home to nearly 30,000 acres of conserved public land which includes coastal habitats, estuaries and rivers to inland areas, and artificial reefs. The County maintains recreational facilities within 43 parks, two golf courses and miles of beaches. In addition to man-made disasters and declared emergency events, the County, as a coastal community, may experience significant impact from the impact of a hurricane, storms, tornados or from other natural disasters.

The goal of this solicitation is . To provide access to potable water for up to 1,800 essential County employees, approved volunteers, emergency operations responders, other governmental agency representatives who are critical partners or required to support Manatee County during any emergency event as well as for other short-term requirements for County operations.

**1.02 SCOPE**

Successful Bidder (hereinafter in this Scope referred to as Contractor shall furnish all equipment, labor, materials, supplies, licensing, transportation, and other components necessary to provide water Services that will meet the requirements of the Agreement.

**1.03 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

Contractor shall provide the following requirements:

- A. Deliver water FOB Destination.
- B. Provide a written packing slip with each shipment including but not limited to: Blanket Purchase Order number, Release Order Number, County item number, QTY and date of delivery.

**1.04 SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

Contractor services shall include but not be limited to:

- A. Deliver to locations specified on blanket PO release
- B. Make deliveries during emergency events 24-hours per day, seven days per week and within 24 hours of notification by the County
- C. Make deliveries during non-emergency events within three business days of notification by the County.
- D. The County reserves the right to reject any or all water if, in its judgement, the item reflects shipping damage.
- E. Deliver Water in the quantities specified, in the Blanket Purchase Release Order issued by the County.

- F. Assure that every delivery is properly presented to the County and that County acknowledgement of every delivery is obtained.
- G. Obtain written acknowledgement by the County representative of the delivery

**1.05 TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS**

Contractor products/services shall meet the following technical specifications:

- A. Water shall contain no mineral or vitamin additives, sweeteners, flavors, or carbonation.
- B. Water shall be packaged in single-service polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles with flat caps.
- C. Water shall be packaged in cases of at least 24 bottles, but not more than 32 bottles; shrink packaged.
- D. Each bottle shall contain at least 15 ounces/500ml but not more than 20 ounces of water.

**1.06 COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. At its sole discretion, the County may allow early delivery or start of service before the specified time period for timely delivery or may direct that deliveries or starts of service be made only within the time allowed.
- B. Assure every delivery has all required documentation.
- C. The responsible representative at the destination must verify that the Water delivered complies with the order
- D. Based upon the report of the responsible representative, accept the delivered product(s) and approve any invoices.

**1.07 ACCESSIBILITY**

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

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

**1.08. PRICE ESCALATION/DE-ESCALATION**

Contractor's fees for Water shall remain firm for a minimum of 12-months after execution of the Agreement. Any escalation or de-escalation in pricing thereafter will be based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics PPI Commodity data for Food and beverage for immediate consumption services (partial)-Food and nonalcoholic beverages for immediate consumption (partial), not seasonally adjusted Index, WPU54110101 change in most recent 12-month period. No more than one (1) price increase is allowed in a twelve (12) month period.

END OF EXHIBIT 1

**Exhibit 2**  
**19-R072299MG**  
**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

Bidders must submit the information and documentation requested that confirms Bidder 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. The Bidder has provided contracted bottled water delivery services for at least three (3) commercial clients since July 1, 2014 each of whom Bidder provided at least one delivery service during a declared emergency.

**Provide the following information for the five qualifying clients.**

- a) Name of client
- b) Location (City/State)
- c) Client contact name
- d) Contact phone
- e) Contact email
- f) Service dates (Start/End)
- g) Provide the name of the declared emergency

3. Bidder Is NOT listed on the Florida State Board of Administration, Scrutinized List of Prohibited Companies.

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

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

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

5. Bidder is not on the Florida Department of Management Services Suspended, Debarred, Convicted Vendor List

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

6. Bidder has not been convicted of a public entity crime per Section 287.133, Florida Statutes or environmental law in the past five years.

**Bidder must complete Attachment C and submit with its Offer attesting that it has not been convicted of a public entity crime or environmental law in the past five years.**

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

8. Bidder has no reported conflict of interests in relation to this IFB.

**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 Bidders firm or any of its branches. If no conflicts of interests are present, Bidder must submit a statement to that affect.**

END OF EXHIBIT 2

**MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS  
MANATEE COUNTY AREA TRANSIT (MCAT)**

THIS PURCHASE UTILIZES FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) GRANT FUNDS AND THE FOLLOWING FTA CLAUSES, CERTIFICATIONS, AND COMPLETE FEDERAL CLAUSE LANGUAGE PERTAINING TO MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES WHEN PROCUREMENTS IS GREATER THAN \$100,000 ARE HEREBY INCORPORATED INTO THE AGREEMENT/WORK ASSIGNMENT.

BY ACCEPTING THIS AGREEMENT/WORK ASSIGNMENT, THE VENDOR AGREES TO COMPLY WITH ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING FTA REQUIREMENTS.

**1. ACCESS TO RECORDS AND REPORTS**

**49 U.S.C. § 5325(g)**

**2 CFR § 200.333**

**49 CFR 633.17**

**Applicability to Contracts**

The record keeping and access requirements apply to all contracts funded in whole or in part with FTA funds. Under 49 U.S.C. § 5325(g), FTA has the right to examine and inspect all records, documents, and papers, including contracts, related to any FTA project financed with Federal assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53

**Flow Down**

The record keeping and access requirements extend to all third-party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontracts at every tier.

**Model Clause/Language**

There is no required language for record keeping and access requirements. Recipients can draw on the following language for inclusion in their federally funded procurements.

**Access to Records and Reports**

The following access to records requirements apply to this Contract:

- a. **Record Retention** - Then Contractor will retain, and will require its subcontractors of all tiers to retain, complete and readily accessible records related in whole or in part to the contract, including, but not limited to, data, documents, reports, statistics, sub-agreements, leases, subcontracts, arrangements, other third party agreements of any type, and supporting materials related to those records.
- b. **Retention Period** - The Contractor agrees to comply with the record retention requirements in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.333. The Contractor shall maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this Contract for a period of at not less than three (3) years after the date of termination or expiration of this Contract, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this Contract, in which case records shall be maintained until the disposition of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto.
- c. **Access to Records** - The Contractor agrees to provide sufficient access to FTA and its contractors to inspect and audit records and information related to performance of this contract as reasonably may be required.
- d. **Access to the Sites of Performance** - The Contractor agrees to permit FTA and its contractors access to the sites of

performance under this contract as reasonably may be required.

**2. ADA ACCESS (Americans with Disabilities Act)**

**49 U.S.C. § 5301(d)**

**Applicability to Contracts**

Contracts for Rolling Stock or Facilities Construction / Renovation

**Flow Down**

These provisions are applicable to all contracts and subcontracts at every tier.

**Model Clause/Language**

The Recipient agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. §5301 (d), which states the Federal policy that elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities have the same right as other individuals to use public transportation services and facilities, and that special effort shall be made in planning and designing those services and facilitates to implement transportation accessibility rights for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities.

The Receipt also agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, with 29 U.S. C. § 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability: with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended, 42 U.S. C.§§ 12101 et seq., which requires that accessible facilities and services be made available to individuals with disabilities; and with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S. C. § § 4151 et seq., which requires that buildings and public accommodations be accessible to individuals with disabilities. In addition, the Recipient agrees to comply with applicable Federal regulations and directives and any subsequent amendments thereto, except to the extent the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing as follows:

- 1) U.S. DOT regulations, "Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA)," 49 C.F.R. Part 37;
- 2) U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance," 49 C.F.R. Part 27;
- 3) Joint U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (U.S. ATBCB)/U.S. DOT regulations, "Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Accessibility Specifications for Transportation Vehicles," 36 C.F.R. Part 1192 and 49.C.F.R. Part 38;
- 4) U.S. DOJ regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services," 28 C. F. R. Part 35;
- 5) U.S. DOJ regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Public Accommodations and in Commercial Facilities," 28 C.F.R. Part 36;
- 6) U.S. General Services Administration (U.S. GSA) regulations, "Accommodations for the Physically Handicapped," 41 C.F. R. Subpart 101-19;
- 7) U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, "29 C. F. R. Part 1630;
- 8) U.S. Federal Communications Commission regulations, "Telecommunications Relay Services and Related Customer

Premises Equipment for the Hearing and Speech Disabled," 47 C. F. R. Part 64, Subpart F; and

the requirement pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2), as amended, and the applicable regulations in 49 C.F.R. § 661.7.

**5. BUY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS**

**49 U.S.C. 5323(j)  
49 CFR Part 661**

**Applicability to Contracts**

FTA’s Buy America law and regulations apply to projects that involve the purchase of more than \$150,000 of iron, steel, manufactured goods, or rolling stock to be delivered to the recipient to be used in an FTA assisted project. FTA cautions that its Buy America regulations are complex. Recipients can obtain detailed information on FTA’s Buy America regulation at: [The Federal Transit Administration’s Buy America website](#).

**Flow Down**

The Buy America requirements flow down from FTA recipients and subrecipients to first tier contractors, who are responsible for ensuring that lower tier contractors and subcontractors are in compliance.

**Mandatory Clause/Language**

The Buy America regulation at 49 C.F.R. § 661.13 requires notification of the Buy America requirements in a recipients’ bid or request for proposal for FTA funded contracts. Recipients can draw on the following language for inclusion in their federally funded procurements. Note that recipients are responsible for including the correct Buy America certification based on what they are acquiring. Recipients should not include both the rolling stock and steel, iron, or manufactured products certificates in the documents unless acquiring both in the same procurement.

