

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
No. 24-R085474SB
CATERING SERVICES
NOVEMBER 20, 2024

Manatee County BCC
Procurement Division
1112 Manatee Avenue West, 7th Floor, Suite 705
Bradenton, FL 34205
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Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida (hereinafter referred to as County) will receive proposals from individuals, corporations, partnerships, and other legal entities authorized to do business in the State of Florida (Proposers), to provide Catering Services, as specified in this Request for Proposals.

DATE, TIME, AND PLACE DUE

The Due Date and Time for submission of Proposals in response to this RFP is **January 9, 2025 at 2:00 P.M. ET**. Proposals must be delivered to the following location: Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, 7th Floor, Suite 705, Bradenton, FL 34205 prior to the Due Date and Time.

SOLICITATION INFORMATION CONFERENCE

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

DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS AND CLARIFICATION REQUESTS

The deadline to submit all questions, inquiries, or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to this Request for Proposal to the Manatee County Procurement Division is **December 12, 2024 at 3:00 P.M. ET**. Questions and inquiries should be submitted via email to the Designated Procurement Contact shown below.

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

DESIGNATED PROCUREMENT CONTACT: Stacia Branco, Procurement Agent

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

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Manatee County Financial Management Department

Procurement Division

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SECTION A, INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

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

A.01 INFORMATION CONFERENCE

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

A.02 PROPOSAL DUE DATE

The Due Date and Time for submission of Proposals in response to this Request for Proposals (RFP) is **January 9, 2025 at 2:00 P.M. ET**. Proposals must be delivered to the following location: Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Ave. W., 7th Floor, Suite 705, Bradenton, FL 34205 and be time stamped by a Procurement representative prior to the Due Date and Time. Proposals will be opened immediately following the Due Date and Time at the Manatee County Administration Building, 7th Floor, Suite 705.

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

A.03 PUBLIC OPENING OF PROPOSALS

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

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

A.04 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

The contents of the proposal sealed package must include:

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

Electronic format copies should be submitted on separate Universal Serial Bus (USB) portable flash memory drives or compact disc (CD) in Microsoft Office® or Adobe Acrobat® portable document format (PDF) **in one file that includes all required TAB sections shown in Exhibit 2 in a continuous file. Do not** submit electronic format proposal with separate files for each TAB section. **Do not** password protect or otherwise encrypt electronic proposal copies. Electronic copies must contain an identical proposal to the “ORIGINAL”.

Submit the proposal package in a sealed container with the following information clearly marked on the outside of the package: RFP No. 24-R085474SB, Catering Services, Proposer’s name, and Proposer’s address. Proposals must be received by the Manatee County Procurement Division prior to the Due Date and Time at the following address:

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

A.05 ORGANIZATION OF PROPOSALS

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

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

A.06 DISTRIBUTION OF SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS

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

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

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

A.07 ADDENDA

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

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

A.08 PROPOSAL EXPENSES

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

A.09 QUESTION AND CLARIFICATION PERIOD

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

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

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

A.10 FALSE OR MISLEADING STATEMENTS

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

A.11 WITHDRAWAL OR REVISION OF PROPOSALS

Proposers may withdraw Proposals under the following circumstances:

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

A.12 JOINT VENTURES

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

A.13 LOBBYING

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

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

A.14 EXAMINATION OF PROPOSALS

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

A.15 ERRORS OR OMISSIONS

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

A.16 DETERMINATION OF RESPONSIBLENESS AND RESPONSIVENESS

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

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

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

A.17 RESERVED RIGHTS

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

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

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

A.18 APPLICABLE LAWS

Proposer must be authorized to transact business in the State of Florida. All applicable laws and regulations of the State of Florida and ordinances and regulations of Manatee County will apply to any resulting contract. This solicitation process will be conducted in accordance with Manatee County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2-26.

A.19 TAXES

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

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

A.20 SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES

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

A.21 COLLUSION

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

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

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

A.22 CODE OF ETHICS

With respect to this proposal, if any Proposer violates, directly or indirectly, the ethics provisions of the Manatee County Procurement Code and/or Florida criminal or civil laws related to public procurement, including but not limited to Florida Statutes Chapter 112, Part II, Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, such Proposer will be disqualified from eligibility to perform the work described in this RFP, and may also be disqualified from submitting any future bids or proposals to supply goods or services to Manatee County.

A.23 PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES

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

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

To ensure compliance with the foregoing, Manatee County Code of Laws requires all persons or entities desiring to contract with Manatee County to execute and file with the Purchasing Official an affidavit, executed under the pain and penalties of perjury, confirming that person, entity, and any person(s) affiliated with the entity, does not have such a record and is therefore eligible to seek and be awarded business with Manatee County. Proposer is to complete Form 3 and submit with its Proposal.

A.24 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES

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

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

A.25 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

A.26 MINORITY AND/OR DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

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

A.27 DISCLOSURE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PHONE: (941) 742-5845

EMAIL: LACY.PRITCHARD@MYMANATEE.ORG

ATTN: RECORDS MANAGER

1112 MANATEE AVENUE WEST

BRADENTON, FL 34205

A.28 TRADE SECRETS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Proposer shall indemnify and hold County, and its officials, employees, agents, and representatives harmless from any actions, damages (including attorney’s fees and costs), or claims arising from or related to the designation of trade secrets by the Proposer, including actions or claims arising from County’s non-disclosure of the trade secret materials.

A.29 CONFIDENTIALITY OF SECURITY RELATED RECORDS

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

A.30 E-VERIFY

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

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

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

A.31 LICENSES AND PERMITS

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

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

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

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

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

A.33 BINDING OFFER

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

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

A.34 PROTEST

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

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

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

A.35 ACCESSIBILITY

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

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

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

A.36 PROJECTED SOLICITATION SCHEDULE

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

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

Scheduled Item	Scheduled Date
No Information Conference has been scheduled for this solicitation	N/A
Question and Clarification Deadline	December 17, 2024 at 3:00 P.M., ET
Proposal Due Date and Time	January 9, 2025 at 2:00 P.M., ET
Technical Evaluation Meeting	TBD
Interviews/Demonstrations/Presentations, if conducted	TBD
Final Technical Evaluations	TBD
Projected Award	February/2025

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

END SECTION A

SECTION B, EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

B.01 EVALUATION

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

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

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

B.02 EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following evaluation criteria have been established for this RFP.

Criteria	Maximum Score
Proposer & Team's Experience (Tab 6)	40
Approach (Tab 7)	10
Capacity (Tab 8)	30
Fee Proposal (Tab 9)	20

B.03 CLARIFICATIONS/INTERVIEWS /PRESENTATIONS/ DEMONSTRATIONS

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

Additionally, interviews, presentations and/or demonstrations may be conducted with Proposers as part of the evaluation process. If conducted, the evaluation committee will make a determination of those proposals that are deemed by the committee as having a reasonable probability of being selected for award. The Proposers for this 'short-list' of

proposals will be invited to meet with the committee. Proposers shall make arrangements to attend the interviews, presentations and/or demonstrations if invited. The interviews, presentations and/or demonstrations are closed to the public to the extent permitted by law.

