

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS  
No. 26-R090185AF  
PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL  
AND ENGINEERING DESIGN  
SERVICES SOUTHEAST WATER  
RECLAMATION FACILITY -  
LABORATORY IMPROVEMENTS  
PROJECT NO. PJ6085081  
May 26, 2026

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Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida (hereinafter referred to as County) will receive qualification proposal responses (Proposals) from individuals, corporations, partnerships, and other legal entities authorized to do business in the State of Florida (Proposers), to provide Professional Architectural and Engineering Design Services as specified in this Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

**DATE, TIME AND PLACE DUE:**

The Due Date and Time for submission of Proposals in response to this RFQ is **July 1, 2026 by 10:00 A.M. ET**. Proposals must be delivered to the following location either in-person or express mail (UPS / FedEx) to Manatee County East-Campus, 9000 Town Center Parkway, Lakewood Ranch, Florida 34202 and time stamped by a Procurement representative by the Due Date and Time. Proposals will be opened immediately following the Due Date and Time at the Manatee County East-Campus, 9000 Town Center Parkway, Lakewood Ranch, Florida 34202.

**SOLICITATION INFORMATION CONFERENCE:**

No Solicitation Information Conference will be held for this RFQ.

**DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS AND CLARIFICATION REQUESTS:**

The deadline to submit all questions, inquiries, or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to this RFQ to the Manatee County Procurement Division is **June 9, 2026 by 10:00 A.M. ET**. Questions and inquiries should be submitted via email to the Designated Procurement Contact shown below.

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

**DESIGNATED PROCUREMENT CONTACT:** Ashley Forrest, Procurement Agent III  
(941) 749-3044, Fax (941) 749-3034  
Email: [ashley.forrest@mymanatee.org](mailto:ashley.forrest@mymanatee.org)  
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, submit the required forms and information, and comply with the instructions as follows. Proposals will be accepted from a single business entity, joint venture, partnership or corporation. The County intends to award an agreement(s) for the provision of professional architectural and engineering design services as identified in this RFQ.

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

There is no Solicitation Information Conference for this RFQ.

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

The Due Date and Time for submission of Proposals in response to this RFQ is **July 1, 2026 by 10:00 A.M. ET**. Proposals must be delivered to the following location either in-person or express mail (UPS / FedEx) to Manatee County East-Campus, 9000 Town Center Parkway, Lakewood Ranch, Florida 34202 prior to the Due Date and Time.

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

### **A.03 PUBLIC OPENING OF RESPONSES**

Sealed Proposals will be publicly opened at Manatee County East-Campus, 9000 Town Center Parkway, Lakewood Ranch, Florida 34202, in the presence of County officials immediately upon expiration of the Due Date and Time. Proposers or their representatives may attend the Proposal opening.

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

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

The contents of the Proposal sealed package must include:

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

Electronic format copies should be submitted on separate Universal Serial Bus (USB) portable flash memory drives or compact disc (CD) in MicroSoft Office® or Adobe Acrobat® portable document format (PDF) in one continuous file. Do not password protect or otherwise encrypt electronic Proposal copies. Electronic copies must contain an identical Proposal to the original.

Upon submission, all Proposals become the property of Manatee County which has the right to use any or all ideas presented in any Proposal submitted in response to this Request for Qualifications whether, or not, the Proposal is accepted.

Submit the Proposal package in a sealed container with the following information clearly marked on the outside of the package: RFQ No. 26-R090185AF, Professional Architectural and Engineering Design Services Southeast Water Reclamation Facility - Laboratory Improvements, 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 East-Campus  
Procurement Division  
9000 Town Center Parkway  
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

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

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

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

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

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

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

Additionally, the RFQ and all related documents are available for public inspection at the Manatee County East-Campus, 9000 Town Center Parkway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Lakewood Ranch, Florida 34202. Call (941) 749-3014 to schedule an appointment. Documents are available between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, with the exception of County holidays.

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

**A.07 ADDENDA**

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

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

**A.08 RESPONSE EXPENSES**

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

**A.09 QUESTION AND CLARIFICATION PERIOD**

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

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

**A.10 FALSE OR MISLEADING STATEMENTS**

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

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

Proposers may withdraw Proposals under the following circumstances:

- a. If Proposer discovers a mistake(s) prior to the Due Date and Time. Proposer may withdraw its Proposal by submitting a written notice to the Procurement Division. The notice must be received in the Procurement Division prior to the Due Date and Time for receiving Proposals. A copy of the request shall be retained, and the

unopened Proposal returned to the Proposer; or

- b. After the Proposals are opened but before a contract is signed, Proposer alleges a material mistake of fact if:
  1. The mistake is clearly evident in the solicitation document; or
  2. Proposer submits evidence which clearly and convincingly demonstrates that a mistake was made in the Proposal. Request to withdraw a Proposal must be in writing and approved by the Purchasing Official.

#### **A.12 JOINT VENTURES**

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

#### **A.13 LOBBYING**

After the issuance of any solicitation, no prospective Proposer, or their agents, representatives or persons acting at the request of such Proposer, shall contact, communicate with or discuss any matter relating in any way to the solicitation with any County officers, agents or employees, other than the Purchasing Official or designee, unless otherwise directed by the Purchasing Official or designee. This prohibition includes copying such persons on written communications (including email correspondence) but does not apply to presentations made to evaluation committees or at a County Commission meeting where the Commission is considering approval of a proposed contract/purchase order. This requirement ends upon final execution of the contract/purchase order or at the time the solicitation is cancelled. Violators of this prohibition will be subject to sanctions as provided in the Manatee County Code of Ordinances Section 2-26-31 and 2-26-32. Sanctions may include (a) written warning; (b) termination of contracts; and (c) debarment or suspension.

#### **A.14 EXAMINATION OF RESPONSES**

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

#### **A.15 ERRORS OR OMISSIONS**

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

#### **A.16 DETERMINATION OF RESPONSIBLENESS AND RESPONSIVENESS**

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

To be responsive a Proposer must submit a Proposal that conforms in all material respects to the requirements of this RFQ and contains all the information, fully

completed attachments and forms, and other documentation required. Proposals that are deemed non-responsive will not be considered or evaluated.

To be responsible, a Proposer must meet the minimum qualification requirements and have the capability to perform the Scope of Services contained in this RFQ. Proposals submitted by Proposers that are deemed non-responsive 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 Request for Qualifications, if any Proposer violates, directly or indirectly, the ethics provisions of the Manatee County Procurement Code and/or Florida criminal or civil laws related to public procurement, including but not limited to Florida Statutes Chapter 112, Part II, Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, such Proposer will be disqualified from eligibility to perform the work described in this RFQ, and may also be disqualified from submitting any future bids or proposals to supply goods or services to Manatee County.

#### **A.23 PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES**

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

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

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

**A.24 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES**

Manatee County does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of County's functions including one's access to participation, employment, or treatment in its programs or activities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation for an information conference or Proposal opening should contact the person named on the cover page of this document at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of either activity.

**A.25 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

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

**A.26 MINORITY AND/OR DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE**

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

**A.27 DISCLOSURE**

Upon receipt, all inquiries and responses to inquiries related to this Request for Qualification 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:**

**BY PHONE:** 941.742.5845  
**BY EMAIL:** [PUBLIC.RECORDS@MYMANATEE.ORG](mailto:PUBLIC.RECORDS@MYMANATEE.ORG)  
**BY MAIL:** PO BOX 1000  
 BRADENTON, FLORIDA 34206  
**IN PERSON:** MANATEE COUNTY  
 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 Qualifications 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 Qualifications shall belong exclusively to County.

