

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
No. 22-R078768JH
TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN
(TDP) MAJOR UPDATE
MARCH 14, 2022

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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 Transit Development Plan (TDP) Major Update, as specified in this Request for Proposals to include Updating the existing MCAT FY 2019-28 TDP and in doing so will complete all requirements for a new major TDP for FY 2024-33.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE DUE

The Due Date and Time for submission of Proposals in response to this RFP is **April 14, 2022 at 3:00 P.M. ET**. Proposals must be delivered to the following location: Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803, 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 March 24, 2022. 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: Jeb Hayter, Procurement Agent

(941) 941-749-3055, Fax (941) 749-3034

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Manatee County Financial Management Department
Procurement Division

AUTHORIZED FOR RELEASE:

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SECTION A, INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

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

A.01 INFORMATION CONFERENCE

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

A.02 PROPOSAL DUE DATE

The Due Date and Time for submission of Proposals in response to this Request for Proposals (RFP) is **April 14, 2022 at 3:00 P.M. ET**. Proposals must be delivered to the following location: Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Ave. W., Suite 803, Bradenton, FL 34205 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, Suite 803.

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, 8th Floor, Suite 803, Bradenton, Florida 34205, in the presence of County officials immediately upon expiration of the Due Date and Time. Interested parties may attend the proposal opening.

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 virtual 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".
- Three (3) bound copies clearly identifying Proposer and marked "COPY" with all required information and identical to the original.
- One (1) electronic format copy(s) clearly identifying Proposer.

Electronic format copies should be submitted on separate Universal Serial Bus (USB) portable flash memory drives or compact disc (CD) in Microsoft Office® or Adobe Acrobat® portable document format (PDF) **in one 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. 22-R078768JH, Transit Development Plan (TDP) Major Update, Proposer's name, and Proposer's address. Proposals must be received by the Manatee County Procurement Division prior to the Due Date and Time at the following address:

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

A.05 ORGANIZATION OF 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, Suite 803, Bradenton, FL 34205. Call (941) 749-3014 to schedule an appointment. Documents are available between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, with the exception of County holidays.

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

A.07 ADDENDA

Any interpretations, corrections or changes to this 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 Procurement Official.

A.12 JOINT VENTURES

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

A.13 LOBBYING

After the issuance of any solicitation, no prospective 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 Procurement Official or designee, unless otherwise directed by the Procurement Official or designee. This prohibition includes copying such persons on written communications (including email correspondence) but does not apply to presentations made to evaluation committees or at a County Commission meeting where the Commission is considering approval of a

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

A.14 EXAMINATION OF 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.10.

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 Procurement 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: DEBBIE.SCACCIAOCE@MYMANATEE.ORG

ATTN: RECORDS MANAGER

1112 MANATEE AVENUE WEST

BRADENTON, FL 34205

A.28 TRADE SECRETS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A.29 CONFIDENTIALITY OF SECURITY RELATED RECORDS

- a. Pursuant to Florida Statutes § 119.071(3), the following records (hereinafter referred to collectively as “the Confidential Security Records”) are confidential and exempt from the disclosure requirements of Florida Statutes § 119.07(1):
 - 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 Procurement 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, Suite 803, Bradenton, FL 34205 by 5:00 p.m. on the fifth business day following the date of posting of the Notice of Intent to Award on the County website. There is no stay of the procurement process during a protest. The Procurement Official shall have the authority to settle and resolve a protest concerning the intended award of a contract.

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

A.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 SOLICITATION SCHEDULE

The following schedule has been established for this Solicitation process. Refer to the County's website (www.mymanatee.org > Online Services > *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	
Question and Clarification Deadline	March 24, 2022
Final Addendum Posted	March 31, 2022
Proposal Due Date and Time	April 14, 2022 by 3:00 P.M., ET
Technical Evaluation Meeting	TBD
Technical Evaluation Meeting	TBD
Presentations	TBD
Final Technical Evaluations	TBD
Projected Award	TBD

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
Project Understanding, Approach and Schedule	35
Project Manager and Project Team Member Qualifications and Experience	35
Proposed Additional solutions to the TDP Scope of Work and Budget	15
Proposed Project Cost	15

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 oral interview/presentation/product demonstrations,
- c. Recommend commencement of negotiations to the Procurement 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 one (1) year from the date of execution; The Agreement shall remain in force until all deliverables have been met.

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 Procurement Official or the Board of County Commissioners, as provided for in the current Manatee County Procurement Code.

END SECTION C

SECTION D, FORMS

FORM 1 - ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ADDENDA

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the following addenda:

Addendum No. _____	Date Received:
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Print or type Proposer's information below:

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

FORM 2 - PROPOSAL SIGNATURE FORM

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

- (1) He/she has the authority and approval of the legal entity purporting to submit the Proposal and any additional documentation which may be required such as the Joint Venture Agreement or Joint Venture Affidavit, if applicable; and
- (2) All facts and responses set forth in the Proposal are true and correct; and
- (3) If the Proposer is selected by County to negotiate an agreement, that Proposer's negotiators will negotiate in good faith to establish an agreement to provide the services described in this 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 4. The Proposer understands that if it submits exceptions to the Sample Agreement in its Proposal, the Proposer may be determined non-responsive.

Print or type Proposer's information below:

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

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

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

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

This sworn statement is submitted to Manatee County by

[print individual's name and title]

for _____

[name of entity submitting sworn statement]

whose business address is: _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signature of Contractor Representative

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____
by _____. ☐ Personally known OR ☐ Produced the
following identification

[Type of identification]

Notary Public Signature

My commission expires_____

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

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

FORM 4 - CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE FORM

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

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 No: _____

Expires on: _____
SEAL

FORM 6 - TRUTH – IN – NEGOTIATION CERTIFICATE

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: _____

FORM 7 – SCRUTINIZED COMPANY CERTIFICATION

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

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

Companies must complete and return this form with its response.

Company: _____

FEIN: _____

Address. _____

City/State/Zip. _____

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

Signature

Title

Printed Name

Date

FORM 8, INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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

☒ **Automobile Liability Insurance Required Limits**

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

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

This policy shall contain severability of interests' provisions.

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

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

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

This policy shall contain severability of interests' provisions.

☒ **Employer's Liability Insurance**

Coverage limits of not less than:

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

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

Coverage limits of not less than:

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

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

☐ **Aircraft Liability Insurance Required Limits**

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

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

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

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

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

☐ **Installation Floater Insurance**

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

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

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

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

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

☐ **Builder's Risk Insurance**

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

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

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

☐ **Cyber Liability Insurance**

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

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

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

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

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

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

☐ ***Pollution Liability***

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

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

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

☐ ***Disposal***

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

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

☐ **Hazardous Waste Transportation Insurance**

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

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

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

☐ **Liquor Liability Insurance**

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

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

☐ **Garage Keeper’s Liability Insurance**

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

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

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

☐ **Bailee's Customer Liability Insurance**

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

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

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

☐ **Hull and Watercraft Liability Insurance**

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

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

☐ **Other [Specify]**

BOND REQUIREMENTS

☐ **Bid Bond**

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

☐ **Payment and Performance Bond**

A Payment and Performance Bond shall be submitted by Successful Bidder for 100% of the award amount and shall be presented to Manatee County within ten (10) calendar days of issuance of the

notice of intent to award. NOTE: A construction project over \$200,000 requires a Payment and Performance Bond.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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

Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverages

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

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

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

Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Coverages

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

II. General Insurance Provisions Applicable to All Policies

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

the COUNTY, Successful Proposer will provide the COUNTY with a certified copy of all applicable policies. The address where such certificates and certified policies shall be sent or delivered is as follows:

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

3. The project's solicitation number and title shall be listed on each certificate.
4. Successful Proposer shall provide thirty (30) days written notice to the Risk Manager of any cancellation, non-renewal, termination, material change, or reduction in coverage of any insurance policies to procurement representative including solicitation number and title with all notices.
5. Successful Proposer agrees that should at any time Successful Proposer fail to meet or maintain the required insurance coverage(s) as set forth herein, the COUNTY may terminate this contract.
6. The Successful Proposer waives all subrogation rights against COUNTY, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida, for all losses or damages which occur during the contract and for any events occurring during the contract period, whether the suit is brought during the contract period or not.
7. The Successful Proposer has sole responsibility for all insurance premiums and policy deductibles.
8. It is the Successful Proposer's responsibility to ensure that his agents, representatives and subcontractors comply with the insurance requirements set forth herein. Successful Proposer shall include his agents, representatives, and subcontractors working on the project or at the worksite as insured under its policies, or Successful Proposer shall furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each agent, representative, and subcontractor working on the project or at the worksite. All coverages for agents, representatives, and subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements set forth to the procurement representative.
9. All required insurance policies must be written with a carrier having a minimum A.M. Best rating of A- FSC VII or better. In addition, the COUNTY has the right to review the Successful Proposer's deductible or self-insured retention and to require that it be reduced or eliminated.
10. Successful Proposer understands and agrees that the stipulated limits of coverage listed herein in this insurance section shall not be construed as a limitation of any potential liability to the COUNTY, or to others, and the COUNTY'S failure to request evidence of this insurance coverage shall not be construed as a waiver of Successful Proposer'S obligation to provide and maintain the insurance coverage specified.
11. Successful Proposer understands and agrees that the COUNTY does not waive its immunity and nothing herein shall be interpreted as a waiver of the COUNTY'S rights, including the limitation of waiver of immunity, as set forth in Florida Statutes 768.28, or any other statutes, and the COUNTY expressly reserves these rights to the full extent allowed by law.

12. No award shall be made until the Procurement Division has received the Certificate of Insurance in accordance with this section.

BONDING REQUIREMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FORM 8, INSURANCE STATEMENT
RFP NO. 22-R078768JH

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 signed statement with your proposal.

FORM 9, INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS

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: 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

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) GOAL

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

1. Ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts;
2. Create a level playing field on which DBE’s can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts;
3. Ensure that the DBE program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. Ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 C.F.R. part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBE’s;
5. Help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT assisted contracts;
6. To promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally assisted contracts and procurement activities; and
7. Assist in the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE program.

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

DBE Participation Goal

The DBE participation goal for this Contract is set at 10.00 %. This goal represents those elements of work under this Contract performed by qualified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises for amounts totaling **not less than** 10.00 % of the total Contract price. Failure to meet the stated goal at the time of proposal submission **may** render the Bidder/Offeror non-responsive.

