



B250331DJN

Fire Damper Inspections, Repair, and Replacement

Issue Date: 10/3/2025

Questions Deadline: 10/27/2025 05:00 PM (ET)

Response Deadline: 11/4/2025 02:30 PM (ET)

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Event Information

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Notes: Notice to Bidder
Invitation to Bid (B)
Lee County, Florida, is requesting bids from qualified individuals/firms for the attached solicitation.

Those individuals/firms interested in being considered for this solicitation are instructed to submit, in accordance with specifications, their sealed bids, pertinent to this project prior to the date and time specified to the office of the Procurement Management Director, either electronically via Ion Wave *or* hand-delivered to 2115 Second Street, 1st Floor, Fort Myers, FL 33901.

Hand-delivered Bids shall be received in a sealed envelope, prior to the time scheduled to receive Bids, and shall be clearly marked with the solicitation name, solicitation number, bidder name, and contact information as identified in these solicitation documents. Download the Bid Invitation and complete all Attributes, Bid Lines if applicable, and Supplier Information. Ensure all requested attachments are included as specified and the Bid Invitation is signed and dated.

The sealed Bids submitted are to be publicly opened at the Lee County Procurement Management Division office located at 2115 Second Street, 1st Floor, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, and read aloud for the purpose of selecting a vendor to furnish; all necessary labor, services, materials, equipment, tools, consumables, transportation, skills and incidentals required for Lee County, Fort Myers, Florida, in conformance with solicitation documents, which include technical specifications and/or a scope of work.

The Scope of Work/Specifications for this solicitation is available from <https://leegov.ionwave.net>. Bidders who obtain Scope of Work/Specifications from sources other than <https://leegov.ionwave.net> are cautioned that the solicitation package may be incomplete. The County's official bidders list, addendum(s) and information must be obtained from <https://leegov.ionwave.net>. It is the bidder's responsibility to check for posted information. The County may not accept incomplete Bids.

Submissions containing corrupted, unreadable, or otherwise inaccessible documents may be considered non-responsive and may be disqualified from further evaluation.

Questions regarding this solicitation are to be submitted electronically at <https://leegov.ionwave.net> under the questions tab for this solicitation.

Sincerely,
Adam Brooke/Robin Dennard

Procurement Manager

*<https://leegov.ionwave.net> is the County's official posting site.

CAUTION: Bidders should take caution that the County is not responsible for any power outages or internet failures. It is suggested that you upload your response in adequate time to assure that it will post on the day prior to the closing time.

Billing Information

Address: Lee County Clerk of Court
Post Office Box 2238
Fort Myers, FL 33902-2238

Bid Attachments

Formal Standard Bid Terms and Conditions 06-12-24.pdf

Standard Bid Terms and Conditions.pdf

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Scope of Work and Specifications.pdf

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Attachment A - Estimated Damper Count.pdf

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Sealed Bid Label (not required for online submissions)

Requested Attachments

Sunbiz Registration

Please submit a copy of your registration **from the website** www.sunbiz.org establishing your firm as authorized (including authorized representatives) to conduct business in the State of Florida, as provided by the *Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations (a sample is attached for your reference)*.

Affidavit Certification of Immigration Laws

(Attachment required)

Submission of this form constitutes acknowledgement that the Bidder is in compliance in regard to all applicable immigration laws.

Negligence Breach and or Non-Compliance Disclosure Form

(Attachment required)

The form may be used to disclose negligence or breach of contract litigation that your company may have been a part of over the past ten (10) years. You may need to duplicate this form to list all history. If the Bidder has more than ten (10) lawsuits, you may narrow them to litigation of the company or subsidiary submitting the Solicitation Response. Include, at a minimum, litigation for similar projects completed in the State of Florida. Final outcome should include in whose favor the litigation was settled and whether a monetary amount was awarded. The settlement amount may remain anonymous.

If you have no litigation, enter "None" in the first "type of incident" block of the form. Please do not write N/A on this form.

Sub-Contractor Consultant List

(Attachment required)

If Sub-Contractors/Consultants be utilized on this project?, please complete and attach the "Sub-Contractor List" form. If sub-contractors will be utilized, but are unknown at the time of submission, attach the form stating "unknown at this time."

Public Entity Crime Form

(Attachment required)

Any person or affiliate, as defined by statute, who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime, may not submit a Bid on a Contract to provide any goods or services to the County; may not submit a Bid on a contract with the County for the construction or repair of a public building or a public work; may not submit Bids or leases of real property to the County; may not be Awarded or perform Work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with the County, and may not transact business with the County in excess of \$25,000.00 for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

Affidavit of Compliance with Florida Statutes

(Attachment required)

Vendor pursuant to Florida Statute certifies that Vendor is not owned by a government of a foreign country of concern, a government of a foreign country of concern does not have a controlling interest in Vendor, and Vendor is not organized under the law of nor has its principal place of business in a foreign country of concern, as defined by statute.

Vendor Background Screening Affidavit

(Attachment required)

By completing and signing this form, you are affirming compliance with Florida Statutes Chapter 435 regarding background checks and acknowledging responsibility for maintaining proper documentation for five years. Please read the affidavit carefully, complete all required sections, and have the form notarized.

Letter of Bondability

(Attachment required)

Surety: In order to be acceptable to the County, a Surety Company issuing Evidence of Bondability, Bid Guaranty Bonds or 100% Public Payment and Performance Bonds or Letters of Credit called for herein shall meet and comply with the minimum standards set forth in as part of the Contract Documents.

*The surety company shall be authorized to do business and in good standing with the Florida Department of State. All such bonds shall be issued or countersigned by a local producing agent who is a Florida resident with satisfactory evidence of its authority to execute the bond being submitted.

Bid Attributes

1	Company Name Provide full company name as listed on Sunbiz. <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <i>(Required: Maximum 100 characters allowed)</i>
2	Primary Point of Contact Name Provide primary point of contact name and title for submitted information. <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <i>(Required: Maximum 1000 characters allowed)</i>
3	Primary Point of Contact Email Please provide an email address for the primary point of contact. <input type="text"/> <i>(Required: Email address)</i>
4	Primary Point of Contact Telephone Please provide a telephone number for the primary point of contact. <input type="text"/> (_____) _____ - _____ ext: <input type="text"/> <i>(Required)</i>
5	Physical Business Address Please provide the physical address for the company. <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <i>(Required: Maximum 1000 characters allowed)</i>
6	Location Principal Place of Business Principal place of business is located within the boundaries of: <input type="checkbox"/> Lee County, FL <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Local <i>(Required: Check only one)</i>

7 Longevity
Number of years at principal place of business:

(Required: Numbers only)

8 Are you registered in the E-Verify system?
Are you registered in the E-Verify system?
Florida law (§ 448.095, F.S.) requires all contractors and subcontractors entering into contracts with public agencies on or after January 1, 2021, to register with and use the federal E-Verify system to confirm the employment eligibility of all new hires. Contractors must ensure compliance before contract execution, as failure to do so may result in contract termination and ineligibility for future public contracts.
 Yes No
(Required: Check only one)

9 Local Business Tax License #
If applicable, provide Lee County business tax license number with expiration date. Attach a copy of the current license with your solicitation package.

(Optional: Maximum 1000 characters allowed)

1 Addendum Acknowledgement
0 **NOTE REQUIREMENT:** : IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BIDDER/PROPOSER TO CHECK LEE COUNTY PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT WEB SITE FOR ANY ADDENDA ISSUED FOR THIS PROJECT. THE COUNTY WILL POST ADDENDA TO THIS WEB PAGE BUT WILL NOT NOTIFY.
By submitting this bid/proposal package, the Bidder/Proposer makes all representations required by the instructions and further warrants and represents that: Bidder/Proposer has examined copies of all the solicitation documents and addenda. Please acknowledge the number of addendum(s) reviewed.

(Required: Numbers only)

1 Tax Payer Identification Number
1 (1) Employer Identification Number -or- (2) Social Security Number:
** Lee County collects your social security number for tax reporting purposes only

(Required: Maximum 20 characters allowed)

1 Collusion Statement
2 Lee County, Florida, the undersigned, as Bidder/Proposer, hereby declares that no person or other persons, other than the undersigned, are interested in this solicitation as Principal, and that this solicitation is submitted without collusion with others; and that we have carefully read and examined the specifications or scope of work, and with full knowledge of all conditions under which the services herein is contemplated must be furnished, hereby bid/propose and agree to furnish this service according to the requirements set out in the solicitation documents, specifications or scope of work for said service for the prices as listed on the county provided price sheet or (CCNA) agree to negotiate prices in good faith if a contract is awarded.
 Accept Reject
(Required: Check only one)

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3** **Scrutinized Companies Certification**

Section 287.135, FL §, "Prohibition against contracting with scrutinized companies." Prohibits agencies from contracting with companies, for goods or services over \$1,000,000, that are on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, have been engaged in a boycott of Israel, or been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria. The County reserves the right to review, on a case-by-case basis, and waive this stipulation if it is deemed to advantageous to the County.

As the person authorized to sign on behalf of Respondent, I hereby certify that the company identified above is in compliance with Section 287.135, FL §. I understand that submission of a false certification may subject company to contract termination, civil penalties, attorney's fees, and/or costs.

