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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL No. 14-0272JL

**VOTING TABULATION SYSTEM HARDWARE, SOFTWARE,
INSTALLATION, TRAINING**

Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida (hereinafter "Manatee County" or the "County") will receive proposals from individuals, corporations, partnerships, and other legal entities authorized to do business in the State of Florida, to provide certain voting tabulation and election management systems, including hardware and software, to replace existing voting tabulation and election management systems used in the County.

DEADLINE FOR CLARIFICATION REQUESTS: **5:00PM, December 3, 2013** shall be the deadline to submit all inquiries, suggestions, or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to this Request for Proposal to the Manatee County Purchasing Division. This deadline has been established to maintain fair treatment for all potential bidders or Proposers, while ensuring an expeditious transition to a final agreement.

TIME AND DATE DUE: Proposals will be received until **3:00PM, December 10, 2013** at which time they will be publicly opened. All interested parties are invited to attend this opening.


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Important Note: A prohibition of Lobbying is in place. Please review paragraph A.17 carefully to avoid violation and possible sanctions.

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AUTHORIZED FOR RELEASE: 

SECTION A: INFORMATION TO PROPOSERS

PROPOSERS MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION.

A.01 OPENING LOCATION

These proposals will be publicly opened at Manatee County Purchasing Division, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, 8th Floor, Suite 803, Bradenton, Florida 34205, in the presence of County officials at the time and date stated on the cover sheet. All Proposers or their representatives are invited to attend.

A.02 PROPOSAL INFORMATION AND PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS

Bids and Proposals on <http://www.myanatee.org>

Bid or Proposal documents and the Notices of Source Selection related to those Bids or Proposals are available for download in a portable document format (.PDF) file on the Manatee County web page on the Purchasing tab under "Bids and Proposals". You may view and print these files using Adobe Acrobat software. You may download a free copy of this software (Adobe) from the County's web page if you do not have.

Manatee County collaborates with the Manatee Chamber of Commerce on distributing solicitations using the RFP Tool web page on the Chambers website: <http://www.Manateechamber.com> to post Bid and Proposal documents in a portable document format (.PDF) file. This step is in addition to the posting on Manatee County Government web page.

Manatee County may also use an internet service provider to distribute Bids and Proposals. A link to that service <http://www.DemandStar.com>, is provided on this website under the Tab "MyDemandStar". Participation in the DemandStar system is not a requirement for doing business with Manatee County.

Note: The County posts the Notice of Source Selection seven (7) calendar days prior to commencing negotiations with the selected firms.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH PROPOSER, PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THEIR PROPOSAL, TO CONTACT THE MANATEE COUNTY PURCHASING DIVISION (see contact information on page one of this document) TO DETERMINE IF ADDENDA WERE ISSUED AND TO MAKE SUCH ADDENDA A PART OF THEIR PROPOSAL.

A.03 REQUIREMENTS FOR FORMAT AND DELIVERY OF PROPOSALS

Any proposals received after the stated time and date will not be considered. It shall be the sole responsibility of the Proposer to have their proposal delivered to the Manatee County Purchasing Division for receipt on or before the stated time and date. If a proposal is sent by U.S. Mail, the Proposer shall be responsible for its timely delivery to the Purchasing Division. Proposals delayed by mail shall not be considered, shall not be opened at the public opening, and arrangements shall be made for their return at the Proposer's request and expense.

Proposals must be submitted in the format specified in Section C hereof. The contents of each proposal shall be **separated and arranged with tabs in the same order as listed**

in the Subsections within Section C identifying the response to each specific item thereby facilitating expedient review of all responses.

A.04 CLARIFICATION & ADDENDA

Each Proposer shall examine all Request for Proposal documents and shall judge all matters relating to the adequacy and accuracy of such documents. Any inquiries, suggestions or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to the Request for Proposal shall be made in writing through the Manatee County Purchasing Division. The County shall not be responsible for oral interpretations given by any County employee, representative, or agent. The issuance of a written addendum by the Purchasing Division is the only official method whereby interpretation, clarification or additional information can be given.

Addenda shall be posted on <http://www.mymanatee.org>.

It shall be the responsibility of each Proposer, prior to submitting their proposal, to contact the Manatee County Purchasing Division at (941)748-4501, ext. 3014 to determine if addenda were issued and to acknowledge receipt of same on the Proposal Signature Form (Attachment A).