**Buy America** - The contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j) and 49 C.F.R. part 661, which provide that Federal funds may not be obligated unless all steel, iron, and manufactured products used in FTA funded projects are produced in the United States, unless a waiver has been granted by FTA or the product is subject to a general waiver. General waivers are listed in 49 C.F.R. § 661.7. Separate requirements for rolling stock are set out at 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(C) and 49 C.F.R. § 661.11.

The [bidder or offeror] must submit to [Recipient] the appropriate Buy America certification below with its [bid or offer]. Bids or offers that are not accompanied by a completed Buy America certification will be rejected as nonresponsive.

***In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 661.6, for the procurement of steel, iron or manufactured products, use the certifications below***

*Certificate of Compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(1)*

The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(1), and the applicable regulations in 49 C.F.R. part 661.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

*Certificate of Non-Compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(1)*

The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j), but it may qualify for an exception to

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

***In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 661.12, for the procurement of rolling stock (including train control, communication, and traction power equipment) use the following certifications.***

*Certificate of Compliance with Buy America Rolling Stock Requirements.*

The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j), and the applicable regulations of 49 C.F.R. § 661.11.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

*Certificate of Non-Compliance with Buy America Rolling Stock Requirements*

The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j), but may qualify for an exception to the requirement consistent with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(C), and the applicable regulations in 49 C.F.R. § 661.7.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

**8. CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT**

**42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 – 7671q**

**33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387**

**2 C.F.R. part 200, Appendix II (G)**

**Applicability to Contracts**

The Clean Air and Clean Water Act requirements apply to each contract and subcontract exceeding \$150,000. Each contract and subcontract must contain a provision that requires the recipient to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251–1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**Flow Down**

The Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act requirements extend to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontracts at every tier.

### **Model Clause/Language**

Recipients can draw on the following language for inclusion in their federally funded procurements:

The Contractor agrees:

- 1.) It will not use any violating facilities;
- 2.) It will report the use of facilities placed on or likely to be placed on the U.S. EPA "List of Violating Facilities;"
- 3.) It will report violations of use of prohibited facilities to FTA; and
- 4.) It will comply with the inspection and other requirements of the Clean Air Act, as amended, (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 – 7671q); and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended, (33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387)

### **9. CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

**29 U.S.C. § 623, 42 U.S.C. § 2000, 42 U.S.C. § 6102, 42 U.S.C. § 12112, 42 U.S.C. § 12132, 49 U.S.C. § 5332, 29 CFR Part 1630, 41 CFR Part 60 et seq**

#### **Applicability to Contracts**

The following Federal Civil Rights laws and regulations apply to all contracts.

1. Federal Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Requirements. These include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Nondiscrimination in Federal Public Transportation Programs. 49 U.S.C. § 5332, covering projects, programs, and activities financed under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), disability, or age, and prohibits discrimination in employment or business opportunity.
  - b. Prohibition against Employment Discrimination. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, and Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," September 24, 1965, as amended, prohibit discrimination in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
2. Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq.* and implementing Federal regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," 49 C.F.R. part 25 prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex.
3. Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age. The "Age Discrimination Act of 1975," as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*, and Department of Health and Human Services implementing regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," 45 C.F.R. part 90, prohibit discrimination by participants in federally assisted programs against individuals on the basis of age. The Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA), 29 U.S.C. § 621 *et seq.*, and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) implementing regulations, "Age Discrimination in Employment Act," 29 C.F.R. part 1625, also prohibit employment discrimination against individuals age 40 and over on the basis of age.
4. Federal Protections for Individuals with Disabilities. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (ADA), 42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.*, prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities in programs, activities, and services,

and imposes specific requirements on public and private entities. Third party contractors must comply with their responsibilities under Titles I, II, III, IV, and V of the ADA in employment, public services, public accommodations, telecommunications, and other provisions, many of which are subject to regulations issued by other Federal agencies

#### **Flow Down**

The Civil Rights requirements flow down to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier.

#### **Model Clause/Language**

Every federally funded contract must include an Equal Opportunity clause. Recipients can draw on the following language for inclusion in their federally funded procurements.

#### **Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity**

The AGENCY is an Equal Opportunity Employer. As such, the AGENCY agrees to comply with all applicable Federal civil rights laws and implementing regulations. Apart from inconsistent requirements imposed by Federal laws or regulations, the AGENCY agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5323(h) (3) by not using any Federal assistance awarded by FTA to support procurements using exclusionary or discriminatory specifications.

Under this Agreement, the Contractor shall at all times comply with the following requirements and shall include these requirements in each subcontract entered into as part thereof.

1. Nondiscrimination - In accordance with Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.
2. Race, Color, Religion, National Origin, Sex - In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," 41 C.F.R. chapter 60, and Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity in Federal Employment," September 24, 1965, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note, as amended by any later Executive Order that amends or supersedes it, referenced in 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, national origin, or sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity). Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, promotion, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
3. Age - In accordance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621-634, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity

Commission (U.S. EEOC) regulations, "Age Discrimination in Employment Act," 29 C.F.R. part 1625, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*, U.S. Health and Human Services regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," 45 C.F.R. part 90, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

4. **Disabilities** - In accordance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.*, the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 4151 *et seq.*, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against individuals on the basis of disability. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

## **12. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)** **49 CFR Part 26**

### **Background and Applicability**

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program applies to FTA recipients receiving planning, capital and/or operating assistance that will award prime contracts (excluding transit vehicle purchases) exceeding \$250,000 in FTA funds in a Federal fiscal year. All FTA recipients above this threshold must submit a DBE program and overall triennial goal for DBE participation. The overall goal reflects the anticipated amount of DBE participation on DOT-assisted contracts. As part of its DBE program, FTA recipients must require that each transit vehicle manufacturer (TVM), as a condition of being authorized to bid or propose on FTA assisted transit vehicle procurements, certify that it has complied with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 26.49. Only those transit vehicle manufacturers listed on FTA's certified list of Transit Vehicle Manufacturers, or that have submitted a goal methodology to FTA that has been approved or has not been disapproved at the time of solicitation, are eligible to bid.

FTA recipients must meet the maximum feasible portion of their overall goal using race-neutral methods. Where appropriate, however, recipients are responsible for establishing DBE contract goals on individual DOT-assisted contracts. FTA recipients may use contract goals only on those DOT-assisted contracts that have subcontracting responsibilities. See 49 C.F.R. § 26.51(e). Furthermore, while FTA recipients are not required to set a contract goal on every DOT-assisted contract, they are responsible for achieving their overall program goals by administering their DBE program in good faith.

FTA recipients and third party contractors can obtain information about the DBE program at the following website locations:

[Federal Transit Administration website Disadvantaged Business Enterprise page click here](#)

[Department of Transportation website Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program click here](#)

### **Flow Down**

The DBE contracting requirements flow down to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier. It is the recipient's and prime contractor's responsibility to ensure the DBE requirements are applied across the board to all subrecipients/contractors/subcontractors. Should a subcontractor fail to comply with the DBE regulations, FTA

would look to the recipient to make sure it intervenes to monitor compliance. The onus for compliance is on the recipient.

### **Clause Language**

For all DOT-assisted contracts, each FTA recipient must include assurances that third party contractors will comply with the DBE program requirements of 49 C.F.R. part 26, when applicable. The following contract clause is required in all DOT-assisted prime and subcontracts:

The contractor, subrecipient 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 C.F.R. part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to:

- 1.) Withholding monthly progress payments;
- 2.) Assessing sanctions;
- 3.) Liquidated damages; and/or
- 4.) Disqualifying the contractor from future bidding as non-responsible. 49 C.F.R. § 26.13(b).

Further, recipients must establish a contract clause to require prime contractors to pay subcontractors for satisfactory performance of their contracts no later than 30 days from receipt of each payment the recipient makes to the prime contractor. 49 C.F.R. § 26.29(a). Finally, for contracts with defined DBE contract goals, each FTA recipient must include in each prime contract a provision stating that the contractor shall utilize the specific DBEs listed unless the contractor obtains the recipient's written consent; and that, unless the recipient's consent is provided, the contractor shall not be entitled to any payment for work or material unless it is performed or supplied by the listed DBE. 49 C.F.R. § 26.53(f) (1).

As an additional resource, recipients can draw on the following language for inclusion in their federally funded procurements.

### **Prompt Payment to Contractors**

1. The Contractor is required to pay all Subcontractors for all work that the Subcontractor has satisfactorily completed, no later than 30 days from receipt of each payment the recipient makes to the prime contractor. 49 C.F.R. § 26.29(a).
2. In addition, all Retainage amounts must be paid by the Contractor to the Subcontractor no later than fourteen (14) business days after the Subcontractor has satisfactorily completed its portion of the Work.
3. A delay in or postponement of payment to the Subcontractor requires good cause and prior written approval of the General Manager, Purchasing.
4. The Contractor is required to include, in each subcontract, a clause requiring the use of appropriate arbitration mechanisms to resolve all payment disputes.
5. The County will not pay the Contractor for work performed unless and until the Contractor ensures that the Subcontractors have been promptly paid for the work they have performed under all previous payment requests, as evidenced by the filing with the County of lien waivers, canceled checks (if requested), and the Contractor's sworn statement that it has complied with the prompt payment requirements. Prime Contractors must submit a prompt payment affidavit, (form to be provided by the County) which identifies each subcontractor (both DBE and non-DBE) and the date and amount of the last payment to such subcontractor, with every payment request filed with the

County, except for the first payment request, on every contract with the County. (See below for *Prompt Payment Affidavit* developed by Transit Division).

6. Failure to comply with these prompt payment requirements is a breach of the Contract, which may lead to any remedies permitted under law, including, but not limited to, Contractor debarment. In addition, Contractor's failure to promptly pay its Subcontractors is subject to the provisions of Local Government Prompt Payment Act.