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

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

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

Proposer shall indemnify and hold County, and its officials, employees, agents and representatives harmless from any actions, damages (including attorney’s fees and costs),

or claims arising from or related to the designation of trade secrets by the Proposer, including actions or claims arising from County's non-disclosure of the trade secret materials.

**A.29 CONFIDENTIALITY OF SECURITY RELATED RECORDS**

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

**A.30 E-VERIFY**

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

Only those individuals determined eligible to work in the United States shall be employed under this contract.

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

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

**A.31 LICENSES AND PERMITS**

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

**A.32 MINIMUM WAGE REQUIREMENTS**

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

**A.33 PROTEST**

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

Protest must be in writing and delivered via email at [purchasing@mymanatee.org](mailto:purchasing@mymanatee.org) or by hand delivery to the Procurement Division at the Manatee County East-Campus, 9000 Town Center Parkway, Lakewood Ranch, Florida 34202 by 5:00 p.m. on the fifth business day following the date of posting of the Notice of Intent to Award on the County website. There is no stay of the procurement process during a protest. The Purchasing Official shall have the authority to settle and resolve a protest concerning the intended award of a contract.

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

**A.34 BINDING OFFER**

Proposals will remain valid for a period of 120 days following the Due Date and Time and will be considered a binding offer to perform the required services and/or provide the required goods. The submission of a Proposal will be taken as prima facie evidence that the Proposer has familiarized itself with the contents of this Solicitation

**A.35 ACCESSIBILITY**

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

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

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

**A.36 PROHIBITION AGAINST CONSIDERING SOCIAL, POLITICAL, OR IDEOLOGICAL INTERESTS IN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS**

This section shall serve as notification that this solicitation is in accordance with Florida Statutes Chapter 287.05701.

**A.37 SOLICITATION SCHEDULE**

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

<b>Scheduled Item</b>	<b>Scheduled Date</b>
Solicitation Information Conference	N/A
Question and Clarification Deadline	June 9, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. ET
Proposal due Date and Time	July 1, 2026, by 10:00 A.M ET
Technical Evaluation Meeting	TBD
Technical Evaluation Meeting	TBD
Interviews/Presentations/Demonstrations (if conducted)	TBD
Final Evaluation Meeting (if required)	TBD
Projected Award	October 2026

**END SECTION A**

## SECTION B, EVALUATION OF RESPONSES

### B.01 EVALUATION

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

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

Evaluation of Proposals will be conducted by an evaluation committee. Each evaluation committee member will evaluate and score the Proposals for each of the evaluation criteria. The committee will consider all information submitted by each responsible and responsive Proposer; clarification information provided by Proposer; information obtained during the interviews, presentations, or demonstrations; feedback received from Proposer's references; and any other relevant information received during any investigation of Proposer to ascertain the ability of the Proposer to perform the Scope of Services as stated in this RFQ.

### B.02 EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following evaluation criteria have been established for this RFQ.

<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Maximum Points</b>
Proposer & Team's Experience	31
Approach	31
Organizational Structure and Capacity	31
Similar Completed Projects	7

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

As part of the evaluation process, the evaluation committee will determine a list of those responsive and responsible Proposals that are deemed by the committee as having a reasonable probability of being selected for award (Short List). At a minimum, the evaluation committee shall conduct discussions with the Short List Proposers and may request additional information or clarification from Proposers for the purpose of further evaluation of (a) conformance to the solicitation requirements, (b) the abilities of the Proposer, and (c) understanding of the Proposal submitted. Additional information and clarification must be submitted by Proposer within the requested time-period.

Additionally, interviews, presentations or demonstrations may be conducted with Proposers as part of the evaluation process. If conducted, the Short List Proposers will be invited to meet with the committee. The information gained from these interviews, presentations, or demonstrations will be part of the committee's consideration in making a recommendation for award. Therefore, Proposers should make arrangements to attend, if invited.

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **B.05 RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD**

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

### **END SECTION B**

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

### **C.01 GENERAL**

By submitting a Proposal, Proposer understands and agrees:

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

### **C.02 AGREEMENT**

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

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

### **C.03 AWARD**

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

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

**END SECTION C**

## **SECTION D, FORMS**

**FORM 1 - ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ADDENDA  
RFQ NO. 26-R090185AF**

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

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

**FORM 2 - PROPOSAL SIGNATURE FORM  
RFQ NO. 26-R090185AF**

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

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

Print or type Proposer's information below:

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

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

**FORM 3 - PUBLIC CONTRACTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES  
CERTIFICATION  
RFQ NO. 26-R090185AF**

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 an 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 among family members, shared organization of a business entity following the ineligibility of a business entity under this Article, or using substantially the same management, ownership or principles as the ineligible entity.

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Contractor Representative

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Type of identification]

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

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

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

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

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

**FORM 4 - CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE FORM  
RFQ NO. 26-R090185AF**

The award of an agreement resulting from this RFQ 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 RFQ.

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

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  
RFQ NO. 26-R090185AF**

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

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

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

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

RFQ No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notary Public (State): \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission No: \_\_\_\_\_

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

SEAL

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

**FORM 6 - TRUTH – IN – NEGOTIATION CERTIFICATE  
RFQ NO. 26-R090185AF**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**FORM 7 – SCRUTINIZED COMPANY CERTIFICATION  
RFQ NO. 26-R090185AF**

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

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

Companies must complete and return this form with its response.

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address. \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip. \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

**FORM 8, INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**  
**RFQ NO. 26-R090185AF**

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:

- \$2,000,000 Combined Single Limit; OR
- \$1,000,000 Bodily Injury and \$1,000,000 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
- \$2,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate
- \$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury Liability
- \$100,000 Fire Damage Liability
- \$10,000 Medical Expense, and
- \$1,000,000, Third Party Property Damage
- \$        Project Specific Aggregate (Required on projects valued at over \$10,000,000)

*This policy shall contain severability of interests’ provisions.*

**Employer’s Liability Insurance**

Coverage limits of not less than:

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

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

Coverage limits of not less than:

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

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

**Aircraft Liability Insurance Required Limits**

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

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

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

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

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

**Installation Floater Insurance**

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

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

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

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

- \$ 3,000,000 Bodily Injury and Property Damage Each Occurrence
- \$ 3,000,000 General Aggregate

**Builder's Risk Insurance**

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

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

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

**Cyber Liability Insurance**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Pollution Liability**

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

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

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

***Disposal***

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

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

**Hazardous Waste Transportation Insurance**

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

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

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

**Liquor Liability Insurance**

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

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

**Garage Keeper’s Liability Insurance**

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

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

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

**Bailee’s Customer Liability Insurance**

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

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

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

**Hull and Watercraft Liability Insurance**

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

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

**Other [Specify]**

**BOND REQUIREMENTS**

**Bid Bond**

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

**Payment and Performance Bond**

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

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

## **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

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

#### **Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverages**

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

#### **Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Coverages**

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

### **II. General Insurance Provisions Applicable to All Policies**

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

of all applicable policies. The address where such certificates and certified policies shall be sent or delivered is as follows:

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

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

## **BONDING REQUIREMENTS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**FORM 8, INSURANCE STATEMENT  
RFQ NO. 26-R090185AF**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**FORM 9, INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS  
RFQ NO. 26-R090185AF**

**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.

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

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

**FORM 10, ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING AFFIDAVIT**  
**RFQ NO. 26-R090185AF**  
(Section 787.06, Florida Statutes)

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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

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

- physical presence or  
 online notarization

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, by \_\_\_\_\_, who

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

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

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

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**SECTION E, EXHIBITS**

**EXHIBIT 1, SCOPE OF SERVICES**  
**EXHIBIT 2, PROPOSAL RESPONSE**

**EXHIBIT 1, SCOPE OF SERVICES**  
**RFQ No. 26-R090185AF**

**1.01 BACKGROUND**

The County is requesting proposals from qualified firms for the provision of Professional Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the Manatee County Water/Wastewater Laboratory Expansion project.