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A.05 SEALED & MARKED

One (1) signed original (marked "Original"), five (5) copies (marked "Copy"), and one copy on digital media compatible with use on Manatee County's standard desktop computer, of your proposal shall be submitted in one sealed package, clearly marked on the outside "**Sealed Proposal #14-0272JL, VOTING TABULATION SYSTEM HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, INSTALLATION, TRAINING**" and addressed to:

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

A.06 LEGAL NAME

Proposals shall clearly indicate the legal name, address and telephone number of the Proposer (company, firm, partnership, individual). Proposals shall be signed above the typed or printed name and title of the signer. The signer shall have the authority to bind the Proposer to the submitted proposal.

A.07 PROPOSAL EXPENSES

All expenses for making proposals to the County are to be borne by the Proposer.

A.08 EXAMINATION OF OFFER

The examination of the proposal and the Proposer generally requires a period of not less than ninety (90) calendar days from the date of the opening of the proposals.

A.09 DISCLOSURE

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

Proposals become subject to disclosure thirty (30) days after the Opening or if a notice of intended award decision is made earlier than this time as provided by Florida Statute 119.071(1)(b). No announcement of review of the offer shall be conducted at the public opening. If the County rejects all offers and concurrently notices its intent to reissue the solicitation, initial offers are exempt until the County provides notice of its intended decision or, thirty (30) days after the opening of the new offers.

A.10 ERRORS OR OMISSIONS

Once a proposal is submitted, the County shall not accept any request by any Proposer to correct errors or omissions in the proposal.

A.11 DISQUALIFICATION DUE TO NON-RESPONSIVENESS

Manatee County reserves the right to find that any proposal received which does not contain all of the information, attachments, verification, forms or other information, may be considered non-responsive and therefore be disqualified from eligibility to proceed further in the RFP process.

A.12 RESERVED RIGHTS

The County reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals, to waive irregularities and technicalities, and to request resubmission. Any sole response received by the first submission date may or may not be rejected by the County, depending on available competition and timely needs of the County. The County reserves the right to award the contract to a responsible Proposer submitting a responsive proposal, with a resulting negotiated agreement which is most advantageous and in the best interests of the County. The County shall be the sole judge of the proposal, and the resulting negotiated agreement that is in its best interest and its decision shall be final. Also, the County reserves the right to make such investigation as it deems necessary to determine the ability of any Proposer to perform the work or service requested. Information the County deems necessary to make this determination shall be provided by the Proposer. Such information may include, but shall not be limited to: current financial statements prepared by an independent CPA; verification of availability of equipment and personnel; and past performance records.

A.13 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 agreement. Any involvement with any Manatee County procurement shall be in accordance with Manatee County Code Chapter 2-26.

Procedures and deadlines concerning protests related to this Request for Proposal shall be those which are set forth in § 2-26-61 of the County Code.

A.14 CODE OF ETHICS

With respect to this proposal, if any Proposer violates, directly or indirectly, the ethics provisions of the Manatee County Purchasing 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 Request for Proposal, and may also be disqualified from furnishing future goods or services to, and from submitting any future bids or proposals to supply goods or services to, Manatee County.

By submitting a proposal, the Proposer represents to the County that all statements made and materials submitted are truthful, with no relevant facts withheld. If a Proposer is determined to have been untruthful in its proposal or any related presentation, such Proposer will be disqualified from eligibility to perform the work described in this Request for Proposal, and may also be disqualified from furnishing future goods or services to, and from submitting any future bids or proposals to supply goods or services to, Manatee County.

A.15 COLLUSION

By offering a submission to this Request for Proposal the Proposer certifies the Proposer has not divulged to, discussed or compared his proposal with other Proposers and has not colluded with any other Proposer or parties to this proposal whatsoever. Also, the Proposer certifies, and in the case of a joint proposal, each party thereto certifies, as to their own organization that in connection with this proposal:

- a. any prices and/or data submitted have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices and/or cost data, with any other Proposer or with any competitor;
- b. any prices and/or cost data quoted for this proposal have not been knowingly disclosed by the Proposer prior to the scheduled opening directly or indirectly to any competitor;
- c. no attempt has been made or will be made by the Proposer to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit a proposal for the purpose of restricting competition;
- d. the only person or persons interested in this proposal as principal or principals is/are named therein and that no person other than therein mentioned has any interest in this proposal or in the contract to be entered into; and
- e. no person or agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees.