Certify Reject
(Required: Check only one)

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4** **Business Relationship Disclosure**

Business Relationship Disclosure Requirement. Sections 112.313(3) and 112.313(7), FL §, prohibit certain business relationships on the part of public officers and employees, their spouses, and their children. See Part III, Chapter 112, FL §, and/or the brochure entitled "A Guide to the Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers, Candidates and Employees" for more details on these prohibitions. However, Section 112.313(12), FL § (1983), provides certain limited exemptions to the above-referenced prohibitions, including one where the business is awarded under a system of sealed, competitive bidding; the public official has exerted no influence on bid negotiations or specifications; and where disclosure is made, prior to or at the time of the submission of the bid, of the official's or his spouse's or child's interest and the nature of the intended business. The Commission on Ethics has promulgated this form for such disclosure, if and when applicable to a public officer or employee.

If this disclosure is applicable, request form "INTEREST IN COMPETITIVE BID FOR PUBLIC BUSINESS" (Required by 112.313(12)(b), FL § (1983)) to be completed and returned with solicitation response. It is the bidder/proposer's responsibility to disclose this relationship, failure to do so could result in being declared non-responsive.

Business Relationship Applicable (request form) Business Relationship NOT Applicable
(Required: Check only one)

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5** **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise**

Disadvantaged, Minority, Women, Veterans Business Enterprise (DBE, MBE, WBE, VBE) Proposer? If yes, please attach a current certificate.

Yes (Current certificate is attached) No
(Required: Check only one)

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6** **Acknowledge Completion Requirements and Pricing**

I acknowledge and understand that any blank spaces on the form(s), qualifying notes or exceptions, counter offers, lack of required submittals, or signatures on any forms may result in the submission being declared non-responsive by the County. Pricing shall be inclusive of all labor, equipment, supplies, overhead, profit, material, and any other incidental costs required to perform and complete all work as specified in the Contract Documents. All Unit Prices will be bid at the nearest whole penny. In the event there is a discrepancy between a subtotal or total amount and the unit prices and extended amounts, the unit prices will prevail and the corrected extension(s) and total(s) will be considered the price. The County will only accept bids submitted on bid forms provided by the County. Bids submitted on other forms, other than those provided by the County, will be deemed non-responsive and ineligible for award. Bidders may not adjust or modify County-authored data as provided within the Bid Schedule. Bids received with modified data may deem the Bidder as non-responsive and ineligible for award.

I agree.
(Required: Check if applicable)

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7** **Vendor Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Terms and Conditions**

The Terms and Conditions have been reviewed and are being accepted by the submission of this bid.

Acknowledge and Accept
(Required: Check if applicable)

18 Vendor Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Insurance Requirements
 The Lee County Insurance Requirements have been reviewed and are being accepted by the submission of this bid.
 Acknowledge and Accept
(Required: Check if applicable)

19 Vendor Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Special Conditions
 The Special Conditions have been reviewed and are being accepted by the submission of this bid.
 Acknowledge and Accept
(Required: Check if applicable)

20 Vendor Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Scope and Specifications
 The Scope of Work and Specifications have been reviewed and are being accepted by the submission of this bid.
 Acknowledge and Accept
(Required: Check if applicable)

21 Vendor Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Construction Terms and Conditions
 The Terms and Conditions have been reviewed and are being accepted by the submission of this bid.
 Acknowledge and Accept
(Required: Check if applicable)

Bid Lines

1 Package Header
 Category 1 - Damper Testing, Inspection, and Maintenance (All costs to include labor and report generation) (used for basis of award)
 Quantity: 1 UOM: EA Total: \$

Package Items

1.1 Fire and/or Smoke Damper; test, clean lubricate 1-200
(Response required)
 Quantity: 200 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

1.2 Fire and/or Smoke Damper; test, clean lubricate 201-400
(Response required)
 Quantity: 400 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

1.3 Fire and/or Smoke Damper; test, clean lubricate 401-600
(Response required)
 Quantity: 600 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

1.4 Fire and/or Smoke Damper; test, clean lubricate >600
(Response required)
 Quantity: 891 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

2 Package Header
 Category 2 - Damper Repair and Installation (Materials and Labor) (used for basis of award)

Quantity: 1 UOM: EA Total: \$

Package Items

2.1 Fire Damper Repair

(Response required)

Quantity: 300 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

2.2 Fire Damper ≤ 8" x 6"

(Response required)

Quantity: 10 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

2.3 Fire Damper ≤ 16" x 14"

(Response required)

Quantity: 10 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

2.4 Fire Damper ≤ 32" x 48"

(Response required)

Quantity: 10 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

2.5 Fire Damper ≤ 48" x 40"

(Response required)

Quantity: 10 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

2.6 Smoke Damper ≤ 8" x 6"

(Response required)

Quantity: 10 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

2.7 Smoke Damper ≤ 16" x 14"

(Response required)

Quantity: 10 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

2.8 Smoke Damper ≤ 32" x 48"

(Response required)

Quantity: 10 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

2.9 Smoke Damper ≤ 48" x 40"

(Response required)

Quantity: 10 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

2.10 Combination Smoke/Fire Damper ≤ 8" x 6"

(Response required)

Quantity: 10 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

2.11 Combination Smoke/Fire Damper ≤ 16" x 14"

(Response required)

Quantity: 10 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

2.12 Combination Smoke/ Fire Damper ≤ 32" x 48"

(Response required)

Quantity: 10 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

2.13 Combination Smoke/Fire Damper ≤ 48" x 40"

(Response required)

Quantity: 10 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

2.14 Cam-Lock Door 8" x 8"

(Response required)

Quantity: 10 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

2.15 Cam-Lock Door 12"x 12"

(Response required)

Quantity: 10 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

2.16 Cam-Lock Door > 12" x 12"

(Response required)

Quantity: 10 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

2.17 Fire and Smoke Actuator 133 in-lb Min. Torque 24VAC/DC

(Response required)

Quantity: 10 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

2.18 Fire and Smoke Actuator 133 in-lb Min. Torque 120 VAC

(Response required)

Quantity: 10 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

2.19 Fire and Smoke Actuator 70 in-lb Min. Torque 24 VAC only

(Response required)

Quantity: 10 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

2.20 Fire and Smoke Actuator 70 in-lb Min. Torque 120 VAC

(Response required)

Quantity: 10 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

2.21 Fire and Smoke Actuator 30 in-lb Min. Torque 24 VAC only

(Response required)

Quantity: 10 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

2.22 Fire and Smoke Actuator 30 in-lb Min. Torque 120 VAC

(Response required)

Quantity: 10 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

2.23 Fire and Smoke Actuator - pneumatic

(Response required)

Quantity: 10 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

2.24 Fusible Link 165°F

(Response required)

Quantity: 10 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

2.25 Fusible Link 212°F

(Response required)

Quantity: 10 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

2.26 Fusible Link 286°F
(Response required)

Quantity: 10 UOM: EA Price: \$ Total: \$

3 Package Header

Category 3 - Additional Services: Labor Rates
(Line excluded from response total)

Quantity: 1 UOM: HR Total: \$

Package Items

3.1 Damper Inspector Tech
(Response required)

Quantity: 1 UOM: Hourly Price: \$ Total: \$

3.2 Damper Inspector Tech (After Hours)
(Response required)

Quantity: 1 UOM: Hourly Price: \$ Total: \$

Item Notes: Outside normal business hours and weekends

3.3 Life Safety Tech
(Response required)

Quantity: 1 UOM: Hourly Price: \$ Total: \$

3.4 Life Safety Tech (After Hours)
(Response required)

Quantity: 1 UOM: Hourly Price: \$ Total: \$

Item Notes: Outside normal business hours and weekends

3.5 Field Maintenance Tech
(Response required)

Quantity: 1 UOM: HR Price: \$ Total: \$

3.6 Field Maintenance Tech (After Hours)
(Response required)

Quantity: 1 UOM: Hourly Price: \$ Total: \$

Item Notes: Outside normal business hours and weekends

3.7 Equipment: 20ft. Lift - Day
(Response required)

Quantity: 1 UOM: Per Day Price: \$ Total: \$

Item Notes: Lift rental for one day

3.8 Equipment: 20ft. Lift - Week
(Response required)

Quantity: 1 UOM: Per Week Price: \$ Total: \$

Item Notes: Lift rental for one week

3.9 Equipment: 26ft. Lift - Day
(Response required)

Quantity: 1 UOM: Per Day Price: \$ Total: \$

Item Notes: Lift rental for one day

3.10 Equipment: 26ft. Lift - Week

(Response required)

Quantity: 1 UOM: Per Week

Price: \$

Total: \$

Item Notes: Lift rental for one week

3.11 Equipment: 30ft. Lift - Day

(Response required)

Quantity: 1 UOM: Per Day

Price: \$

Total: \$

Item Notes: Lift rental for one day

3.12 Equipment: 30ft. Lift - Week

(Response required)

Quantity: 1 UOM: Per Week

Price: \$

Total: \$

Item Notes: Lift rental for one week

3.13 Not to Exceed 10% Material Markup

(Line excluded from response total)

Price: \$

Total: \$

Item Notes: Any additional materials, supplies, or items not specifically identified or priced in the original bid submission shall not be subject to a markup exceeding **ten percent (10%)** above the Vendor's actual cost.