### Reporting Requirements During the Term of the Contract

1. The bidder shall, within thirty (30) days of commencement of work, or prior to any work being performed, execute formal subcontracts or purchase orders with the DBE firms included in the bid. These written agreements shall be made available to the DBE Liaison, DBE Program, upon request. All contracts between the bidder and its subcontractors must contain a prompt payment clause as set forth herein.
2. During the term of contracts, the bidder shall submit regular "Status Reports of DBE Subcontract Payments" in a form acceptable to the County. The frequency with which these reports are to be submitted will be determined by the DBE Liaison, DBE Program, but in no event will reports be required less frequently than quarterly. **In the absence of written notice from the DBE Liaison, DBE Program, the bidder's first "Status Report of DBE Subcontract Payments" will be due ninety (90) days after the date of contract award, with additional reports due quarterly thereafter.**
3. In the case of a one-time procurement with either a single or multiple deliveries, a "Status Report of DBE Subcontract Payments," in a form acceptable to the County, indicating final DBE payments shall be submitted directly to the DBE Liaison, DBE Program. The information must be submitted prior to or at the same time as the bidder's final invoice to the County user department identified in the solicitation. (NOTICE: The original invoices must be submitted directly to the County's department identified in the contract documents and the Status Report of DBE Subcontract Payments must be submitted directly to the DBE Liaison, DBE Program.) **Failure to follow these directions may delay final payment.**
4. The address for the DBE Liaison, DBE Program, is: Edrick Sweeting, Grants Administrator, Manatee County Public Works Department, Transit Division, 2411 Tallevast Road, Sarasota, FL 34243.

### Disadvantaged Business Enterprises

It is the policy of the AGENCY and the United States Department of Transportation ("DOT") that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises ("DBE's"), as defined herein and in the Federal regulations published at 49 C.F.R. part 26, shall have an equal opportunity to participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also the policy of the AGENCY to:

1. Ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts;
2. Create a level playing field on which DBE's can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts;
3. Ensure that the DBE program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. Ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 C.F.R. part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBE's;
5. Help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT assisted contracts;

6. To promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally assisted contracts and procurement activities; and
7. Assist in the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE program.

This Contract is subject to 49 C.F.R. part 26. Therefore, the Contractor must satisfy the requirements for DBE participation as set forth herein. These requirements are in addition to all other equal opportunity employment requirements of this Contract. The AGENCY shall make all determinations with regard to whether or not a Bidder/Offeror is in compliance with the requirements stated herein. In assessing compliance, the AGENCY may consider during its review of the Bidder/Offeror's submission package, the Bidder/Offeror's documented history of non-compliance with DBE requirements on previous contracts with the AGENCY.

### Contract Assurance

The Contractor, subrecipient 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 C.F.R. part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the Contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this Contract, which may result in the termination of this Contract or such other remedy as the AGENCY deems appropriate.

### DBE Participation

For the purpose of this Contract, the AGENCY will accept only DBE's who are:

1. Certified, at the time of bid opening or proposal evaluation, by the [certifying agency or the Unified Certification Program (UCP)]; or
2. An out-of-state firm who has been certified by either a local government, state government or Federal government entity authorized to certify DBE status or an agency whose DBE certification process has received FTA approval; or
3. Certified by another agency approved by the AGENCY.

### DBE Participation Goal

The DBE participation goal for this Contract is set at 4%. This goal represents those elements of work under this Contract performed by qualified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises for amounts totaling **not less than** \_\_\_\_\_% of the total Contract price. Failure to meet the stated goal at the time of proposal submission **may** render the Bidder/Offeror non-responsive.

### Proposed Submission

Each Bidder/Offeror, as part of its submission, shall supply the following information:

1. A completed **DBE Utilization Form** (see below) that indicates the percentage and dollar value of the total bid/contract amount to be supplied by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises under this Contract.
2. A list of those qualified DBE's with whom the Bidder/Offeror intends to contract for the performance of portions of the work under the Contract, the agreed price to be paid to each DBE for work, the Contract items or parts to be performed by each DBE, a proposed timetable for the performance or delivery of the Contract item, and other information as required by the **DBE Participation Schedule** (see below). No work shall be included in the Schedule that the Bidder/Offeror has reason to believe

the listed DBE will subcontract, at any tier, to other than another DBE. If awarded the Contract, the Bidder/Offeror may not deviate from the DBE Participation Schedule submitted in response to the bid. Any subsequent changes and/or substitutions of DBE firms will require review and written approval by the AGENCY.

3. An original **DBE Letter of Intent** (see below) from each DBE listed in the **DBE Participation Schedule**.
4. An original **DBE Affidavit** (see below) from each DBE stating that there has not been any change in its status since the date of its last certification.

### Good Faith Efforts

If the Bidder/Offeror is unable to meet the goal set forth above (DBE Participation Goal), the AGENCY will consider the Bidder/Offeror's documented good faith efforts to meet the goal in determining responsiveness. The types of actions that the AGENCY will consider as part of the Bidder/Offeror's good faith efforts include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Documented communication with the AGENCY's DBE Coordinator (questions of IFB or RFP requirements, subcontracting opportunities, appropriate certification, will be addressed in a timely fashion);
2. Pre-bid meeting attendance. At the pre-bid meeting, the AGENCY generally informs potential Bidder/Offeror's of DBE subcontracting opportunities;
3. The Bidder/Offeror's own solicitations to obtain DBE involvement in general circulation media, trade association publication, minority-focus media and other reasonable and available means within sufficient time to allow DBEs to respond to the solicitation;
4. Written notification to DBE's encouraging participation in the proposed Contract; and
5. Efforts made to identify specific portions of the work that might be performed by DBE's.

The Bidder/Offeror shall provide the following details, at a minimum, of the specific efforts it made to negotiate in good faith with DBE's for elements of the Contract:

1. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of DBE's that were contacted;
2. A description of the information provided to targeted DBE's regarding the specifications and bid proposals for portions of the work;
3. Efforts made to assist DBE's contacted in obtaining bonding or insurance required by the Bidder or the Authority.

Further, the documentation of good faith efforts must include copies of each DBE and non-DBE subcontractor quote submitted when a non-DBE subcontractor was selected over a DBE for work on the contract. 49 C.F.R. § 26.53(b) (2) (VI). In determining whether a Bidder has made good faith efforts, the Authority may take into account the performance of other Bidders in meeting the Contract goals. For example, if the apparent successful Bidder failed to meet the goal, but meets or exceeds the average DBE participation obtained by other Bidders, the Authority may view this as evidence of the Bidder having made good faith efforts.

### Administrative Reconsideration

Within five (5) business days of being informed by the AGENCY that it is not responsive or responsible because it has not documented sufficient good faith efforts, the Bidder/Offeror may request administrative

reconsideration. The Bidder should make this request in writing to the AGENCY's [Contact Name]. The [Contact Name] will forward the Bidder/Offeror's request to a reconsideration official who will not have played any role in the original determination that the Bidder/Offeror did not document sufficient good faith efforts.

As part of this reconsideration, the Bidder/Offeror will have the opportunity to provide written documentation or argument concerning the issue of whether it met the goal or made adequate good faith efforts to do so. The Bidder/Offeror will have the opportunity to meet in person with the assigned reconsideration official to discuss the issue of whether it met the goal or made adequate good faith efforts to do so. The AGENCY will send the Bidder/Offeror a written decision on its reconsideration, explaining the basis for finding that the Bidder/Offeror did or did not meet the goal or make adequate good faith efforts to do so. The result of the reconsideration process is not administratively appealable to the Department of Transportation.

### Termination of DBE Subcontractor

The Contractor shall not terminate the DBE subcontractor(s) listed in the **DBE Participation Schedule** (see below) without the AGENCY's prior written consent. The AGENCY may provide such written consent only if the Contractor has good cause to terminate the DBE firm. Before transmitting a request to terminate, the Contractor shall give notice in writing to the DBE subcontractor of its intent to terminate and the reason for the request. The Contractor shall give the DBE five days to respond to the notice and advise of the reasons why it objects to the proposed termination. When a DBE subcontractor is terminated or fails to complete its work on the Contract for any reason, the Contractor shall make good faith efforts to find another DBE subcontractor to substitute for the original DBE and immediately notify the AGENCY in writing of its efforts to replace the original DBE. These good faith efforts shall be directed at finding another DBE to perform at least the same amount of work under the Contract as the DBE that was terminated, to the extent needed to meet the Contract goal established for this procurement. Failure to comply with these requirements will be in accordance with Section 8 below (Sanctions for Violations).

### Continued Compliance

The AGENCY shall monitor the Contractor's DBE compliance during the life of the Contract. In the event this procurement exceeds ninety (90) days, **it will be the responsibility of the Contractor to submit quarterly written reports to the AGENCY that summarize the total DBE value for this Contract.** These reports shall provide the following details:

- DBE utilization established for the Contract;
- Total value of expenditures with DBE firms for the quarter;
- The value of expenditures with each DBE firm for the quarter by race and gender;
- Total value of expenditures with DBE firms from inception of the Contract; and
- The value of expenditures with each DBE firm from the inception of the Contract by race and gender.

Reports and other correspondence must be submitted to the DBE Coordinator with copies provided to the [Agency Name1] and [Agency Name2]. Reports shall continue to be submitted quarterly until final payment is issued or until DBE participation is completed.

The successful Bidder/Offeror shall permit:

- The AGENCY to have access to necessary records to examine information as the AGENCY deems appropriate for the purpose

of investigating and determining compliance with this provision, including, but not limited to, records of expenditures, invoices, and contract between the successful Bidder/Offeror and other DBE parties entered into during the life of the Contract.