A.16 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, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 for Category Two for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

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

To ensure compliance with the foregoing, the Code requires all persons or entities desiring to contract with the 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 the County. **Proposer is to complete Attachment "C" and submit with your proposal.**

A.17 LOBBYING

After the issuance of any Request for Proposal, prospective Proposers, or any agent, representative or person acting at the request of such Proposer shall not contact, communicate with or discuss any matter relating in any way to the Request for Proposal with any officer, agent or employee of Manatee County other than the Purchasing Official or as directed in the Request for Proposal. This prohibition includes the act of carbon copying officers, agents or employees of Manatee County on email correspondence. This requirement begins with the issuance of a Request for Proposal, and ends upon execution of the final Contract or when the Proposal has been canceled. Violators of this prohibition shall be subject to sanctions as provided in the Manatee County Purchasing Code of Law Chapter 2-26.

A.18 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

In accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title 15, Part 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Manatee County hereby notifies all prospective Proposers that they will affirmatively ensure minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to participate in response to this advertisement and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award of contract.

A.19 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of the County's functions including one's access to, participation,

employment, or treatment in its programs or activities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation for the public meetings specified herein (i.e. Information Conference or Proposal Opening), should contact the person named on the first page of this document at least twenty four (24) hours in advance of the activity to request accommodations.

END SECTION A

SECTION B: SCOPE OF SERVICES

B.01 DEMOGRAPHICS AND BACKGROUND:

Manatee County is located on the Gulf of Mexico in West Central Florida consisting of six (6) incorporated municipalities, including:

Bradenton;
Palmetto;
Anna Maria;
Holmes Beach;
Bradenton Beach;
Longboat Key; and
including an extensive unincorporated area.

The County's total population is approximately 335,000, expanding to approximately 400,000 during the winter months. There are approximately 208,765 registered voters in the County. Total County land area is 785 square miles, with over 150 miles of shoreline. The western portion of the County is mostly urban and residential, and includes contact with the Gulf of Mexico and the Manatee River. The eastern portion is primarily agricultural but is becoming increasingly residential. U.S. Interstate 75, a major highway located in the eastern part of the County, runs the length of the County, north to south.

Currently, the County operates ninety nine (99) voting precincts but will be consolidating to an anticipated seventy five (75) precincts during the first quarter 2014. Additionally, the County plans to operate three (3) "early voting" locations for the 2014 primary and general elections.

B.02 SYSTEMS AND SERVICES REQUIRED, GENERALLY:

The County is, in accordance with this solicitation, accepting proposals for voting tabulation systems, related computer hardware, software, training, and installation services, to service the County's voting system (hereinafter, the "Proposed Election Management System", or "PEMS").

B.03 SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS, SYSTEMS AND SERVICES REQUIRED:

Proposer should, by way of separate sections within their Proposals, respond to the following specific PEMS requirements:

- (a) Proposer should provide evidence of current certification (or, in the case where consideration for certification is in process, status of such process), from the State of Florida Division of Elections, in accordance with Florida State Statute 101.015, regarding all proposed and applicable PEMS components.
- (b) Proposals should describe their PEMS ability to offer precinct tabulators capable of counting votes from multiple precincts (e.g., "precinct" and "centralized" tabulators, etc.).

- (c) Proposals should describe their PEMS capabilities to support devices prescribed or otherwise approved by the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- (d) Proposals should describe their PEMS "precinct split" capabilities to support, manage, and track ballots from multiple ballot configurations accommodating, at a minimum, twenty (20) administrative divisions (i.e., election districts, etc.). Proposers should state the number of precinct splits their PEMS is capable of supporting.
- (e) Proposals should describe their PEMS capabilities in supporting multiple ballot styles. In particular, Proposers should affirm their PEMS ability to support a minimum of 2,000 ballot styles, and should state the actual number of ballot styles supported.
- (f) Proposers should affirm that all data storage contemplated in their PEMS utilizes non-volatile memory (i.e., memory capable of retaining data without electric power).
- (g) Proposals should describe the various methods within their PEMS by which data can be transferred from a precinct to a central location. Such methods should include those specific to situations in which the primary method is unavailable.
- (h) Proposals should provide detailed technical specifications for all PEMS equipment and software (i.e., scanner throughput in ballots per minute, number of output bins, tabulator memory capacity (number of ballots scanned)).