Supplier Information

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Supplier Notes

By submitting responses to Lee County Procurement Management, each vendor hereby agrees to the terms and conditions stated herein. Vendor hereby agrees to conducting transactions with Lee County Procurement Management by electronic means. The vendor and Lee County agree that electronic signatures of the vendor included in documents to Lee County Procurement Management are intended to authenticate the writing. The vendors' electronic signature shall have the same force and effect as manual signatures. Electronic Signature means any electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with a record and executed and adopted by a party with the intent to sign such record, including facsimile or email electronic signatures pursuant to the Electronic Signature Act of 1996 (Fla. Stat. § 668.001 et seq.) and the Uniform Electronic Transaction Act (Fla. Stat. § 668.50) as amended from time to time.

Print Name

Signature

SCOPE OF WORK AND SPECIFICATIONS

1. GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

- 1.1. The Lee County Board of County Commissioners seeks to contract with a qualified Vendor to provide fire damper inspection services and repairs to all Lee County facilities that have a damper system in full accordance with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Requirements for Damper Inspection, Testing and Maintenance, on an as needed basis. It is the County's intention to have all fire and smoke dampers tested and inspected at least once every four years. Some of the County's fire dampers have a spot-type smoke detector or duct detector that activates the smoke dampers, and the County desires to have these inspected annually. The County's facilities are on a rotating inspection schedule, and the facilities requiring inspection services each year will vary.
- 1.2. The County's facilities with fire and/or smoke dampers, and the expected dates for inspection, are included in Attachment A: County Facilities with Fire and/or Smoke Dampers.

2. DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS FOR DAMPER TESTING, INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

- 2.1. In conducting all work under the Agreement, the Vendor shall adhere to requirements outlined by NFPA, local and State Building Codes, and any authority having jurisdiction requirements for testing, inspection and maintenance, which include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - 2.1.1. Perform a detailed survey of the entire facility to ensure all fire dampers and smoke dampers are located. Each damper shall be assigned a unique identifying number during the inspection. A sticker or identifying mark shall be placed on or near the damper with this number during inspection. A label shall be placed on the ceiling directly below the location of the damper to identify each damper location when looking up at the ceiling. The location of each damper shall be placed on the County's drawings.
 - 2.1.2. Operate all fire dampers and smoke dampers by removing and resetting the fusible link, where applicable, to verify full closure and proper operation.
 - 2.1.3. Replace all fusible links that are compromised by either damage or paint. Fusible links shall be replaced with a link of the same size, temperature rating, and load rating.
 - 2.1.4. Manually activate electric and pneumatic dampers to verify full closure and proper operation.
 - 2.1.5. Lubricate all moving parts of fire dampers and smoke dampers.
 - 2.1.6. Remove lint and dust that may impede proper operation of fire dampers and smoke dampers.
 - 2.1.7. Adjust actuators as necessary to ensure proper operation of all fire dampers and smoke dampers.
 - 2.1.8. Adjust and straighten tracks to ensure proper operation of all fire dampers and smoke dampers.
 - 2.1.9. Replace springs as necessary to ensure proper operation of all fire dampers and smoke dampers.
 - 2.1.10. Verify full, unobstructed access to all smoke and fire dampers. When access is obstructed, Vendor shall notify the County immediately.

2.1.10.1. For any dampers found to be inaccessible: Vendor shall provide a list of such damper locations and recommended actions. Recommendations shall include a description of the work and a cost estimate.

2.1.10.2. Some dampers may be difficult to access and require shutdowns and additional safety measures. Vendor is responsible for providing all required construction barriers necessary. Vendor shall work with County Representative in coordinating shutdowns as to not interfere with regular operations of each facility.

2.1.11. Testing of dynamic fire dampers and smoke dampers shall be done under normal airflow conditions to confirm no impediment to operation exists due to rust or damaged blades.

2.1.12. Testing static dampers requires the HVAC system to be turned off; Vendor shall schedule these tests with the County representative to ensure system can be shut off for inspection of dampers.

3. TESTING PARAMETERS

3.1. The technician performing the test shall wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) and shall ensure that the appropriate parties have been notified that testing will occur. These parties could include the Facilities & Construction Management Supervisor, the fire alarm monitoring station or sub-contractor, the local Authority Having Jurisdiction, department directors, and building occupants that might be affected by the testing.

3.2. If a fusible link is present, the inspector shall remove it prior to beginning testing. When dynamic dampers are present, testing in normal HVAC operation with air flow is the only way to prove its operation in the case of an actual event. Static dampers do not require airflow during operational testing. Successful operation during the test will verify there is no interference due to rust, track issues, or damaged blades.

4. INSPECTION TIME

4.1. Vendor shall provide all inspections, tests, and repairs during normal operating hours of the County Facility being inspected. The dates of inspection shall be scheduled with the County before inspection services can be performed.

4.2. Any holiday, night, or weekend work that may result in additional fees shall be listed as a supplemental line item as part of the individual quote process.

5. NFPA INSPECTION, TESTING AND MAINTENANCE DOCUMENTATION

5.1. Vendor shall document all inspections, testing, and maintenance in accordance with NFPA guidelines, particularly Sections 80(19), and NFPA 105(19), and provide a report of these activities to the County within fourteen (14) days after the work is complete (the "Inspection Report"). The Inspection Report shall include, at minimum:

- 5.1.1. Date of inspection,
- 5.1.2. Damper Location,
- 5.1.3. Damper Number,
- 5.1.4. Photographs of damper open, and closed,
- 5.1.5. Whether damper passed or failed inspection,

5.1.5.1. If failure occurs due to reasons outside regular maintenance requirements outlined above (e.g., no access, new actuator needed, new damper needed), Vendor shall document reason for failure and required repairs necessary.

5.1.6. Corrective actions taken.

6. REPAIRS

6.1. The Inspection Report shall include a list of necessary repairs and a cost estimate. Upon County authorization, the Vendor shall proceed with making all such repairs. The County shall pay the Vendor applicable hourly labor rates and the cost of necessary materials. The Vendor shall coordinate the scheduling of the repairs with the County.

7. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

7.1. FY 2019 – FY2021 the County had 1,091 out of 2831 fire dampers inspected between fifty-six (56) locations.

7.2. County reserves the right to add or remove locations at the County's discretion.

8. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

8.1. Attachment A - Estimated Damper Count

End of Scope of Work and Specifications Section

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

These are conditions that are in relation to this solicitation only and have not been included in the County's standard Terms and Conditions or the Scope of Work.

1. TERM

1.1. The Vendor shall be responsible for furnishing and delivering to the Lee County requesting Department(s) the commodity or services on an "as needed basis" for one (1) three-year (3) period. Upon mutual written agreement of both parties, the parties may renew the Agreement, in whole or in part, for a renewal term or terms not to exceed the term of two (2) years. The increments of renewal shall be at the sole discretion of the County as deemed in its best interest.

2. BASIS OF AWARD

2.1. The basis of award shall be determined by the lowest Project Total Bid of the most responsive, responsible, and qualified Vendor meeting all bid specifications.

3. LOCAL PREFERENCE

3.1. The Lee County Local Vendor Preference shall be included as part of the award process for this project. As such, Lee County at its sole discretion may choose to award a preference to any qualified Local Vendor.

4. MASTER AGREEMENT NOTICE

4.1. This is a "Master" agreement, which is not for any specific project. Work to be performed under this agreement will be authorized, scheduled, funded, and accounted for by the issuance of Purchase Order, by the County.

4.2. A Purchase Order must be issued by the County before commencement of any Work related to this Agreement. Vendor acknowledges and agrees that no minimum order or amount of Work is guaranteed under this Agreement, and no minimum charge shall be applied to any work given to Vendor by County.

4.3. It is the intent of the County to bundle facilities with smaller damper counts together to avoid Purchase Orders nominal in nature; however, such bundling is not guaranteed.

5. INVOICE

5.1. The Vendor shall provide detailed invoices to the County on a schedule to be agreed upon by the Vendor and the County. The information provided on each invoice shall include, but is not limited to:

- 5.1.1. The full name of the County employee who authorized the work to be done.
- 5.1.2. Name of the facility where work was performed.
- 5.1.3. Address or location of the facility.
- 5.1.4. County work order, purchase order or contract number.
- 5.1.5. Problem corrected and description of work performed.
- 5.1.6. For labor, invoices shall include the name, classification, work performed, total straight time hours worked, total premium time hours worked, and extended amount.
- 5.1.7. For repair components, the invoices shall include the item, quantity, unit price, and extended amount if applicable.
- 5.1.8. Include on invoices for ALL jobs date when work started and completed.
- 5.1.9. The Vendor shall submit an invoice no later than fourteen (14) calendar days following the completion of the work or services as indicated in the Purchase Order. Each invoice must be submitted with the "Inspection Report" as indicated in section 5 of the Scope of Work and Specifications. Failure to submit an invoice within this time frame may result in a delay in payment or possible termination of this Agreement at the County's discretion.