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

B.04 BEST AND FINAL OFFER (BAFO)

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

B.05 SCORING OF PROPOSALS

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

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

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

END SECTION B

SECTION C, NEGOTIATION OF THE AGREEMENT

C.01 GENERAL

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

C.02 NEGOTIATION

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

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

C.03 RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

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

C.04 AGREEMENT

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

The term of the Agreement shall be for the period of five (5) years with the option to renew for five (5), one (1)-year renewals.

C.05 AWARD

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

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

END SECTION C

FORM 1 - ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ADDENDA
RFP No. 24-R085474SB

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the following addenda:

Addendum No. _____	Date Received:

Print or type Proposer's information below:

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

Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.

FORM 2 - PROPOSAL SIGNATURE FORM
RFP No. 24-R085474SB

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

- (1) He/she has the authority and approval of the legal entity purporting to submit the Proposal and any additional documentation which may be required such as the Joint Venture Agreement or Joint Venture Affidavit, if applicable; and
- (2) All facts and responses set forth in the Proposal are true and correct; and
- (3) If the Proposer is selected by County to negotiate an agreement, that Proposer's negotiators will negotiate in good faith to establish an agreement to provide the services described in this RFP; and
- (4) By submitting a Proposal and signing below, the Proposer agrees to the terms and conditions in this RFP, which incorporates all addenda, appendices, exhibits, and attachments, in its entirety, and is prepared to sign the Agreement, of which a sample is incorporated into this RFP as Exhibit 6. The Proposer understands that if it submits exceptions to the Sample Agreement in its Proposal, the Proposer may be determined non-responsive.

Print or type Proposer's information below:

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

Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.

**FORM 3 - PUBLIC CONTRACTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES
CERTIFICATION
RFP No. 24-R085474SB**

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

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

This sworn statement is submitted to Manatee County by _____
_____ [print individual's name and title]

for _____
_____ [name of entity submitting sworn statement]

whose business address is: _____

and (if applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is _____.

If the entity has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the individual signing this sworn
statement:

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

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

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

(3) been convicted of a violation of an environmental law that, as determined by the
County, reflects negatively upon the ability of the person or entity to conduct business in a
responsible manner; or

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

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

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

Any person or entity who claims that this Article is inapplicable to him/her/it because a conviction or judgment has been reversed by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall prove the same with documentation satisfactory to Manatee County's Purchasing Official. Upon presentation of such satisfactory proof, the person or entity shall be allowed to contract with Manatee County.

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

Signature of Contractor Representative

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

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

by _____.

Personally known OR Produced the following identification.

[Type of identification]

Notary Public Signature

My commission expires: _____

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

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

Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.

FORM 4 - CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE FORM
RFP No. 24-R085474SB

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

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

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

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

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

Acknowledged and attested to by:

Firm Name

Signature

Name and Title (Print or Type)

Date

Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.

FORM 5 - NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT
RFP No. 24-R085474SB

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

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

a. He/She is _____ of _____, the Proposer that has submitted a Proposal to perform work for the following:

RFP No.: _____ Title: _____

b. He/She is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached Request for Qualifications, and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such Solicitation.

Such Proposal is genuine and is not a collusive or sham Proposal.

c. Neither the said Proposer nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiant, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other Proposer, firm, or person to submit a collusive or sham Proposal in connection with the Solicitation and contract for which the attached Proposal has been submitted or to refrain from proposing in connection with such Solicitation and contract, or has in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any other Proposer, firm, or person to fix the price or prices in the attached Proposal or any other Proposer, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of the Proposal price or the Proposal price of any other Proposer, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement any advantage against the City or any person interested in the proposed contract.

d. The price or prices to be submitted shall be fair and proper and shall not be tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement on the part of the Proposer or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiant.

Signature: _____

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

Notary Signature _____

Notary Name: _____

Notary Public (State): _____

My Commission Number: _____

Expires on: _____

SEAL

Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.

FORM 6 - TRUTH – IN – NEGOTIATION CERTIFICATE
RFP No. 24-R085474SB

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

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

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

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.

FORM 7 – SCRUTINIZED COMPANY CERTIFICATION
RFP No. 24-R085474SB

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

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

Companies must complete and return this form with its response.

Company: _____

FEIN: _____

Address. _____

City/State/Zip. _____

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

Signature

Title

Printed Name

Date

Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.

FORM 8, INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS
RFP No. 24-R085474SB

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

Automobile Liability Insurance Required Limits

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

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

This policy shall contain severability of interests’ provisions.

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

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

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

This policy shall contain severability of interests’ provisions.

Employer’s Liability Insurance

Coverage limits of not less than:

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

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

Coverage limits of not less than:

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

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

Aircraft Liability Insurance Required Limits

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

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

Un-Manned Aircraft Liability Insurance (Drone)

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

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

Installation Floater Insurance

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

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

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

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

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

Builder’s Risk Insurance

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

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

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

Cyber Liability Insurance

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

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

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

Hazardous Materials Insurance (As Noted Below)

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

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

Pollution Liability

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

Asbestos Liability (If handling within scope of Contract)

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

Disposal

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

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

Hazardous Waste Transportation Insurance

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

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

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

Liquor Liability Insurance

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

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

Garage Keeper’s Liability Insurance

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

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

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

Bailee’s Customer Liability Insurance

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

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

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

Hull and Watercraft Liability Insurance

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

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

Other [Specify]

BOND REQUIREMENTS

Bid Bond

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

Payment and Performance Bond

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

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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

Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverages

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

Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Coverages

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

II. General Insurance Provisions Applicable to All Policies

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

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

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

BONDING REQUIREMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FORM 8, INSURANCE STATEMENT
RFP No. 24-R085474SB

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

Proposer Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature
(Authorized Official): _____

Printed Name/Title: _____

Insurance Agency: _____

Agent Name: _____ Agent Phone: _____

Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.

**FORM 9, INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS
RFP No. 24-R085474SB**

MANATEE COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

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

Signature of Authorized Official of Proposer: _____

Title and Date: _____

Project Number and /or Name: _____

Insurance Agent: _____

Acknowledgement:

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

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

Personally known to me

OR

has produced _____ as identification.

Notary Signature _____

Print Name _____

SEAL

Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.

FORM 10, ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING AFFIDAVIT

(Section 787.06, Florida Statutes)

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

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

Signature

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

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

- physical presence or
- online notarization

this _____ day of _____, 2024, by _____, who

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

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

Signature of Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.

EXHIBIT 1, SCOPE OF SERVICE
RFP No. 24-R085474SB

1.01 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Manatee County (herein after referred to as “County”) is a mid-size Florida County located on the southwest coast of Florida with 741 square miles of land and 403,253 residents, and it attracts more than 3 million visitors every year. The Bradenton Area Convention Center (herein after referred to as “BACC”) is located at One Haben Boulevard, Palmetto, Florida 34221. The BACC currently consists of a 32,400 sq. ft Center Hall, a 16,000 sq. ft Conference Center and a 36,000 sq. ft. expansion of a Ballroom, pre-function space and connecting corridor to the Palmetto Marriott Resort and Spa Hotel. Since January 1985, the BACC’s venue has been known for its versatility and outstanding customer service. For more information, go to www.BradentonAreaConventionCenter.com.

BACC does not have a permanent in-house caterer but works with an off-site catering list. The successful proposer chosen for on-site catering and concession services will be known as the In-House Caterer for the BACC. The In-House Caterer will be exclusive unless the County requires a unique business opportunity at the BACC or at the discretion of the County.