The project includes the design for construction of a new 28,000 square foot single-story building which will provide laboratories, storage, offices, administration, IT, mechanical, electrical, miscellaneous spaces and associated site work.

The objective of this solicitation is to provide all planning, design, permitting, cost options and project management services for the Manatee County Water/Wastewater Laboratory Expansion project to be constructed at the following location:

Manatee County Water/Wastewater Laboratory Expansion  
1707 Lena Road  
Bradenton, FL 34211

**1.02 PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Successful Proposer (hereinafter in this Scope referred to as Consultant) shall provide all labor and materials for the design of the Manatee County Water/Wastewater Laboratory Expansion project which includes, but not limited to, the following:

Professional design services include, but are not limited to, site survey and soil testing as required; permitting; civil and service utilities site work; design of the building substructure, superstructure, shell (exterior enclosure) and interior; mechanical, plumbing, electrical, commissioning, technology, security systems, lightning protection, and redundant infrastructure systems including uninterruptible power supply, potable water, and wastewater systems.

The facility shall meet the Department of Justice ADA Standards for Accessible Design and the latest edition of the Florida Building Code. Water and sewer utilities to this site are provided by Manatee County Utilities Department. Other jurisdictional entities include, but are not limited to, Southwest Florida Water Management District, State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and Manatee County Health Department.

The design must be consistent with the architectural style of the surrounding buildings and shall be designed to meet the minimum standards established for "Silver" LEED certification, however, the County shall not pursue such certification. LEED Silver efforts shall be documented for County use.

**1.03 SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Consultant shall provide all labor, materials, equipment, supplies and travel to perform design and permitting services (to include civil, architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, commissioning, technology and landscaping/irrigation) and bidding and construction phase services for the County. The services include project management, coordination, field review, data collection, including Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) and surveying, design and permitting for the construction of the Manatee County Water/Wastewater Laboratory Expansion. During the bidding and construction phase, services will include preparation of bid packages, review of bid responses and bid tabulation, coordination of meetings, response to Requests for Information (RFI) and submittals, preparation of record drawings and other services as noted in this Scope of Services.

The proposed facility is a high-performance, State-certified environmental laboratory requiring specialized design of building systems and infrastructure. The Consultant shall demonstrate expertise in the planning and design of complex laboratory facilities and shall be responsible for developing and defining the design criteria for all laboratory systems.

The Consultant shall have the experience and skill set to evaluate, establish, and document design approaches for the following:

- Laboratory HVAC systems, including ventilation strategies, pressure relationships, and system reliability
- Laboratory exhaust systems appropriate for various analytical processes
- Electrical system reliability and continuity of operations for critical laboratory functions
- Integration of specialized laboratory instrumentation and associated infrastructure needs
- Laboratory utility systems, including but not limited to purified water, specialty gases, and compressed air
- Environmental control requirements necessary to support laboratory operations and sensitive equipment
- Applicable codes, standards, and certification requirements governing environmental laboratory facilities

The Consultant shall be responsible for developing these systems in a manner that supports laboratory accreditation, operational efficiency, and long-term reliability.

Proposer will also be required to work in concert with the County's Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR).

#### **1.04 DELIVERABLES**

The Consultant shall provide the following deliverables to the County:

1. Project management, coordination, field review, data collection
  - a. Coordinate the project with County Staff during the design of the project as necessary.
  - b. Provide monthly progress reports for the duration of the project due on the first of

each month.

- c. Conduct bi-weekly project meetings and provide meeting minutes to the County
- d. Perform survey and SUE (as necessary) of the project site within the project limits.
- e. Conduct a field review of the project to take photos, note field conditions, and verify survey information within the project limits.
- f. Obtain any existing site survey, existing geotechnical report, and any existing as-builts from the County to incorporate County and franchise utility information and update the project documents.

## 2. Design and Permitting

### a. Preliminary Design (30%)

- i. One (1) electronic set of plans in “pdf” format.
- ii. Two (2) 24” x 36” sets of plans.
- iii. One (1) 30% opinion of probable construction cost with bid quantities.
- iv. PDF signed copy of documents submitted to permitting agencies.

### b. Intermediate Design (60%)

- i. One (1) electronic set of plans in “pdf” format.
- ii. Two (2) 24” x 36” sets of plans.
- iii. One (1) 60% opinion of probable construction cost with bid quantities.
- iv. PDF signed copy of documents submitted to permitting agencies.

### c. Preliminary Final Design (90%)

- i. One (1) electronic set of plans in “pdf” format.
- ii. Two (2) 24” x 36” sets of plans.
- iii. One (1) 90% opinion of probable construction cost with bid quantities.
- iv. PDF signed copy of documents submitted to permitting agencies.
- v. One (1) electronic set of technical specifications in “pdf” format.

### d. Final Design (100%)

- i. One (1) PDF signed copy of all documents submitted to permitting Agencies.
- ii. Two (2) sets of signed and sealed 24” x 36” of plans and specifications.
- iii. One (1) CD or flash drive containing base files in AutoCAD “dwg”, Building Information Modeling (BIM), Microsoft Word “doc”, and Excel “xls” formats, including all text fonts used, as applicable, along with plans and technical specification sets in “pdf” format.
- iv. Electronic BIM files.

### e. Permitting

- i. Submit permit applications for the construction of the project to Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ).

## 3. Bid and Construction Phase Services

- a. Bid Phase
  - i. Prepare electronic bid package consisting of plans, necessary permits, book specifications to include measurement and payment sections.
  - ii. Participate in one (1) pre-bid conference as the County’s engineering representative.
  - iii. Review and provide responses to RFI’s and provide amendments to the plans and specifications necessary during bidding process.
  
- b. Construction Phase
  - i. Attend one (1) pre-construction meeting, prepare and provide agenda and minutes of the meeting.
  - ii. Attend progress meetings during the construction phase.
  - iii. Review monthly pay applications submitted by the Consultant for work completed, make recommendations for payments and provide updated project schedule.
  - iv. Review and provide responses and approvals for submittals, RFI’s, and shop drawings.
  - v. Provide recommendations of changes, as necessary, which may be required within the scope of the project during construction. This may result in the need to issue an Architects Supplemental Information (ASI).
  - vi. Conduct a limited number of site visits during construction to observe general construction activities and prepare a one-page narrative on the progress of the work.
  - vii. Prepare the punch list items to be corrected or completed at the substantial and final completion stages of the work.
  - viii. Prepare and furnish a final set of reproducible record drawings from the construction contractor’s as-builts documents and submit to the County and to Permitting agency for final permit clearance. Record drawing deliverable to County would include:
    - 1. One (1) electronic set of certified record drawings in “pdf” format.
    - 2. One (1) flash drive with record drawing base files, including text fonts, in AutoCAD “dwg”.
    - 3. BIM files updated.

**1.05 GENERAL DUTIES OF THE CONSULTANT**

The relationship of the Consultant to the County shall be that of a professional Consultant. The Consultant shall provide the professional and technical services required under the resulting agreement in accordance with professional practices and ethical standards. No employer/employee relationships shall be deemed to be established and the Consultant, its agents, subcontractors, and employees shall at all times remain independent contractors.