- 5.1.10. Any materials or use of equipment not posted in the Bid/Proposal Form shall be identified individually in the invoice as separate line item.
- 5.1.11. Any additional materials, supplies, or items not specifically identified or priced in the original bid submission shall not be subject to a markup exceeding **ten percent (10%)** above the Vendor's actual cost. The Vendor must provide supporting documentation, including supplier invoices or receipts, to substantiate the cost of such materials upon the County's request. Failure to comply with this pricing limitation may result in rejection of the additional charges or termination of the contract.

6. SERVICES TERM/COMPLETION TIMEFRAME

- 6.1. Number of calendar days to complete the Purchase Order, if omitted from the Purchase Order details, shall default to commence on the date of the approved Purchase Order and not exceed thirty (30) calendar days to final completion.
- 6.2. Any Purchase Order over \$200,000.00 and in accordance with the Procurement Ordinance must provide a payment and performance bond prior to issuance of any Notice to Proceed or finalization/release of Purchase Order.
- 6.3. The County reserves the right to provide additional project clarification details with the issuance of and within or attached to each Purchase Order. Such items shall be minor in nature such as providing for location, working hours, number of units, etc.

7. BACKGROUND CHECKS

- 7.1. The Vendor shall conduct background checks of its employees, agents, representatives, and subcontractors who perform the services provided for the County. The cost of the background checks shall be borne by the Vendor.
- 7.2. At a minimum, the following background and criminal history areas must be checked and screened:
 - 7.2.1. Social Security Trace and Address History
 - 7.2.2. National Federal Criminal Search
 - 7.2.3. National Criminal Database
 - 7.2.4. County Criminal
 - 7.2.5. National Sex Offender Registry and Violent Abuse Registry
- 7.3. The Vendor may be required to provide proof and documentation of those background checks to the County. The County may require that the Vendor exclude employees, agents, representatives, or subcontractors based on the background checks, outcomes, and results.
- 7.4. The Vendor must ensure that all persons have a responsibility to self-report to the Vendor within three (3) calendar days of any arrest for any disqualifying offense. The Vendor must notify the County within twenty-four (24) hours of all details concerning any reported arrest.
- 7.5. Upon the request of the County, the Vendor shall re-screen or perform background checks on any of its employees, agents, representatives, and subcontractors performing the required services for the County during the entire term of the agreement.

8. LETTER OF BONDABILITY REQUEST

- 8.1. This solicitation does not require a Bid Bond, however the Vendor must submit with their proposal a Letter of Bondability from their Surety Company showing their bonding capacity. Any issuer of a Letter of Bondability must be licensed to transact a fidelity and surety business in the State of Florida, with an A.M. Best rating of B or better.

8.2. For any Project Total that is equal to or exceeds \$200,000.00, Vendor shall provide a Bid Bond and will be required to provide a Performance & Payment Bond for 100% of the Project Total. Fees/costs associated with procuring any bonding shall be at the sole expense of the Vendor and such shall be covered by the Project Total provided by Vendor for this project.

8.3. Threshold for Bid Bond Requirement: A bid bond is required for any project with a total equal to or exceeding \$200,000.00. Each Bidder shall submit not less than five percent (5%) of the proposed dollar amount (including applicable alternates) as Bid Bond/Security.

8.4. Performance & Payment Bond (Post-Award):

8.4.1. The Vendor must provide a Performance and Payment Bond for 100% of the Project Total.

8.4.2. All bonding costs are the sole responsibility of the Vendor and must be included in the total project bid.

9. FULL PROJECT RESTORATION - ADDITIONAL SERVICES

9.1. Vendor shall ensure that project site is restored/completed to the satisfaction of the County, at its sole discretion, following all work completed under this Agreement. Following project specific needs, additional services unrelated to specified scope of work as described herein may be required to provide for full project completion. Such services may be requested under this Agreement on a project-by-project basis where Vendor or County deem necessary and applicable. All such items shall be listed as separate line items on Vendor's quote and/or invoice.

10. TRIP CHARGES

10.1. No separate or additional trip charges, travel fees, mileage costs, or service call fees shall be billed under this contract. All costs associated with travel to and from the service location(s) must be included in the offered unit prices or rates. The Vendor shall not invoice the County for any trip-related expenses beyond those specified in the contract.

11. PERMITS

11.1. Pursuant to the requirements of Florida Statute 218.80, this is a disclosure of County permits and fees to be paid by the Vendor to complete work under this Agreement. This section and associated clauses do not relieve the Vendor of its responsibility to obtain and pay for permits required by other governmental entities as specified elsewhere in this document.

11.1.1. Permits as required shall be responsibility of Vendor unless otherwise stated herein. County permit and associated fees are available at <http://www.leegov.com/permits>.

11.2. Unless otherwise specified herein, the Vendor shall secure and pay for all permits, impact fees, and licenses and shall pay for all governmental charges and inspection fees necessary for the prosecution of the work. County permits and fees are required to be obtained and paid for by the Vendor.

11.3. The Vendor shall also pay all public utility charges and connection fees, except as provided for in the Contract Documents.

11.4. Permits and licenses of regulatory agencies, which are necessary to be maintained after completion of the guarantee period, shall be secured and paid for by the County.

11.5. Permits obtained by the Vendor will be reimbursed at cost, no mark-up.

11.6. There are no known permit requirements at this time as this is an annual contract, and projects will be identified on an "as-needed" basis.

12. BID SCHEDULE

12.1. Damper Testing, Inspection, and Maintenance

12.1.1. Vendor shall provide labor and report generation rates for testing, inspection, and maintenance. Labor rates shall be fully loaded and inclusive of overhead, profit, benefits, etc. applicable to personnel rate.

12.2. Damper Repair and Installation

12.2.1. Vendor shall provide rates for materials and labor costs for the repair or installation of various fire damper types and sizes. Labor rates shall be fully loaded and inclusive of overhead, profit, benefits, etc. applicable to personnel rate.

12.3. Additional Services

12.3.1. Vendor shall provide labor and equipment rates for various services and equipment needed to perform testing, inspections, repair, and installation.

12.4. Vendor must bid on all line items to be considered for award.

13. CONSTRUCTION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

13.1. The General Conditions provided as “Formal Bid CONSTRUCTION 11.7.24 Terms and Condition” of this solicitation package shall apply to the Work to be completed under this Agreement. This document is found under the Attachments Tab in the Ion Wave platform.

End of Special Conditions Section

INSURANCE GUIDE



Lee County Insurance Requirements
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Minimum Insurance Requirements: *Risk Management in no way represents that the insurance required is sufficient or adequate to protect the vendors' interest or liabilities. The following are the required minimums the vendor must maintain throughout the duration of this contract. The County reserves the right to request additional documentation regarding insurance provided*

- a. **Commercial General Liability** - Coverage shall apply to premises and/or operations, products and completed operations, independent contractors, contractual liability exposures with minimum limits of:
 - \$1,000,000 per occurrence
 - \$2,000,000 general aggregate
 - \$1,000,000 products and completed operations
 - \$1,000,000 personal and advertising injury

- b. **Business Auto Liability** - The following Automobile Liability will be required and coverage shall apply to all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles use with minimum limits of:
 - \$1,000,000 combined single limit (CSL); or
 - \$500,000 bodily injury per person
 - \$1,000,000 bodily injury per accident
 - \$500,000 property damage per accident

- c. **Workers' Compensation** - Statutory benefits as defined by FS 440 encompassing all operations contemplated by this contract or agreement to apply to all owners, officers, and employees regardless of the number of employees. Workers Compensation exemptions may be accepted with written proof of the State of Florida's approval of such exemption. Employers' liability will have minimum limits of:
 - \$500,000 per accident
 - \$500,000 disease limit
 - \$500,000 disease – policy limit

****The required minimum limit of liability shown in a. and b. may be provided in the form of "Excess Insurance" or "Commercial Umbrella Policies." In which case, a "Following Form Endorsement" will be required on the "Excess Insurance Policy" or "Commercial Umbrella Policy."***



Lee County Insurance Requirements

Verification of Coverage:

1. Coverage shall be in place prior to the commencement of any work and throughout the duration of the contract. A certificate of insurance will be provided to the Risk Manager for review and approval. The certificate shall provide for the following:

- a. **Under the Description of Operations, the following must read as listed:**

“Lee County, a political subdivision and Charter County of the State of Florida, its agents, employees, and public officials are automatic additional insureds and includes an automatic waiver of subrogation with regard to general liability. The certificate holder is an additional insured on a primary and noncontributory basis with regards to general liability.”

- b. **The certificate holder must read as follows:**

Lee County, a political subdivision and Charter County of the State of Florida
P.O. Box 398
Fort Myers, Florida 33902

Special Requirements:

1. An appropriate "Indemnification" clause shall be made a provision of the contract.
2. It is the responsibility of the general contractor to ensure that all subcontractors comply with all insurance requirements.