Goals of a successful proposer should include strategic plans on how to maximize revenues, create efficient operational systems, and showcase exceptional food quality and dynamic guest service.

The County reserves the right to add and remove services and facilities to all Agreements.

1.02 SCOPE

Successful Proposer (hereinafter in this Scope referred to as “Contractor or In-House Caterer”) shall purchase and prepare food, non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages as well as provide all equipment, labor, supervision, insurance, materials, supplies, licensing, transportation, and other components necessary to provide on-site catering services to County clients, their customers, and exhibitors at the BACC that will meet the requirements of an Agreement.

The County can choose to allow any food service from another vendor or multiple vendors as required by the needs of the event. There is no commission collected by the BACC on the below two exclusions.

1. Exclusions to the use of In-House Caterer will be made for festival-style events where restaurant, alcohol or food booths handing out samples by professional, licensed vendors are provided. Such events would include food and wine tastings, chamber of commerce events, etc. The vendors at these events will utilize a designated outside area for cooking and will not operate in the kitchen unless allowed by the In-House Caterer. In-House Caterer must be asked to participate by the event organizer. The In-House Caterer has the right to accept or decline the invitation by event organizer. The In-House Caterer is responsible for overseeing the staff, set-up, and cleanup of these events and may charge the event organizer to do so. These vendors must have liability insurance and required food and beverage licenses.

2. Culinary Schools of Hospitality program events will also be excluded from the use of In-House Caterer. University of South Florida, State College of Florida or other Manatee County college or technical school hospitality programs may be allowed with the County's approval to serve, prepare food and/or self-cater at events that promote education and bring awareness to hospitality programs that support the County's tourism and hospitality industry. The In-House Caterer may be asked to work with these hospitality students from time to time at these types of events. The In-House Caterer is responsible for overseeing the staff, kitchen, set-up, and cleanup of these events and may charge the event organizer to do so. There is no commission due on hospitality program events.

Desired term of Agreement is for five (5) years an additional five (5) one-year renewal options. Commission terms are subject to review and renegotiation on an annual basis. After the first two (2) years, the term may be amended.

The selected In-House Caterer may be reevaluated if the County receives five (5) or more serious and concerning written customer complaints in one (1) year.

1.03 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

In-House Caterer shall provide the following requirements:

The County's primary focus for the BACC is conventions and conferences which utilize the adjacent hotel and other local hotel accommodations that drive new dollars into the community. Per the County's booking guidelines, these events have the highest booking priority over other types of events including, but not limited, to graduations, community/local expos, trainings, and private events.

In-House Caterer will represent BACC as a full-service caterer and will provide a customer service-oriented sales and marketing team that would work in alignment with the BACC sales and marketing team to follow the below items before any catering business starts and to continue these throughout the agreement period.

A. In-House Caterer shall provide the following:

1. Provide professional customer service and quotes in a timely manner to clients and will handle all client issues with little or no interference from County staff.
2. Develop and maintain a food, beverage menu and packages that are competitive in our market. Menu creation and changes will be subject to review by the County with input provided.
3. Develop integrated sales, marketing, and social media tools for a seamless client experience. Also provide information to be included in BACC sales and marketing materials.
4. Slowly transition existing events that may or may not have food and alcohol service commitments with another caterer in place at the time of contract execution with the In-House Caterer. These contracted commitments shall be honored to make the

customer experience as smooth as possible. These commitments will not utilize the BACC kitchen unless the In-House Caterer approves the usage. The In-House Caterer will at that point do business with all new BACC clients. BACC is to provide the list of all contracted events with caterers by a mutually agreed upon set date. The County will provide the In-House Caterer with a 50% split of the catering commission on these previously contracted commitments.

5. Participate in weekly BACC catering meetings as required by County staff. These will be established to go over event details and logistics. The County will provide staffing that will coordinate the details of the events taking place at the BACC. The In-House Caterer may be given viewing access to the booking software and full access to the floor plan software. The In-House Caterer is responsible for the license fees.
6. Handle, schedule, and pay for all event rental items including but not limited to tents, tables, chairs, linens, lighting and service ware through trusted partners, as needed. Only a maximum of 20% mark-up to clients is allowed regardless of vendor used.
7. Work with preferred County expo services/shipping company (companies) or vendor-approved 3rd party expo services/shipping companies. Clients may directly book these services.
8. Work with preferred Audio-Visual company or vendor-approved 3rd party Audio-Visual companies. Clients may directly book these services.
9. Oversee all production aspects of the event – delivery, set up, clean up, and removal of all rental items, food, and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. Provide the covering and draping of tables and the placing and removing of all service ware/tableware, decorations (e.g., flags, balloons, drapes, flowers, favors, table stands with numbers) and linens. Removing and cleaning of all listed above at the completion of the event.
10. Provide all necessary equipment to properly accept product deliveries as well as transporting products. NOTE: In-House Caterer will not be permitted use of the County's pallet jacks, forklifts, or other vehicles, lifts, and carts, except with specific prior permission by the County.
11. If using in-house County equipment for the setup of internal and external meetings, the County will directly bill LICENSEE and should not be reflected in any In-House Caterer proposals, invoices, or charges to the client.
12. Alternative Food Options - Due to the diversity of events the County supports, the County requires In-House Caterer to develop Alternative Food Options that may be requested by clients including food trucks, cultural food options, religious food options, and other specialty food. Only a maximum of 20% mark-up to clients on Alternative Food Options by a third-party caterer is allowed. Any third-party caterers must have required liability insurance and required food and beverage licenses.
 - a. In-House Caterer is responsible for any third-party vendor services used for alternative food options and must collect and provide the appropriate vendor

insurances and certifications and then provide these to the County at a minimum of two (2) weeks in advance of event date.

- b. Third-party vendors will be under the strict supervision of In-House Caterer management and staff. In-House Caterer is responsible for the third-party regarding clean-up, safety and the adherence to facility rules.
 - c. The County will provide the In-House Caterer with a 50% split of the catering commission on these events.
13. Develop special catering menu pricing with items such as sandwiches, pizza, water and/or ice service, coffee, breakfast items, etc., to be used for clients' event staff and vendors, backstage crews, and green rooms. Standard commissions will apply.
14. In-House Caterer may use County staff to set up County owned equipment such as buffet tables, beverage tables, or any other tables needed to provide food service for events at a cost of \$25.00 per hour, per person straight labor fee when and if County staff is available.

B. Serving of Alcoholic Beverages, In-House Caterer shall provide the following:

1. The purchase and sales of alcohol beverages shall be the responsibility In-House Caterer.
2. A 13CT liquor license provided by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulations for the County property both inside and outside the building.
3. Monthly reports and supporting documentation to County and/or its representative(s) regarding the sales of alcoholic beverages.
4. Solely responsible for exercising prudent and reasonable judgment in the service of alcoholic beverages and ensure that no alcoholic beverages are sold to minors.
5. Only use personnel with training and experience in the sale of alcoholic beverages.
6. Ensure staff are supervised by personnel with supervisory experience in the training of staff and sale of alcoholic beverages.
7. Provide any licenses or certifications as required by the Florida Health Department
8. Secure and cover all unattended bars.
9. Staff of In-House Caterer is not allowed to consume alcoholic beverages while on duty.
10. A Florida-based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization cannot utilize one (1) of their three (3) per year special sales licenses without prior approval from the Director or designee. No more than five (5) events per year are allowed to utilize this license at the BACC. Proof of permit is required 30 days in advance, and the nonprofit must follow the facility's rules of alcohol catering. In-House Caterer staff must be utilized to serve the alcohol and oversee the bar unless it is an alcohol sampling event where liquor distributors and/or suppliers are utilized. In-House Caterer will coordinate directly with client on alcohol services such as corkage fees for donated wine, etc.