It shall be the responsibility of the Consultant to work with the County and apprise it of solutions to problems and the approach or technique to be used towards accomplishment of the County objectives as set forth in this RFQ, which will be made a part of the Agreement upon execution by both parties.

The Consultant shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, timely completion, compliance with laws, regulations and rules, and the coordination with all appropriate agencies of all designs, drawings, specifications, reports and other professional services provided by the Consultant. If the County, in its sole discretion, determines there are errors, omissions or other deficiencies in the Consultant's designs, drawings, specifications, reports and other services, the Consultant shall, without additional compensation, correct or revise said errors or omissions to the satisfaction of the County.

**1.06 ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION DATE**

The estimated completion date for the 100% design submittal is twelve (12) months from Board of County Commissioners contract award or Notice to Proceed.

**1.07 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.

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## 1.08 CAROLLO LABORATORY EVALUATION

The following Carollo Laboratory Evaluation was prepared in support of the Manatee County Water/Wastewater Laboratory Expansion project located at 1707 Lena Road, Bradenton, Florida.



Water/Wastewater Laboratory Expansion Evaluation

May 2026 / FINAL

Consolidated Labs

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### Consolidated Labs Interior Footprint Estimate

	Area	Footprint (SF)
DWL	Lab	
	Sample Receiving	
	Storage	
	Office	
WWL	Lab	
	Sample Receiving	
	Storage	
	Office	
Natural Resources	Lab	
Shared	Lobby	
	Restrooms	
	Lockers and Showers	
	Conference Room	
	Bunker	
	Janitor's Room	
	Break Room	
	Copy Room	
	Electrical Room	
	IT Room	
	Mechanical Room	
	Storage (gas cylinders, deionized water, etc.)	
	Corridors	
<b>Total</b>		<b>28,000</b>

Additional cost and logistical considerations are discussed below:

- There will be costs outside of physical construction of the new lab related to relocation. The lab will need to engage vendors to move the more sophisticated instrumentation and then the vendors will need to verify/calibrate equipment to ensure instruments are in good, working order (there will be costs for these vendor services).
- Laboratory will need to complete all new validation work in new lab location (Method Detection Limit [MDL] studies, analysis of proficiency test [PT], samples (2 PTs at least 7 days apart for each analyte that the lab is wanting to carry certification for, for each matrix), initial demonstration of capabilities, etc. Once this work is completed, an application must be

made to the State of Florida requesting certification and an onsite assessment must be scheduled. There are costs associated with the application and the onsite assessment.

- Laboratory will not be able to run any samples until the validation described above is completed; therefore, the Labs will have to subcontract samples until certification is granted by the State of Florida at the new location, resulting in additional costs. Both Labs have subcontracting services in place.
- Regarding the potential of having multiple locations for a given lab and associated costs: Certified Environmental Laboratories in Florida are certified by the FL Dept of Health (Accreditation Body) based on physical address. Therefore, if, for example, Central Lab were to have two different physical addresses where analytical work would be performed, both physical locations would have to be certified by FL. There is an initial cost for certification, as well as annual recurring costs to maintain FL certification, in addition to biennial onsite assessments as required by laboratory certification by either FL DOH or a FL DOH approved third-party contractor (this is an expense as well) for all locations.
- The existing WWL does not perform any field sampling and does not have a vehicle assigned. Samples are brought to the lab by either WWRF personnel or WWC personnel. If the WWL were to split work between two physical locations, a strategy and resources to courier samples to each location (depending on the work performed at each location) would be needed.

Assumptions to generate a more cost-effective estimate as follows:

- The estimations and associated costs presented are based on the maximum number of individuals that can work in a lab room at a particular time.

Typical and maximum number of staff working in each room is shown in Table 1. Lab and office needs of the Wastewater Compliance Unit and the Natural Resources Unit are also included. Cost estimates for typical and maximum lab occupancy are shown. The cost estimate includes total cost based on the total square footage (including walls), estimated as 8 percent of the usable footprint.

A building of approximately 27,900 SF would meet the lab's current needs at the typical room occupancy. This building would provide more than twice the available lab square footage for the DWL, and a 54 percent increase for the WWL square footage. As expected, the building square footage required and cost is higher for maximum occupancy assumptions and to meet future needs.

Common areas include a lobby, restrooms, showers, lockers, conference room, bunker, janitor's room, break room, copy room, electrical room, IT room, mechanical room, and corridors.

Table 1: Typical and Maximum Number of Staff Working in Each Lab Room

Lab	Room	Typical Staff (Number)	Max Staff (Number)
DWL	TOC/ IC	4	8
	Inorganic Prep	1	3
	Organic Prep	1	3
	Balance	1	2
	General Wet Chem	6	6
	AA	1	2
	GC/ MS	2	4
	Micro Lab	4	8
	Solids Room	1	4
	Algae/ Microscope Room	1	3
WWL	Metals Prep Room	2	3
	Metal Analysis Room	2	3
	Microbiology Room	3	5
	BOD Room	1	2
	Inorganic Prep Room	1	3
	Organic Prep Room	1	2
	Semi-Volatile Organics Room	1	2
	Wet Chemistry	3	5
	Balance Room	1	3
	General Analytical	3	4

The CIP cost estimate for a lab of approximately 28,000 SF is approximately \$43M. The cost estimate includes the following line items: sitework, landscaping and irrigation, structural, architectural, mechanical, plumbing, electrical, instrumentation, and controls (I&C) and technology. Direct costs were escalated to 2027 dollars to align with the planned construction start year. The cost estimate excludes relocation costs and costs associated with lab certification. (e.g. subcontract lab costs to run samples until new lab certification is granted by the State of Florida).

Based on the evaluation completed during this study, Carollo proposes the following recommendations to the County:

- **Lab Expansions:** A new building of approximately 28,000 SF at a total construction cost of approximately \$43 M would meet the lab’s current needs with the typical room occupancy. The total cost estimate includes the following line items: sitework, landscaping and irrigation, structural, architectural, mechanical, plumbing, electrical, commissioning, instrumentation, and controls (I&C) and technology. The cost estimate excludes relocation costs and costs associated with lab certification. (e.g. subcontract lab costs to run samples until new lab certification is granted by the State of Florida).

Carollo would like to thank all the County staff who provided data, support, and feedback to make this evaluation possible.

**END EXHIBIT 1**

**EXHIBIT 2, PROPOSAL RESPONSE**  
**RFQ No. 26-R090185AF**

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

**2.01 INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED**

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

**Responses to Tabs 6 through 9 are limited to 15 single sided pages per tab. Any Resumes, Diagrams or Organizational Charts submitted, are excluded from the page tab limit.**

**2.02 RESPONSE FORMAT**

**TAB 1 - INTRODUCTION**

In Tab 1, include the following in the Response.

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

**TAB 2 – MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

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

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

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

2. Proposer and/or its subcontractor(s) must possess current, valid licenses and certifications required under Florida Statute to perform professional architectural and engineering services.