CONTRACT ASSURANCE

The Contractor, subrecipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this Contract. The Contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 C.F.R. part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the Contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this Contract, which may result in the termination of this Contract or such other remedy as the AGENCY deems appropriate.

DBE Participation

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

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

Proposed Submission

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

1. A completed **DBE Utilization Form** (see below) that indicates the percentage and dollar value of the total bid/contract amount to be supplied by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises under this Contract.
2. A list of those qualified DBE's with whom the Bidder/Offeror intends to contract for the performance of portions of the work under the Contract, the agreed price to be paid to each DBE for work, the Contract items or parts to be performed by each DBE, a proposed timetable for the performance or delivery of the Contract item, and other information as required by the **DBE Participation Schedule** (see below). No work shall be included in the Schedule that the Bidder/Offeror has reason to believe the listed DBE will subcontract, at any tier, to other than another DBE. If awarded the Contract, the Bidder/Offeror may not deviate from the DBE Participation Schedule submitted in response to the bid. Any subsequent changes and/or substitutions of DBE firms will require review and written approval by the AGENCY.
3. An original **DBE Letter of Intent** (see below) from each DBE listed in the **DBE Participation Schedule**.
4. An original **DBE Affidavit** (see below) from each DBE stating that there has not been any change in its status since the date of its last certification.

Good Faith Efforts

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

1. Documented communication with the AGENCY's DBE Coordinator (questions of IFB or RFP requirements, subcontracting opportunities, appropriate certification, will be addressed in a timely fashion);
2. Pre-bid meeting attendance. At the pre-bid meeting, the AGENCY generally informs potential Bidder/Offeror's of DBE subcontracting opportunities;

3. The Bidder/Offeror's own solicitations to obtain DBE involvement in general circulation media, trade association publication, minority-focus media and other reasonable and available means within sufficient time to allow DBEs to respond to the solicitation;
4. Written notification to DBE's encouraging participation in the proposed Contract; and
5. Efforts made to identify specific portions of the work that might be performed by DBE's.

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

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

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

Administrative Reconsideration

Within five (5) business days of being informed by the AGENCY that it is not responsive or responsible because it has not documented sufficient good faith efforts, the Bidder/Offeror may request administrative reconsideration. The Bidder should make this request in writing to the AGENCY's [*Contact Name*]. The [*Contact Name*] will forward the Bidder/Offeror's request to a reconsideration official who will not have played any role in the original determination that the Bidder/Offeror did not document sufficient good faith efforts.

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

Termination of DBE Subcontractor

The Contractor shall not terminate the DBE subcontractor(s) listed in the **DBE Participation Schedule** (see below) without the AGENCY's prior written consent. The AGENCY may provide such written consent only if the Contractor has good cause to terminate the DBE firm. Before

transmitting a request to terminate, the Contractor shall give notice in writing to the DBE subcontractor of its intent to terminate and the reason for the request. The Contractor shall give the DBE five days to respond to the notice and advise of the reasons why it objects to the proposed termination. When a DBE subcontractor is terminated or fails to complete its work on the Contract for any reason, the Contractor shall make good faith efforts to find another DBE subcontractor to substitute for the original DBE and immediately notify the AGENCY in writing of its efforts to replace the original DBE. These good faith efforts shall be directed at finding another DBE to perform at least the same amount of work under the Contract as the DBE that was terminated, to the extent needed to meet the Contract goal established for this procurement. Failure to comply with these requirements will be in accordance with Section 8 below (Sanctions for Violations).

Continued Compliance

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

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

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

The successful Bidder/Offeror shall permit:

- The AGENCY to have access to necessary records to examine information as the AGENCY deems appropriate for the purpose of investigating and determining compliance with this provision, including, but not limited to, records of expenditures, invoices, and contract between the successful Bidder/Offeror and other DBE parties entered into during the life of the Contract.
- The authorized representative(s) of the AGENCY, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Comptroller General of the United States, to inspect and audit all data and record of the Contractor relating to its performance under the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation provision of this Contract.
- All data/record(s) pertaining to DBE shall be maintained as stated in Section [insert reference to record keeping requirements for the Project.]
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Sanctions for Violations

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

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

DBE UTILIZATION FORM

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

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

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

DBE PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

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

DBE IDENTIFICATION AND INFORMATION FORM

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

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD FAITH EFFORTS

This document should detail what your firm has done to meet this project's participation goal. Guidance as to what 'good faith efforts' are and are not is found on pages 5 & 6 of this document.

Failure to use good faith efforts to meet the assigned participation goal will result in the rejection of your bid/proposal.

I, _____, do hereby acknowledge that I am the _____ of _____, who has been identified as a bidder/proposer on the following Manatee County Area Transit Project:

Project No.	Project Title	Total Contract Amount	DBE Percentage	
			Goal	Pledged

Provide a brief summary of why your firm is unable to meet the participation goal on this project. (Attach additional pages if necessary)

I hereby certify that our firm has used good faith efforts to solicit, negotiate with, and utilize certified firms to meet the participation goal of this contract, as demonstrated by my responses to the following questions:

A. Identifying Contractible Work Items

You were encouraged to select portions of work to be contracted in a manner that will increase the likelihood of meeting the participation goal. In selecting work to be contracted, you considered, where appropriate, breaking down contracts into economically feasible units to facilitate small business participation.

- Which portion(s) or section(s) of the project work was/were selected to be contracted to certified firms (or broken down into economically feasible units to facilitate participation)?

B. Notifying Certified Firms of Contracting Opportunities

2. List the certified firms that received written notification of work items to be subcontracted. In the appropriate space, also indicate when firms received subsequent telephone, or email (with deliver, read receipts and certified firm's response) solicitations. Include copies of the written notice(s) sent to certified firms. (Attach additional pages if necessary)

Certified Firm Contacted	Date of Written Notification	DBE (Yes/No)	Date of Follow-up Telephone Call/or Email

3. Identify publications in which announcements or notifications were placed and published, if any. Include a copy of each announcement or notification.

Published Announcement/Publication (please describe)	Date

4. Identify minority and/or women's associations or organizations that received written notifications, including dates of notifications. Provide person's name contacted during, and the date of, the follow-up call. If no follow-up calls were made, explain why not. Include copies of notice(s) sent.

Association/Organization	Date of Notification	Contact Person	Date of Follow-Up Call

5. Did you contact Manatee County Board of County Commissioners/MCAT Fiscal Department to assist in identifying certified firms for this project?

Yes _____ No _____

Contact was made by: _____ Telephone _____ Email _____ Other _____

Date contacted: _____ Person Contacted: _____

C. Providing Certified Firms with Assistance

6. Explain any efforts to provide certified firms with timely, accurate and complete information about the project, scope(s) of work and/or requirements of the project.

7. Describe any other efforts to provide special assistance to certified firms interested in participating in the project.

D. Soliciting Proposal/Quotes from Interested Certified Firms

You must solicit quotes in good faith from certified firms. Quotes, proposals and/or bids, from certified firms shall not be rejected without sound justification.

8. List certified firm(s) that submitted quote(s) for the project, and include copies of all quotes received. If any quotes from certified firms were rejected provide an explanation as to why. (Attach additional pages if necessary)

Name, Phone & Address of Contact Person at Certified Firm	Work Quoted / Explanation for Rejecting Quote

9. Please include all other comments you want Manatee County Area Transit to consider. (Attach additional pages if necessary)

NOTE: The information requested above is the minimum information required.

AFFIDAVIT OF CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, being duly sworn, deposes that he/she has examined and carefully prepared this Certificate of Good Faith Efforts and has verified that the information given in this certificate is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Signed: _____

Authorized Representative

Subscribed and sworn to before me:

This _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Notary Public

My commission expires _____, 20 ____.

GUIDANCE CONCERNING GOOD FAITH EFFORTS

When Manatee County Area Transit assigns a participation goal, you will make good faith efforts to meet this goal prior to submitting a bid or proposal in order to be responsive. You can meet this requirement in one of two ways. First, you can meet or exceed the goal with commitments for participation of certified firms. Second, even if you don't meet the goal, you can document adequate good faith efforts toward that end. This means that you must show that you took all necessary and reasonable steps to achieve the participation goal.

The County will make a fair and reasonable judgment as to whether you made adequate good faith efforts according to the following guidelines. It is important to consider the quality, quantity, and intensity of the different kinds of efforts that were made. These efforts should be those that one could reasonably expect you to take if you were actively and aggressively trying to obtain participation sufficient to meet the participation goal. Going through the motions by making a phone call or two to a firm that you think should qualify is not good faith efforts to meet the project requirements. The County's determination concerning the sufficiency of your good faith efforts is a judgment call and meeting quantitative formulas is not required.

The following is a list of types of actions the County considers as part of your good faith efforts. This isn't a mandatory checklist, nor is it all-inclusive. Other factors or types of efforts may be relevant in appropriate cases:

1. Solicit, through all reasonable and available means (e.g., attendance at pre-bid meetings, advertising and/or written notices), all certified firms who have the capability to perform work on the project. Get the solicitation(s) out with enough time for them to review and respond. Be sure to record who you sent information to, and how/when they verified their interest in the project.
2. Select portions of the work to be performed by certified firms in order to increase the likelihood that the participation goal will be achieved. This includes, where appropriate, breaking out contract work items into smaller pieces, even when you might otherwise prefer to self-perform the work.
3. Provide certified firms with timely, accurate and complete plans, specifications, and requirements of the project to assist them in bidding/quoting.
4. Negotiate in good faith with certified firms.
 - a. It is your responsibility to make a portion of the work available to certified firms and to select that work based on the available certified firms. Evidence of such negotiation includes the names, addresses, email, and telephone numbers of certified firms that were considered; a description of the information provided regarding the plans and specifications for the work selected for contracting; and evidence as to why agreements could not be reached for certified firms to perform the work.
 - b. A bidder/proposer using good business judgment would consider a number of factors in negotiating with subcontractors, including certified subcontractors, and would take a firm's price and capabilities as well as contract goals into consideration. However, **the fact that there may be some additional costs involved in finding certified firms is not sufficient reason for your failure to meet the participation goal.** Also, self-performing work does not relieve you of the responsibility to make good faith efforts. You are not required to accept higher quotes from certified firms if the price difference is excessive or unreasonable.
5. Do not reject certified firms as being unqualified without sound reasons based on a thorough investigation of their capabilities. Your standing within the industry, membership in specific groups, organizations, or associations and political or social affiliations (for example union vs. non-union status) are not legitimate causes for the rejection or non-solicitation of bids in your efforts to meet the project goal.
6. Effectively use the services of available minority/women community organizations; minority/women contractors' groups; local, state, and Federal minority/women business assistance offices; and other organizations to provide assistance in the recruitment and placement of certified firms.