- The authorized representative(s) of the AGENCY, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Comptroller General of the United States, to inspect and audit all data and record of the Contractor relating to its performance under the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation provision of this Contract.
- All data/record(s) pertaining to DBE shall be maintained as stated in Section [insert reference to record keeping requirements for the Project.]
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**Sanctions for Violations**

If at any time the AGENCY has reason to believe that the Contractor is in violation of its obligations under this Agreement or has otherwise failed to comply with terms of this Section, the AGENCY may, in addition to pursuing any other available legal remedy, commence proceedings, which may include but are not limited to, the following:

- Suspension of any payment or part due the Contractor until such time as the issues concerning the Contractor’s compliance are resolved; and
- Termination or cancellation of the Contract, in whole or in part, unless the successful Contractor is able to demonstrate within a reasonable time that it is in compliance with the DBE terms stated herein.

**DBE UTILIZATION FORM**

The undersigned Bidder/Offeror has satisfied the requirements of the solicitation in the following manner (please check the appropriate space):

\_\_\_\_\_ The Bidder/Offer is committed to a minimum of \_\_\_\_\_% DBE utilization on this contract.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Bidder/Offeror (if unable to meet the DBE goal of \_\_\_\_\_%) is committed to a minimum of \_\_\_\_\_% DBE utilization on this contract and submits documentation demonstrating good faith efforts.

**DBE PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE**

The Bidder/Offeror shall complete the following information for all DBE’s participating in the contract that comprises the DBE Utilization percent stated in the DBE Utilization Form. The Bidder/Offeror shall also furnish the name and telephone number of the appropriate contact person should the Authority have any questions in relation to the information furnished herein.

**DBE IDENTIFICATION AND INFORMATION FORM**

Name and Address	Contact Name and Telephone Number	Participation Percent (Of Total Contract Value)	Description Of Work To Be Performed	Race and Gender of Firm

**15. ENERGY CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS**

**42 U.S.C. 6321 et seq.**

**49 C.F.R. part 622, subpart C**

**Applicability to Contracts**

The Energy Policy and Conservation requirements are applicable to all contracts. The Recipient agrees to, and assures that its subrecipients, if any, will comply with the mandatory energy standards and policies of its state energy conservation plans under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6201 et seq., and perform an energy assessment for any building constructed, reconstructed, or modified with federal assistance as required under FTA regulations, “Requirements for Energy Assessments,” 49 C.F.R. part 622, subpart C.

**Flow Down**

These requirements extend to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontracts at every tier.

**Model Clause/Language**

No specific clause is recommended in the regulations because the Energy Conservation requirements are so dependent on the state energy conservation plan. Recipients can draw on the following language for inclusion in their federally funded procurements.

**Energy Conservation** - The contractor agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency, which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

**16. FEDERAL CHANGES**

**49 CFR Part 18**

**Applicability to Contracts**

The Federal Changes requirement applies to all contracts.

**Flow Down**

The Federal Changes requirement flows down appropriately to each applicable changed requirement.

**Model Clause/Language**

FTA's drug and alcohol rules, 49 C.F.R. part 655, are unique among the regulations issued by FTA. First, they require recipients to ensure that any entity performing a safety-sensitive function on the recipient's behalf (usually subrecipients and/or contractors) implement a complex drug and alcohol testing program that complies with part 655. Second, the rules condition the receipt of certain kinds of FTA funding on the recipient's compliance with the rules; thus, the recipient is not in compliance with the rules unless every entity that performs a safety-sensitive function on the recipient's behalf is in compliance with the rules. Third, the rules do not specify how a recipient ensures that its subrecipients and/or contractors comply with them.

How a recipient does so depends on several factors, including whether the contractor is covered independently by the drug and alcohol rules of another Department of Transportation operating administration, the nature of the relationship that the recipient has with the contractor, and the financial resources available to the recipient to oversee the contractor's drug and alcohol testing program. In short, there are a variety of ways a recipient can ensure that its subrecipients and contractors comply with the rules.

FTA has developed three model contract provisions for recipients to use "as is" or to modify to fit their particular situations.

### **Explanation of Model Contract Clauses**

#### **Option 1**

The recipient ensures the contractor's compliance with the rules by requiring the contractor to participate in a drug and alcohol program administered by the recipient. The advantages of doing this are obvious: the recipient maintains total control over its compliance with 49 C.F.R. part 655. The disadvantage is that the recipient, which may not directly employ any safety-sensitive employees, has to implement a complex testing program. Therefore, this may be a practical option for only those recipients that have a testing program for their employees, and can add the contractor's safety-sensitive employees to that program.

#### **Option 2**

The recipient relies on the contractor to implement a drug and alcohol testing program that complies with 49 C.F.R. part 655, but retains the ability to monitor the contractor's testing program; thus, the recipient has less control over its compliance with the drug and alcohol testing rules than it does under Option 1. The advantage of this approach is that it places the responsibility for complying with the rules on the entity that is actually performing the safety-sensitive function. Moreover, it reserves to the recipient the power to ensure that the contractor complies with the program. The disadvantage of Option 2 is that, without adequate monitoring of the contractor's program, the recipient may find itself out of compliance with the rules.

#### **Option 3**

The recipient specifies some or all of the specific features of a contractor's drug and alcohol compliance program. Thus, it requires the recipient to decide what it wants to do and how it wants to do it. The advantage of this option is that the recipient has more control over the contractor's drug and alcohol testing program, yet it is not actually administering the testing program. The disadvantage is that the recipient has to specify and understand clearly what it wants to do and why.

### **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TESTING**

#### **Option 1**

The Contractor agrees to participate in AGENCY's drug and alcohol program established in compliance with 49 C.F.R. part 655.

#### **Option 2**

The Contractor agrees to establish and implement a drug and alcohol testing program that complies with 49 C.F.R. parts 655, produce any documentation necessary to establish its compliance with part 655, and permit any authorized representative of the United States Department of Transportation or its operating administrations, the State Oversight Agency of [name of State], or AGENCY, to inspect the facilities and records associated with the implementation of the drug and alcohol testing program as required under 49 C.F.R. part 655 and review the testing process. The Contractor agrees further to certify annually its compliance with parts 655 before [insert date] and to submit the Management Information System (MIS) reports before [insert date before March 15] to [insert title and address of person responsible for receiving information]. To certify compliance, the Contractor shall use the "Substance Abuse Certifications" in the "Annual List of Certifications and Assurances for Federal Transit Administration Grants and Cooperative Agreements," which is published annually in the *Federal Register*.

#### **Option 3**

The Contractor agrees to establish and implement a drug and alcohol testing program that complies with 49 C.F.R. part 655, produce any documentation necessary to establish its compliance with part 655, and

permit any authorized representative of the United States Department of Transportation or its operating administrations, the State Oversight Agency of [name of State], or AGENCY, to inspect the facilities and records associated with the implementation of the drug and alcohol testing program as required under 49 C.F.R. part 655 and review the testing process. The Contractor agrees further to certify annually its compliance with parts 655 before [insert date] and to submit the Management Information System (MIS) reports before [insert date before March 15] to [insert title and address of person responsible for receiving information]. To certify compliance the Contractor shall use the "Substance Abuse Certifications" in the "Annual List of Certifications and Assurances for Federal Transit Administration Grants and Cooperative Agreements," which is published annually in the *Federal Register*. The Contractor agrees further to [Select a, b, or c] (a) submit before [insert date or upon request] a copy of the Policy Statement developed to implement its drug and alcohol testing program; OR (b) adopt [insert title of the Policy Statement the recipient wishes the contractor to use] as its policy statement as required under 49 C.F.R. part 655; OR (c) submit for review and approval before [insert date or upon request] a copy of its Policy Statement developed to implement its drug and alcohol testing program. In addition, the Contractor agrees to: [to be determined by the recipient, but may address areas such as: the selection of the certified laboratory, substance abuse professional, or Medical Review Officer, or the use of a consortium].

### **18. GOVERNMENT-WIDE DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

**2 C.F.R. part 180**

**2 C.F.R. part 1200**

**2 C.F.R. § 200.213**

**2 C.F.R. part 200 Appendix II (I)**

**Executive Order 12549**

**Executive Order 12689**

#### **Background and Applicability**

A contract award (of any tier) in an amount expected to equal or exceed \$25,000 or a contract award at any tier for a federally required audit (irrespective of the contract amount) must not be made to parties listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 C.F.R. part 180. The Excluded Parties List System in SAM contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

Recipients, contractors, and subcontractors (at any level) that enter into covered transactions are required to verify that the entity (as well as its principals and affiliates) with which they propose to contract or subcontract is not excluded or disqualified. This is done by: (a) checking the SAM exclusions; (b) collecting a certification from that person; or (c) adding a clause or condition to the contract or subcontract.

#### **Flow Down**

Recipients, contractors, and subcontractors who enter into covered transactions with a participant at the next lower level, must require that participant to: (a) comply with subpart C of 2 C.F.R. part 180, as supplemented by 2 C.F.R. part 1200; and (b) pass the requirement to comply with subpart C of 2 C.F.R. part 180 to each person with whom the participant enters into a covered transaction at the next lower tier.

#### **Model Clause/Language**

There is no required language for the Debarment and Suspension clause. Recipients can draw on the following language for inclusion in their federally funded procurements.

**Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion**

The Contractor shall comply and facilitate compliance with U.S. DOT regulations, "Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment," 2 C.F.R. part 1200, which adopts and supplements the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (U.S. OMB) "Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," 2 C.F.R. part 180. These provisions apply to each contract at any tier of \$25,000 or more, and to each contract at any tier for a federally required audit (irrespective of the contract amount), and to each contract at any tier that must be approved by an FTA official irrespective of the contract amount. As such, the Contractor shall verify that its principals, affiliates, and subcontractors are eligible to participate in this federally funded contract and are not presently declared by any Federal department or agency to be:

- a) Debarred from participation in any federally assisted Award;
- b) Suspended from participation in any federally assisted Award;
- c) Proposed for debarment from participation in any federally assisted Award;
- d) Declared ineligible to participate in any federally assisted Award;
- e) Voluntarily excluded from participation in any federally assisted Award; or
- f) Disqualified from participation in any federally assisted Award.