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

- a. **Certified under Section 471.023, Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to**

**practice engineering; or**  
**b. Certified under Section 481.219, Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice architecture.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. If Proposer is submitting as a joint venture, the Proposer must have filed all 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.**

8. Proposer has no reported conflict of interest in relation to this RFQ.

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

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

### **TAB 3 – FORMS**

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

Form 1, Acknowledgement of Addenda

Form 2, Response Signature Form

Form 3, Public Contracting and Environmental Crimes Certification

Form 4, Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Form 5, Non-Collusion Affidavit

Form 6, Truth in Negotiation Certification  
Form 7, Scrutinized Company Certification  
Form 8, Insurance Statement  
Form 9, Indemnity and Hold Harmless  
Form 10, Anti-Human Trafficking Affidavit

**TAB 4 - TRADE SECRETS**

In Tab 4, Pursuant to Section A.28, Trade Secrets, identify any trade secret being claimed. Proposer must submit purported trade secret as follows:

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

**TAB 5 - PROPOSER STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION**

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

1. Legal contracting name including any dba.
2. State of organization or incorporation.
3. Ownership structure of Proposer's company.  
(e.g., Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, Limited Liability Corporation, Corporation)
4. Federal Identification Number.
5. A fully completed (signed and dated) copy of Proposer's W-9.
6. Contact information for Proposer's corporate headquarters and local office (if different)  
NOTE: local is defined as Manatee, DeSoto, Hardee, Hillsborough, Pinellas or Sarasota counties.
  - a. Address
  - b. County, State, Zip
  - c. Phone
  - d. Number of years at this location
7. List of officers, owners and/or partners, or managers of the firm. Include names, addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers.
8. Provide supporting documentation from the certifying agent indicating Proposer is a certified Minority-owned Business Enterprise, if applicable.
9. Contact information for Proposer's primary and secondary representatives during this RFQ process to include the following information:
  - a. Name
  - b. Phone
  - c. E-mail
  - d. Mailing Address
  - e. County, State, Zip

10. Provide a brief summary regarding any prior or pending litigation, either civil or criminal, involving a governmental agency or which may affect the performance of the services to be rendered herein, in which the Proposer, any of its partners, employees or subcontractors is or has been involved within the last three years.
11. 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).
12. Detail Proposer's accessibility under Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act strategies and processes as follows:
  - a. Detail Proposer's strategies and approach to meeting the ADA accessibility compliance standards of Section 508 and/or WCAG 2.0 AA for all documents to be submitted under the Agreement.
  - b. Briefly describe Offeror's ADA accessibility conformance testing process.

**TAB 6 – PROPOSER AND TEAM'S EXPERIENCE (MAXIMUM POINTS 31)**

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

1. Provide a summary of Proposer's background, size and years in business.
2. Describe Proposer's experience in professional architectural and engineering design services for other government agencies, particularly those within Florida.
3. Provide Proposer's years of experience in professional architectural and engineering design services.
4. Identify and include information regarding experience and qualifications of Proposer's key staff to be assigned to the services. Include a resume for each with the name of the firm(s) for their current and previous employers, their full names, professional credentials (e.g., certifications and/or licenses), and roles and duties which the individuals will provide to the County. Include the address of their current primary office location, email address and phone number.
5. Identify any proposed sub-consultants to accomplish the work. Include the company name, the name of the individual(s) to be assigned, and an overview of their experience and qualifications applicable to their role in the provision of professional architectural and engineering design services for the County.
6. Describe any significant or unique accomplishments, recognition, or awards received by Proposer, its key personnel, or its subcontractors for previous similar services.
7. Provide a minimum of three (3) client references for professional architectural and engineering design services performed by Proposer, who are agreeable to responding to an inquiry by the County. References should include the following information:
  - a. Client name
  - b. Client address
  - c. Client contact name
  - d. Client contact phone and fax numbers
  - e. Client contact email address
  - f. Brief description of work (1-2 sentences)
  - g. Performance period (start/end dates)
  - h. Total dollar value of contract

**TAB 7 – APPROACH (MAXIMUM POINTS 31)**

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

1. A narrative of the project approach and an explanation of how this approach meets County objectives and requirements as specified in this RFQ.
2. An explanation of Proposer’s technical ability to perform all facets of the scope of services defined in Exhibit 1. If more than one Proposer is jointly filing a Response, details must be provided to clearly demonstrate individual roles and responsibility for all components of the project.
3. Details of implementation plan and schedule. Provide an implementation schedule for each component of services (e.g., design, demolition, construction). NOTE: Proposer must commit to a timetable of no more than 850 calendar days for substantial completion of the project including design and construction phase services.
4. Provide a narrative of the methodology for engaging with County representatives in-the-course of performing the duties.
5. Proposer shall thoroughly explain:
  - a. Its accessibility in the areas of availability for meetings, general communications, coordination, and supervision
  - b. How Proposer physically plans on attending pre-scheduled meetings
  - c. How Proposer plans on ensuring accessibility and availability during the term of the Agreement
6. Provide a statement on company letterhead and signed by an authorized official of Proposer attesting to its commitment to meet the County’s project and budget requirements for all assigned work.
7. Submit any additional information not previously requested which Proposer believes would assist County in the evaluation of Proposer’s approach to provide the required services.

**TAB 8 - ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND CAPACITY (MAXIMUM POINTS 31)**

In Tab 8, provide Proposer’s organizational structure and capacity to include the following:

1. Submit details of Proposer’s staffing resources, at the location that will provide services to the County as well as corporately; by discipline and the number of personnel within each discipline.
2. Detail the location of the managing office and what plans will be adopted to ensure County citizens receive consideration for employment; and vendors located within the County will be used for the acquisition of goods and services needed to perform the scope of services.
3. If Proposer’s staffing resources includes sub-consultants, submit the name of the firm(s) who will perform each discipline. If more than one firm is listed for a discipline, then label which firm is the primary firm for that discipline. Firms may perform more than one discipline.
4. Submit an organizational diagram clearly identifying key personnel as well as other staffing resources who are designated to provide services to the County. For each individual in the organization diagram, include each individual’s name, title, firm and indicate their functional relationship to each other.

5. If Proposer is teaming with other entities to provide the required goods and services, detail any prior similar work any two or more team members have jointly performed.
6. If a joint venture is proposed, provide an affidavit attesting to the formulation of the joint venture and provide proof of incorporation as a joint venture or a copy of the formal joint venture agreement between all joint venture parties, indicating their respective roles, responsibilities, and levels of participation in the project.
7. An explanation, in general terms, of Proposers' financial capacity to perform the scope of services. If Proposer is jointly filing a Response with other entities, details must be provided to demonstrate financial capacity of each entity.
8. Provide a statement on company letterhead and signed by a company official authorizing a County auditor and/or financial analysts access to your financial records, including all records prepared by an independent firm, or the financial records of other entities for which you have ownership interest. Such access will occur at the primary location of the Proposer, or such other location as may be agreed, for the purposes of verifying financial representations, and/or to review and assess the historical and current financial capacity of Proposer's business entity and its expected ability to meet ongoing financial obligations related to the required services, if awarded a contract. If an audit is conducted, the County's audit and/or financial analysts will report their findings in a summary report to the Purchasing Official, which will be placed in the Response files for subsequent use, review, and discussions during evaluations.
9. Disclose any ownership interest in other entities proposed for services. This ownership disclosure includes ownership by the Proposer through a parent, subsidiary or holding company or any other form of business entity. Submit entity names and the percent of ownership for each.
10. Detail Proposer and any subcontractor's current workload and any projected changes to the workload within the next six months.
11. Provide a list of professional architectural and engineering design services projects that have been awarded to the Proposer by Manatee County since January 1, 2016. Include the following information for each:
  - a. Name of the project.
  - b. Date of award.
  - c. Dollar value of the design work.
12. Submit any additional information not previously requested which Proposer believes would assist County in the evaluation of Proposer's capacity to provide the required services.