In determining whether you have made good faith efforts, the County may take into account the performance of other bidders/proposers in meeting the contract goal. For example, when you fail to meet the contract goal, but others meet it, the County may raise the question of whether, with additional reasonable efforts, you could have met the goal. If you fail to meet the goal, but you meet or exceed the average participation obtained by other bidder/proposers, the County may view this, in conjunction with other factors, as evidence of you having made good faith efforts.

PROMPT PAYMENT AFFIDAVIT

Contractor will place a check in the appropriate box below that applies to this payment request.

Re: Payment Request No. _____

I, _____ (Name), the _____ (Title - e.g., President, Vice President, etc.) of _____ ("Company"), do state the following with regard to payments made under Contract No. _____ ("Contract"):

1. _____ Subcontractors, at the first tier, both DBE and non-DBE, who completed work and were listed for payment on the prior Payment Request No. _____, were paid no later than thirty (30) days after Company received payment from County.
2. _____ Copies of invoices and cancelled checks for subcontractors at the first tier who were paid under the prior payment request have been delivered or mailed to the DBE Liaison. In addition, Company has attached to the current Payment Request all lien waivers for prior subcontractor payments and any other documentation required by County. (Failure to attach all required documentation to the Payment Request or forward cancelled checks and invoices to the Manatee County Public Works Department, Transit Division, DBE Liaison may cause the Payment Request to be rejected by County.)
3. _____ All retainage amounts withheld from any subcontractor who satisfactorily completed its portion of the contract work, including punch list items, were paid to the subcontractor(s) no later than fourteen (14) business days after it satisfactorily completed its work, whether or not County has paid said retainage amounts to Company. Attach a copy of the cancelled check evidencing payment of each retainage amount.
4. _____ There was no delay in or postponement of any payment owed to a subcontractor, whether periodic payment or retainage amount, except for good cause and after receipt of prior written approval from the County Purchasing Agent.

Attach a copy of the written approval from the County Purchasing Agent.

Company Name

Signature

Print Name

Date: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 20__.

Notary Public

FORM 13 - STANDARD LOBBYING CERTIFICATION FORM

Standard Lobbying Certification Form

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

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

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for making lobbying contacts to an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form--LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions [as amended by "Government wide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying," 61 Fed. Reg. 1413 (1/19/96). Note: Language in paragraph (2) herein has been modified in accordance with Section 10 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-65, to be codified at 2 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.*)]

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31, U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995). Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

[Note: Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 1352(c)(1)-(2)(A), any person who makes a prohibited expenditure or fails to file or amend a required certification or disclosure form shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such expenditure or failure.]

The Consultant, (_____), certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Consultant understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. A 3801, *et seq.*, apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Signature of Consultant's Authorized Official

Name and Title of Consultant's Authorized Official

Date

SECTION E, EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1, Scope of Services

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Exhibit 4, Sample Agreement

EXHIBIT 1, SCOPE OF SERVICES

RFP NUMBER 22-R078768JH

1.01 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Rule 14-73.001, F.A.C., states:

Transit Development Plans (TDPs). TDPs are required for State Public Transit Block Grant Program recipients by Section 341.052, Florida Statutes. A TDP shall be the provider's planning, development, and operational guidance document, based on a ten-year planning horizon and covers the year for which funding is sought and the nine subsequent years.

The MCAT FY 2024-33 TDP will include all elements described below:

- a. **Public Involvement Process.** The TDP preparation process shall include opportunities for public involvement as outlined in a TDP public involvement plan, approved by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), or include major elements of the local Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Public Involvement Plan (PIP).

The TDP shall include a description of the process used and the public involvement activities undertaken. As required by Section 341.052, Florida Statutes, comments must be solicited from regional workforce boards established under Chapter 445, Florida Statutes, FDOT, the regional workforce board, and the MPO shall be advised of all public meetings where the TDP is to be presented or discussed and shall be given an opportunity to review and comment on the TDP during the development of the mission, goals, objectives, alternatives, and ten-year implementation program.

- b. **Situation Appraisal.** The TDP is a strategic planning document and will include an appraisal of factors within and outside the provider that affect the provision of transit service. At a minimum, the situation appraisal shall include:
 1. The effects of land use, state and local transportation plans, other governmental actions and policies, socioeconomic trends, organizational issues, and technology on the transit system.
 2. An estimation of the community's demand for transit service using the planning tools provided by FDOT (TBEST), or a FDOT-approved transit demand estimation technique with supporting demographic, land use, transportation, and transit data. The result of the transit demand estimation process shall be a ten-year annual projection of transit ridership.
 3. An assessment of the extent to which the land use and urban design patterns in the provider's service area support or hinder the efficient provision of transit service, including any efforts being undertaken by the provider or local land use authorities to foster a more transit-friendly operating environment.

4. An assessment of the extent to which MCAT operates within a regional context and how this support/hinders the efficient provision of transit service, including any efforts being undertaken by MCAT and other providers to address origin/destination trips throughout the region.
- c. Provider's Mission and Goals. The TDP shall contain the provider's vision, mission, goals, and objectives, taking into consideration the findings of the situation appraisal. This section shall also reinforce measurability of objectives, taking into account performance measures and the setting of benchmarks to track progress.
- d. Alternative Courses of Action. The TDP shall develop and evaluate alternative strategies and actions for achieving the provider's goals and objectives, including the benefits and costs of each alternative. Financial alternatives, including options for new or dedicated revenue sources, shall be examined.
- e. Ten-Year Implementation Program. The TDP shall identify policies and strategies for achieving the provider's goals and objectives and present a ten-year program for their implementation. The ten-year program will include maps indicating areas to be served and the type and level of service to be provided, a monitoring program to track performance measures, a ten-year financial plan listing operating and capital expenses, a capital acquisition or construction schedule, and anticipated revenues by source. The implementation program shall include a detailed list of projects or services needed to meet the goals and objectives of the TDP, including projects for which funding may not have been identified.
- f. Relationship to Other Plans. The TDP shall be consistent with the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP), the local government comprehensive plans, the MPO long range transportation plan, and regional transportation goals and objectives. The TDP shall discuss the relationship between the ten-year implementation plan and other local plans.

1.02 SCOPE

The following Scope of Work defines the tasks that will be completed by the Consultant. This work will update the existing MCAT FY 2019-28 TDP and in doing so will complete all requirements for a new Major TDP for FY 2024-33.

1.03 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Consultant shall provide the following requirements:

TASK 1.0 – ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY REVIEW COMMITTEE AND PROJECT SCHEDULE

A TDP Advisory Review Committee (ARC) will be established at the beginning of the project in order to monitor and provide input into the project and evaluate deliverables produced by the Consultant. Membership/composition of the ARC will be selected with

consultation and input from the MCAT Project Manager (PM) and Transit Manager. Final approval of the ARC composition and work plan will be determined by the MCAT Transit Manager.

Once the ARC is established, the Consultant will finalize an overall project schedule for the TDP project. In addition, the Consultant will finalize an ARC meeting schedule and document review schedule.

Deliverables:

1. Formation of TDP ARC,
2. Final ARC work-plan including meeting/document review schedule, and,
3. Final TDP project schedule, *with submittal of final adopted TDP to FDOT by September 1, 2023.*

TASK 2.0 – DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN (PIP)

The Consultant will prepare a Public Involvement Program (PIP) and take the lead in coordinating all activities related to the program. The PIP will be consistent with the Sarasota/Manatee MPO PIP. The final TDP will also include the following outreach information as a foundation to new PIP activities:

Task 2.1 – Summary of Previous Public Transportation Outreach Activities

The data collected and presented for this section should provide an accurate picture of previous outreach efforts from the last five (5) years. Including (but not limited to) the following sources:

- MCAT FY 2019-28 TDP and all subsequent Annual Updates
- MCAT Marketing/Outreach surveys and other efforts
- MCAT Customer Service/Complaints Database
- MPO PIP
- MCAT Planning Projects and New Service Launch Outreach

Task 2.2 – New Public Involvement Activities Supportive of FY 2024-33 TDP

The Consultant will prepare a set of new PIP activities to support the FY 2024-33 TDP. MCAT will be responsible for the advertisements for all public activities, i.e. using their section of the Manatee County Government (MCG) website, apps, on-board infotainment system, etc. Proposed activities will include:

- Incorporate relevant on-board survey and outreach results from Task 2.1
- Conduct stakeholder interviews
- Conduct discussion groups and/or public workshops
- Social and electronic media outreach
- Customer satisfaction survey

- Other activities approved by MCAT and/or its partners

Task 2.3 – Conduct Public Workshops and Presentations

The Consultant will prepare and present to the following entities and groups throughout the development of the TDP. Required presentations include:

- Manatee County Board of County Commissioners (BCC)
- CareerSource Suncoast (Bradenton & Sarasota)
- Manatee County Government Public Works Administration
- Sarasota/Manatee MPO Public Transportation Task Force (PTTF)
- Sarasota/Manatee MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- Manatee Transportation Disadvantage Local Coordinating Board (MLCB)
- TBARTA Transit Management Committee (TMC)
- FDOT District One staff
- Public Workshops

When appropriate, all Public Workshops will follow a Nominal Group Technique (NGT) process and format.

Deliverables:

1. Draft proposed and final PIP plan and submittal to FDOT memo for MCAT staff review and approval,
2. Submit PIP plan/memo to FDOT for review and approval,
3. Implement all aspects of the PIP once approved by FDOT, and
4. Supportive of a proposed PIP schedule, produce up to four (4) quarterly project-based presentations and supportive material (posters, handouts, social media messaging) for clear communication of project and outreach progress. Presentations may require updates unique to each stakeholder/workshop setting.