B.04 PEMS IMPLEMENTATION, TRAINING, AND RELATED MATTERS:

Proposers are invited to submit proposals in any format reasonably calculated to provide the County with sufficient information with which the County may consider Proposals.

Proposals must include pricing for the following services, each service being separated by a tab in the Proposal:

B.04.01 Implementation:

- (a) The PEMS must provide a comprehensive installation plan complete with all activities and resources required for successful PEMS implementation. The Proposal should illustrate and explain the following items within their response:
 - (i) Detail of the proposed steps and time frames to implement the PEMS and establish an administrative change of data and service responsibility from the present County Systems to the PEMS.
 - (ii) A detailed description of the systems or methods Proposer would use to ensure administrative service delivery during the transition period from the current County voting systems to the PEMS.

- (iii) Sample resumes of the proposed implementation team, along with the Proposer's implementation team structure.
- (b) Proposers should specify the proposed requirements for office space, facilities (including telephones) and office furniture necessary to render services during implementation of the PEMS.

B.04.02 **Training:**

(a) Training – Generally.

Proposer should provide a list of the PEMS related training courses proposed to ensure that the County's staff can effectively use and maintain the PEMS, once in production. Proposer should verify that each of the following areas will be covered in the proposed training:

- (i) Overview of the PEMS;
- (ii) PEMS administration and operations;
- (iii) Applications related database training (if any);
- (iv) Development toolset training (if any);
- (v) PEMS functionality and configuration; and
- (vi) Routine and ad hoc report generation;

B.04.03 **Technical Support:**

Proposer should describe Proposer's capability in the provision of warranty service and ongoing support of the PEMS (support beyond the warranty period), including post-installation support, in accordance with the following specifications.

The following requirements apply:

(a) Server and Software Maintenance:

- (i) Provision of all necessary PEMS maintenance during the warranty period and any subsequent maintenance term; and
- (ii) Application support, including modifications, diagnosis, recovery, customization, configuration, and how-to questions.

B.04.04

Proposer's User Groups:

Proposer should describe Proposer's capability in providing the County with a PEMS "user's group", with which the County may interact to, among other things, meet and exchange ideas for enhancements, seek collegiate assistance with similar issues, and establish direct lines of communications with the PEMS provider's development organization.

END SECTION B

SECTION C: FORM OF PROPOSAL

This section identifies specific information which must be contained within each proposal. The contents of each proposal shall be **separated** and **arranged with tabs** in the same order as listed in **Sections C.01, through C.03**, identifying the response to each specific item.

The information that you provide shall be used to determine those Proposers with perceived ability to perform the Scope of Services as stated in this Request for Proposal which may overall best meet the needs of Manatee County. A review with those Proposers reasonably susceptible of being selected for award may be conducted for the purposes of clarification of both ability and benefit to Manatee County. See Section D, "Selection."

C.01 MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

C.01.1 Licenses and Certifications.

To qualify for any consideration, Proposer shall provide documentation showing that certification from the State of Florida Division of Elections, in accordance with Florida State Statute 101.015, for all proposed equipment and software, is either in process or certification has been granted, at the time of proposal submission.

C.01.2 Form of Proposer's Organization.

Proposals may be presented by a single business entity, a joint venture, or partnership.

C.01.3 Minimum Qualifications.

After Manatee County staff validates the Minimum Qualifications have been met, those Proposals found to be in compliance will be considered by the evaluation committee.

EXPERIENCE TO BE CONSIDERED

Proposers shall have substantial, current and verifiable experience in performing or overseeing the performance of the services described within the scope of services set forth herein.

In the event more than one entity is joining in making this proposal, each entity shall set forth its respective experience and qualifications for those areas the entity intends to perform.

If subcontractors are to be used in your proposal please detail the subcontractor's business entities, description of the service provided, and responses in the same level of detail and tabbed order as instructed in this Request for Proposal for the Proposer.

To validate experience, expertise and capabilities, Proposers shall provide the following details for each of the Proposer(s)' relevant past performance of similar projects:

- a. Name and location of the Client and the project, the year of performance and the date the project was fully operational and accepted. The specific details of the project including the components and subcontractors utilized.

Specify the name, title and telephone number for the Clients contract manager for the project;

- b. Names of your firm's staff and their direct involvement in the project;
- c. Names and telephone numbers of the persons representing the individual agencies with which the identified key staff directly worked; and
- d. Governmental agency, if any, which verified compliance with its requirements or standards, and the names and telephone numbers of the key persons with direct knowledge of this process to achieve compliance.