By signing and submitting its bid or proposal, the bidder or proposer certifies as follows:

The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by the AGENCY. If it is later determined by the AGENCY that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to the AGENCY, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. part 180, subpart C, as supplemented by 2 C.F.R. part 1200, while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

**19. INCORPORATION OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA)**

**TERMS**

**FTA Circular 4220.1E or subsequent revisions**

**Applicability to Contracts**

The incorporation of FTA terms applies to all contracts.

**Flow Down**

The incorporation of FTA terms has unlimited flow down.

**Model Clause/Language**

FTA has developed the following incorporation of terms language:

**Incorporation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Terms** - The preceding provisions include, in part, certain Standard Terms and Conditions required by DOT, whether or not expressly set forth in the preceding contract provisions. All contractual provisions required by DOT, as set forth in FTA Circular 4220.1E, are hereby incorporated by reference. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, all FTA mandated terms shall be deemed to control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Agreement. The Contractor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any (name of grantee) requests which would cause (name of grantee) to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

**20. LOBBYING RESTRICTIONS**

**31 U.S.C. § 1352**

**2 C.F.R. § 200.450**

**2 C.F.R. part 200 appendix II (J)**

**49 C.F.R. part 20**

**Applicability to Contracts**

The lobbying requirements apply to all contracts and subcontracts of \$100,000 or more at any tier under a Federal grant. 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 agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this agreement, the payor must complete and submit the Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

**Flow Down**

The lobbying requirements mandate the maximum flow down pursuant to Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. § 1352(b)(5).

**Mandatory Clause/Language**

49 C.F.R. part 20, Appendices A and B provide specific language for inclusion in FTA funded third party contracts as follows:

**Lobbying Restrictions**

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- 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 an 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 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 Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- 3.) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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.

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

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Name and Title of Contractor's  
Authorized Official

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Date

to its actions pertaining to this Project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, the Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or the FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the Contractor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on the Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

The Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance originally awarded by FTA under the authority of 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5323(l) on the Contractor, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

The Contractor agrees to include the above two clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

**21 NO GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION TO THIRD PARTIES**

**Applicability to Contracts**

The No Obligation clause applies to all third party contracts that are federally funded.

**Flow Down**

The No Obligation clause extends to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontracts at every tier.

**Model Clause/Language**

There is no required language for the No Obligations clause. Recipients can draw on the following language for inclusion in their federally funded procurements.

**No Federal Government Obligation to Third Parties**

The Recipient and Contractor acknowledge and agree that, notwithstanding any concurrence by the Federal Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of the underlying Contract, absent the express written consent by the Federal Government, the Federal Government is not a party to this Contract and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to the Recipient, Contractor or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying Contract. The Contractor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the FTA. It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

**27. RECYCLED PRODUCTS**

**42 U.S.C. 6962**

**40 CFR Part 247**

**2 C.F.R. part § 200.322**

**24. PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS**

**AND RELATED ACTS**

**49 U.S.C. § 5323(l) (1)**

**31 U.S.C. §§ 3801-3812**

**18 U.S.C. § 1001**

**49 C.F.R. part 31**

**Applicability to Contracts**

The Program Fraud clause applies to all third party contracts that are federally funded.

**Flow Down**

The Program Fraud clause extends to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontracts at every tier. These requirements flow down to contractors and subcontractors who make, present, or submit covered claims and statements.

**Model Clause/Language**

There is no required language for the Program Fraud clause. Recipients can draw on the following language for inclusion in their federally funded procurements.

**Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts.**

The Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 *et seq.* and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. part 31, apply

**Applicability to Contracts**

The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6962 *et seq.*), requires States and local governmental authorities to provide a competitive preference to products and services that conserve natural resources, protect the environment, and are energy efficient. Recipients are required to procure only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 C.F.R. part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000.

**Flow Down**

These requirements extend to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontracts at every tier where the value of an EPA designated item exceeds \$10,000.

**Model Clause/Language**

There is no required language for preference for recycled products. Recipients can draw on the following language for inclusion in their federally funded procurements.

**Recovered Materials** - The Contractor agrees to provide a preference for those products and services that conserve natural resources, protect the environment, and are energy efficient by complying with and facilitating compliance with Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6962, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), "Comprehensive Procurement Guideline for Products Containing Recovered Materials," 40 C.F.R. part 247.

**32. TERMINATION**  
**2 C.F.R. § 200.339**  
**2 C.F.R. part 200, Appendix II (B)**

**Applicability to Contracts**

All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience, including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.

**Flow Down**

For all contracts in excess of \$10,000, the Termination clause extends to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontracts at every tier.

**Model Clause/Language**

There is no required language for the Terminations clause. Recipients can draw on the following language for inclusion in their federally funded procurements:

**Termination for Convenience (General Provision)** The AGENCY may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, at any time by written notice to the Contractor when it is in the AGENCY's best interest. The Contractor shall be paid its costs, including contract close-out costs, and profit on work performed up to the time of termination. The Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to AGENCY to be paid the Contractor. If the Contractor has any property in its possession belonging to AGENCY, the Contractor will account for the same, and dispose of it in the manner AGENCY directs.

**Termination for Default [Breach or Cause] (General Provision)** If the Contractor does not deliver supplies in accordance with the contract delivery schedule, or if the contract is for services, the Contractor fails to perform in the manner called for in the contract, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of the contract, the AGENCY may terminate this contract for default. Termination shall be effected by serving a Notice of Termination on the Contractor setting forth the manner in which the Contractor is in default. The Contractor will be paid only the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the contract.

If it is later determined by the AGENCY that the Contractor had an excusable reason for not performing, such as a strike, fire, or flood, events which are not the fault of or are beyond the control of the Contractor, the AGENCY, after setting up a new delivery of performance schedule, may allow the Contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a Termination for Convenience.

**Opportunity to Cure (General Provision)** The AGENCY, in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow the Contractor [an appropriately short period of time] in which to cure the defect. In such case, the Notice of Termination will state the time period in which cure is permitted and other appropriate conditions

If Contractor fails to remedy to AGENCY's satisfaction the breach or default of any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Contract within [10 days] after receipt by Contractor of written notice from AGENCY setting forth the nature of said breach or default, AGENCY shall have the right to terminate the contract without any further obligation to Contractor. Any such termination for default shall not in any way operate to preclude AGENCY from also pursuing all available remedies against Contractor and its sureties for said breach or default

**Waiver of Remedies for any Breach** In the event that AGENCY elects to waive its remedies for any breach by Contractor of any covenant, term or

condition of this contract, such waiver by AGENCY shall not limit AGENCY's remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other covenant, term, or condition of this contract.

**Termination for Convenience (Professional or Transit Service Contracts)**

The AGENCY, by written notice, may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, when it is in the AGENCY's interest. If this contract is terminated, the AGENCY shall be liable only for payment under the payment provisions of this contract for services rendered before the effective date of termination.

**Termination for Default (Supplies and Service)** If the Contractor fails to deliver supplies or to perform the services within the time specified in this contract or any extension, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, the AGENCY may terminate this contract for default. The AGENCY shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the nature of the default. The Contractor will only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner or performance set forth in this contract.

If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the AGENCY.

**Termination for Default (Transportation Services)** If the Contractor fails to pick up the commodities or to perform the services, including delivery services, within the time specified in this contract or any extension, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, the AGENCY may terminate this contract for default. The AGENCY shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the nature of default. The Contractor will only be paid the contract price for services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in this contract.

If this contract is terminated while the Contractor has possession of AGENCY goods, the Contractor shall, upon direction of the AGENCY, protect and preserve the goods until surrendered to the AGENCY or its agent. The Contractor and AGENCY shall agree on payment for the preservation and protection of goods. Failure to agree on an amount will be resolved under the Dispute clause.

If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the AGENCY.

**Termination for Default (Construction)** If the Contractor refuses or fails to prosecute the work or any separable part, with the diligence that will ensure its completion within the time specified in this contract or any extension or fails to complete the work within this time, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provision of this contract, AGENCY may terminate this contract for default. The AGENCY shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the nature of the default. In this event, the AGENCY may take over the work and complete it by contract or otherwise, and may take possession of and use any materials, appliances, and plant on the work site necessary for completing the work. The Contractor and its sureties shall be liable for any damage to the AGENCY resulting from the Contractor's refusal or failure to complete the work within specified time, whether or not the Contractor's right to proceed with the work is terminated. This liability includes any increased costs incurred by the AGENCY in completing the work.

The Contractor's right to proceed shall not be terminated nor shall the Contractor be charged with damages under this clause if:

1. The delay in completing the work arises from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Examples of such causes include: acts of God, acts of AGENCY, acts of another contractor in the performance of a contract with AGENCY, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes; and
2. The Contractor, within [10] days from the beginning of any delay, notifies AGENCY in writing of the causes of delay. If, in the judgment of AGENCY, the delay is excusable, the time for completing the work shall be extended. The judgment of AGENCY shall be final and conclusive for the parties, but subject to appeal under the Disputes clause(s) of this contract.

If, after termination of the Contractor's right to proceed, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, or that the delay was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties will be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of AGENCY.

**Termination for Convenience or Default (Architect and Engineering)** The AGENCY may terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the AGENCY's convenience or because of the failure of the Contractor to fulfill the contract obligations. The AGENCY shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the nature, extent, and effective date of the termination. Upon receipt of the notice, the Contractor shall (1) immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise), and (2) deliver to the AGENCY's Contracting Officer all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and other information and materials accumulated in performing this contract, whether completed or in process. AGENCY has a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use, all such data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and other information and materials.