TASK 3.0 – BASE DATA COMPILATION AND ANALYSIS

The Consultant will provide documentation and analysis of existing demographic, socio-economic, land use, transportation and transit conditions within MCAT's service area (including areas served in Sarasota and Pinellas County). The goal of this task is to gain an understanding of the overall environment in which MCAT currently provides services. Existing route performance and stop-by-stop data will form a foundation for existing conditions. In addition, the Consultant will utilize the most recent data from the Census, Bureau of Economics and Business Research (BEBR), and Manatee County. These data will be supplemented by other data as appropriate. Data categories and needs include:

Task 3.1 – Socio-Economic/Demographic Data and Other Existing Conditions

Data collected and presented for this subtask will provide an accurate picture of the community serviced by MCAT and will include the following:

- Physical description of the MCAT service area
- Population by age and income
- Population density
- Housing density
- Journey-to-Work data
- Employment density
- Labor force participation and unemployment rate
- Auto-ownership (household)
- Seasonal resident and visitor conditions
- Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) population
- Land uses and densities
- Major destinations/trip generators
- Existing sidewalk inventory/gap analysis within ¼-mile of MCAT bus stops
- Local and regional roadway conditions

Task 3.2 – Existing Transportation and Transit Data and Conditions

The data collected and analyzed for this subtask will provide an accurate picture of the transit conditions in Manatee County. Data needs include:

- New On-Board Survey of MCAT Fixed Route and Mobility-on-Demand (MOD) Services
 - Minimum of 1,000 completed surveys required.
- MCAT Historical Data Review:
 - Monthly and Annual Ridership
 - Systemwide, by route, by segment, by service type, busiest stops.
 - Performance Data
 - Including early, late, on-time performance, breakdowns, accidents/incidents
- Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) Historical Ridership Data (for routes that provided service into Manatee County).

Deliverables: 1. *Technical Memorandum #1*, which will provide a summary of all analysis and results from Tasks 1-3, and
2. Review and approval of Technical Memorandum #1 by MCAT, the ARC and by FDOT.

TASK 4.0 – IDENTIFY AND EVALUATE EXISTING TRANSIT SERVICE

The Consultant will review and evaluate existing transit service in MCAT's service area. This evaluation will provide a review of existing transit conditions and trends. Subtasks include:

Task. 4.1 – Inventory of Existing Transit Services

The Consultant will work with MCAT and other partnering agency staff to develop an inventory of all existing public transportation and mobility services operating in or adjacent to MCAT's service area. This inventory will include all services operated by SCAT, TNC's, and other private or nonprofit entities. Specific analysis for this Subtask will include:

- Description of the MCAT service area.
- Brief narrative of the system's history.
- Current institutional arrangements of each public transportation provider.
- Description of all services provided by type (fixed route, on-demand, paratransit, commuter/express, etc.).
- Description of the fixed route system:
 - Level of service (days, hours, span, frequency)
 - Route-specific and system profile (ridership, miles, hours, passengers per mile/hour, farebox/other revenues)
 - System infrastructure (transit stations, maintenance/admin. facilities, key transfer points, bus stops, passenger shelters/benches/bike racks and related amenities, park and ride lot location).
 - Age and condition of existing system infrastructure
 - Rolling Stock: type, age, condition.
 - IT inventory: type, age condition.

Task. 4.2 – Conduct Trend Analysis of MCAT Fixed-Route Services

The Consultant will lead a trend analysis of MCAT's existing fixed route and paratransit services. This analysis will examine how the MCAT system has performed and changed over time in the following categories: system characteristics, performance, effectiveness, and efficiency. The analysis will be completed using the following most recently validated National Transit Database (NTD) information categories:

Table 1 – Key Performance Indicators

service area population	vehicle miles per capita
service area population density	passenger trips per capita
passenger trips	passenger trips per vehicles in max. service
average passenger trip length	passenger trips per revenue mile
passenger miles	passenger trips per revenue hour
vehicle miles	revenue mileage between incidents
revenue miles	revenue mileage between road calls
revenue hours	revenue service interruptions
route miles	operating expenses
operating expenses	operating expenses per capita
capital expenses	operating expenses per passenger trip
operating expenses	operating expenses per passenger mile

total employees	operating expenses per revenue mile
vehicles operated in & avail. for max. service	revenue hours per employee
average age of fleet	revenue miles per vehicle mile
fuel consumption	revenue miles per vehicle
average fare	passenger miles per employee
farebox recovery rate	vehicle mile per gallon

The performance indicators and measures in Table 1 will also be utilized in the peer review analysis (see Task 4.3).

Task. 4.3 – Conduct Peer Analysis of Existing MCAT Services

The Consultant will conduct a peer review analysis that compares MCAT’s fixed route service with other public transportation systems that have similar characteristics (including vehicles operated in maximum service, total revenue hours & miles, number of routes, number of employees, service area size and density). MCAT staff will provide guidance and final approval on the development and selection of peer transit agencies. This analysis will be conducted for a single year and be based on the most recently validated NTD data available for all agencies being considered. The indicators and measures from Table 1 will be utilized for this analysis.

Deliverables:

1. **Technical Memorandum #2** will compile all the data and results from Task 4.0, including summaries of Subtask 4.1 – 4.3, and
2. Review and approval of Technical Memorandum #2 by MCAT, the ARC, and FDOT.

TASK 5.0 – SITUATION APPRAISAL

The Consultant will complete a Situation Appraisal that will detail the successes, opportunities and barriers that impact MCAT’s optimal delivery of public transportation and mobility services. Per the TDP Rule, the Situation Appraisal will provide the following:

1. The effects of land use, state and local transportation plans, other governmental actions and policies, socioeconomic trends, organizational issues, and technology on the transit system.
2. An estimate of the community’s demand for transit service using the planning tools provided by the Department (TBEST), or FDOT-approved transit demand estimation technique with supporting demographic, land use, transportation, and transit ridership data. The result of the transit demand estimation process shall be a ten-year annual projection of transit ridership (this requirement will be addressed in Task 6.0).

3. An assessment of the extent to which the land use and urban design patterns in the provider's service area support or hinder the efficient provision of transit service, including any efforts being undertaken by the provider or local land use authorities to foster a more transit-friendly operating environment.
4. An assessment to the extent to which MCAT operates within a regional context and how this support/hinders the efficient provision of transit service, including any efforts being undertaken by MCAT and other providers to address origin/destination (o/d) trips throughout the region (an o/d analysis will also occur in Task 6.0 as part of the on-board survey effort).

Task. 5.1 – Relationship to Other Plans and Documents

An assessment of existing land use and urban design patterns/policies-codes/plans in MCAT's service area that support and/or hinder the optimal delivery and success of public transportation. Plans, documents and policies from the following will be included:

- MCAT & Manatee County (including Comprehensive and CIP plans)
- FDOT District One (including corridor studies, Work Program, STIP)
- Sarasota/Manatee MPO (including LRTP, TIP, and other studies)
- TBARTA Envision 2030 Regional TDP
- Municipal plans (including comprehensive and other related master plans)
- Private sector (as it relates to urban development activity/opportunities)
- Impact of seasonal residents and employee markets

Existing and planned land use density and policy -related maps and figures will be provided. Final policy and action items and recommendations for defining the TDPs' role and involvement with existing plans and processes will be provided.

Task. 5.2 – MCAT IT Systems and Policy Assessment

An assessment of MCAT's existing and planned transit IT infrastructure that supports and/or hinders the optimal delivery and operation of public transportation services. Analysis will include (but is not limited to) existing and planned fare technologies, automatic passenger counting technology, transit-signal priority, queue-jumping, passenger information systems (signage and hand-held devices), wi-fi availability, and other transit related IT efforts.

Task. 5.3 – MCAT Organizational/Governance Assessment

An assessment of MCAT's role(s) in the community and regional transit planning process. MCAT's current role(s) in the transit planning, land use/land development and transit-related technology, among others, will be analyzed.

TASK 6.0 – ESTIMATE TRANSIT SERVICE DEMAND AND MOBILITY NEEDS

The Consultant will provide an estimation of the transit service demand and mobility needs in MCAT's existing service area. These ridership forecasts will provide a measure of the transit needs in the service area and provide the basis for formulating further operating and capital needs for MCAT. These needs will be based on previous results developed as part of the Public Involvement Plan (Task 2.0) and other needs identified in Tasks 3.0-5.0. The ridership forecast will be performed for both a five and ten-year timeframe.

The Consultant will work with MCAT and FDOT to identify the best demand estimation tool or mixture of techniques to use for future demand estimates. Some of the potential sources of demand estimation may include the following:

- FDOT Transit Demand Boarding Estimation and Simulation Tool (TBEST) or other FDOT-approved demand estimation tool.
- MCAT ridership and performance data.
- Regional Travel Demand Model (transit module, if available and updated with new O/D data).
- Other sources as determined by the MCAT PM and FDOT.

The approved demand estimation tool/technique will be used to estimate demand for MCAT's existing fixed-route service as well as new levels of service needs identified by the public and stakeholders (Task 2.0). Additional needs may also be estimated resulting from findings emanating from Tasks 3.0-5.0.

Deliverable(s):

1. Consult with MCAT and FDOT on demand estimation tool/techniques to be used for the TDP,
2. Submit proposed demand estimation tool/technique plan to FDOT for review and receive written approval by FDOT,
3. Complete ***Technical Memorandum #3***, which will show all of the data and results of the demand estimation, needs assessment, ridership demand projections and new alternatives evaluation, and,
4. Review and approval of Technical Memorandum #3 by MCAT, FDOT, and the ARC.

TASK 7.0 – REVIEW AND UPDATE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The Consultant, with assistance from staff and the ARC, will update the goals, objectives and policies for MCAT with the focus on providing a 10-year transit vision for the agency. The updates will be consistent with the following existing community/governance/planning goals from:

- MCAT PTASP
- MCAT TAM Plan

- MCAT Title VI Plan
- MCAT Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
- Manatee County Board of County Commissioners (BCC)
- Sarasota/Manatee MPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
- TBARTA Envision 2030 Regional TDP
- Florida Transportation Plan (FTP)
- Local/municipal comprehensive plans
- CareerSource Suncoast strategic/development plan(s)
- MCAT Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) 2022-26
- Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) plan(s)

Goals and objectives to be developed will be concise, measurable, consistent with transit industry guidelines and standards, and supportive of all other local, state, and federal public transportation policies. Key Subtasks will include:

Task 7.1 – Integration of Situation Appraisal & Previous Public Input

The Consultant will review the results of all PIP activities (Task 2.0), Baseline Data Conditions (Task 3.0), Existing Service Evaluation (Task 4.0) and the Situation Appraisal (Task 5.0) to gain the full picture of the community’s goals for public transportation services and mobility and concurrent objectives and measures that meet said goals.