C. Kitchen and Concession Stand Operations, In-House Caterer shall provide the following:

1. The BACC is currently undergoing a complete renovation including kitchen upgrades/capital improvements to be estimated to be completed mid-2025. The In-House Caterer will be responsible for maintaining, repairing, and servicing all kitchen

and concessions equipment at the company's own expense. Timing for the replacement of equipment will be at the County's discretion.

2. The In-House Caterer shall provide a capital investment of \$500,000 to be utilized for kitchen items. Items are the property of the In-House Caterer to include but not limited to tableware (flatware/silverware/glassware/tabletop items), racks, stands, sheet pans, chafing dishes, heat lamps, serving pieces, charger plates, buffet items and any additional items as needed. The In-House Caterer will provide at own expense any additional items In-House Caterer deems required above what the County provides or what is provided with this initial capital investment.
3. The County is open to a phased in approach based upon a mutually agreeable plan.
4. The BACC is open to the In-House Caterer directly purchasing the investment items for reimbursement by the County with proper documentation.
5. Five (5) percent of commissions collected by the BACC will be held by the County for capital improvements in the kitchen and/or concession areas of the BACC. The County reserves the right, at any time, to require any given capital improvements to be performed as deemed by the County to be necessary and/or urgent.
6. In-House Caterer will have access to the BACC kitchen and permanent concessions stands. The In-House Caterer is allowed to add mobile stands/food trucks as mutually agreed upon by the In-House Caterer and the County.
7. In-House Caterer shall perform all repairs, maintenance and upkeep of the kitchen including structural repairs caused by the negligent or intentional acts of In-House Caterer, unless otherwise specified. In-House Caterer shall bear the cost of all charges and expenses related to repairs and maintenance. Any damages caused by County staff will be solely repaired by the County.
8. The In-House Caterer shall bear the cost of all charges and expenses related to all improvements of equipment and fixtures as shall be necessary for the In-House Caterer's functional catering performance.
9. As used herein, repair means any corrective action to restore the facility to its current condition and from failure or decline, and a condition at least as good as it was prior to the event which necessitated the repair.
10. As used herein, maintenance means a preventative or corrective action to maintain the facility in a safe and functional condition.
11. The In-House Caterer will maintain the kitchen in good working order and in good functioning condition free of all trash, litter, and debris.
12. All new equipment, furnishings, repairs, and improvements provided by the In-House Caterer shall meet and comply with the requirements of all applicable building, fire, catering, and other applicable codes. All new equipment, furnishings, repairs and

improvements provided by the In-House Caterer are required to have County approval prior to purchase or any repairs/improvements are made.

13. In-House Caterer shall provide grease trap maintenance and service, including pump down/draining and cleaning of the system as frequently as required and when necessary and will provide proof monthly to the County.
14. In-House Caterer will have 24-hour access to the kitchen by security code, swipe card, and/or key.
15. In-House Caterer agrees that County keyholders will have access to the kitchen, including coolers, for service work or other important or emergency situations that may require entry.
16. In-House Caterer agrees to accept the kitchen and concession stands as is unless otherwise noted. In the event the In-House Caterer desires to change or modify the type, location, or quantity of such equipment, all expenses shall be borne by In-House Caterer. The County must first approve of any changes.
17. Inventory: In-House Caterer will be able to use the equipment and small wares as listed in inventory Exhibit 5. Item quantities may change before the agreement start date. An updated Exhibit 5 will be provided by the County thirty days after the agreement starts, if applicable. In-House Caterer shall maintain existing levels of the County small wares inventory throughout the agreement period. In addition, the In-House Caterer shall keep all equipment and small wares clean and neatly organized.
18. No modifications or alterations may be made to County equipment without the express written prior approval of the County. In the event the In-House Caterer desires to change or modify the type, location, or quantity of such equipment, all expenses shall be borne by the In-House Caterer.
19. Equipment and small wares shall be inventoried on a monthly basis by the In-House Caterer and a copy of the inventory results shall be provided to the County within five (5) calendar days of the agreed upon inventory count date.
20. In-House Caterer is to operate all food service-related equipment in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations.
21. In-House Caterer to meet with BACC management annually to discuss capital needs for consideration. However, BACC management and In-House Caterer can meet as often as needed on this topic.
22. Maintain on a continual basis and in a sanitary manner, the receiving dock area where food and beverages are delivered and ensure it is always free and clear. The dock area cannot be used to store items as it is also utilized by County staff, clients, and other vendors. In-House Caterer is responsible for the return of all pallets, storage containers, linens, and other equipment used that belongs to third-party suppliers.

23. In-House Caterer will handle all linen and equipment rentals for events that are utilizing the In-House Caterer.

E. Equipment:

1. Point of Sales System (POS), which includes but is not limited to, cash registers, sales slips, invoicing machines, and other automated accounting equipment.
2. Devices required to accurately record the gross receipts on sales and provide reporting of such sales by event, by type, by services provided, and any other business transactions made by the In-House Caterer under an agreement relating to any cash event or operation of the concessions for the County.

F. Sustainability:

1. In-House Caterer is highly encouraged to use local food products for a local “farm to table” concept as well as local seafood.
2. Additional initiatives such as composting, on-site herb garden, use of sustainable chemicals and products, and water savings are encouraged. The In-House Caterer will work with BACC staff to implement.
3. All sustainability accomplishments must be documented and provided to the County annually to be listed in our sustainability operations.

G. Designated Space:

1. BACC Receiving Dock Area for one box truck or similar vehicle.
2. BACC Kitchen, Kitchen Office and Storage.
3. BACC Concession Spaces.
4. Catering staff parking.

H. Daily Operations:

1. County staff shall be responsible for opening and closing the facility and adhering to operational guidelines.
2. In-House Caterer shall comply with all OSHA and ADA requirements as well as all federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances.
3. In-House Caterer shall abide by all current federal, state, and local guidelines in response to any public state of emergency and/or pandemic.
4. In-House Caterer shall ensure all food and beverage sales and services are conducted and operated within the rules and regulations provided herein.