**TAB 9 - SIMILAR COMPLETED PROJECTS (MAXIMUM POINTS: 7)**

In Tab 9, provide a list of up to 3 projects, particularly those specialized in governmental laboratory instrumentation and associated infrastructure needs, which Proposer has provided professional architectural and engineering design services since January 1, 2016. Include the following information:

1. Organization/Owner name
2. Address (County/State)
3. Project date (Start/End)
4. Proposer's role in the project (e.g., prime/lead, sub)
5. Scope of work (Brief description 1-2 sentences)

6. Total project costs

NOTE: Representative photographs and exhibits supporting the above projects are permitted as an attachment to this section.

**END OF EXHIBIT 2**

## **SECTION F, SAMPLE AGREEMENT**



**CONSULTANT COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATION**

**ACT (CCNA)**

**AGREEMENT No. [ENTER NUMBER]**

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES [ENTER TITLE]**

**between**

**MANATEE COUNTY (COUNTY)**

**and**

**[ENTER CONSULTANT NAME]**

**(CONSULTANT)**

## AGREEMENT FOR [INSERT TYPE OF SERVICE]

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made and entered into as of this [date] day of [month], 2026 (“Effective Date”), by and between **MANATEE COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, (“**COUNTY**”), with offices located at 9000 Town Center Parkway, Lakewood Ranch, Florida 34202, and **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]**, a [<enter the state of incorporation> and identify if it is a Company, Corporation, Limited Liability Company, etc.], (“**CONSULTANT**”) with offices located at [Insert address], and duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida. COUNTY and CONSULTANT are collectively referred to as the “Parties” and individually as “Party.”

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

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

**WHEREAS**, this Agreement is a result of CONSULTANT’S submission of a proposal in response to Request for Qualifications No. [INSERT RFQ NUMBER] and COUNTY thereafter conducted a competitive selection process in accordance with the Manatee County Procurement Code and Florida Statute § 287.055.

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

### ARTICLE 1. SCOPE OF SERVICES

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

### ARTICLE 2. EXHIBITS INCORPORATED

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

- Exhibit A** Scope of Services
- Exhibit B** Fee Rate Schedule
- Exhibit C** Affidavit of No Conflict
- Exhibit D** Anti-Human Trafficking Affidavit
- 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 Effective Date and remain in force until all Work issued during the effective period of this Agreement is completed, unless terminated by COUNTY pursuant to Article 10, but not to exceed [insert number of years] years.

### **ARTICLE 4. COMPENSATION**

- A. Compensation payable to CONSULTANT for the Services and expenditures incurred in providing the Services specified in **Exhibit A** shall be as stated in **Exhibit B**.
- B. Compensation to CONSULTANT shall be based on actual hours performed times fee rate of the individual performing the work, plus reimbursable expenses up to the maximum compensation authorized in **Exhibit B**
- C. The fee rates specified in **Exhibit B** shall be the total compensation for Services and shall contain all costs to include salaries, office operation, transportation, equipment, overhead, general and administrative, incidental expenses, fringe benefits and operating margin.

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

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

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

#### **ARTICLE 6. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONSULTANT**

- A. CONSULTANT shall appoint an Agent with respect to the Services. CONSULTANT'S Agent shall have the authority to make representations on behalf of CONSULTANT, receive information, and interpret and define the needs of CONSULTANT and make decisions pertinent to Services covered by this Agreement. CONSULTANT'S Agent shall have the right to designate other employees of CONSULTANT to serve in his or her absence. CONSULTANT reserves the right to designate a different agent, provided that COUNTY is given advance written notice thereof.
- B. CONSULTANT shall perform the Services in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- C. CONSULTANT shall ensure that all employees assigned to render the Services are duly qualified, registered, licensed or certified to provide the Services required.
- D. CONSULTANT shall be responsible for collecting all existing data required for the successful completion of each Task.
- E. CONSULTANT shall not engage in any obligations, undertakings, contracts or professional obligations that create a conflict of interest, or even an appearance of a conflict of interest, with respect to the Services. CONSULTANT attests to this via an Affidavit of No Conflict, **Exhibit C**.
- F. CONSULTANT shall be entitled to rely upon information provided from COUNTY. Information includes, but is not limited to, additional services, consultations, investigations, and reports necessary for the execution of CONSULTANT'S work under this Agreement. CONSULTANT shall be fully responsible for verifying, to the extent practicable, documents and information provided by COUNTY and identifying any obvious deficiencies concerning the documents and information provided. CONSULTANT shall notify COUNTY of any errors or deficiencies noted in such information provided and assist, to the extent practicable, COUNTY in the identification and resolution of same. CONSULTANT agrees to incorporate the provisions of this paragraph in any subcontract into which it might enter with reference to the Services.
- G. CONSULTANT shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, and the coordination of all designs, drawings, specifications, and other services furnished by CONSULTANT under this Agreement. CONSULTANT shall, without additional compensation, correct or revise any errors or deficiencies in its designs, drawings, specifications, and other services.

- H. CONSULTANT shall maintain an adequate and competent staff of professionally qualified persons during the term of this Agreement for the purpose of rendering the required services hereunder. CONSULTANT shall not sublet, assign or transfer any services under this Agreement without prior written consent of COUNTY.
- I. COUNTY may require in writing that CONSULTANT remove from the project any of CONSULTANT'S personnel that COUNTY determines to be incompetent, careless or otherwise objectionable. No claims for an increase in compensation or agreement term based on COUNTY'S use of this provision will be valid.

#### **ARTICLE 7. RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNTY**

- A. COUNTY shall, through its County Administrator, appoint an individual to serve as County Representative. The County Representative shall have the authority to transmit instructions, receive information, interpret and define the policy of COUNTY and make decisions pertinent to services covered by this Agreement. COUNTY reserves the right to designate a different County Representative, provided that CONSULTANT is given written notice thereof.
- B. COUNTY shall make available, at no cost to CONSULTANT, information relative to the project that is useful in the performance of the Services.
- C. COUNTY shall provide prompt notice to CONSULTANT whenever COUNTY observes or otherwise becomes aware of any defect in the performance of the Services under this Agreement.
- D. COUNTY shall give careful and reasonable consideration to the findings and recommendations of CONSULTANT and shall respond and issue notices to proceed in a timely manner.
- E. COUNTY personnel shall be available on a time-permitting basis, where required and necessary to assist CONSULTANT. The availability and necessity of said personnel to assist CONSULTANT shall be at the discretion of COUNTY.
- F. COUNTY shall perform the responsibilities enumerated in this Article at no cost to CONSULTANT.

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

The Project Manager shall be appointed to represent COUNTY in all technical matters pertaining to the Services. The Project Manager shall have the following responsibilities:

- A. The examination of all reports, sketches, drawings, estimates, proposals, and any other documents provided by CONSULTANT.
- B. Providing CONSULTANT written decisions of COUNTY'S approval or disapproval of these documents within a reasonable time.
- C. Transmission of instructions, receipt of information, and interpretation of COUNTY policies

and decisions with respect to design, materials and other matters pertinent to the services provided under this Agreement.

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

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

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

## **ARTICLE 10. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT**

### **A. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE:**

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

5. In the event of termination by COUNTY for any cause, CONSULTANT shall not have any right or claim against COUNTY for lost profits or compensation for lost opportunities. After a receipt of COUNTY'S Notice of Termination and except as otherwise directed by COUNTY, CONSULTANT shall:
  - a. Stop work on the date and to the extent specified;
  - b. Terminate and settle all orders and subcontracts relating to the performance of the terminated work;
  - c. Transfer all work in process, completed work, and other materials related to the terminated work as directed by COUNTY; and
  - d. Continue and complete all parts of that work that have not been terminated.