C.02 ADMINISTRATIVE SUBMITTAL

- a. Proposal Signature Form (Attachment A).
- b. Public Contracting and Environmental Crimes Certification (Attachment C).

C.03 INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED REGARDING PROPOSER(S)

Note: Tabs are required to identify each item defined in this Section.

- C.03.1 Provide a description of each Proposers' **background and size**. Provide a general statement of qualifications to include Proposers' professional credentials, legal status, and experience in providing the service enumerated in this Request for Proposal.
- C.03.2 Submit a narrative **explaining the direct economic benefit to Manatee County to be realized by selecting Proposer(s)**. Please include a discussion of the employment, subcontracting, and support services contracting which would be procured within Manatee County.
- C.03.3 Provide an **explanation of the Proposers' legal capacity** to perform all parts of the scope of services. Include a description of corporate or other structure and governance, and detail the legal, financial, and technical capabilities of Proposer(s) relevant to performing the scope of services. If more than one Proposer is teaming up to file a proposal, any prior work any two or more joint proposers have done before should be detailed.
- C.03.4 Identify each **principal of the firm and other "key personnel"** who will be professionally associated with the County. Do not include personnel that will not have a key role in providing services. Describe their respective areas of expertise.

For each identified person, provide the following:

- Full Name
- Title
- Professional credentials

- Area of expertise, individual's roles and duties in providing services
- Office address
- Email address
- Telephone number
- Personalized resumes which identify the qualifications, training and experience of each key personnel

- C.03.5 **Local Office, Procurement, Hiring.** Gaining maximum economic impact is paramount. Proposer(s) should therefore describe whether the managing office will be located within the County, and detail what plans and policies will be adopted to help ensure County citizens receive preferential consideration for employment, and vendors located within the County will be used as suppliers of goods and services needed to perform the scope of services.
- C.03.6 Disclose **any ownership interest in other entities** involved in these services which might reasonably be selected to perform work under the scope of services set forth in this Request for Proposal. This ownership disclosure shall be included, whether such ownership occurs by the Proposer through a parent, subsidiary or holding company or any other form of business entity. Submit entity names and the percent of ownership for each.
- C.03.7 **Provide authorization for a Manatee County auditor and/or financial analysts to have access to your financial records at the primary location of the business entity** explained in response to item C.03.6, or such other location as may be agreed, for the purposes of verifying your financial representations, review and assessment of the historical and current financial capacity of your business entity and its expected ability to meet ongoing financial obligations to the County as proposed in this proposal to Manatee County. The County's audit and /or financial analyst agents will report their findings in a summary report to the Manatee County Purchasing Official, which will be placed in the proposal files for subsequent use and review.
- C.03.8 **Cost:** Proposals shall include a cost to provide all labor, materials, transportation, and all other facilities as necessary and/or required to perform all of the work described herein. Costs shall include the initial purchase of all equipment, software, training and associated costs, in addition to maintenance and support for the first year. Costs shall also be provided for all subsequent years Two (2) through Five (5) for maintenance and support.
- C.03.9 **Trade-In:** Proposals shall also include a total trade-in value amount for the following equipment owned by the Supervisor of Elections:
- a) 200 each, TSX, Touch Screen Voting System
 - b) 175 each, OS, Optical Scan Voting System
 - c) 176 each, OS Bins

Inspection of this equipment is available by **appointment only** and by contacting Mr. Scott Farrington, Supervisor of Elections, by telephone at 941-741-3823 or by e-mail at scott@votemanatee.com.

- C.03.10 If applicable, include a statement of qualifications that includes Proposer's credentials and experience in providing the services as outlined in the scope of services.
- C.03.11 Submit a staffing plan which details all staffing needs Proposer(s) believe will be required to perform the programs and services proposed in the submitted proposal.

END SECTION C

SECTION D: SELECTION

D.01 EVALUATION FACTORS

Evaluation of proposals will be conducted by an Evaluation Committee. The Committee's goal will be to identify the proposal which will overall best meet the needs of Manatee County as determined from the proposals received and subsequent investigation by the County. General factors to be applied will be: (1) the perceived ability of the Proposer(s) to perform the Scope of Services as stated in this Request for Proposal in the most timely and efficient manner possible, (2) the legal, technical and financial capabilities of Proposer(s), and (3) the experience of Proposer(s).