5. In-House Caterer shall operate the spaces designated in the Facilities for the services of food and beverage in a manner consistent with convenience and safety of the public.
 6. In-House Caterer shall employ a highly skilled professional, management staff possessing the necessary experience and expertise to provide the overall management of a high-quality catering service.
 7. In-House Caterer shall provide written notice to the County of all subcontractors prior to the scheduled event no less than two (2) weeks in advance and must provide proper insurance and complete contact information.
 8. Maintain all occupied food service facilities in a clean and sanitary condition in accordance with, and consistent with, all applicable rules and requirements of the law, pertinent health and sanitation codes, and the requirements of duly authorized Health Authorities having jurisdiction.
 9. The County will provide operations staff that will set up and tear down equipment needed for events as per provided layouts. Items needed for food and beverage service owned by the County can also be added to the layouts. In-House Caterer staff must set up and break down the food and beverage items immediately following the event and must wipe off tables after use. In-House Caterer is not restricted in moving any equipment as needed for the event but must communicate with County staff. If any equipment count is added to or subtracted from the original amount, immediately alert County staff.
 10. In-House Caterer shall provide adequate staff to perform required set-up, tear-down, and removal of items (brought or utilized, including rentals) to accommodate the County for a scheduled event. The County will strive to build time periods into the event schedule for successful set-up, tear-down and removal of equipment times. Some event bookings may involve tight turnaround times for set-up and breakdown. In-House Caterer staff is required to assist with any of these needs at County's discretion if the In-House Caterer is being utilized and will be given advance notice.
 11. Tables that are set up in public spaces such as pre-function spaces, lobbies and outdoor event space(s) must immediately have linen coverings on the surfaces of the tables once they are set in place if they are not "linen less" tables. Nothing should be set up prior to the day of the event. No items should be stacked and/or stored in these spaces once items are delivered that would not normally be in view during an event. This is for the safety and enjoyment of all on the BACC premises.
 12. In-House Caterer shall provide all decorations and signage for coffee station, food stations, bars, buffets, and other stations to create a professional atmosphere.
 13. In-House Caterer shall be responsible for providing all County facility policy guidelines to their catering captains, sales staff, kitchen staff, and others involved with the day-to-day operations of the BACC.
- I. In-House Caterer must request and receive approval before agreeing to use any exclusive products, such as soft drinks brands, and must coordinate on any sponsorships the County

may have in place currently or in the future. Any sponsorship must take into consideration any client of the venue that may have current product sponsorships in place or may produce their own products and want these products for an event.

- J. At no time will any employee of In-House Caterer allow unauthorized access by any persons who are not employed by the In-House Caterer or County. If any In-House Caterer staff member is caught allowing unauthorized access, then they will be escorted off property and will not be allowed to return.

Manatee County Government Department events:

1. The BACC Executive Director may choose to allow County Departments and constitutional officers to self-cater by providing their own pre-cooked and professionally packaged food and beverage service for County meetings which consist of primarily County employees with no or minimal public attendees.
2. In-House Caterer shall provide all other County Departments and the constitutional officers with a 25% discount.
3. The BACC will receive up to three (3) catered events at the BACC. Price will be at 10% above total cost (cost of the product and labor to prepare and serve the product plus 10%). In-House Caterer will need to provide copies of receipts and payroll reports.

1.04 ADDITIONAL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

In-House Caterer services shall include but not be limited to:

- A. In-House Caterer shall provide adequate, trained hospitality staff. Highly skilled customer service is required for all internal and external clients of the County.
- B. In-House Caterer shall operate the spaces designated in the BACC for the services of food and beverage in a manner consistent with convenience and safety of the public. This will include cleaning, wiping, sweeping, mopping, disinfecting and trash removal of In-House Caterer's usage areas to include the concession stands (permanent and portable) and the kitchen facility. This will also include any County-owned equipment and spaces.
- C. In-House Caterer agrees to obtain all licenses required for the serving of food and beverage as well as alcoholic beverages including the Department of Health inspections. Provide a copy of all current licenses to the County on an annual basis and provide a copy of all health inspections to the County within twenty-four (24) hours of completed inspections.
- D. In-House Caterer should maintain all food service areas it occupies in a clean and sanitary condition in accordance with, and consistent with, all applicable rules and requirements of law, pertinent health and sanitation codes, and the requirements of duly authorized health authorities having jurisdiction.
- E. Spillage – The County, In-House Caterer, and all staff should work together quickly for spillage in public areas that could produce a safety hazard for guests.

- F. Employee Attire – In-House Caterer employees must be neatly attired in uniforms that clearly and properly identify the catering staff. Name tags are encouraged. Additionally, it shall be the responsibility of In-House Caterer to ensure that all employees meet minimum hygiene and appearance standards. A copy of the In-House Caterer’s hygiene and appearance standards to be provided to the County
- G. Utilities – The County shall provide the following utilities: basic electricity, air conditioning, heat, water, sewer, one telephone on the County network system/telephone service, and unsecured County Wi-Fi access. One (1) 8-yard dumpster to be shared with BACC facility. Any added utility capacities, telephone services and/or outlets beyond those provided shall be the responsibility of In-House Caterer.
- H. Maintenance and Clean-up - In-House Caterer shall maintain all space occupied in performance of its duties. This will include but are not limited to sweeping and mopping of kitchen and concession stand floors post event as per the operational checklist for the facilities. Clean up spills of provided food and beverages as needed. In-House Caterer will not dispose of grease or any other food or beverage on the property other than designated areas. Be responsible for the return of all equipment used in the conduct of operating the food service that belongs to the suppliers. Trash from events on County property may be put into the County trash receptacles. All stored food should be kept in secure containers to discourage pests. In-House Caterer will provide trash receptacles for kitchen and concession use. Only trash from County events is allowed to be placed in dumpsters.
- I. Upon request, In-House Caterer may be asked to assist the County during an adverse situation such as a natural disaster to ensure the safety of the facility.
- J. Monthly Summary Report:

The Monthly Summary Report showing all sales and commissions must be completed and turned into the business office within ten (10) business days of the end of sales month. Report will be reviewed within five (5) business days by the County with the payment being due preferable by credit card payment.

- 1. A copy of the Month Summary Report is attached. It is a living document with mutually agreed upon changes able to be made to the format of the report.
- 2. All events are required to have the appropriate back up. Catered events must include the final invoice. Any point of sale (POS) sales including food and alcohol must be accompanied by a sales transaction report showing total sales.
- 3. Revenues obtained through Alternate Food Options should include back up to the show with the flat fee charged to the vendor or total sales made.

END OF EXHIBIT 1

**EXHIBIT 2, PROPOSAL RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS
RFP No. 24-R085474SB**

This section identifies specific information which must be contained within the Proposal and the order in which such information should be organized. The information each Proposer provides will be used to determine those Proposers with the background, experience, and capacity to perform the scope of services as stated in this RFP and which Proposer(s) best meets the overall needs of the County. For more information on the evaluation process, refer to Section B, Evaluation of Proposals.

2.01 INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED

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

2.02 PROPOSAL FORMAT

FORMAT

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

TAB 1 - INTRODUCTION

In Tab 1, include the following:

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

TAB 2 – MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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

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

No documentation is required. The County will verify registration.

2. Proposer must possess a current 13CT catering license from the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulations.

Provide a copy of Proposer’s 13CT catering license (includes liquor) from the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulations.

3. Proposer must employ a minimum of one (1) supervisory personnel who possesses a current, valid Certified Food Manager certification as required by the Florida law [F.S. Section 509.039](#) food service protection.

Provide a copy of the qualifying individual's current, valid Florida Department of Health Certified Food Manager certification.

4. The Proposer(s) has provided catering services in the past five (5) years (since July 1, 2019) for five (5) organizations/facilities that include the following: (a) combined catering services provided for these organizations/facilities generated revenues of a minimum of \$100,000 annually with supporting documents; (b) a minimum five (5) events conducted for each organization/facility each event having at least 100 attendees; and (c) the five (5) events conducted were for one of the following types of events: (i) corporate meeting, (ii) wedding, or (iii) private banquet or (iv) fundraising gala.