If the termination is for the convenience of the AGENCY, the AGENCY's Contracting Officer shall make an equitable adjustment in the contract price but shall allow no anticipated profit on unperformed services.

If the termination is for failure of the Contractor to fulfill the contract obligations, the AGENCY may complete the work by contract or otherwise and the Contractor shall be liable for any additional cost incurred by the AGENCY.

If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of AGENCY.

**Termination for Convenience of Default (Cost-Type Contracts)** The AGENCY may terminate this contract, or any portion of it, by serving a Notice of Termination on the Contractor. The notice shall state whether the termination is for convenience of AGENCY or for the default of the Contractor. If the termination is for default, the notice shall state the manner in which the Contractor has failed to perform the requirements of the contract. The Contractor shall account for any property in its possession paid for from funds received from the AGENCY, or property supplied to the Contractor by the AGENCY. If the termination is for default, the AGENCY may fix the fee, if the contract provides for a fee, to be paid the Contractor in proportion to the value, if any, of work performed up to the time of termination. The Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to the AGENCY and the parties shall negotiate the termination settlement to be paid the Contractor.

If the termination is for the convenience of AGENCY, the Contractor shall be paid its contract close-out costs, and a fee, if the contract provided for payment of a fee, in proportion to the work performed up to the time of termination.

If, after serving a Notice of Termination for Default, the AGENCY determines that the Contractor has an excusable reason for not performing, the AGENCY, after setting up a new work schedule, may allow the Contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a Termination for Convenience.

**35. VIOLATION AND BREACH OF CONTRACT**  
**2 C.F.R. § 200.326**  
**2 C.F.R. part 200, Appendix II (A)**

**Applicability to Contracts**

All contracts in excess of the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (currently set at \$150,000) shall contain administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

**Flow Down**

The Violations and Breach of Contracts clause flow down to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier.

**Model Clauses/Language**

FTA does not prescribe the form or content of such provisions. The provisions developed will depend on the circumstances and the type of contract. Recipients should consult legal counsel in developing appropriate clauses. The following clauses are examples of provisions from various FTA third party contracts. Recipients can draw on these examples for inclusion in their federally funded procurements.

**Rights and Remedies of the AGENCY** - The AGENCY shall have the following rights in the event that the AGENCY deems the Contractor guilty of a breach of any term under the Contract.

1. The right to take over and complete the work or any part thereof as agency for and at the expense of the Contractor, either directly or through other contractors;
2. The right to cancel this Contract as to any or all of the work yet to be performed;
3. The right to specific performance, an injunction or any other appropriate equitable remedy; and
4. The right to money damages.

For purposes of this Contract, breach shall include [AGENCY to define].

**Rights and Remedies of Contractor** - Inasmuch as the Contractor can be adequately compensated by money damages for any breach of this Contract, which may be committed by the AGENCY, the Contractor expressly agrees that no default, act or omission of the AGENCY shall constitute a material breach of this Contract, entitling Contractor to cancel or rescind the Contract (unless the AGENCY directs Contractor to do so) or to suspend or abandon performance.

**Remedies**

Substantial failure of the Contractor to complete the Project in accordance with the terms of this Agreement will be a default of this Agreement. In the event of a default, the AGENCY will have all remedies in law and equity, including the right to specific performance, without further assistance, and the rights to termination or suspension as provided herein. The Contractor recognizes that in the event of a breach of this Agreement by the Contractor before the AGENCY takes action contemplated herein, the AGENCY will provide the Contractor with sixty

(60) days written notice that the AGENCY considers that such a breach has occurred and will provide the Contractor a reasonable period of time to respond and to take necessary corrective action.

failure to act by the AGENCY or Contractor shall constitute a waiver of any right or duty afforded any of them under the Contract, nor shall any such action or failure to act constitute an approval of or acquiescence in any breach thereunder, except as may be specifically agreed in writing.

### **Disputes**

- **Example 1:** Disputes arising in the performance of this Contract that are not resolved by agreement of the parties shall be decided in writing by the authorized representative of AGENCY's [title of employee]. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless within [10] days from the date of receipt of its copy, the Contractor mails or otherwise furnishes a written appeal to the [title of employee]. In connection with any such appeal, the Contractor shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of its position. The decision of the [title of employee] shall be binding upon the Contractor and the Contractor shall abide by the decision.
- **Example 2:** The AGENCY and the Contractor intend to resolve all disputes under this Agreement to the best of their abilities in an informal manner. To accomplish this end, the parties will use an Alternative Dispute Resolution process to resolve disputes in a manner designed to avoid litigation. In general, the parties contemplate that the Alternative Dispute Resolution process will include, at a minimum, an attempt to resolve disputes through communications between their staffs, and, if resolution is not reached at that level, a procedure for review and action on such disputes by appropriate management level officials within the AGENCY and the Contractor's organization.

In the event that a resolution of the dispute is not mutually agreed upon, the parties can agree to mediate the dispute or proceed with litigation. Notwithstanding any provision of this section, or any other provision of this Contract, it is expressly agreed and understood that any court proceeding arising out of a dispute under the Contract shall be heard by a Court de novo and the court shall not be limited in such proceeding to the issue of whether the Authority acted in an arbitrary, capricious or grossly erroneous manner.

Pending final settlement of any dispute, the parties shall proceed diligently with the performance of the Contract, and in accordance with the AGENCY's direction or decisions made thereof.

**Performance During Dispute** - Unless otherwise directed by AGENCY, Contractor shall continue performance under this Contract while matters in dispute are being resolved.

**Claims for Damages** - Should either party to the Contract suffer injury or damage to person or property because of any act or omission of the party or of any of its employees, agents or others for whose acts it is legally liable, a claim for damages therefor shall be made in writing to such other party within a reasonable time after the first observance of such injury or damage.

**Remedies** - Unless this Contract provides otherwise, all claims, counterclaims, disputes and other matters in question between the AGENCY and the Contractor arising out of or relating to this agreement or its breach will be decided by arbitration if the parties mutually agree, or in a court of competent jurisdiction within the State in which the AGENCY is located.

**Rights and Remedies** - The duties and obligations imposed by the Contract documents and the rights and remedies available thereunder shall be in addition to and not a limitation of any duties, obligations, rights and remedies otherwise imposed or available by law. No action or



**SAMPLE**

**AGREEMENT No. [number]**

**[TITLE]**

**between**

**MANATEE COUNTY  
(COUNTY)**

**and**

**[CONTRACTOR NAME]  
(CONTRACTOR)**

**AGREEMENT FOR [TITLE]**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made and entered into as of this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, 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 [**COMPANY NAME**], a [<enter the state of incorporation/organization and identify if it is a corporation/company/limited liability corporation, etc.], (“**CONTRACTOR**”) with offices located at [address], and duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida. COUNTY and CONTRACTOR are collectively referred to as the “Parties” and individually as “Party.”

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

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the COUNTY and CONTRACTOR, 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**

CONTRACTOR shall provide non-professional services as described in Exhibit A, Scope of 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

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 date of execution by COUNTY (“Effective Date”). This Agreement shall remain in force through [date] unless terminated by COUNTY pursuant to Article 10, but not to exceed [number years].
- B. COUNTY reserves the right to extend the initial term of [number years] for an additional [number], [number]-year periods not to exceed a total of [number] years.

### **ARTICLE 4. COMPENSATION**

- A. CONTRACTOR shall be compensated for all services rendered and expenditures incurred in providing the services specified in **Exhibit A**.
- B. The fee rates specified in **Exhibit B** shall be the total compensation for services and shall contain all costs to include salaries, office operation, transportation, equipment, overhead, general and administrative, incidental expenses, fringe benefits and operating margin.

### **ARTICLE 5. INVOICES AND TIME OF PAYMENT**

- A. Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, COUNTY shall pay CONTRACTOR for the services specified in **Exhibit A** 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. COUNTY shall have forty-five (45) days from the receipt of an invoice seeking payment of fees or costs to either pay the invoice, or notify CONTRACTOR that the deliverable, or any part thereof, is unacceptable, and/or that any asserted expense is not reimbursable.
- D. COUNTY shall have the right to retain from any payment due CONTRACTOR under this Agreement, an amount sufficient to satisfy any amount of liquidated damages due and owing to COUNTY by CONTRACTOR on any other Agreement between CONTRACTOR and COUNTY.
- E. All costs of providing the services shall be the responsibility of CONTRACTOR, with the exception of reimbursement by COUNTY for costs deemed reimbursable in **Exhibit B**.
- F. Any dispute between COUNTY and CONTRACTOR with regard to the percentage of the Work that has been completed or CONTRACTOR’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 CONTRACTOR**

- A. CONTRACTOR shall appoint an Agent with respect to the services to be performed by CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Agreement. CONTRACTOR'S Agent shall have the authority to make representations on behalf of CONTRACTOR, receive information, and interpret and define the needs of CONTRACTOR and make decisions pertinent to services covered by this Agreement. CONTRACTOR'S Agent shall have the right to designate other employees of CONTRACTOR to serve in his or her absence. CONTRACTOR reserves the right to designate a different agent, provided that COUNTY is given advance written notice thereof.
- B. CONTRACTOR shall perform the work in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- C. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all employees assigned to render services under this Agreement are duly qualified, registered, licensed or certified to provide the services required.
- D. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for collecting all existing data required for the successful completion of each task.
- E. CONTRACTOR 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 provided pursuant to this Agreement. CONTRACTOR attests to this via an Affidavit of No Conflict, **Exhibit C**.
- F. CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR'S work under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR 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. CONTRACTOR 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. CONTRACTOR agrees to incorporate the provisions of this paragraph in any subcontract into which it might enter with reference to the work performed under this Agreement.
- G. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the professional quality technical accuracy, and the coordination of all designs, drawings, specifications, and other services furnished by CONTRACTOR under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall, without additional compensation, correct or revise any errors or deficiencies in its designs, drawings, specifications, and other services.
- H. CONTRACTOR 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. CONTRACTOR shall not sublet, assign or transfer any services under this Agreement without prior written consent of COUNTY.