Task 7.2 – Develop Draft Goals & Objectives

Based on the results of Tasks 2.0-5.0, the Consultant will develop and draft a set goals and objectives for MCAT. These updated goals and objectives to be developed will be concise, measurable, consistent with transit industry guidelines and standards, and supportive of all other local, state, and federal public transportation policies. The draft goals and objectives will be presented to the ARC for review and approval.

Deliverables:

1. ***Technical Memorandum #4*** will detail all goals, objectives, and measurables for MCAT based on all work completed under Subtasks 7.1-7.2, and,
2. Review and approval of Technical Memorandum #4 by MCAT and the ARC.

TASK 8.0 – PREPARE TEN-YEAR TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN (TDP)

The Consultant will prepare a ten-year TDP for MCAT based on Tasks 2.0-7.0 and input from all aspects of the PIP. The TDP will be a detailed comprehensive operational analysis but will provide a series of concise and logical service enhancements and serve as an overall strategic plan for the agency. As a strategic plan for MCAT, the TDP will open to route-specific changes or recommendations that are strategic in focus, especially those changes that integrate transit into existing short and long-range planning efforts. In addition, the TDP will contain strategies to implement the plan, including consideration of all potential funding strategies.

Task 8.1 – MCAT Service and Capital Needs

The Consultant will prepare the total funded and unfunded service and capital needs list as part this section of the TDP, including all aspects of an implementation and financial plan for the next ten years (FY 2024-33). The following will be included in this section:

- Alternatives and recommendations for meeting transit needs and deficiencies for the next ten years.
- Ten-year service and capital improvement plans, including funded (constrained) and unfunded (unconstrained) needs.
- Ten-year financial plan, including estimated operating and capital expenses and projected revenue by source and amount. In addition to this financial capacity analysis, financial tables will be provided that detail the cost-constrained and unconstrained scenarios.

Task 8.2 – MCAT Policy and Funding Plans

The Consultant will prepare a section that updates the policies and funding strategies that will help MCAT meet the needs identified in Subtask 8.1. The following will be included:

- Institutional, organizational/governmental, and management structure, documenting any possible/suggested improvements that relate to previous fundings in the development of this TDP. This will include a general review of current staffing levels, with comparison to optimal levels needed for constrained and unconstrained service and capital needs, and in comparison, to national and peer agency standards and conditions.
- List of recommendations identifying funding strategies and potential funding sources for cost-constrained and unconstrained needs.
- A policy element that ensures that transit goals and objectives are consistent with and support local comprehensive plans and other transportation policy initiatives.

Task 8.3 – Economic Impact Analysis

The Consultant will prepare a separate review/analysis (as an Appendix the TDP document) underlying the economic benefits of the existing MCAT systems and the proposed transportation investments identified Subtask 8.1 and 8.2. At a minimum, the report will detail the following economic impacts of the existing and planned MCAT system (service and capital improvements):

- Context and background of measuring the economic impacts of public transportation investments.
- Work-based trip characteristics of current MCAT customers (will include economic impact summary of on-board survey results/data from Subtask 3.2).
- Spending impacts (indirect and induced effects, impact by industry type).

- Travel time/cost reduction impacts (including passenger cost savings, congestion reduction savings, business productivity improvements, effects of increased ridership).
- Access improvement impacts (mobility and market access).

Task 8.4 – MCAT Farebox Recovery Report

Per H.B. 985, the Consultant will complete an annual farebox recovery report for MCAT (as an Appendix to the main TDP document). The latest approved NTD data will be utilized for this effort.

Task 8.5 – Conduct Public Workshops and Presentations

The Consultant will prepare and present to the following organizations a draft TDP which includes all elements from Tasks 2.0-8.0. This effort will be outlined in the previously approved PIP meeting schedule (Subtask 2.3). Presentations to the following entities may be required:

- Manatee County Board of County of County Commissioners (BCC)
- CareerSource Suncoast (Bradenton)
- Manatee County Government (MCG)
- Sarasota/Manatee MPO Public Transportation Task Force (PTTF)
- Manatee Transportation Disadvantaged Local County Coordinating Board (MLCB)
- TBARTA Transit Management Committee (TMC)
- FDOT District One staff
- Public Workshop

The Consultant will consider all suggested recommendations from these organizations and prepare response(s) to all comments received.

Task 8.6 – Prepare Final TDP Report and Executive Summary

Following the presentation, review and approval of the Draft Ten-Year TDP Report and Executive Summary, the Consultant will prepare and submit final versions of both documents.

Deliverables:

1. ***Draft Ten-Year TDP Report & Executive Summary.*** The Consultant will submit twenty (20) printed copies of the draft for review and comment. Approval of the draft by MCAT, the ARC and FDOT is required,
2. ***Conduct Public Meetings and Presentations,*** including all presentation material and meetings with MCAT staff, the ARC, and final approval by the BCC,
3. ***Final TDP Report & Executive Summary,*** the Consultant will submit twenty (20) printed copies of this final TDP documentation. Approval of MCAT and the ARC, and BCC required if not previously approved in draft stage, and,

4. Submittal of Final TDP Report and Executive Summary to FDOT District One by no later than September 1, 2023.

1.04 ACCESSIBILITY

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

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

END EXHIBIT 1

EXHIBIT 2, PROPOSAL RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS

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This section identifies specific information which must be contained within the proposal and the order in which such information should be organized. The information each Proposer provides will be used to determine those Proposers with the background, experience, and capacity to perform the scope of services as stated in this RFP and which Proposal 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 responses are not requested or desired. **Responses to Tab's 8 and 9 only are limited to 20 one-sided pages.**

2.02 PROPOSAL FORMAT

TAB 1 - INTRODUCTION

Include the following in Tab 1 of the Proposal.

1. A cover page that identifies Proposer, the RFP by title and the RFP number.
2. An introductory letter/statement that describe your proposal 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 Proposer meets the following minimum qualification requirement(s):

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

No documentation is required. The County will verify registration.

2. The Proposer has developed and completed a Transit Development Plan (TPD) for at least three (3) clients since March 1, 2017, provide the following information for the three 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) Components

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

No documentation is required. The County will verify

4. Proposer is not on the Florida Suspended, Debarred, Convicted Vendor List.

No documentation is required. The County will verify

5. Proposer is not on the Federal Excluded Parties (Convicted Vendor) List

No documentation is required. The County will verify

6. Proposer is not on the FDOT Contractor Suspension List

No documentation is required. The County will verify

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

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

8. If Proposer is submitting as a joint venture, Proposer must file the required documents with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation as required by Florida Statute Section 489.119, prior to the Due Date and Time.

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

If Proposer is not a joint venture, provide a statement to that effect.

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

If no conflicts of interests are present, Bidder 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 Bidder's firm or any of its branches.

TAB 3 – FORMS

Provide the completed and executed Attachments included in this RFP in Tab 3.

1. Form 1, Acknowledgement of Addenda
2. Form 2, Proposal Signature Form
3. Form 3, Public Contracting and Environmental Crimes Certification
4. Form 4, Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form
5. Form 5, Non-Collusion Affidavit
6. Form 6, Truth-in Negotiation Certificate
7. Form 7, Scrutinized Company Certification
8. Form 8, Insurance Statement
9. Form 9, Indemnity and Hold Harmless
10. Form 10, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal
11. Form 11, Certificate of Good Faith Efforts
12. Form 12, Prompt Payment Affidavit
13. Form 13, Standard Lobbying Certification Form

TAB 4 - TRADE SECRETS

Pursuant to Section A.24, Trade Secrets, in Tab 4 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 information as follows:

1. Trade secret material must be segregated in a separate document, from the portions of the Proposal that are not being declared as trade secret. NOTE: Trade secret requests made after the Due Date and Time are not allowed.
2. Proposer shall cite, for each trade secret claimed, the Florida Statute number which supports the designation. Further, Proposer shall provide a brief written explanation as to why the cited Statute is applicable to the information claimed as trade secret.
3. Proposer shall provide an additional hard copy and electronic copy of its proposal 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. Include the following:
 - a. Address
 - b. City, 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. 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. City, State, Zip
9. Provide a brief summary regarding any **prior or pending litigation**, either civil or criminal, involving a governmental agency or which may affect the performance of the services to be rendered herein, in which the Proposer, any of its partners, employees or subcontractors is or has been involved within the last three years.
10. Provide details of any ownership changes to Proposer's organization in the past three years or changes anticipated within six months of the Due Date and Time (e.g., mergers, acquisitions, changes in executive leadership).

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TAB 6 - PROJECT UNDERSTANDING, APPROACH, AND SCHEDULE: (35 POINTS)

In Tab 6, provide in-depth and appropriateness of Proposer for the following tasks:

1. Proposing Firm will be judged on the merit of their proposal, particularly with the strength of the proposal's ability to accurately and thoroughly address all tasks and subtasks from the attached scope of work.
 - a. Task 1 - Establish and advisory review committee and project schedule.
 - b. Task 2 - Develop and implement a public involvement plan (PIP).
 - c. Task 3 – Base data compilation and analysis.
 - d. Task 4 – Identify and evaluate existing transit services.
 - e. Task 5 – Situation appraisal.
 - f. Task 6 – Estimate transit service demand and mobility needs.
 - g. Task 7 – Review and update of public transportation goals, objectives, and policies.
 - h. Task 8 – Prepare ten-year transit development plan (TDP)
2. Timeliness / Feasibility of proposed project schedule.
3. State your firm's commitment and details on how the proposal will meet MCAT'S specific project schedule deadline (submittal of final draft TDP to FDOT) by September 1, 2023.
4. Describe scheduling and budgeting experience on other TDP's along with evidence of satisfactory completion, both on time and within budget over the past five (5) years.
5. Describe your firm's approach to project schedule and budget.