FACILITY		Dampers
ADMINISTRATION BLDG	2021	80
ADMINISTRATION EAST BLDG	2021	50
ALVA COMMUNITY PARK	2021	10
ANIMAL SERVICES	2021	8
BONITA SPRINGS LIBRARY	2021	20
CAPE CORAL GOVT CMLPX	2021	102
CAPE CORAL LIBRARY	2021	28
CONSTITUTIONAL COMPLEX	2021	40
COUNTY CITY ANNEX	2021	14
EAST CO REGIONAL LIBRARY	2021	14
ELECTIONS CENTER	2021	8
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS (NEW)	2021	39
EMS LEEFLIGHT	2021	8
ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	2021	40
ESTERO RECREATION CTR	2021	68
FIVE-PLEX PLAYER DEVELOPMENT	2021	9
FLEET MANAGEMENT	2021	12
FT MYERS REGIONAL LIBRARY	2021	22
TALKING BOOKS LIBRARY	2021	10
INTERMODAL, FT MYERS		4
DOT Operations		4
JAIL	2021	101
JETBLUE PARK	2021	130
JUSTICE CENTER	2021	162
JUSTICE CENTER TOWER	2021	732
JUSTICE CENTER ANNEX	2021	112
LAKES REGIONAL LIBRARY	2021	5
LEEWAY SERVICE CENTER	2021	2
LEHIGH SHERIFF SUB STATION	2021	43
MIDPOINT MEMORIAL TOLL	2021	10
MORGUE MEDICAL EXAMIINER 21	2021	25
NO FT MYERS LIBRARY		8
NW REGIONAL LIBRARY	2021	20
OLD COURTHOUSE	2021	61
ORTIZ DETENTION CORE 1	2019	185
ORTIZ DETENTION CORE 2	2019	549
PINE RIDGE GOV. EMS & FIRE	2021	31
PINE RIDGE GOV. TAX COLLECTOR	2021	3
PINE RIDGE GOV. SHERIFF SUB W.	2021	12
PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG	2021	
PUBLIC WORKS BLDG	2021	37
RIVERDALE LIBRARY		4
SANIBEL ISLAND TOLL	2021	11

SHERIFF FORENSICS CTR	2021	22
SHERIFF FLEET		4
SHERIFF GUN RANGE	2021	5
SHERIFF SUB EAST	2021	43
SHERIFF SUB NORTH		4
SIX MILE CYPRESS SL PRSV		4
SOUTH CO REGIONAL LIBRARY		10
SPORTS COMPLEX	2021	123
PLAYERS ACADEMY	2021	20
MINOR LEAGUE	2021	30
TERRY PARK ADMINISTRATION		4
TRANSIT HEADQUARTERS		20
TRANSIT HEADQUARTERS MAINT.		10
TRANSIT HEADQUARTERS WASH		4
VETERANS PARK	2021	18
WA-KE HATCHEE PARK	2021	15



AFFIDAVIT CERTIFICATION IMMIGRATION LAWS

SOLICITATION NO.: _____ SOLICITATION NAME: _____

LEE COUNTY WILL NOT INTENTIONALLY AWARD COUNTY CONTRACTS TO ANY CONTRACTOR WHO KNOWINGLY EMPLOYS UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN WORKERS, CONSTITUTING A VIOLATION OF THE EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN 8 U.S.C. SECTION 1324 a(e) {SECTION 274A(e) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT ("INA").

LEE COUNTY MAY CONSIDER THE EMPLOYMENT BY ANY CONTRACTOR OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS A VIOLATION OF SECTION 274A(e) OF THE INA. **SUCH VIOLATION BY THE RECIPIENT OF THE EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN SECTION 274A(e) OF THE INA SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR UNILATERAL CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT BY LEE COUNTY.** PROPOSER ATTESTS THAT THEY ARE FULLY COMPLIANT WITH ALL APPLICABLE IMMIGRATION LAWS (SPECIFICALLY TO THE 1986 IMMIGRATION ACT AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS).

BY REGISTERING AS A VENDOR, SUBMITTING A RESPONSE TO A SOLICITATION, OR ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT, IF YOU ARE OBLIGATED TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 448.095, FLA. STAT., "EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY." FURTHER, BY YOUR REGISTRATION AS A VENDOR, RESPONSE TO A SOLICITATION, ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT, YOU AFFIRM AND REPRESENT THAT YOU ARE REGISTERED WITH THE E-VERIFY SYSTEM AND ARE USING SAME, AND WILL CONTINUE TO USE SAME AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 448.095, F.S. COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 448.095 INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, UTILIZATION OF THE E-VERIFY SYSTEM TO VERIFY THE WORK AUTHORIZATION STATUS OF ALL NEWLY HIRED EMPLOYEES, AND REQUIRING ALL SUBCONTRACTORS TO PROVIDE AN AFFIDAVIT ATTESTING THAT THE SUBCONTRACTOR DOES NOT EMPLOY, CONTRACT WITH, OR SUBCONTRACT WITH, AN UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL LEAD TO TERMINATION AS A VENDOR, DISQUALIFYING YOU FOR AWARD OF A SOLICITATION, DENIAL OF ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT AND/OR, CANCELLATION OF AN ACTIVE CONTRACT, OR IF YOUR SUBCONTRACTOR KNOWINGLY VIOLATES THE STATUTE, THE SUBCONTRACT MUST BE TERMINATED IMMEDIATELY. ANY CHALLENGE TO TERMINATION UNDER THIS PROVISION MUST BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT NO LATER THAN 20 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF TERMINATION. IF TERMINATED FOR A VIOLATION OF THE STATUTE BY THE VENDOR, THE VENDOR MAY NOT BE ALLOWED TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY OR BE AWARDED A SOLICITATION OR CONTRACT FOR A PERIOD OF 1 YEAR AFTER THE DATE OF TERMINATION. ALL COSTS INCURRED TO INITIATE AND SUSTAIN THE AFOREMENTIONED PROGRAMS SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE VENDOR.

Company Name: _____

Signature Title Date

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was signed and acknowledged before me, by means of physical presence or online notarization, this _____

_____ day of _____, 20____, by _____ who has produced
(Print or Type Name)

_____ as identification.
(Type of Identification)

Notary Public Signature

Printed Name of Notary Public

Notary Commission Number/Expiration

The signee of this Affidavit guarantee, as evidenced by the sworn affidavit required herein, the truth and accuracy of this affidavit to interrogatories hereinafter made. **LEE COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUEST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION, AS EVIDENCE OF SERVICES PROVIDED, AT ANY TIME.**

**AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS
287.138 and 787.06, FLORIDA STATUTES**

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared **(Name of affiant)**
_____, who, after being first duly sworn, deposes and says
of his or her personal knowledge the following:

1. Affiant is the **(Title)** _____ of **(Business Name)**
_____ which does
business in the State of Florida, hereinafter called the “Vendor.”

2. Vendor, pursuant to Section 287.138, Florida Statutes, certifies that (1) Vendor is not owned by a government of a foreign country of concern; (2) a government of a foreign country of concern does not have a “controlling interest” in Vendor, as defined by Section 287.138(1)(a), Florida Statutes; and (3) Vendor is not organized under the law of nor has its principal place of business in a foreign country of concern. For the purposes of this affidavit, foreign country of concern means the People’s Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, the Republic of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian Arab Republic, including any agency of or any other entity of significant control of such foreign country of concern, as defined in Section 287.138(1)(c), Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

3. Vendor, pursuant to Section 787.06, Florida Statutes, certifies that Vendor does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in Section 787.06, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

4. This Affidavit is executed by the Vendor in accordance with Section 287.138, Florida Statutes, for the purposes of preventing the County from entering contracts with foreign entities of concern which would provide Vendor access to an individual’s personal identifying information.

5. This Affidavit is executed by the Vendor in accordance with Section 787.06, Florida Statutes.

(Signature)

(Date)

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me, by means of physical presence or online notarization,
this ____ day of _____ 20____, by _____ who has produced
(Print or Type Name)

_____ as identification.
(Type of Identification)

Notary Public Signature

Printed Name of Notary Public

Notary Commission Number/Expiration

Terms and Conditions
INVITATION TO BID (B)
CONSTRUCTION

1 DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 **Addendum/Addenda:** A written change, addition, alteration, correction or revision to a bid, proposal or contract Agreement/Contract. Addendum/Addenda may be issued following a pre-bid/pre-proposal conference or as a result of a specification or work scope change to the solicitation.
- 1.2 **Approved Alternate:** Solicitation documents may make reference of specific manufacturer(s) or product(s). These references serve only as a recommendation and a guide to minimum quality and performance. The references are not intended to exclude approved alternatives of other manufacturer(s) or product(s).
- 1.3 **Bid/Proposal Package:** A bid/proposal is a document submitted by a vendor in response to some type of solicitation to be used as a basis for negotiations or for entering into a contract.
- 1.4 **Bidder/Responder/Proposer:** One who submits a response to a solicitation.
- 1.5 **County:** Refers to Lee County Board of County Commissioners.
- 1.6 **Due Date and Time/Opening:** Is defined as the date and time upon which a bid or proposal shall be submitted to the Lee County Procurement Management Division. Only bids or proposals received prior to the established date and time will be considered.
- 1.7 **Liquidated Damages:** Damages paid usually in the form of monetary payment, agreed by the parties to a contract which are due and payable as damages by the party who breaches all or part of the contract. May be applied on a daily basis for as long as the breach is in effect.
- 1.8 **Procurement Management:** shall mean the Director of Lee County's Procurement Management Department or designee.
- 1.9 **Responsible:** A vendor, business entity or individual who is fully capable to meet all of the requirements of the bid/proposal solicitation documents and subsequent contract. Must possess the full capability including financial and technical, to perform as contractually required. Must be able to fully document the ability to provide good faith performance.
- 1.10 **Responsive:** A vendor, business entity or individual who has submitted a bid or request for proposal that fully conforms in all material respects to the bid/proposal solicitation documents and all of its requirements, including all form and substance.
- 1.11 **Solicitation:** An invitation to bid, a request for proposal, invitation to negotiate or any document used to obtain bids or proposals for the purpose of entering into a contract.