Provide the following reference information for the five (5) 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. **Type of event(s) catered**

5. Proposer is not on the Florida Suspended or Debarred Vendor List.

No documentation is required. The County will verify.

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

No documentation is required. The County will verify.

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

No documentation is required. The County will verify.

8. If Proposer is submitting as a joint venture, Proposer must have 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 for submission of Proposals in response to this RFP.

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

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

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

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

TAB 3 – FORMS

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

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

TAB 4 – TRADE SECRETS

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

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

Proposer must submit purported trade secret as follows:

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

TAB 5 – PROPOSER STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION

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

1. Legal contracting name including any dba.
2. State of organization or incorporation.
3. Ownership structure of Proposer's company.
(e.g., Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, Limited Liability Corporation, Corporation)
4. Federal Identification Number.
5. A fully completed (signed and dated) copy of Proposer's W-9.
6. Contact information for Proposer's corporate headquarters and local office (if different)
NOTE: local is defined as Manatee, DeSoto, Hardee, Hillsborough, Pinellas, or Sarasota counties.
 - a. Address
 - b. County, State, Zip
 - c. Phone
 - d. Number of years at this location
7. List of officers, owners and/or partners, or managers of the firm. Include names, addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers.
8. Provide supporting documentation from the certifying agent indicating Proposer is a certified Minority-owned Business Enterprise, if applicable.
9. Contact information for Proposer's primary and secondary representatives during this RFP process to include the following information:
 - a. Name
 - b. Phone
 - c. E-mail
 - d. Mailing Address
 - e. County, State, Zip
10. Provide a brief summary regarding any prior or pending litigation, either civil or criminal, involving a governmental agency or which may affect the performance of the services to be rendered herein, in which the Proposer, any of its partners, employees or subcontractors is or has been involved within the last three (3) years.
11. Provide details of any ownership changes to Proposer's organization in the past three (3) years or changes anticipated within six (6) months of the Due Date and Time (e.g., mergers, acquisitions, changes in executive leadership).
12. Detail Proposer's accessibility under Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act strategies and processes as follows:
 - a. Detail Proposer's strategies and approach to meeting the ADA accessibility compliance standards of Section 508 and/or WCAG 2.0 AA for all documents to be submitted under the Agreement.
 - b. Briefly describe Proposer's ADA accessibility conformance testing process.

TAB 6 – PROPOSER AND TEAM'S EXPERIENCE (MAXIMUM POINTS 40)

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

1. Provide a summary of Proposer's background, size, and years in business.
2. Describe Proposer's experience in catering services for other government agencies, particularly those within Florida.
3. Provide Proposer's years of experience in catering services.
4. Identify and include information regarding experience and qualifications of Proposer's key staff to be assigned to the services. Include a resume for each with the name of the

- firm(s) for their current and previous employers, their full names, professional credentials (e.g., certifications and/or licenses), and roles and duties which the individuals will provide to the County.
5. Identify any proposed sub-consultants to accomplish the service. Include the company name, the name of the individual(s) to be assigned, and an overview of their experience and qualifications applicable to their role in the provision of catering services for the County.
 6. Describe any significant or unique accomplishments, recognition, or awards received by Proposer, its key personnel, for previous similar services.
 7. Provide any additional information that would assist the County in the evaluation of Proposer and team's experience.

TAB 7 – APPROACH (MAXIMUM POINTS 10)

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

1. An explanation of Proposer's technical ability to perform all facets of the scope of services defined in Exhibit 1, Scope of Service.
2. Details of implementation plan and schedule. Provide an implementation schedule for each component of services.
3. Provide a narrative of the methodology for engaging with County representatives in-the-course of performing the services.
4. Proposer shall thoroughly explain:
 - a. Its accessibility in the areas of availability for meetings, general communications, coordination, and supervision.
 - b. How Proposer physically plans on attending pre-scheduled meetings.
 - c. How Proposer plans on ensuring accessibility and availability during the term of the Agreement.
5. Proposer's Risk Management and Safety Plan that includes a list of risks related to the provision of services.
6. Proposers are encouraged to propose the use of as many environmentally preferable, sustainable, 'green' products, materials and supplies to promote a safe and healthy work environment. Submit a summary of Proposer's environmental sustainability initiatives and any products, materials or supplies that are proposed for the services at the County.
7. Provide a statement on company letterhead and signed by an authorized official of Proposer attesting to its commitment to meet the County's time and budget requirements for all services.
8. Provide sample menu's with current pricing and copies of five catering contracts (within the last twelve months).
9. Provide details of Proposer's processes related to recruitment, hiring and retaining employees.
10. Provide pictures of sample bar, floor plans, sample buffets, resection tables, proposed for the County's services. Visual aids such as photos shall be included with the equipment descriptions.
11. Provide details of Proposer's safety training program for their staff.
12. Provide any additional information that would assist County in the evaluation of Proposer's approach to provide the required services.

TAB 8 - CAPACITY (MAXIMUM POINTS 30)

In Tab 8, provide Proposer's capacity to include the following:

1. Specify the location(s), including the complete physical address, where the (food preparation) work for these services will be performed, including service performed by subcontractors, if applicable.
2. Details of Proposer's staffing resources, at the location that will provide services to the County as well as corporately; by discipline and the number of personnel within each discipline.
3. Submit an organizational diagram clearly identifying key personnel as well as other staffing resources who are designated to provide catering services to the County. For each individual in the organization diagram, include each individual's name, title, firm and indicate their functional relationship to each other.
4. If Proposer is teaming with other entities to provide the required goods and services, detail any prior similar work any two or more team members have jointly performed.
5. If a joint venture is proposed, provide an affidavit attesting to the formulation of the joint venture and provide proof of incorporation as a joint venture or a copy of the formal joint venture agreement between all joint venture parties, indicating their respective roles, responsibilities, and levels of participation in the project.
6. An explanation, in general terms, of Proposers' financial capacity to perform the scope of services. If Proposer is jointly filing a Response with other entities, details must be provided to demonstrate financial capacity of each entity.
7. Provide a statement on company letterhead and signed by a company official authorizing a County auditor and/or financial analysts access to your financial records, including all records prepared by an independent firm, or the financial records of other entities for which you have ownership interest. Such access will occur at the primary location of the Proposer, or such other location as may be agreed, for the purposes of verifying financial representations, and/or to review and assess the historical and current financial capacity of Proposer's business entity and its expected ability to meet ongoing financial obligations related to the required services, if awarded a contract. If an audit is conducted, the County's audit and/or financial analysts will report their findings in a summary report to the Procurement Official, which will be placed in the Response files for subsequent use, review, and discussions during evaluations.
8. Disclose any ownership interest in other entities proposed for services. This ownership disclosure includes ownership by the Proposer through a parent, subsidiary or holding company or any other form of business entity. Submit entity names and the percent of ownership for each.
9. Detail of Proposers current workloads and any projected changes to the workload within the next six (6) months.
10. Provide any additional information that would assist the County in the evaluation of Proposer's capacity to provide the required services.

TAB 9 – FEE PROPOSAL (MAXIMUM POINTS 20)

In Tab 9, Proposer shall provide a fee structure for catering services.