- I. COUNTY may require in writing that CONTRACTOR remove from the project any of CONTRACTOR'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 CONTRACTOR is given written notice thereof.
- B. COUNTY shall make available, at no cost to CONTRACTOR, information relative to the project that is useful in the performance of the Scope of Services.
- C. COUNTY shall provide prompt notice to CONTRACTOR whenever COUNTY observes or otherwise becomes aware of any defect in the performance of work under this Agreement.
- D. COUNTY shall give careful and reasonable consideration to the findings and recommendations of CONTRACTOR, 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 CONTRACTOR. The availability and necessity of said personnel to assist CONTRACTOR shall be at the discretion of COUNTY.
- F. COUNTY shall perform the responsibilities enumerated in this Article at no cost to CONTRACTOR.

#### **ARTICLE 8. COUNTY'S PROJECT MANAGER**

The Project Manager, shall be appointed to represent COUNTY in all technical matters pertaining to and arising from the work and performance of this Agreement. The Project Manager shall have the following responsibilities:

- A. The examination of all reports, sketches, drawings, estimates, proposals, and any other documents provided by CONTRACTOR.
- B. Providing CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR with prompt written notice whenever COUNTY observes, or otherwise becomes aware of, any defects or changes necessary in the Work.

#### **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”). CONTRACTOR hereby assigns and transfers all rights in the Intellectual Property to COUNTY. CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR, 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 in this Agreement; or
  - c. Work that is at a rate that disrupts the overall performance of this Agreement.
2. Prior to termination for default, COUNTY shall provide adequate written notice to CONTRACTOR, affording CONTRACTOR the opportunity to cure the deficiencies or to submit a specific plan to resolve the deficiencies within ten (10) days (or the period specified in the notice) after receipt of the notice. Failure to adequately cure the deficiency shall result in termination action.
3. Such termination may also result in suspension or debarment of CONTRACTOR in accordance with Manatee County’s Procurement Ordinance, Chapter 2-26. CONTRACTOR shall be liable for any damage to COUNTY resulting from CONTRACTOR’S default of the Agreement. This liability includes any increased costs

incurred by COUNTY in completing contract performance.

4. In the event of termination of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall be liable for any damage to COUNTY resulting from CONTRACTOR'S default of this Agreement. This liability includes any increased costs incurred by COUNTY in completing performance under this Agreement.
5. In the event of termination by COUNTY for any cause, CONTRACTOR shall not have any right or claim against COUNTY for lost profits or compensation for lost opportunities. After a receipt of COUNTY'S Notice of Termination and except as otherwise directed by COUNTY, CONTRACTOR shall:
  - a. Stop 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 CONTRACTOR 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, CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR to properly perform pursuant to this Agreement. CONTRACTOR 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, CONTRACTOR shall cooperate with COUNTY to assist with the orderly transfer of the services provided by CONTRACTOR to COUNTY. Prior to termination or expiration of this Agreement, COUNTY may require CONTRACTOR to perform and, if so required, CONTRACTOR shall perform, certain transition services necessary to shift the services of CONTRACTOR 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**

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

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

**ARTICLE 13. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS**

All services rendered or performed by CONTRACTOR pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement shall be in compliance with all applicable local, state and federal laws and ordinances. CONTRACTOR 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**

CONTRACTOR 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 without discrimination because of race, color or national origin. 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).

No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the proceeds of, or be subject to discrimination in the performance of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 15. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS; AUDITS; LICENSES**

- A. CONTRACTOR shall maintain records, accounts, property records, and personnel records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, as deemed necessary by

COUNTY to assure proper accounting of funds and compliance with the provisions of this Agreement.

- B. CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR'S performance. Such materials shall also be made available to COUNTY upon request for ing 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 CONTRACTOR made by any local, state or federal agency. To the extent such materials are in the possession of a third party, CONTRACTOR must obtain them from that third party, or certify in writing to COUNTY why it was unable to do so. CONTRACTOR shall retain all records and supporting documents related to this Agreement in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, and, at a minimum, retain all records and supporting documents related to this Agreement, except duplicate copies or drafts, for at least three (3) years after the termination date.
- C. CONTRACTOR shall obtain any licenses required to provide the Scope of 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 CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR is performing services on behalf of COUNTY, CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR or keep and maintain public records required by COUNTY to perform the service. If CONTRACTOR transfers all public records to COUNTY upon completion of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall destroy any duplicate public records

that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If CONTRACTOR keeps and maintains public records upon completion of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR 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**

Each Party shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the other, its officers, employees and agents, from any and all third-party claims, liabilities, loss, or cause of action for property damage or bodily injury, including death, arising out of any negligent actions or omissions of the indemnifying party, its agents, officers, employees or agents in the performance of this Agreement, including without limitation, defects in design, or errors or omissions that result in material cost increases to the indemnified party. Such indemnification shall include, but not be limited to, the payment of all valid claims, losses, and judgements of any nature whatsoever in connection therewith and the payment of all related fees and costs, including attorneys' fees, incurred by the indemnified party in connection with the indemnifying party's activities arising out of the performance of this Agreement. This indemnification obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge or reduce any other rights or remedies which otherwise may be available to an indemnified party or person described in this paragraph or deemed to affect the rights, privileges and immunities of COUNTY as set forth in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

**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. CONTRACTOR 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 terms.
- B. Certificates of Insurance and copies of policies evidencing the insurance coverage specified in **Exhibit D** shall be filed with the Procurement Official before the Effective Date of this Agreement. The required certificates shall identify the type of policy, policy number, date of expiration, amount of coverage, companies affording coverage, shall refer specifically to the title of this Agreement, and shall name Manatee County as an additional insured. No changes shall be made to the insurance coverage without prior written approval by COUNTY'S Risk Management Division.
- C. Insurance shall remain in force for at least three (3) years after completion of services under this Agreement in the amounts and types of coverage as required by **Exhibit D**, including coverage for all products and services completed under this Agreement.
- D. If the initial insurance expires prior to the termination of this Agreement, renewal Certificates of Insurance and required copies of policies shall be furnished by CONTRACTOR and delivered to the Procurement Official thirty (30) days prior to the date of their expiration.

## **ARTICLE 20. SOLICITATION OF AGREEMENT**

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

## **ARTICLE 21. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING**

CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR asserts it is necessary to utilize the services of third parties to perform any service under this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall first obtain prior written approval of COUNTY.

Approval to utilize any third party shall not relieve CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR as outlined in this

Agreement. All terms and conditions of this Agreement shall extend to and be binding on any approved purchaser, assignee, or other successor in interest.

Assignment, pledging, sale, transfer or encumbering of any interest or rights under this Agreement, to anyone other than the CONTRACTOR, 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**

CONTRACTOR warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person other than a bona fide employee working solely for CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR, 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 CONTRACTOR:

[Enter Name, Title]

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

#### **ARTICLE 24. SUB-CONTRACTORS**

If CONTRACTOR receives written approval from the COUNTY to use the services of a sub-contractor(s), CONTRACTOR shall utilize the sub-contractor fees specified in **Exhibit B**. CONTRACTOR 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. LIABILITY FOR NEGLIGENCE.**

To the fullest extent allowed by law, the individuals performing services pursuant to this Agreement shall be personally liable for negligent acts or omissions. To the fullest extent allowed by law, CONTRACTOR shall likewise be liable for negligent acts or omissions in the

performance of services pursuant to this Agreement.

**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  
                                  [Division/Department]  
                                  Attn: [Name]  
                                  [Address]  
                                  [City/State/Zip]  
                                  Phone: (941) [number]  
                                  Email: [email]

To CONTRACTOR:       [Company Name]  
                                  Attn: [name]  
                                  [Address]  
                                  [City/State/Zip]  
                                  Phone: ([area code] [number]  
                                  Email: [email]

**ARTICLE 27. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES**

The relationship of CONTRACTOR to COUNTY shall be that of an independent contractor. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as vesting or delegating to CONTRACTOR or any of the officers, employees, personnel, agents, or sub-contractors of CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR in connection with this Agreement or for debts or claims accruing to such parties. CONTRACTOR 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, CONTRACTOR, which shall include its directors, officers and employees, represents that it presently has no interest in and shall acquire no interest in any business or activity which would conflict in any manner with the performance of duties or services required hereunder.

**ARTICLE 29. ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS**

CONTRACTOR recognizes that in rendering the services pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR is working for the residents of Manatee County, Florida, subject to public observation, scrutiny and inquiry; and based upon said recognition CONTRACTOR 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. CONTRACTOR shall be truthful in its communications with COUNTY personnel regarding matters pertaining to this Agreement and the scope of services rendered to COUNTY.

### **ARTICLE 30. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES**

CONTRACTOR has been made aware of the Florida Public Entity Crimes Act, Florida Statutes § 287.133, specifically section 2(a), and COUNTY'S requirement that CONTRACTOR 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, CONTRACTOR is prohibited from charging or imposing any sales or service taxes. Nothing herein shall affect CONTRACTOR'S normal tax liability.

CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for payment of federal, state, and local taxes which may be imposed upon CONTRACTOR under applicable law to the extent that CONTRACTOR 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 or design specified by CONTRACTOR or supplied by CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Agreement shall not knowingly infringe any patent or copyright, and CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for securing any necessary licenses required for patented or copyrighted material utilized by CONTRACTOR in the performance of the [type of services] 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.

**[COMPANY NAME]**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name & Title of Above Signer

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

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

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

Theresa Webb, M.A., CPPO, CPPB, CPSM,  
C.P.M., Procurement Official.