2 ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

- 2.1 In resolving conflicts, errors, and discrepancies, the order of precedence of the bid document is as follows:
 - 2.1.1 Florida State Law as applied to County Purchasing
 - 2.1.2 Lee County Procurement Management Ordinance 22-06 & 23-21
 - 2.1.3 Change Order
 - 2.1.4 Agreement
 - 2.1.5 Addenda
 - 2.1.6 Special Conditions
 - 2.1.7 General Conditions, if any
 - 2.1.8 Specifications
 - 2.1.9 Supplemental Information
 - 2.1.10 Drawings/Plans, if any
 - 2.1.11 Figure Dimensions, if any
 - 2.1.12 Scale Dimensions (Large Scale Drawings supersede Small Scale Drawings)
 - 2.1.13 Terms and Conditions

3 RULES, REGULATIONS, LAWS, ORDINANCES AND LICENSES

- 3.1 It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to assure compliance with all other federal, state, or county codes, rules, regulations, or other requirements, as each may apply. Any involvement with the Lee County shall be in accordance with but not limited to:
 - 3.1.1 Lee County Procurement Management Ordinance 22-06 & 23-21
 - 3.1.2 Pursuant to FL § Section 119.071, Public Records, General exemptions from inspection or copying of public records. Sealed bids, proposals or replies received by the agency pursuant to a solicitation are

exempt from public records request (s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I, of the State Constitution until such time as the agency provides notice of an intended decision or until 30 days after opening the bids, proposals, or final replies, whichever is earlier.

3.1.3 FL § 215 regarding scrutinized companies and business operations.

3.1.4 FL § 218 Public Bid Disclosure Act.

3.1.5 Florida State Law as applied to Municipal Purchasing in accordance with Title XIX, “Public Business”, Chapter 287 “Procurement of Personal Property and Services.”

3.1.6 FL § 337.168 Confidentiality of official estimates, identities of potential bidders, and bid analysis and monitoring system.

3.1.7 FL § Section 607.1501(1) states: A foreign corporation may not transact business in the State of Florida until it obtains a certificate of authority from the Department of State.

3.2 **Local Business Tax Account:** As applicable, anyone providing merchandise or services to the public within the jurisdiction of Lee County must obtain a Lee County business tax account to operate unless specifically exempted.

3.3 **License(s):** Bidder should provide, at the time of the opening of the bid, licenses required for this product and/or service.

4 BID – PREPARATION OF SUBMITTAL

4.1 **Sealed Bid:** Submission must be in a sealed envelope/box, and the outside of the submission must be marked with the following information (Sealed Bid Label Form is attached for your use):

4.1.1 Marked with the words “Sealed Bid”

4.1.2 Bid Number

4.1.3 Bid Title

4.1.4 Bid Due Date

4.1.5 Name of the firm submitting the bid

4.1.6 Contact e-mail and telephone number

4.2 **Bid submission shall include:**

4.2.1 Provide two (2) hard copies. Mark each: one “Original”, one “Copy”

4.2.2 Provide one (1) electronic flash drive set of the entire submission documents.

4.2.3 Electronic submission document is to be one single Adobe PDF file in the same order as the original hard copy.

4.2.4 Limit the color and number of images to avoid unmanageable file sizes.

4.3 **Submission Format:**

4.3.1 Required Forms: complete and return **all** required forms. If the form is not applicable, please return with “Not Applicable” or “N/A” in large letters across the form.

4.3.2 Failure to submit required or requested information may result in the bidder being found non-responsive.

4.3.3 Execution of Bid: All documents must be properly signed by corporate authorized representative, witnessed, and where applicable corporate and/or notary seals affixed. All Bids shall be typed or printed in ink. The bidder may not use erasable ink. All corrections made to the bids shall be initialed.

4.3.4 If a cost/bid schedule was provided in Microsoft Excel format, the returned completed schedule should be included as a Microsoft Excel File on the Flash drive.

4.3.5 The submission should not contain links to other web pages.

4.3.6 Include any information requested by the County necessary to analyze your bid, i.e., required submittals, literature, technical data, financial statements.

4.3.7 Bid Security/Bond(s), as applicable (Construction projects)

4.4 **Preparation Cost:** The Bidder is solely responsible for any and all costs associated with responding to this solicitation. No reimbursement will be made for any costs associated with the preparation and submittal of any bid, or for any travel and per diem costs that are incurred by any Bidder.

5 RESPONSES RECEIVED LATE

5.1 It shall be the Bidder’s sole responsibility to deliver the bid submission to the Lee County Procurement Management Division prior to or on the time and date stated. All references to date and time herein reference Lee County, FL local time.

- 5.2 Any bids received after the stated time and date will not be considered. The bid shall not be opened at the public opening. Arrangements may be made for the unopened bid to be returned at the bidder's request and expense.
- 5.3 The Lee County Procurement Management Division shall not be responsible for delays caused by the method of delivery such as, but not limited to; internet, United States Postal Service, overnight express mail service(s), or delays caused by any other occurrence.

6 BIDDER REQUIREMENTS (unless otherwise noted)

- 6.1 **Responsive and Responsible:** Only bids received from responsive and responsible bidders will be considered. The County reserves the right before recommending any award to inspect the facilities and organization; or to take any other necessary action, such as background checks, to determine ability to perform is satisfactory, and reserves the right to reject submission packages where evidence submitted, or investigation and evaluation indicates an inability for the bidder to perform.
 - 6.1.1 Additional sources may be utilized to determine credit worthiness and ability to perform.
 - 6.1.2 Any bidder or sub-contractor that will have access to County facilities or property may be required to be screened to a level that may include, but is not limited to fingerprints, statewide criminal. There may be fees associated with these procedures. These costs are the responsibility of the bidder or sub-contractor.
 - 6.1.3 Bidders are responsible for ensuring that any required background screening are conducted in accordance with Chapter 435. Bidders shall be aware, understand, and ensure compliance with the statutory requirements regarding background checks. FL Statutes Chapter 435 governs required background screenings for any employees, contractors, subcontractors, or agents of the Bidder who will have contact with any vulnerable person, as defined by statute, or who otherwise are required to undergo a Level 1 or Level 2 background screening in accordance with Florida law. Such requirements shall flow down to sub-contractors/consultants of the prime Bidder and prime Bidder shall ensure compliance with Chapter 435 of such parties.
 - 6.1.3.1 Documentation of such completed background screenings must be maintained for a period of no less than five (5) years and are subject to audit by Lee County at any time during such five (5) year period.
- 6.2 **BID--Past Performance:** Bidders past performance and prior dealings with Lee County (i.e., failure to meet specifications, poor workmanship, late delivery, etc.) may be reviewed. Poor or unacceptable past performance may result in bidder disqualification.
- 6.3 Submission packages, unless otherwise noted, will be considered only from bidders normally engaged in the provision of the services specified here in. The bidder shall have adequate organization, facilities, equipment, and personnel to ensure prompt and efficient service to Lee County. The County reserves the right before recommending any award to inspect the facilities and organization; or to take any other action necessary to determine ability to perform satisfactorily and reserves the right to reject submission packages where evidence submitted, or investigation and evaluation indicated an inability of the bidder to perform.
- 6.4 **Prohibition Against Considering Social, Political Or Ideological Interests in Government Contracting – F.S. 287.05701:** Bidders are hereby notified of the provisions of section 287.05701, Florida Statutes, as amended, that the County will not request documentation of or consider a Bidder's social, political, or ideological interests when determining if the Bidder is a responsible Bidder. Bidders are further notified that the County's governing body may not give preference to a Bidder based on the Bidder's social, political, or ideological interests.

7 PRE-BID CONFERENCE

- 7.1 A pre-bid conference will be held in the location, date, and time specified on the cover of this solicitation. The cover will also note if the pre-bid conference is Non-Mandatory or Mandatory. All questions and answers are considered informal. All prospective bidders are encouraged to obtain and review the solicitation documents prior to the pre-bid conference so they may be prepared to discuss any questions or concerns they have concerning this project. All questions must be submitted formally in writing to the procurement staff noted on the first page of the bid document. A formal response will be provided in the form of an addendum (see "County Interpretation/Addendums" for additional information.) A site visit may follow the pre-bid conference, as applicable.

- 7.2 **Non-Mandatory:** Pre-bid conferences are generally non-mandatory, but it is highly recommended that prospective bidders participate.
- 7.3 **Mandatory:** Failure to attend a mandatory pre-bid conference will result in the bid being considered **non-responsive**.