END OF EXHIBIT 2

EXHIBIT 3, COMPENSATION SCHEDULE

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- A. The In-House Caterer shall invoice the County clients and collect payment directly from the clients for all catering/food and beverage services. In-House Caterer shall provide the County the agreed upon commission on all catered event gross receipts.

In-House Caterer shall not list this commission percentage on the client invoice as a separate service or facility charge; rather it must be built into the client's quoted price.

The commission percentage of gross receipts shall be paid to the County by the 10th calendar day of each month for the previous month. Payment shall be accompanied by the Summary Statement (See Exhibit 1, 1.04, J) outlining each catered event along with a copy of the final client paid invoice. Any discrepancies between the summary statement and the client invoice shall be resolved within five (5) days of original submission.

B. Commission Rates:

In-House Caterer shall provide the County an agreed upon commission percentage of invoiced gross receipts as defined below for all County events.

1. Gross receipts are the total invoice charges less sales tax and gratuity for services occurring on County property including parking areas.
2. This will include all items on the customer invoice except for the sales tax and "gratuity." Items included but not limited to catered food; rental items such as linens, equipment, service ware, tiki huts, etc.; labor charges, to include delivery, service charge, and any miscellaneous.
3. "Gratuities" are specifically NOT included.
4. Commission to be paid monthly.
5. The following commission structure will take place:
 - a. Commission for catered food and nonalcoholic beverage will be 18% of gross receipts as defined.
 - b. Commission for concessions food and nonalcoholic beverage will be 18% of gross receipts as defined. Negative gross receipts will be considered \$0 sales. No charging of minimums to clients allowed.
 - c. Any alcoholic beverage sales commission of 20% of gross receipts less applicable sales tax will be due.
 - d. Offsite Catering/Food Truck Commission for Non-County Events will be 15% of gross receipts as defined. This commission rate only applies if the In-House Caterer utilizes the BACC kitchen to prep food for an event that is taking place at another location outside of BACC. Offsite Non-County Events do not have priority over BACC events that are onsite.
 - e. In-House Caterer Self-Promotion Events: will be 10% of gross receipts as defined. BACC shall waive all equipment and space rental fees for up to five (5) events per year for In-House Caterer Self-Promotion Events. Any County labor costs (cleaning fees, standby labor, etc.) will not be waived.

In-House Caterer may provide concessions services at the Premier Sports Campus at the prevailing Premier Sports Campus off-site catering list rate.

END OF EXHIBIT 3

BACC Kitchen Inventory (June 2024)

Items	Image
12FT Metal Table/Food Prep Tables: (3)	
5FT Metal Food Prep Tables: (3)	
Beverage Cooler (black): (1)	

**Beverage Cooler
(blue):
(2)**



**Baking Pan Food
Trays:
(99)**



**Cambro Ice Black
Mobile Caddie:
(3)**



Cambro Ice
Brown 8'x4':
(4)

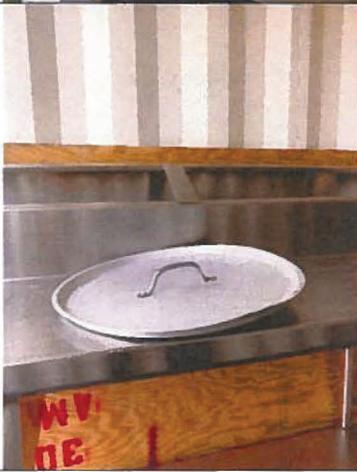


Coffee Creamer
Cups:
(60)

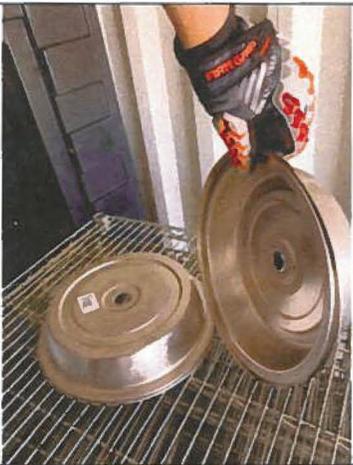


Dish washer
Glass Ware
Racks:
(241)



<p>Food Strainers: (4)</p>	
<p>Hot Plate Equipment: (1)</p>	
<p>Large Pot Lid: (1)</p>	

<p>Metal Catering Trays w/Handles: (7)</p>	
<p>Metal Food Platter Trays: (13)</p>	
<p>Metal Lids: (10)</p>	

<p>Metal Plate Warmers: (23)</p>			
<p>Metal Rack (no wheels): (1)</p>			
<p>Metal Storage Racks: (28)</p>			

<p>Ovens: (6)</p>	
<p>Speed Racks: (8)</p>	
<p>Storage Rack Legs: (34)</p>	

Washer Rack
Carts
(wheels/square):
(29)



END OF EXHIBIT 5



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 [date] day of [month], 2024 (“Effective Date”), by and between **MANATEE COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, (“**COUNTY**”), with offices located at 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida 34205, and [**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 (“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 Effective Date and remain in force for an initial term

of [number of years], unless terminated by COUNTY pursuant to Article 9.

- B. COUNTY reserves the right to extend the initial term of [number years] for an additional [number], [number]-year periods.

ARTICLE 4. COMPENSATION

- A. CONTRACTOR shall be compensated for the Services and all expenditures incurred in providing the Services.
- B. The fee rates specified in **Exhibit B** shall be the total compensation for the Services and shall contain all applicable 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 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.
- 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.
- F. Any dispute between COUNTY and CONTRACTOR with regard to the Services 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 the Services. 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 Services in accordance with the terms and conditions of

this Agreement.

- C. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all employees assigned to render the Services 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. 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 may include, 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 and technical accuracy of the Services and any other services furnished by CONTRACTOR under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall, without additional compensation, correct or revise any errors or deficiencies in the 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 without prior written consent of COUNTY.
- I. COUNTY may require in writing that CONTRACTOR remove from the Services 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.
- J. CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that this is a firm fixed price contract and that there shall be no allowances or reimbursement for any cost whatsoever except as otherwise explicitly provided in this Agreement. CONTRACTOR agrees to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, regardless of cost, for the sole and sufficient compensation stated in Exhibit B with no expectation of additional compensation. COUNTY will not be obligated to pay CONTRACTOR any amount in excess of the firm fixed price specified in Exhibit B.

ARTICLE 7. RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNTY

- A. COUNTY shall, through its County Administrator, appoint an individual to serve as County Representative. The County Representative shall have the authority to transmit instructions, receive information, interpret and define the policy of COUNTY and make decisions pertinent to the Services. COUNTY reserves the right to designate a different County Representative, provided that CONTRACTOR is given advance 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 Services.
- C. COUNTY shall provide prompt notice to CONTRACTOR whenever COUNTY observes or otherwise becomes aware of any defect in the performance of the Services.
- D. COUNTY shall give careful and reasonable consideration to the findings and recommendations of 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 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 9. 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 Services that comply with the specifications herein or that fail to meet COUNTY’S performance standards;
 - b. Failure to 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.
4. In the event of termination of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall be liable for any damage to COUNTY resulting from CONTRACTOR'S default of this Agreement. This liability includes any increased costs incurred by COUNTY in completing performance under this Agreement.
5. In the event of termination by COUNTY for any cause, CONTRACTOR shall not have any right or claim against COUNTY for lost profits or compensation for lost opportunities. After a receipt of COUNTY'S Notice of Termination and except as otherwise directed by COUNTY, CONTRACTOR shall:
 - a. Stop the Services on the date and to the extent specified;
 - b. Terminate and settle all orders and subcontracts relating to the performance of the terminated Services;
 - c. Transfer all work in process, completed work, and other materials related to the terminated Services as directed by COUNTY; and
 - d. Continue and complete all parts of the Services that have not been terminated.