These evaluation factors shall determine the successful proposal.

D.02 RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF EVALUATION FACTORS

Unless noted, no weight will be assigned to the Evaluation Factors stated above.

D.03 PRELIMINARY RANKING

An Evaluation Committee shall determine from the responses to this Request for Proposal and subsequent investigation as necessary, the Proposer(s) most qualified to be selected to negotiate an agreement.

D.04 REVIEW OF PROPOSERS AND PROPOSALS

In-person reviews may be conducted with responsible Proposers who are deemed reasonably susceptible of being selected for award, for the purposes of assuring full understanding of: (a) conformance to the solicitation requirements, (b) the abilities of the Proposer, and (c) the proposal submitted.

Proposers shall be available for presentations to and interviews with the evaluation committee, upon reasonable notification from the Purchasing Division. The date(s) and time(s) of any such presentations / interviews shall be determined solely by the County, and may be closed to the public in the discretion of the Purchasing Official, and to the extent permitted by law.

D.05 SELECTION FOR NEGOTIATION

The Evaluation Committee will make a recommendation to the Manatee County Supervisor of Elections as to the Proposer which the County should enter into negotiations. The Manatee County Supervisor of Elections will act upon that recommendation and, if accepted, the successful Proposer will be invited to enter negotiations led by the Purchasing Division.

D.06 AWARD

Award of an agreement is subject to the successful negotiations and the approval of the Manatee County Supervisor of Elections and the Board of County Commissioners.

END SECTION D

SECTION E: NEGOTIATION OF THE AGREEMENT

E.01 GENERAL

The following general terms and conditions apply to the proposal submitted for consideration and the subsequent negotiations:

- a. The proposal will serve as a basis for negotiating an agreement, but not compel adherence to its terms or conditions.
- b. Upon submission, all proposals become the property of the 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 in the course of this engagement become the property of the County upon termination or completion of the engagement.

E.02 AGREEMENT

The selected Proposer shall be required to negotiate an agreement, in a form and with provisions acceptable to Manatee County.

Negotiated Agreements may or may not include all elements of this RFP or the resulting successful proposal where alternative terms or conditions become more desirable to the County, and the parties agree to such terms.

The parties will negotiate the term of the agreement, and the circumstances in which it may be renewed, assigned or terminated.

Subject to the minimum requirements set forth in Attachment D hereto, the parties will negotiate matters of liability, record-keeping, auditing, and all other relevant contractual matters.

END SECTION E

ATTACHMENT A

PROPOSAL SIGNATURE FORM
RFP No. 14-0272JL

The undersigned represents that by signing the proposal, that he/she has the authority and approval of the legal entity purporting to submit the proposal, and that all of the facts and responses set forth in the proposal are true and correct. If the proposer is selected by the County to negotiate an agreement, the undersigned certifies that the proposer's negotiators will negotiate in good faith to establish an agreement to provide the services described in the Scope of Services of this Request for Proposal.

Print or Type Proposer's Information Below:

Name of Proposer

Telephone Number

Street Address

Email Address

Web Address

Print Name & Title of Authorized Officer

Signature of Authorized Officer

Date Signed

Acknowledge Addendum No.	_____	Dated:	_____
Acknowledge Addendum No.	_____	Dated:	_____
Acknowledge Addendum No.	_____	Dated:	_____

ATTACHMENT B

RESERVED

ATTACHMENT C

PUBLIC CONTRACTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES CERTIFICATION

**SWORN STATEMENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 6,
MANATEE COUNTY PURCHASING CODE**

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

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

[print individual's

name and title]

_____ For _____

[name of entity submitting sworn statement]

whose business address is: _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

chargeable with the conduct of an affiliated entity, whether wholly owned, partially owned, or one which has common ownership or a common Board of Directors.

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

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

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

[Signature]

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 200_____ by

Personally known _____ OR Produced identification
[Type of
identification]

_____ My commission expires_
_____. Notary Public Signature

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

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

Attachment D

Insurance and Bonding Requirements

By way of its submission of a Proposal hereto, Proposer (i) represents that Proposer maintains, and will maintain, insurance coverage from responsible companies duly authorized to do business in the State of Florida as applicable to any contract resulting from this solicitation, and (ii) agrees that, upon County's request, evidence of such insurance requirements will be produced by Proposer within five (5) business days from the date any Notice of Intent to Award is posted.