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TAB 7 - PROJECT MANAGER AND PROJECT TEAM MEMBERS
QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE (35 POINTS)

In Tab 7, provide the following information regarding Proposer's qualifications and experience for the provision of services. The key personnel who will be assigned to Tasks 1-8 should be identified.

1. The experience each team member has had on completing a TDP and other transit systems planning, analysis and management must be provided.
2. Resumes of all team members must be provided and up to date.
3. Title, hourly rate, number of hours per staff person, allocation of staff person and hours by Task and Subtask are required for all project team members.
4. The Firm must demonstrate that it has sufficient personnel with the various types of skills needed to staff the task orders when needed.
5. The Firm must describe the process it will follow to respond to a specific request from MCAT.
6. The Firm should also describe the management procedures it will follow to oversee work by its personnel and work by Sub-consultants on multiple tasks simultaneously.
7. Provide an overview of proposed Sub consultant(s) experience.
8. Describe relevant TDP's and other short and mid-range bus transit systems planning, transit financial planning and analysis, transit facilities planning and development, project management, environmental analysis and preliminary project planning and conducted by consultant and each Sub-consultant in the last five (5) years.
Include role of firm (as prime, joint venture or sub-consultant); type of work; Project Manager; name and telephone number of client representative; project dollar value (state whether figure is for services or total project) and total dollar value amount of contract (with dollar or percent of contract amount received by firm).
9. List program management functions that each participant firm will perform.
10. The Sub-consultant(s) team shall include the resumes of all staff who will participate in the project.
11. Experience and strength of proposed project team. Provide evidence of knowledge and experience with TDP's and related transit planning projects.
12. Strength and experience of Project Manager and key personnel for project team.
13. Provide an organizational chart for the members of the proposed project team.
14. Title, hourly rate, number of hours per staff person, allocation of staff person by hours, task, and subtask for all project team members.
15. Firms project management procedures.
16. Review of subconsultant experience.
17. Description of relevant TDP and related transit operating / planning experience.
18. Completion of at least one (1) major (Ten-Year) TDP within the last five (5) years.
 - a. List information regarding project team member's previous major (Ten Year) TDP development experience, including starting date, submittal to FDOT date and final FDOT approval date.
 - b. Provide reference letters (name, address, phone, and email) for all cited TDP projects completed and active.

**TAB 8 - PROPOSED ADDITIONAL SOLUTIONS TO TDP SCOPE OF WORK
AND BUDGET (15 POINTS)**

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

1. Identification of additional solutions and work products recommended for completing the TDP but not specified in Tasks 1 through 8 of TDP Scope of Work.

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TAB 9 - PROPOSED PROJECT COST: (15 POINTS)

Total proposed project cost by task, including total proposed hours, hourly rates, and identification of staff by name title (including firm and all proposed subconsultants).

Submit one hard copy original and one duplicate hard copy of the Fees form in a separate envelope labeled 'Fees' with the Proposer's name clearly marked on the outside of the package. Include Proposer's Fees form with the original hard copy of the Proposal response. Do Not include a copy of the Fees form in the duplicate hard copy.

FEES FORM**RFP NUMBER 22-R078768JH**

Task	Hours	Hourly Rates	Name	Title	Cost
Task 1					
Task 2					
Task 3					
Task 4					
Task 5					
Task 6					
Task 7					
Task 8					
Task 9					
TOTAL PROPOSAL COST TASK 1 THROUGH 9					

END EXHIBIT 2

**EXHIBIT 3, FTA CLAUSES AND
CERTIFICATIONS
RFP NUMBER 22-R078768JH**

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

THIS PURCHASE IS FUNDED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT), FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA). THE FOLLOWING CLAUSES, CERTIFICATIONS, AND COMPLETE FEDERAL CLAUSE LANGUAGE PERTAINING TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ARE HEREBY INCORPORATED INTO THE AGREEMENT / WORK ASSIGNMENT. AS IT PERTAINS TO THESE CLAUSES, MANATEE COUNTY IS HEREINAFTER KNOWN AS "RECIPIENT AND/OR AGENCY".

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

1. ACCESS TO RECORDS AND REPORTS
49 U.S.C. § 5325(g)
2 CFR § 200.333
49 CFR 633.17

Access to Records and Reports

The following access to records requirements apply to this Contract:

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

2. ADA ACCESS (Americans with Disabilities Act)
49 U.S.C. § 5301(d)

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

and designing those services and facilities to implement transportation accessibility rights for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities.

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

- 1) U.S. DOT regulations, "Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA)," 49 C.F.R. Part 37;
- 2) U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance," 49 C.F.R. Part 27;
- 3) Joint U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (U.S. ATBCB)/U.S. DOT regulations, "Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Accessibility Specifications for Transportation Vehicles," 36 C.F.R. Part 1192 and 49.C.F.R. Part 38;
- 4) U.S. DOJ regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services," 28 C. F. R. Part 35;
- 5) U.S. DOJ regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability b Public Accommodations and in Commercial Facilities," 28 C.F.R. Part 36;
- 6) U.S. General Services Administration (U.S. GSA) regulations, "Accommodations for the Physically Handicapped," 41 C.F. R. Subpart 101-19;
- 7) U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 C. F. R. Part 1630;
- 8) U.S. Federal Communications Commission regulations, "Telecommunications Relay Services and Related Customer Premises Equipment for the Hearing and Speech Disabled," 47 C. F. R. Part 64, Subpart F; and

8. CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 – 7671q
33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387
2 C.F.R. part 200, Appendix II (G)

Clean Air Act & Federal Water Pollution Control Act

The Contractor agrees:

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

discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

9. CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AND REGULATIONS

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

Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity

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

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

1. **Nondiscrimination** - In accordance with Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.
2. **Race, Color, Religion, National Origin, Sex** - In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," 41 C.F.R. chapter 60, and Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity in Federal Employment," September 24, 1965, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note, as amended by any later Executive Order that amends or supersedes it, referenced in 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, national origin, or sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity). Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, promotion, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
3. **Age** - In accordance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621-634, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (U.S. EEOC) regulations, "Age Discrimination in Employment Act," 29 C.F.R. part 1625, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*, U.S. Health and Human Services regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," 45 C.F.R. part 90, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to refrain from

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

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

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises

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

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

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

DBE Participation Goal

The national goal for participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) is 10%. The Recipient's overall goal for DBE participation is **0.92%**. A separate contract goal **[of 10% DBE participation has]** **[has not]** been established for this procurement.

The contractor, subrecipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 C.F.R. part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this

contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to:

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

Prompt Payment to Contractors

The successful Bidder/Offeree will be required to report its DBE participation obtained through race neutral means throughout the period of performance.

1. The Contractor is required to pay all Subcontractors for all work that the Subcontractor has satisfactorily completed, no later than 30 days from receipt of each payment the recipient makes to the prime contractor. 49 C.F.R. § 26.29(a).
2. In addition, all Retainage amounts must be paid by the Contractor to the Subcontractor within thirty (30) days after the Subcontractor has satisfactorily completed its portion of the Work.
3. The Contractor is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after incremental acceptance of the subcontractor's work by the recipient and contractor's receipt of the partial retainage payment related to the subcontractor's work.
4. The Contractor is required to include, in each subcontract, a clause requiring the use of appropriate arbitration mechanisms to resolve all payment disputes.
5. Failure to comply with these prompt payment requirements is a breach of the Contract, which may lead to any remedies permitted under law, including, but not limited to, Contractor debarment. In addition, Contractor's failure to promptly pay its Subcontractors is subject to the provisions of Local Government Prompt Payment Act.

Proposed Submission

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

1. A completed **DBE Utilization Form** (see below) that indicates the percentage and dollar value of the total bid/contract amount to be supplied by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises under this Contract.
2. A list of those qualified DBE's with whom the Bidder/Offeree intends to contract for the performance of portions of the work under the Contract, the agreed price to be paid to each DBE for work, the Contract items or parts to be performed by each DBE, a proposed timetable for the performance or delivery of the Contract item, and other information as required by the **DBE Participation Schedule** (see below). No work shall be included in the Schedule that the Bidder/Offeree has reason to believe the listed DBE will subcontract, at any tier, to other than another DBE. If awarded the Contract, the Bidder/Offeree may not deviate from the DBE Participation Schedule submitted in response to the bid. Any subsequent changes and/or substitutions of DBE firms will require review and written approval by the AGENCY.
3. An original **DBE Letter of Intent** (see below) from each DBE listed in the **DBE Participation Schedule**.

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

Good Faith Efforts

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

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

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

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

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

Administrative Reconsideration

Within five (5) business days of being informed by the AGENCY that it is not responsive or responsible because it has not documented sufficient good faith efforts, the Bidder/Offeree may request administrative reconsideration. The Bidder should make this request in writing to the AGENCY's [Contact Name]. The [Contact Name] will forward the Bidder/Offeree's request to a reconsideration official who will not have played any role in the original determination that the Bidder/Offeree did not document sufficient good faith efforts.

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

Termination of DBE Subcontractor

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

Continued Compliance

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

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

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

The successful Bidder/Offeror shall permit:

- The AGENCY to have access to necessary records to examine information as the AGENCY deems appropriate for the purpose of investigating and determining compliance with this provision, including, but not limited to, records of expenditures, invoices, and contract between the successful Bidder/Offeror and other DBE parties entered into during the life of the Contract.

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

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

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

DBE UTILIZATION FORM

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

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

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

DBE PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

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

DBE IDENTIFICATION AND INFORMATION FORM

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

15. ENERGY CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS
42 U.S.C. 6321 et seq.
49 C.F.R. part 622, subpart C

Energy Conservation Requirements

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

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

16. FEDERAL CHANGES **49 CFR Part 18**

Federal Changes

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

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

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

Explanation of Model Contract Clauses

Option 1

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

Option 2

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

Option 3

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

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TESTING

Option 1

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

Option 2

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

Option 3

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

18. GOVERNMENT-WIDE DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION **2 C.F.R. part 180**

2 C.F.R part 1200
2 C.F.R. § 200.213
2 C.F.R. part 200 Appendix II (I)
Executive Order 12549
Executive Order 12689

Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion

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

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

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

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

19. INCORPORATION OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA)

TERMS

FTA Circular 4220.1E or subsequent revisions

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

20. LOBBYING RESTRICTIONS

31 U.S.C. § 1352
2 C.F.R. § 200.450
2 C.F.R. part 200 appendix II (J)
49 C.F.R. part 20

Lobbying Restrictions

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

- 1.) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an Recipient, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- 2.) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Recipient, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- 3.) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

Signature of Contractor's Authorized
Official

Name and Title of Contractor's
Authorized Official

Date

21 NO GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION TO THIRD PARTIES

No Federal Government Obligation to Third Parties

The Recipient and Contractor acknowledge and agree that, notwithstanding any concurrence by the Federal Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of the underlying Contract, absent the express written consent by the Federal Government, the Federal Government is not a party to this Contract and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to the Recipient, Contractor or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter

resulting from the underlying Contract.