**B. TERMINATION WITHOUT CAUSE:**

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

**ARTICLE 11. TRANSITION SERVICES UPON TERMINATION**

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

- A. Working with COUNTY to jointly develop a mutually agreed upon Transition Services plan to facilitate the termination of the services;
- B. Executing the Transition Services plan activities;
- C. Answering questions regarding the Services on an as-needed basis; and
- D. Providing such other reasonable services needed to effectuate an orderly transition to a new Service provider or to COUNTY.

**ARTICLE 12. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

- A. Disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the Manatee County Purchasing Code (Chapter 2-26 of the Manatee County Code of Ordinances). Any dispute resolution constituting a material change in this Agreement shall not be final until an amendment to this Agreement has been approved and executed by the COUNTY.

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

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

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

### **ARTICLE 14. NON-DISCRIMINATION**

CONSULTANT shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, sex, creed, national origin, disability or age, and will take affirmative action to ensure that all employees and applicants are afforded equal employment opportunities. Such action will be taken with reference to, but shall not be limited to, recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff or termination, rates of training or retraining (including apprenticeship and on-the-job training).

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

- A. CONSULTANT shall maintain records, accounts, property records, and personnel records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, as deemed necessary by COUNTY to assure proper accounting of funds and compliance with the provisions of this Agreement.

CONSULTANT shall provide COUNTY all information, reports, records and documents required by this Agreement or by COUNTY ordinances, rules or procedures, or as needed by COUNTY to monitor and evaluate CONSULTANT'S performance. Such materials shall also be made available to COUNTY upon request for auditing purposes. Inspection or copying will occur during normal business hours, and as often as COUNTY may deem necessary. COUNTY shall have the right to obtain and inspect any audit pertaining to the performance of this Agreement or CONSULTANT made by any local, state or federal agency. To the extent such materials are in the possession of a third party, CONSULTANT must obtain them from that third party, or certify in writing to COUNTY why it was unable to do so. CONSULTANT shall retain all records and supporting documents related to this Agreement in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, and, at a minimum, retain all records and supporting documents related to this Agreement, except duplicate copies or drafts, for at least three (3) years after the termination date.

- B. CONSULTANT shall obtain any licenses required to provide the Services and maintain full compliance with any licensure requirements. Copies of reports provided to or by any licensing or regulatory agency shall be forwarded to COUNTY within ten (10) days of receipt by CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT shall immediately notify COUNTY if the required licenses of any of its principles or agents working on this Agreement are terminated, suspended, revoked or are otherwise invalid and/or are no longer in good standing.

## **ARTICLE 16. PUBLIC RECORDS**

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

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

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

**BY PHONE:** 941.742.5845  
**BY EMAIL:** [PUBLIC.RECORDS@MYMANATEE.ORG](mailto:PUBLIC.RECORDS@MYMANATEE.ORG)  
**BY MAIL:** PO BOX 1000  
BRADENTON, FLORIDA 34206  
**IN PERSON:** MANATEE COUNTY  
ATTN: RECORDS MANAGER  
1112 MANATEE AVENUE WEST  
BRADENTON FL 34205

## **ARTICLE 17. INDEMNIFICATION**

- A. The CONSULTANT shall indemnify and hold harmless County, its officers, and employees from liabilities, damages, losses and costs, including but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees, to the extent caused by negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the CONSULTANT, its personnel, design professionals and other persons employed or utilized by the CONSULTANT in the performance of this Agreement. Such indemnification shall include the payment of all valid claims, losses, and judgments of any nature whatsoever in connection therewith and the payment of all related fees and costs. County reserves the right to defend itself.
- B. CONSULTANT shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the COUNTY, its officers, and employees all third-party claims, liabilities, loss, or cause of action that the Services constitutes an infringement of any third-party intellectual property right(s), unless such claim is based on COUNTY'S wrongful or illegitimate use of the Services. The foregoing states the entire liability of CONSULTANT and the sole and exclusive remedy for COUNTY with respect to any third-party claim of infringement or misappropriation of intellectual property rights. Such indemnification shall include, but not be limited to, the payment of all valid claims, losses, and judgments of any nature whatsoever in connection therewith and the payment of all related fees and costs, including attorneys' fees.

## **ARTICLE 18. NO WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY**

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

## **ARTICLE 19. INSURANCE**

- A. CONSULTANT shall, at its own cost and expense, acquire and maintain (and cause any subcontractors, representatives, or agents to acquire and maintain) insurance policies that comply with the Insurance Requirements, attached as **Exhibit E**, during the term of this Agreement, to include any renewal terms.

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.

- B. Insurance shall remain in force for at least three (3) years after completion of the Services in the amounts and types of coverage as required by **Exhibit E**, including coverage for all Services completed under this Agreement.

C. If the initial insurance expires prior to the termination of this Agreement, renewal Certificates of Insurance and required copies of policies shall be furnished by CONSULTANT and delivered to the Purchasing Official thirty (30) days prior to the date of their expiration.

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

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

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

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

Approval to utilize any third party shall not relieve CONSULTANT from any direct liability or responsibility to COUNTY pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, or obligate COUNTY to make any payments other than payments due to CONSULTANT as 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 22. CERTIFICATION OF NON-PAYMENT OF COMMISSION OR GIFT**

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

#### **ARTICLE 23. KEY PERSONNEL**

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

Enter Name, Title

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

**ARTICLE 24. SUB-CONTRACTOR**

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

**ARTICLE 25. PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY**

To the fullest extent allowed by law, the individuals performing the Services shall be personally liable for negligent acts or omissions. To the fullest extent allowed by law, CONSULTANT shall likewise be liable for negligent acts or omissions in the performance of the Services.

**ARTICLE 26. NOTICES**

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

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

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

**ARTICLE 27. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES**

The relationship of CONSULTANT to COUNTY shall be that of an independent contractor. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as vesting or delegating to CONSULTANT or any of the officers, employees, personnel, agents, or sub-consultants of CONSULTANT any rights,

interest or status as an employee of COUNTY. COUNTY shall not be liable to any person, firm or corporation that is employed by Agreements or provides goods or services to CONSULTANT in connection with this Agreement or for debts or claims accruing to such parties. CONSULTANT shall promptly pay, discharge or take such action as may be necessary and reasonable to settle such debts or claims.

#### **ARTICLE 28. NO CONFLICT**

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

#### **ARTICLE 29. ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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

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

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

#### **ARTICLE 31. TAXES**

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

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

#### **ARTICLE 32. FORCE MAJEURE**

Neither Party shall be considered in default in performance of its obligations hereunder to the extent that performance of such obligations or any of them is delayed or prevented by Force Majeure.

Force Majeure shall include, but not be limited to, hostility, revolution, civil commotion, strike, epidemic, accident, fire, flood, wind, earthquake, hurricane, explosion, lack of or failure of transportation facilities, any law, proclamation, regulation, ordinance or other act of government, or any act of God or any cause whether of the same or different nature, existing or future; provided

that the cause, whether or not enumerated in this Article, is beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Party seeking relief under this Article.

### **ARTICLE 33. GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any action filed regarding this Agreement will be filed only in Manatee County, Florida, or if in Federal Court, the Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division.

### **ARTICLE 34. ATTORNEY FEES**

In the event of any litigation arising under the terms of this Agreement, each Party shall be responsible for their own attorney's fees, including appellate fees, regardless of the outcome of the litigation.