B. TERMINATION WITHOUT CAUSE:

COUNTY may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, 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 10. 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 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 11. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- A. Disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the Manatee County Purchasing Code (Chapter 2-26 of the Manatee County Code of Ordinances). Any dispute resolution constituting a material change in this Agreement shall not be final until an amendment to this Agreement has been approved and executed by the County Purchasing Official.
- B. CONTRACTOR agrees it must exhaust all dispute resolution procedures set forth in Manatee County's Procurement Code prior to instituting any action in state or federal court or before any administrative agency or tribunal.

ARTICLE 12. 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 13. 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. Such action will be taken with reference to, but shall not be limited to, recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff or termination, rates of training or retraining (including apprenticeship and on-the-job training).

ARTICLE 14. 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 auditing purposes. Inspection or copying will occur during normal business hours, and as often as COUNTY may deem necessary. COUNTY shall have the right to obtain and inspect any audit pertaining to the performance of this Agreement or 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 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 15. 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: lacy.pritchard@mymanatee.org

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

ARTICLE 16. INDEMNIFICATION

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

ARTICLE 17. 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 Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, or any other applicable statutes or immunities. COUNTY expressly reserves these rights to the full extent allowed by law.

ARTICLE 18. 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 Purchasing Official before the Effective Date of this Agreement. The required certificates shall identify the type of policy, policy number, date of expiration, amount of coverage, companies affording coverage, shall refer specifically to the title of this Agreement, and shall name Manatee County as an additional insured. No changes shall be made to the insurance coverage without prior written approval by COUNTY'S Risk Management Division.
- C. Insurance shall remain in force for at least three (3) years after completion of the Services in the amounts and types of coverage as required by **Exhibit D**, including coverage for all 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 Purchasing Official thirty (30) days prior to the date of their expiration.

ARTICLE 19. 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 20. 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 of the Services, 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 21. 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 22. KEY PERSONNEL

The following key personnel shall be the COUNTY primary contacts assigned to this Agreement by CONTRACTOR:

[Enter Name, Title]

CONTRACTOR shall notify the COUNTY in writing within ten (10) business days of any changes to the key personnel.

ARTICLE 23. SUB-CONTRACTORS

If it is determined by either party that a sub-contractor will be required in order to complete the services as described in **Exhibit A**, CONTRACTOR shall request the use of a sub-contractor in writing and receive prior written approval from COUNTY.

ARTICLE 24. LIABILITY FOR NEGLIGENCE.

To the fullest extent allowed by law, the individuals performing the 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 the Services.

ARTICLE 25. 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: [Title of Contact person]

[Address]
[City/State/Zip]
Phone: (941) [number]
Email: [email]

To CONTRACTOR: [Company Name]
Attn: [Title of Contact person]
[Address]
[City/State/Zip]
Phone: ([area code] [number])
Email: [email]

ARTICLE 26. 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 27. 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 28. ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

CONTRACTOR recognizes that in rendering the Services, 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 Services rendered to COUNTY.

ARTICLE 29. 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 30. 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 31. 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 32. 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 33. 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 34. 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 Services.

ARTICLE 35. 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 36. 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 37. 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 38. 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 39. 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 40. E-VERIFY

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

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

ARTICLE 41. FUNDS FOR IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

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

ARTICLE 42. 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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SAMPLE

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

CONTRACTOR NAME

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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

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

Date: _____

SAMPLE

EXHIBIT A, SCOPE OF SERVICES

SAMPLE

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 <identify the index source, index name, and the index number> change in most recent 12- month period. No more than price increase is allowed in a month period.

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SAMPLE

EXHIBIT C, AFFIDAVIT OF NO CONFLICT

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, this day personally appeared [INSERT NAME] _____
_____, as [INSERT TITLE] _____ of
[INSERT CONTRACTOR NAME] _____, (hereinafter
"CONTRACTOR") with full authority to bind 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 _____, 20_____.

CONTRACTOR Signature

The foregoing instrument was sworn to and acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____, by [NAME] _____, as [TITLE] _____ of [CONTRACTOR] _____. He / She is personally known to me or has produced _____ [TYPE OF IDENTIFICATION] as identification.

Notary Signature
Commission No. _____

Please return this completed and signed exhibit with your agreement.

EXHIBIT D, INSURANCE AND BOND REQUIREMENTS

The CONTRACTOR will not commence work under the resulting Agreement until all insurance coverages indicated by an “X” 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):

Automobile Liability Insurance Required Limits

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

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

This policy shall contain severability of interests' provisions.

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

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

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

This policy shall contain severability of interests' provisions.

Employer's Liability Insurance

Coverage limits of not less than:

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

Worker's Compensation Insurance

US Longshoremen & Harbor Workers Act

Jones Act Coverage

Coverage limits of not less than:

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

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

Aircraft Liability Insurance Required Limits

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

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

Un-Manned Aircraft Liability Insurance (Drone)

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

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

Installation Floater Insurance

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

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

Professional Liability and/or Errors and Omissions (E&O) Liability Insurances
Coverage shall be afforded under either an occurrence policy form or a claims-made policy form. If the coverage form is on a claims-made basis, then coverage must be maintained for a minimum of three years from termination of date of the contract. Limits must not be less than:

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

Builder's Risk Insurance

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

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

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

Cyber Liability Insurance

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

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

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

Hazardous Materials Insurance (As Noted Below)

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

All coverage shall be afforded under either an occurrence policy form or a claims-made policy form, and the policy shall be endorsed and name 'Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida' as an Additional Insured. If the coverage form is on a claims-made basis, then

coverage must be maintained for a minimum of three years from termination of date of the contract. Limits must not be less than:

Pollution Liability

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

Asbestos Liability (If handling within scope of Contract)

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

Disposal

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

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

Hazardous Waste Transportation Insurance

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.

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

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

Liquor Liability Insurance

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

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

Garage Keeper's Liability Insurance

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

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

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

Bailee's Customer Liability Insurance

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

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

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

Hull and Watercraft Liability Insurance

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

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

Other [Specify]

REQUIRED BONDS

Bid Bond

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

Payment and Performance Bond

A Payment and Performance Bond shall be submitted by Successful Bidder for 100% of the

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

I. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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

Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverages

- a. **“Manatee County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida,” is to be named as an Additional Insured in respect to:** Liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the 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.
- j. 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.
- k. 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.
- l. No award shall be made until the Procurement Division has received the Certificate of Insurance in accordance with this section.

III. BONDING REQUIREMENTS

Bid Bond/Certified Check. By submitting a proposal, the 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 required by this section within ten (10) days from the date of notice of intent to award.

Date: _____

Contractor’s Name: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Printed Name/Title: _____

Insurance Agency: _____

Agent Name: _____

Agent Phone: _____

Surety Agency: _____

Surety Name: _____

Surety Phone: _____

Please return this completed and signed statement with your agreement.

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