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

24. PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS AND RELATED ACTS
49 U.S.C. § 5323(l) (1)
31 U.S.C. §§ 3801-3812
18 U.S.C. § 1001
49 C.F.R. part 31

Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts.

The Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 *et seq.* and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this Project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, the Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or the FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the Contractor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on the Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

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

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

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

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

Termination for Default [Breach or Cause] (General Provision) If the Contractor does not deliver supplies in accordance with the contract delivery schedule, or if the contract is for services, the Contractor fails to perform in the manner called for in the contract, or if the Contractor fails

to comply with any other provisions of the contract, the AGENCY may terminate this contract for default. Termination shall be effected by serving a Notice of Termination on the Contractor setting forth the manner in which the Contractor is in default. The Contractor will be paid only the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the contract.

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

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

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

Waiver of Remedies for any Breach In the event that AGENCY elects to waive its remedies for any breach by Contractor of any covenant, term or condition of this contract, such waiver by AGENCY shall not limit AGENCY's remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other covenant, term, or condition of this contract.

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

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

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

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

contract price for services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in this contract.

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

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

Termination for Default (Construction) If the Contractor refuses or fails to prosecute the work or any separable part, with the diligence that will ensure its completion within the time specified in this contract or any extension or fails to complete the work within this time, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provision of this contract, AGENCY may terminate this contract for default. The AGENCY shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the nature of the default. In this event, the AGENCY may take over the work and complete it by contract or otherwise, and may take possession of and use any materials, appliances, and plant on the work site necessary for completing the work. The Contractor and its sureties shall be liable for any damage to the AGENCY resulting from the Contractor's refusal or failure to complete the work within specified time, whether or not the Contractor's right to proceed with the work is terminated. This liability includes any increased costs incurred by the AGENCY in completing the work. The Contractor's right to proceed shall not be terminated nor shall the Contractor be charged with damages under this clause if:

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

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

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

royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use, all such data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and other information and materials.

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

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

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

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

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

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

34. Veterans Employment. **49 U.S.C. § 5325(k)**

Applicability to Contracts

The Contractor shall comply with 49 U.S.C. § 5325(k), to the extent practicable.

- a. Contractor agrees that it:
 1. Will give a hiring preference to veterans (as defined in 5 U.S.C. § 2108), who have the skills and abilities required to perform construction work required under a third party contract in connection with a capital project supported with funds made available or appropriated for 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, and
 2. Will not require an employer to give a preference to any veteran over any equally qualified applicant who is a member of any racial or ethnic minority, female, an individual with a disability, or a former employee, and

- b. Contractor also assures that its sub-recipients will:
 1. Will give a hiring preference to veterans (as defined in 5 U.S.C. § 2108), who have the skills and abilities required to perform construction work required under a third party contract in connection with a capital project supported with funds made available or appropriated for 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, to the extent practicable, and

Will not require an employer to give a preference to any veteran over any equally qualified applicant who is a member of any racial or ethnic minority, female, an individual with a disability, or a former employee. failure to act by the AGENCY or Contractor shall constitute a waiver of any right or duty afforded any of them under the Contract, nor shall any such action or failure to act constitute an approval of or acquiescence in any breach thereunder, except as may be specifically agreed in writing.

35. VIOLATION AND BREACH OF CONTRACT

2 C.F.R. § 200.326

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

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

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

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

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

Remedies

Substantial failure of the Contractor to complete the Project in accordance with the terms of this Agreement will be a default of this Agreement. In the event of a default, the Recipient will have all remedies in law and equity, including the right to specific performance, without further assistance, and the rights to termination or suspension as provided herein. The Contractor recognizes that in the event of a breach of this Agreement by the Contractor before the Recipient takes action contemplated herein, the Recipient will provide the Contractor with sixty (60) days written notice that the Recipient considers that such a breach has occurred and will provide the Contractor a reasonable period of time to respond and to take necessary corrective action.

Disputes

- **Example 1:** Disputes arising in the performance of this Contract that are not resolved by agreement of the parties shall be decided in writing by the authorized representative of Recipient's [title of employee]. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless within [10] days from the date of receipt of its copy, the Contractor mails or otherwise furnishes a written appeal to the [title of employee]. In connection with any such appeal, the Contractor shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of its position. The

decision of the [title of employee] shall be binding upon the Contractor and the Contractor shall abide by the decision.

- **Example 2:** The Recipient and the Contractor intend to resolve all disputes under this Agreement to the best of their abilities in an informal manner. To accomplish this end, the parties will use an Alternative Dispute Resolution process to resolve disputes in a manner designed to avoid litigation. In general, the parties contemplate that the Alternative Dispute Resolution process will include, at a minimum, an attempt to resolve disputes through communications between their staffs, and, if resolution is not reached at that level, a procedure for review and action on such disputes by appropriate management level officials within the Recipient and the Contractor's organization.

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

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

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

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

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

Rights and Remedies - The duties and obligations imposed by the Contract documents and the rights and remedies available thereunder shall be in addition to and not a limitation of any duties, obligations, rights and remedies otherwise imposed or available by law. No action or failure to act by the Recipient or Contractor shall constitute a waiver of any right or duty afforded any of them under the Contract, nor shall any such action or failure to act constitute an approval of or acquiescence in any breach thereunder, except as may be specifically agreed in writing.



AGREEMENT No. [ENTER NUMBER]

[ENTER TITLE]

between

**MANATEE COUNTY
(COUNTY)**

and

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

AGREEMENT FOR [INSERT TYPE OF SERVICE]

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of this ____ day of _____, 2018, by and between **MANATEE COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, (“**COUNTY**”), with offices located at 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida 34205, and **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]**, a [Company/Corporation], (“**CONSULTANT**”) with offices located at [Insert address], and duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida. COUNTY and CONSULTANT are collectively referred to as the “Parties” and individually as “Party.”

WHEREAS, CONSULTANT engages in the business of providing [INSERT TYPE OF SERVICE]; and

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

WHEREAS, this Agreement is a result of CONSULTANT’S submission of a proposal in response to Request for Proposal No. [INSERT RFP NUMBER] and COUNTY thereafter conducted a competitive selection process in accordance with the Manatee County Procurement Code.

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

ARTICLE 1. SCOPE OF SERVICES

CONSULTANT shall provide professional services as described in Exhibit A, Scope of Services. “Task” as used in this Agreement, refers to particular categories/groupings of services specified in Exhibit A.

ARTICLE 2. EXHIBITS INCORPORATED

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

- Exhibit A** Scope of Services
- Exhibit B** Fee Rate Schedule
- Exhibit C** Work Assignment
- Exhibit D** Affidavit of No Conflict
- Exhibit E** Insurance and Bond Requirements

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

ARTICLE 3. AGREEMENT TERM

- A. This Agreement shall commence on the date of execution by COUNTY (“Effective Date”). This Agreement shall remain in force until all Work Assignments issued during the effective period of this Agreement are completed, unless terminated by COUNTY pursuant to Article 12, but not to exceed [INSERT NUMBER OF YEARS].
- B. COUNTY reserves the right to extend the initial term of [NUMBER OF YEARS] for an additional [NUMBER OF YEARS] not to exceed a total of [NUMBER OF YEARS].

ARTICLE 4. COMPENSATION

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

ARTICLE 5. INVOICES AND TIME OF PAYMENT

- A. Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, COUNTY shall pay CONSULTANT for the services specified in **Exhibit A** at a rate of compensation according to the deliverable payment schedule stated in **Exhibit B**.
- B. COUNTY shall approve of all invoices prior to payment.
- C. When CONSULTANT seeks payment for any deliverable or reimbursable expense, it shall provide COUNTY with an invoice that includes a description of authorized work performed and/or expense incurred, and the total unpaid compensation CONSULTANT represents as being due and owing as of the invoice date. All invoices shall include the Integrated Fund Accounting System (IFAS) number which COUNTY shall assign to this Agreement and will be provided to CONSULTANT in writing, upon execution of this Agreement.
- D. If any Task requires units of deliverables, such units must be received and accepted in writing by the COUNTY prior to payment.

- E. COUNTY shall have forty-five (45) days from the receipt of an invoice seeking payment of fees or costs to either pay the invoice, or notify CONSULTANT that the deliverable, or any part thereof, is unacceptable, and/or that any asserted expense is not reimbursable.
- F. COUNTY shall have the right to retain from any payment due CONSULTANT under this Agreement, an amount sufficient to satisfy any amount of liquidated damages due and owing to COUNTY by CONSULTANT on any other Agreement between CONSULTANT and COUNTY.
- G. If any Work Assignment requires units of deliverables, then such units must be received and accepted in writing by the COUNTY prior to payment.
- H. All costs of providing the services shall be the responsibility of CONSULTANT, with the exception of reimbursement by COUNTY for costs deemed reimbursable in Exhibit B.
- I. Any dispute between COUNTY and CONSULTANT with regard to the percentage of the Work Assignment that has been completed or CONSULTANT'S invoice shall be resolved pursuant to the dispute resolution procedures established by Manatee County Procurement Code and Article 14 of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 6. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONSULTANT

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

- F. CONSULTANT shall be entitled to rely upon information provided from COUNTY. Information includes, but is not limited to, additional services, consultations, investigations, and reports necessary for the execution of CONSULTANT'S work under this Agreement. CONSULTANT shall be fully responsible for verifying, to the extent practicable, documents and information provided by COUNTY and identifying any obvious deficiencies concerning the documents and information provided. CONSULTANT shall notify COUNTY of any errors or deficiencies noted in such information provided and assist, to the extent practicable, COUNTY in the identification and resolution of same. CONSULTANT agrees to incorporate the provisions of this paragraph in any subcontract into which it might enter with reference to the work performed under this Agreement.
- G. CONSULTANT shall be responsible for the professional quality technical accuracy, and the coordination of all designs, drawings, specifications, and other services furnished by CONSULTANT under this Agreement. CONSULTANT shall, without additional compensation, correct or revise any errors or deficiencies in its designs, drawings, specifications, and other services.
- H. CONSULTANT shall maintain an adequate and competent staff of professionally qualified persons during the term of this Agreement for the purpose of rendering the required services hereunder. CONSULTANT shall not sublet, assign or transfer any services under this Agreement without prior written consent of COUNTY.
- I. COUNTY may require in writing that CONSULTANT remove from the project any of CONSULTANT'S personnel that COUNTY determines to be incompetent, careless or otherwise objectionable. No claims for an increase in compensation or agreement term based on COUNTY'S use of this provision will be valid.