8 COUNTY INTERPRETATION/ADDENDUMS

- 8.1 Each Bidder shall examine the solicitation documents and shall judge all matters relating to the adequacy and accuracy of such documents. Any inquiries, suggestions or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to the solicitation shall be **submitted in writing prior to 5:00 PM at least eight (8) calendar days prior to the date when the submission is due**.
- 8.2 Response(s) will be in the form of an Addendum posted on www.lee.gov/procurement. It is solely the bidder's responsibility to check the website for information. No notifications will be sent by Lee County Procurement Management Division.
- 8.3 All Addenda shall become part of the Contract Documents.
- 8.4 The County shall not be responsible for oral interpretations given by any County employee, representative, or others. Interpretation of the meaning of the plans, specifications, or any other contract document, or for correction of any apparent ambiguity, inconsistency, or error there in, shall be in writing. Issuance of a written addendum by the County's Procurement Management Division is the only official method whereby interpretation, clarification or additional information can be given.

9 QUALITY GUARANTEE/WARRANTY (as applicable)

- 9.1 Bidder will guarantee their work without disclaimers, unless otherwise specifically approved by the County, for a minimum of twelve (12) months from the date of final completion.
- 9.2 Unless otherwise specifically provided in the specifications, all equipment and materials and articles incorporated in the work covered by this contract shall be new, unused and of the most suitable grade for the purpose intended. Refurbished parts or equipment are not acceptable unless otherwise specified in the specifications. All warranties will begin from the date of final completion.
- 9.3 Unless otherwise specifically provided in the specifications, the equipment must be warranted for twelve (12) months, shipping, parts, and labor. Should the equipment be taken out of service for more than forty-eight (48) hours to have warranty work performed, a loaner machine of equal capability or better shall be provided for use until the repaired equipment is returned to service at no additional charge to the County.
- 9.4 If any product does not meet performance representation or other quality assurance representations as published by manufacturers, producers or distributors of such products or the specifications listed, the vendor shall pick up the product from the County at no expense to the County. The County reserves the right to reject any or all materials, if in its judgment the item reflects unsatisfactory workmanship or manufacturing or shipping damage. The vendor shall refund, to the County, any money which has been paid for same.

10 SUBSTITUTION(S)/APPROVED ALTERNATE(S)

- 10.1 Unless otherwise specifically provided in the specifications, reference to any equipment, material, article or patented process, by trade name, brand name, make or catalog number, shall be regarded as establishing a standard of quality and shall not be construed as limiting competition. If a bidder wishes to make a substitution in the specifications, the bidder shall furnish to the County, **no later than ten (10) business days prior to the bid opening date**, the name of the manufacturer, the model number, and other identifying data and information necessary to aid the County in evaluating the substitution. Such information is submitted through the Procurement Management Division. Any such substitution shall be subject to County approval through the issuance of a written addendum by the County's Procurement Management Division. Substitutions shall be approved only if determined by the County to be an **Approved Alternate** to the prescribed specifications.
- 10.2 A bid containing a substitution is subject to disqualification if the substitution is not approved by the County. Items bid must be identified by brand name, number, manufacturer, and model, and shall include full descriptive information, brochures, and appropriate attachments. Brand names are used for descriptive purposes only. An **Approved Alternate** product or service may be used.

11 NEGOTIATED ITEMS

- 11.1 Any item not outlined in the Scope of Work/Specifications may be subject to negotiations between the County and the successful bidder.
 - 11.2 After award of this bid the County reserves the right to add or delete items/services at prices to be negotiated at the time of addition or deletion.
 - 11.3 At contract renewal time(s) or in the event of significant industry wide market changes, the County may negotiate justified adjustments such as price, terms, etc., if in its sole judgment, the County considers such adjustments to be in their best interest.
- 12 ERRORS, OMISSIONS, CALCULATION ERRORS (as applicable)**
- 12.1 **Calculation Errors:** In the event of multiplication/addition error(s), the unit price shall prevail. Written prices shall prevail over figures where applicable. All bids will be reviewed mathematically and corrected, if necessary, using these standards, prior to further evaluation.
- 13 CONFIDENTIALITY**
- 13.1 Bidders should be aware that all submissions provided are subject to public disclosure and will **not** be afforded confidentiality, unless provided by Chapter 119 FL §.
 - 13.2 If information is submitted with a bid that is deemed “Confidential” the bidder must stamp those pages of the submission that are considered confidential. The bidder must provide documentation as to validate why these documents should be declared confidential in accordance with Chapter 119, “Public Records,” exemptions.
 - 13.3 Lee County **will not reveal engineering estimates or budget amounts for a project** unless required by grant funding or unless it is in the best interest of the County. According to FL § 337.168: A document or electronic file revealing the official cost estimate of the department of a project is confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) until the contract for the project has been executed or until the project is no longer under active consideration.
- 14 BID -- CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
- 14.1 **Business Relationship Disclosure Requirement:** The award hereunder is subject to the provisions of Chapter 112, Public Officers and Employees: General Provisions, Florida Statutes. All bidders must disclose with their submission the name of any officer, director or agent who is also an employee of the Lee County or any of its agencies. Further, all bidders must disclose the name of any County employee who owns directly or indirectly, an interest of five percent (5%) or more in the bidder’s firm or any of its branches.
- 15 ANTI-LOBBYING CLAUSE (Cone of Silence)**
- 15.1 Following FL § Section 287.057(23), Upon the issuance of the solicitation, prospective proposers/bidders or any agent, representative or person acting at the request of such proposer/bidder shall not have any contact, communicate with or discuss any matter relating in any way to the solicitation with any Commissioner, Evaluation Review Committee, agent or employee of the County other than the Procurement Management Director or their designee. This prohibition begins with the issuance of any solicitation and ends upon execution of the final contract or when the solicitation has been cancelled. **If it is determined that improper communications were conducted, the Bidder/Proposer maybe declared non-responsible.**
- 16 ANTITRUST VIOLATION**
- 16.1 A person or an affiliate who has been placed on the antitrust violator vendor list, available at [Antitrust Violator Vendor List / Vendor Registration and Vendor Lists / State Agency Resources / State Purchasing / Business Operations / Florida Department of Management Services - DMS \(myflorida.com\)](#), following a conviction or being held civilly liable for an antitrust violation may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply for any new contract to provide any goods or services to Lee County; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply for a new contract with Lee County for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on new leases of real property to Lee County; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a new contract with Lee County; and may not transact new business with Lee County.
- 17 DRUG FREE WORKPLACE**
- 17.1 Lee County Board of County Commissioners encourages Drug Free Workplace programs.

- 18** FLORIDA CERTIFIED ENTERPRISES
- 18.1 The County encourages the use of Florida Certified Enterprises such as such as Disadvantaged, Minority, Women, Veterans Business Enterprise (DBE, MBE, WBE, VBE) firms.
- 18.2 Bidder/Proposer is requested to indicate whether the Firm and/or any proposed sub-consultants are a Florida Certified Enterprise. Lee County encourages the utilization and participation of DBE, MBE, WBE, VBE or similar in procurements, and evaluation proceedings will be conducted within the established guidelines regarding equal employment opportunity and nondiscriminatory action based upon the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. Interested Florida Certified Enterprises such as Disadvantaged, Minority, Women, Veterans Business Enterprise (DBE, MBE, WBE, VBE) firms and similar are encouraged to submit.
- 19** ANTI-DISCRIMINATION/EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
- 19.1 The bidder agrees to comply, in accordance with FL § 287.134, 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA) that furnishing goods or services to the County hereunder, no person on the grounds of race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, disability or marital status shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination.
- 19.2 The bidder will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, disability, or marital status. The bidder will make affirmative efforts to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, disability, or marital status.
- 19.3 The bidder will include the provisions of this section in every sub-contract under this contract to ensure its provisions will be binding upon each sub-contractor. The bidder will take such actions in respect to any sub-contractor, as the contracting agency may direct, as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for non-compliance.
- 19.4 An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the State of Florida's Discriminatory Vendor List (This list may be viewed by going to the Department of Management Services website at <http://www.dms.myflorida.com>) may not submit a bid on a contract to provide goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not award or perform work as a vendor, supplier, sub-contractor, or consultant under contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity.
- 20** SUB-CONTRACTOR
- 20.1 The use of sub-contractors under this solicitation requires prior written authorization from the County representative.
- 21** BID - PROJECT GUIDELINES (as applicable)
- 21.1 The County has established the following Guidelines, Criteria, Goals, Objectives, Constraints, Schedule, Budget and or Requirements which shall service as a guide to the bidder(s) in conforming to the provision of goods and/or services to be provided pursuant to this Agreement/Contract:
- 21.1.1 No amount of work is guaranteed upon the execution of an Agreement/Contract.
- 21.1.2 Rates and all other negotiated expenses will remain in effect throughout the duration of the Agreement/Contract period.
- 21.1.3 This contract does not entitle any bidder to exclusive rights to County Agreement/Contracts. The County reserves the right to perform any and all available required work in-house or by any other means it so desires.
- 21.1.4 In reference to vehicle travel, mileage and man-hours spent in travel time, is considered incidental to the work and not an extra compensable expense.
- 21.1.5 Lee County reserves the right to add or delete, at any time, and or all material, tasks or services associated with this Agreement/Contract.
- 21.1.6 Any Single Large Project: The County, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to separately solicit any project that is outside the scope of this solicitation, whether through size, complexity or the dollar value.
- 22** BID – TIEBREAKER