### **ARTICLE 35. PATENT AND COPYRIGHT RESPONSIBILITY**

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

### **ARTICLE 36. AMENDMENTS**

This Agreement and Exhibits referenced herein constitute the entire Agreement between the Parties with respect to subject matter and mutually agree that no verbal agreements, representations, warranties or other understandings affecting the same exist. No amendment hereof shall be effective until and unless reduced to writing and executed by the Parties. The Parties shall execute any additional documents as may be necessary to implement and carry out the intent of this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE 37. SEVERABILITY**

It is understood and agreed by the Parties hereto that if any part, term, or provision of this Agreement is held to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining portions or provisions shall not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the Parties shall be construed and enforced as if this Agreement did not contain the particular part, term or provision held to be invalid.

### **ARTICLE 38. LEGAL REFERENCES**

All references to statutory sections or chapters shall be construed to include subsequent amendments to such provisions, and to refer to the successor provision of any such provision. References to “applicable law” and “general law” shall be construed to include provisions of local, state and federal law, whether established by legislative action, administrative rule or regulation, or judicial decision.

### **ARTICLE 39. HEADINGS, CONSTRUCTION**

The Parties agree that they have each participated in the drafting of this Agreement and that the rules with respect to construing ambiguities against the drafter of a contract shall not apply in any action or litigation regarding this Agreement. All articles and descriptive headings of paragraphs

of this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation hereof.

#### **ARTICLE 40. TIME**

For purposes of computing any period of number of days hereunder for notices or performance of ten (10) days or less, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays shall be excluded, unless otherwise stated.

#### **ARTICLE 41. E-VERIFY**

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

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

#### **ARTICLE 42. FUNDS FOR IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS**

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

#### **ARTICLE 43. ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

CONSULTANT shall provide County with a sworn affidavit signed by an officer or a representative of CONSULTANT under penalty of perjury attesting that CONSULTANT does not use coercion for labor or services, as such terms are defined in Section 787.06, Florida Statutes.

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

**CONSULTANT NAME**

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

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Purchasing Official

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

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**EXHIBIT A, SCOPE OF SERVICES**

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

### **1. FEES**

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

### **2. REIMBURSEABLE EXPENSES**

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**EXHIBIT C, AFFIDAVIT OF NO CONFLICT**

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

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

- (a) Is not currently engaged and will not become engaged in any obligations, undertakings or contracts that will require CONSULTANT to maintain an adversarial role against the County or that will impair or influence the advice, recommendations or quality of work provided to the County; and
- (b) Has provided full disclosure of all potentially conflicting contractual relationships and full disclosure of contractual relationships deemed to raise a question of conflict(s); and
- (c) Has provided full disclosure of prior work history and qualifications that may be deemed to raise a possible question of conflict(s).

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

for

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
CONSULTANT Signature

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

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



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## EXHIBIT E, INSURANCE AND BOND REQUIREMENTS

### REQUIRED INSURANCES

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

#### **Automobile Liability Insurance Required Limits**

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

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

*This policy shall contain severability of interests' provisions.*

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

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

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

*This policy shall contain severability of interests' provisions.*

#### **Employer’s Liability Insurance**

Coverage limits of not less than:

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

- \$500,000 Disease Policy Limit

Worker's Compensation Insurance

**US Longshoremen & Harbor Workers Act**

**Jones Act Coverage**

Coverage limits of not less than:

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

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

**Aircraft Liability Insurance Required Limits**

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

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

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

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

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

**Installation Floater Insurance**

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

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

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

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

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

**Builder’s Risk Insurance**

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

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

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

**Cyber Liability Insurance**

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

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

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

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

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

All coverage shall be afforded under either an occurrence policy form or a claims-made policy form, and the policy shall be endorsed and name ‘Manatee County, a political subdivision of the

State of Florida' as an Additional Insured. If the coverage form is on a claims-made basis, then coverage must be maintained for a minimum of three years from termination of date of the contract. Limits must not be less than:

***Pollution Liability***

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

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

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

***Disposal***

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

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

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

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

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

**Liquor Liability Insurance**

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

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

**Garage Keeper's Liability Insurance**

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

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

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

**Bailee’s Customer Liability Insurance**

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

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

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

**Hull and Watercraft Liability Insurance**

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

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

**Other [Specify]**

**REQUIRED BONDS**

**Bid Bond**

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

**Payment and Performance Bond**

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

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

## I. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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

### **Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverages**

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

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

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

### **Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Coverages**

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

## II. General Insurance Provisions Applicable To All Policies:

- a. Prior to the execution of contract, or issuance of a Purchase Order, and then annually upon the anniversary date(s) of the insurance policy's renewal date(s) for as long as this contract remains in effect, CONSULTANT shall furnish the COUNTY with a Certificate(s) of Insurance (using an industry accepted certificate form, signed by the Issuer, with applicable endorsements, and containing the solicitation or contract

number, and title or description) evidencing the coverage set forth above and naming “Manatee County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida” as an Additional Insured on the applicable coverage(s) set forth above.

- b. If the policy contains an aggregate limit, confirmation is needed in writing (letter, email, etc.) that the aggregate limit has not been eroded to procurement representative when supplying Certificate of Insurance.

In addition, when requested in writing from the COUNTY, CONSULTANT will provide the COUNTY with a certified copy of all applicable policies. The address where such certificates and certified policies shall be sent or delivered is as follows:

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

- c. The project’s solicitation number and title shall be listed on each certificate.
- d. CONSULTANT shall provide thirty (30) days written notice to the Risk Manager of any cancellation, non-renewal, termination, material change, or reduction in coverage of any insurance policies including solicitation number and title with all notices.
- e. CONSULTANT agrees that should at any time CONSULTANT fail to meet or maintain the required insurance coverage(s) as set forth herein, the COUNTY may terminate this contract.
- f. The CONSULTANT waives all subrogation rights against COUNTY, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida, for all losses or damages which occur during the contract and for any events occurring during the contract period, whether the suit is brought during the contract period or not.
- g. The CONSULTANT has sole responsibility for all insurance premiums and policy deductibles.
- h. It is the CONSULTANT'S responsibility to ensure that his agents, representatives and subcontractors comply with the insurance requirements set forth herein. CONSULTANT shall include his agents, representatives, and subcontractors working on the project or at the worksite as insured under its policies, or CONSULTANT shall furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each agent, representative, and subcontractor working on the project or at the worksite. All coverages for agents, representatives, and subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements set forth to the procurement representative.
- i. All required insurance policies must be written with a carrier having a minimum A.M. Best rating of A- FSC VII or better. In addition, the COUNTY has the right to review

the CONSULTANT's deductible or self-insured retention and to require that it be reduced or eliminated.

- j. CONSULTANT understands and agrees that the stipulated limits of coverage listed herein in this insurance section shall not be construed as a limitation of any potential liability to the COUNTY, or to others, and the COUNTY'S failure to request evidence of this insurance coverage shall not be construed as a waiver of CONSULTANT'S obligation to provide and maintain the insurance coverage specified.
- k. CONSULTANT understands and agrees that the COUNTY does not waive its immunity and nothing herein shall be interpreted as a waiver of the COUNTY'S rights, including the limitation of waiver of immunity, as set forth in Florida Statutes § 768.28, or any other statutes, and the COUNTY expressly reserves these rights to the full extent allowed by law.
- l. No award shall be made until the Procurement Division has received the Certificate of Insurance in accordance with this section.

### III. BONDING REQUIREMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**CONSULTANT’S INSURANCE STATEMENT**

**THE UNDERSIGNED** has read and understands the aforementioned insurance and bond requirements of this Agreement and shall provide the insurance and bonds required by this section within ten (10) days from the date of notice of intent to award.

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

Consultant’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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