ARTICLE 7. RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNTY

- A. COUNTY shall, through its County Administrator, appoint an individual to serve as County Representative. The County Representative shall have the authority to transmit instructions, receive information, interpret and define the policy of COUNTY and make decisions pertinent to services covered by this Agreement. COUNTY reserves the right to designate a different County Representative, provided that CONSULTANT is given written notice thereof.
- B. COUNTY shall make available, at no cost to CONSULTANT, information relative to the project that is useful in the performance of the Scope of Services.
- C. COUNTY shall provide prompt notice to CONSULTANT whenever COUNTY observes or otherwise becomes aware of any defect in the performance of work under this Agreement.
- D. COUNTY shall give careful and reasonable consideration to the findings and recommendations of CONSULTANT, and shall respond and issue notices to proceed in a timely manner.

- E. COUNTY personnel shall be available on a time-permitting basis, where required and necessary to assist CONSULTANT. The availability and necessity of said personnel to assist CONSULTANT shall be at the discretion of COUNTY.
- F. COUNTY shall perform the responsibilities enumerated in this Article at no cost to CONSULTANT.

ARTICLE 8. COUNTY'S PROJECT MANAGER

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

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

ARTICLE 9. WORK ASSIGNMENTS

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

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

ARTICLE 10. NEGOTIATION OF WORK ASSIGNMENT

For each project, grouping of substantially similar services and activities for a group of projects, feasibility studies or special projects, COUNTY shall negotiate each Work Assignment based upon estimated hours and/or fee rates, projected by CONSULTANT and in accordance with the

rate schedule specified in **Exhibit B**. Compensation for each Work Assignment shall be based on actual hours performed and/or fee rates, but in no event shall CONSULTANT be eligible for reimbursement in excess of the amount established in a Work Assignment. COUNTY'S Purchasing Official may authorize, in writing, in advance, adjustments in the compensation for particular phases or tasks established in the Work Assignment provided such adjustments do not exceed the maximum compensation and reimbursable expenditures authorized for the particular Work Assignment.

ARTICLE 11. COUNTY OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCT

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

ARTICLE 12. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

A. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE:

1. COUNTY shall have the right, by written notice to CONSULTANT, to terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, for failure to substantially comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement (Work Assignments, if applicable), to include:
 - a. Failure to provide products or services that comply with the specifications herein or that fail to meet COUNTY'S performance standards;
 - b. Failure to deliver the supplies or perform the services within the time specified in the Work Assignments; or
 - c. Progress that is at a rate that disrupts the overall performance of this Agreement.
2. Prior to termination for default, COUNTY shall provide adequate written notice to CONSULTANT, affording CONSULTANT the opportunity to cure the deficiencies or to submit a specific plan to resolve the deficiencies within ten (10) days (or the period specified in the notice) after receipt of the notice. Failure to adequately cure the deficiency shall result in termination action.
3. Such termination may also result in suspension or debarment of CONSULTANT in accordance with Manatee County's Procurement Ordinance, Chapter 2-26. CONSULTANT shall be liable for any damage to COUNTY resulting from CONSULTANT'S default of the Agreement. This liability includes any increased costs

incurred by COUNTY in completing contract performance.

4. In the event of termination of this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall be liable for any damage to COUNTY resulting from CONSULTANT'S default of this Agreement. This liability includes any increased costs incurred by COUNTY in completing performance under this Agreement.
5. In the event of termination by COUNTY for any cause, CONSULTANT shall not have any right or claim against COUNTY for lost profits or compensation for lost opportunities. After a receipt of COUNTY'S Notice of Termination and except as otherwise directed by COUNTY, CONSULTANT shall:
 - a. Stop work on the date and to the extent specified;
 - b. Terminate and settle all orders and subcontracts relating to the performance of the terminated work;
 - c. Transfer all work in process, completed work, and other materials related to the terminated work as directed by COUNTY; and
 - b. Continue and complete all parts of that work that have not been terminated.

B. TERMINATION WITHOUT CAUSE:

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

ARTICLE 13. TRANSITION SERVICES UPON TERMINATION

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

- A. Working with COUNTY to jointly develop a mutually agreed upon Transition Services plan to facilitate the termination of the services;

- B. Executing the Transition Services plan activities;
- C. Answering questions regarding the services on an as-needed basis; and
- D. Providing such other reasonable services needed to effectuate an orderly transition to a new service provider or to COUNTY.

ARTICLE 14. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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

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

ARTICLE 15. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

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

ARTICLE 16. NON-DISCRIMINATION

CONSULTANT shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, sex, creed, national origin, disability or age, and will take affirmative action to ensure that all employees and applicants are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, color or national origin. Such action will be taken with reference to, but shall not be limited to, recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff or termination, rates of training or retraining (including apprenticeship and on-the-job training).

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

ARTICLE 17. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS; AUDITS; LICENSES

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

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

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

ARTICLE 18. PUBLIC RECORDS

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

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

that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If CONSULTANT keeps and maintains public records upon completion of this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to COUNTY, upon request from COUNTY'S custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of COUNTY.

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

Phone: 941.742.5845

Email: Debbie.Scaccianoce@mymanatee.org

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

ARTICLE 19. INDEMNIFICATION

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

ARTICLE 20. NO WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

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

ARTICLE 21. INSURANCE

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

ARTICLE 22. LEGAL SERVICES

If notified in writing by the Office of the County Attorney, CONSULTANT agrees to provide litigation services up to and including the date of the completion of litigation as follows:

- A. Coordinate and communicate directly with the Office of the County Attorney.
- B. Provide any personnel performing services under this Agreement to testify in any litigation proceeding.
- C. Perform litigation services as directed by the Office of the County Attorney that may include but are not limited to:
 - 1. Predisposition, pretrial, or prehearing preparation.
 - 2. Preparation of court exhibits.
 - 3. Attendance and testimony at depositions, pretrial hearings, or other court hearings.
 - 4. Any other services deemed necessary by the assigned attorney to successfully litigate and defend COUNTY'S position in court.
- D. Compensation for litigation services shall not exceed CONSULTANT'S Fee Rate Schedule

specified in **Exhibit B**. The hourly billing rates shall contain all costs to include salaries, overhead, general and administrative, incidental expenses, fringe benefits and operating margin.

- E. CONSULTANT'S travel expenses will be submitted and paid in accordance with Florida Statutes § 112.061 provided prior approval of the travel is obtained from the County Attorney or the County Attorney's designee.
- F. CONSULTANT shall submit monthly statements for litigation services rendered to the Office of the County Attorney for approval, providing detailed accounting sufficient for pre-audit and specifying services performed, the dates of the services, hours expended for each service, the name of the person who performed the service, the service and a breakdown of approved expenses incurred with all receipts and invoices attached.

ARTICLE 23. SOLICITATION OF AGREEMENT

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

ARTICLE 24. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING

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

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

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

ARTICLE 25. CERTIFICATION OF NON-PAYMENT OF COMMISSION OR GIFT

CONSULTANT warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person other than

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

ARTICLE 26. KEY PERSONNEL

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

Enter Name, Title

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

ARTICLE 27. SUB-CONSULTANTS

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

ARTICLE 28. PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY.

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

ARTICLE 29. NOTICES

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

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

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

ARTICLE 30. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES

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

ARTICLE 31. NO CONFLICT

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

ARTICLE 32. ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

CONSULTANT recognizes that in rendering the services pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, CONSULTANT is working for the residents of Manatee County, Florida, subject to public observation, scrutiny and inquiry; and based upon said recognition CONSULTANT shall, in all of its relationships with COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement, conduct itself in accordance with all of the recognized applicable ethical standards set by any related national societies, and the reasonable traditions to perform the services. CONSULTANT shall be truthful in its communications with COUNTY personnel regarding matters pertaining to this Agreement and the scope of services rendered to COUNTY.

ARTICLE 33. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES

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

ARTICLE 34. TAXES

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

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

ARTICLE 35. 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 36. 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 37. 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 38. PATENT AND COPYRIGHT RESPONSIBILITY

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

ARTICLE 39. 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 40. 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 41. 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 42. 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 43. 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 44. 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.

CONSULTANT NAME

By: _____

Print Name & Title of Above Signer

Date: _____

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

By: its Board of County Commissioners

By: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____

**ATTEST: ANGELINA COLONNESO
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER**

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

EXHIBIT A
SCOPE OF SERVICES

[To be inserted prior to final execution of the Agreement]

SAMPLE

EXHIBIT B
FEE RATE SCHEDULE

[To be inserted prior to final execution of the Agreement]

SAMPLE

EXHIBIT C
WORK ASSIGNMENT

WORK ASSIGNMENT NUMBER: _____

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

TITLE OF THE PROJECT: _____

PHASES AND/OR TASKS OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AUTHORIZED:

CONSULTANT shall perform tasks as more specifically detailed in Attachments 1 through 3 as follows:

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

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

Task/Description # _____ - \$ _____

Task/Description # _____ - \$ _____

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

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

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

CONSULTANT NAME, Consultant

By: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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

By: _____

Date: _____

EXHIBIT D
AFFIDAVIT OF NO CONFLICT

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

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

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

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

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

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

DATED this _____ day of _____, _____.

Signature

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

Notary Public, State of Florida at Large

Commission No. _____

EXHIBIT E
INSURANCE AND BOND REQUIREMENTS

[To be inserted prior to final execution of the Agreement]

SAMPLE