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

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**EXHIBIT A**  
**SCOPE OF SERVICES**

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**EXHIBIT B**  
**FEE RATE SCHEDULE**

**1. FEES**

Fees for the goods and services detailed in this Agreement shall be as indicated in this Exhibit B.

**2. ESCALATION/DE-ESCALATION**

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

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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] \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, as [INSERT TITLE] \_\_\_\_\_ of [INSERT SUPPLIER NAME] \_\_\_\_\_, with full authority to bind (hereinafter "CONTRACTOR"), who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that CONTRACTOR:

(a) Is not currently engaged and will not become engaged in any obligations, undertakings or contracts that will require CONTRACTOR to maintain an adversarial role against the County or that will impair or influence the advice, recommendations or quality of work provided to the County; and

(b) Has provided full disclosure of all potentially conflicting contractual relationships and full disclosure of contractual relationships deemed to raise a question of conflict(s); and

(c) Has provided full disclosure of prior work history and qualifications that may be deemed to raise a possible question of conflict(s).

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

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

The foregoing instrument was sworn to and acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_, as \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. He/she is personally known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of Florida at Large

Commission No. \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT D**  
**INSURANCE AND BOND REQUIREMENTS**

The CONTRACTOR will not commence work under the resulting Agreement until all insurance coverages indicated herein have been obtained. The CONTRACTOR 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):

<b><u>STANDARD INSURANCES</u></b>	<b><u>REQUIRED LIMITS</u></b>
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Automobile Liability Insurance:</b></p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$ <u>1,000,000</u> Combined Single Limit; OR</li> <li>• \$ <u>500,000</u> Bodily Injury and \$ <u>500,000</u> Property Damage</li> <li>• \$ <u>10,000</u> Personal Injury Protection (No Fault)</li> <li>• \$ <u>500,000</u> Hired, Non-Owned Liability</li> <li>• \$ <u>10,000</u> Medical Payments</li> </ul> <p><i>This policy shall contain severability of interests' provisions.</i></p>
<p>2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Commercial General Liability Insurance:</b></p> <p><i>(Per Occurrence form only; claims-made form is not acceptable)</i></p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$ <u>1,000,000</u> Single Limit Per Occurrence</li> <li>• \$ <u>2,000,000</u> Aggregate</li> <li>• \$ <u>1,000,000</u> Products/Completed Operations Aggregate</li> <li>• \$ <u>1,000,000</u> Personal and Advertising Injury Liability</li> <li>• \$ <u>50,000</u> Fire Damage Liability</li> <li>• \$ <u>10,000</u> Medical Expense, and</li> <li>• \$ <u>1,000,000</u>, Third Party Property Damage</li> <li>• \$ _____ Project Specific Aggregate (Required on projects valued at over \$<u>10,000,000</u>)</li> </ul> <p><i>This policy shall contain severability of interests' provisions.</i></p>
<p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Employer's Liability Insurance</b></p>	<p>Coverage limits of not less than:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$ <u>100,000</u> Each Accident</li> <li>• \$ <u>500,000</u> Disease Each Employee</li> <li>• \$ <u>500,000</u> Disease Policy Limit</li> <li>• </li> </ul>
<p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Worker's</b></p>	<p>Coverage limits of not less than:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statutory workers' compensation coverage shall apply for all</li> </ul>

<p><b>Compensation Insurance</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>US Longshoremen &amp; Harbor Workers Act Coverage</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Jones Act Coverage</b></p>	<p>employees in compliance with the laws and statutes of the State of Florida and the federal government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If any operations are to be undertaken on or about navigable waters, coverage must be included for the US Longshoremen &amp; Harbor Workers Act and Jones Act.</li> </ul> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b><u>OTHER INSURANCES</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>REQUIRED LIMITS</u></b></p>
<p>5. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Aircraft Liability Insurance</b></p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$ _____ Each Occurrence Property and Bodily Injury with no less than <u>\$100,000</u> per passenger each occurrence or a 'smooth' limit.</li> <li>• \$ _____ General Aggregate</li> </ul>
<p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Unmanned Aircraft Liability Insurance (Drone)</b></p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$ _____ Each Occurrence Property and Bodily Injury; Coverage shall specifically include operation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), including liability and property damage.</li> <li>• \$ _____ General Aggregate</li> </ul>
<p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Installation Floater Insurance</b></p>	<p>When the contract or agreement <b>does not</b> 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of the completed value of such addition(s), building(s), or structure(s)</li> </ul>
<p>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Professional Liability and/or Errors and Omissions</b></p>	<p>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:</p>

<p><b>(E&amp;O) Liability Insurances</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$ <u>1,000,000</u> Bodily Injury and Property Damage Each Occurrence</li> <li>• \$ <u>2,000,000</u> General Aggregate</li> </ul>
<p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Builder's Risk Insurance</b></p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An amount equal to 100% of the completed value of the project, or the value of the equipment to be installed</li> <li>• The policy shall not carry a self-insured retention/deductible greater than \$10,000</li> </ul> <p>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.</p>
<p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cyber Liability Insurance</b></p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$ _____ Security Breach Liability</li> <li>• \$ _____ Security Breach Expense Each Occurrence</li> <li>• \$ _____ Security Breach Expense Aggregate</li> <li>• \$ _____ Replacement or Restoration of Electronic Data</li> <li>• \$ _____ Extortion Threats</li> <li>• \$ _____ Business Income and Extra Expense</li> <li>• \$ _____ Public Relations Expense</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: Policy must not carry a self-insured retention/deductible greater than <u>\$25,000</u>.</p>
<p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hazardous Materials Insurance (As Noted)</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pollution Liability</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a <u>\$1,000,000</u></li> </ul>

	<p>minimum, for Bodily Injury and Property Damage to include sudden and gradual release, each claim and aggregate.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Asbestos Liability (If handling within scope of Contract)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a <u>\$1,000,000</u> minimum, for Bodily Injury and Property Damage to include sudden and gradual release, each claim and aggregate.</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Disposal</b></p> <p>When applicable, CONTRACTOR shall designate the disposal site and furnish a Certificate of Insurance from the disposal facility for Environmental Impairment Liability Insurance covering liability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a <u>\$1,000,000</u> minimum, for Liability for Sudden and Accidental Occurrences, each claim and an aggregate.</li> <li>• Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a <u>\$1,000,000</u> minimum, for Liability for Non-Sudden and Accidental Occurrences, each claim and an aggregate.</li> </ul>
<p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hazardous Waste Transportation Insurance</b></p>	<p>CONTRACTOR 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.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a <u>\$1,000,000</u> minimum, per accident.</li> </ul>
<p>13. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Liquor Liability Insurance</b></p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>\$1,000,000</u> Each Occurrence and Aggregate</li> </ul>
<p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Garage Keeper’s Liability Insurance</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Property and asset coverage in the full replacement value of the lot or garage.</li> </ul>

<p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Bailee's Customer Liability Insurance</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Property and asset coverage in the full replacement value of the County asset(s) in the CONTRACTOR'S care, custody and control.</li> </ul>
<p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hull and Watercraft Liability Insurance</b></p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$ _____ Each Occurrence</li> <li>• \$ _____ General Aggregate</li> <li>• \$ _____ Fire Damage Liability</li> <li>• \$10,000 Medical Expense, and</li> <li>• \$ _____ Third Party Property Damage</li> <li>• \$ _____ Project Specific Aggregate (Required on projects valued at over \$10,000,000)</li> </ul>
<p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other [Specify]</b></p>	

<b><u>BOND REQUIREMENTS</u></b>	
<p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Bid Bond</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>NOTE: A construction project over \$200,000 requires a Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid offer.</p>

<p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Payment and Performance Bond</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>NOTE: A construction project over \$200,000 requires a Payment and Performance Bond.</p>
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## 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 CONTRACTOR, his agents, representatives, and employees; products and completed operations of the CONTRACTOR; or automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the CONTRACTOR. 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 CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR'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 CONTRACTOR'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 CONTRACTOR 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, CONTRACTOR 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, CONTRACTOR 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. CONTRACTOR 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. CONTRACTOR agrees that should at any time CONTRACTOR fail to meet or maintain the required insurance coverage(s) as set forth herein, the COUNTY may terminate this contract.
  - f. The CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR has sole responsibility for all insurance premiums and policy deductibles.
  - h. It is the CONTRACTOR'S responsibility to ensure that his agents, representatives and subcontractors comply with the insurance requirements set forth herein. CONTRACTOR shall include his agents, representatives, and subcontractors working on the project or at the worksite as insured under its policies, or CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR's deductible or self-insured retention and to require that it be reduced or eliminated.
- III.** CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR'S obligation to provide and maintain the insurance coverage specified.
- IV.** The enclosed Hold Harmless Agreement shall be signed by the CONTRACTOR and shall become a part of the contract.

V. CONTRACTOR 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.

VI. No award shall be made until the Procurement Division has received the Certificate of Insurance and Hold Harmless Agreement in accordance with this section.

## **VII. BONDING REQUIREMENTS**

**Bid Bond/Certified Check.** By submitting a proposal, the CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR further agrees that in case the CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR, or if COUNTY rejects any and/or all proposals, accompanying bond will be promptly returned.

**Payment and Performance Bonds.** Prior to commencing work, the CONTRACTOR shall obtain, for the benefit of and directed to COUNTY, a Payment and Performance Bond satisfying the requirements of Section 255.05, Florida Statutes, covering the faithful performance by the CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR being deemed nonresponsive. Bonds must be in the form prescribed in Section 255.05, Florida Statutes, and must not contain notice, demand or other terms and conditions, including informal pre-claim meetings, not provided for in Section 255.05, Florida Statutes.

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

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

Failure of COUNTY at any time to require performance by the CONTRACTOR 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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**CONTRACTOR'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.

CONTRACTOR

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

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

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Agent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Surety Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Surety Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surety Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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