- 22.1 Whenever two or more Bids, which are equal with respect to price, quality, and service, are received for procurement of commodities or contractual services, from Responsive and Responsible Bidders, the following steps shall be taken to establish the Award to the lowest Bidder. This method shall be used for all ties.
- 22.1.1 **Step 1 - Local Bidder:** Between a Local Bidder, and a non-Local Bidder, a Contract Award, or the first opportunity to negotiate, as applicable, shall be made to the Local Bidder. **If local preference is prohibited by the funding source, then step 2 will replace step 1.**
- 22.1.2 **Step 2 - Drug Free Workplace:** At the conclusion of step 1, if all is equal, the Bidder with a Drug Free Workplace program shall be given preference over a Bidder with no Drug Free Workplace program. The Contract Award, or the first opportunity to negotiate, as applicable, shall be made to the Bidder with the Drug Free Workplace program.
- 22.1.3 **Step 3 - Coin Flip:** At the conclusion of Step 1 and Step 2, if all is equal, the Contract Award, or the first opportunity to negotiate, as applicable, the final outcome shall be determined by the flip of a coin.
- 22.2 When the tie has been broken pursuant to the above procedures, the Contract Award, or the first opportunity to negotiate, as applicable, shall be furnished to the prevailing Bidder.
- 22.3 If an Award or negotiation is unsuccessful with the initial Bidder, Award or negotiations may commence with the next highest Bidder, utilizing the tiebreaker steps above to make the determination of next lowest Bidder, if necessary.

23 WITHDRAWAL OF BID

- 23.1 No bid may be withdrawn for a period of **180 calendar days** after the scheduled time for receiving submissions. A bid may be withdrawn prior to the solicitation opening date and time. Withdrawal requests must be made in writing to the Procurement Management Director, who will approve or disapprove the request.
- 23.2 A bidder may withdraw a submission any time prior to the opening of the solicitation.
- 23.3 After submissions are opened, but prior to award of the contract by the County Commission, the Procurement Management Director may allow the withdrawal of a bid because of the mistake of the bidder in the preparation of the submission document. In such circumstance, the decision of the Procurement Management Director to allow the submission withdrawal, although discretionary, shall be based upon a finding that the bidder, by clear and convincing evidence, has met each of the following four tests:
- 23.3.1 The bidder acted in good faith in submitting the bid,
- 23.3.2 The mistake in bid preparation that was of such magnitude that to enforce compliance by the bidder would cause a severe hardship on the bidder,
- 23.3.3 The mistake was not the result of gross negligence or willful inattention by the bidder; and
- 23.3.4 The mistake was discovered and was communicated to the County prior to the County Commission having formally awarded the Agreement/Contract.

24 PROTEST RIGHTS

- 24.1 Any Bidder that has submitted a formal Response to Lee County, and who is adversely affected by an intended decision with respect to the Award, has the right to protest an intended decision posted by the County as part of the Solicitation process.
- 24.2 Notice of Intended Decision is posted on the Lee County Department of Procurement Management website (www.leegov.com/procurement). Bidders are solely responsible to check for information regarding the Solicitation.
- 24.3 Refer to the "Procurement Protest" section of the Lee County Procurement Ordinance 22-06 & 23-21 for a complete description of the protest process and associated requirements. The ordinance is posted on the Lee County website or may be obtained by contacting the Procurement Management Director.
- 24.4 In order to preserve the right to protest, a written "**Notice of Intent to File a Protest**" **must be filed with the Lee County Procurement Management Director within seventy-two (72) hours of Posting of the Notice of Intended Decision.**
- 24.5 The notice shall clearly indicate all grounds being claimed for the protest.
- 24.6 The notice must be physically received by the Procurement Management Director within the required time frame described above. No additional time will be granted for mailing.

- 24.7 Following receipt of the Notice of Intent to File a Protest, a “**Protest Bond**” and “**Formal Written Protest**” must be filed **within ten (10) business days** of Posting of the Notice of Intended Decision.
- 24.8 **Failure to follow the protest procedures requirement within the time frames as prescribed herein and in the Lee County Procurement Ordinance 22-06 & 23-21 shall constitute a waiver of the right to protest and shall bar any resulting claims.**

25 AUTHORITY TO UTILIZE BY OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

- 25.1 This opportunity is also made available to any government entity. Pursuant to their own governing laws, and subject to the Agreement/Contract of the vendor, other entities may be permitted to make purchases at the terms and conditions contained herein. Lee County Board of County Commissioners will not be financially responsible for the purchases of other entities from this solicitation.

26 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

26.1 Designated Contact:

- 26.1.1 The awarded bidder shall appoint a person(s) to act as a primary contact for all County departments. This person or back-up shall be readily available during normal working hours by phone or in person and shall be knowledgeable of the terms and procedures involved.
- 26.1.2 Lee County requires the awarded bidder to provide the name of a contact person(s) and phone number(s) which will afford Lee County access 24 hours per day, 365 days per year, of this service in the event of major breakdowns or natural disasters.

26.2 BID – Term: (unless otherwise stated in the Scope of Work or Detailed Specifications)

- 26.2.1 Unless otherwise stated in the scope of work, specifications, or special conditions the default **contract term shall be for one (1) three-year (3) period. Upon mutual written agreement of both parties, the parties may renew the Agreement, in whole or in part, for a renewal term or terms not to exceed the term of two (2) years. The increments of renewal shall be at the sole discretion of the County as deemed in its best interest.**
- 26.2.2 The County reserves the right to renew this Agreement/Contract (or any portion thereof) and to negotiate pricing as a condition for each.
- 26.2.3 The County’s performance and obligation to pay under this contract, and any applicable renewal options, is contingent upon annual appropriation of funds.

26.3 BID – Basis of Award:

- 26.3.1 The bid is awarded under a system of sealed, competitive bidding to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.
- 26.3.2 In the event the lowest responsible and responsive bid for a project exceeds the available funds the County may negotiate an adjustment of the bid price with the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in order to bring the total cost of the project within the amount of available funds.
- 26.3.3 The County reserves the right to make award(s) by individual item, group of items, all or none, or a combination thereof. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any minor irregularity or technicality in the bids received. Award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsive bidder(s) within the category chosen for basis of award.
- 26.3.4 The County reserves the right to award to one or multiple bidders at the discretion of the requesting authority and approval of the Procurement Management Director.

26.4 Agreement/Contracts:

- 26.4.1 The awarded bidder will be required to execute an Agreement/Contract as a condition of award. A sample of this document may be viewed on-line at <http://www.leegov.com/procurement/forms>.

26.5 Records:

- 26.5.1 Retention: The bidder shall maintain such financial records and other records as may be prescribed by Lee County or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. Unless otherwise stated in the specifications, the bidder shall retain these records for a period of five years after final payment, or until they are audited by Lee County, whichever event occurs first.
- 26.5.2 Right to Audit/Disclosure: These records shall be made available during the term of the contract as well as the retention period. These records shall be made readily available to County personnel with reasonable notice and other persons in accordance with the Florida General Records Schedule.

Awarded Bidder/Proposer(s) are hereby informed of their requirement to comply with FL §119 specifically to:

- 26.5.2.1 Keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service.
- 26.5.2.2 Upon request from the County's custodian of public records, provide the 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 or as otherwise provided by law.
- 26.5.2.3 Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the contract if the contractor does not transfer the records to the County.
- 26.5.2.4 Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the County all public records in possession of the contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service. If the contractor transfers all public records to the County upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the County, upon request from the County's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the County.

26.5.3 **Public Record:** **IF THE VENDOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE VENDOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THE CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT 239-533-2221, 2115 SECOND STREET, FORT MYERS, FL 33901, Email at PRRCustodian@leegov.com or Visit <http://www.leegov.com/publicrecords>.**

26.5.4 **Ownership:** It is understood and agreed that all documents, including detailed reports, plans, original tracings, specifications, and all data prepared or obtained by the successful bidder in connection with its services hereunder, include any documents bearing the professional seal of the successful bidder, and shall be delivered to and become the property of Lee County, prior to final payment to the successful bidder or the termination of the Agreement/Contract. This includes any electronic versions, such as CAD or other computer aided drafting programs.

26.6 **Termination:**

26.6.1 **MATERIAL BREACH** A Contractor may be Terminated for Cause by the County, at the sole discretion of the Procurement Management Director, for failing to perform a contractual requirement or for a material breach of any term or condition. A material breach of a term or condition of the Agreement may include but is not limited to: 1. Contractor failure to perform services or deliver materials, supplies, or equipment by the date required or by an alternate date as mutually agreed in a written amendment to the Agreement; 2. Contractor failure to carry out any warranty or fails to perform or comply with any mandatory provision of the Agreement; 3. Contractor becomes insolvent or in an unsound financial condition so as to endanger performance hereunder; 4. Contractor becomes the subject of any proceeding under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization, or relief from creditors and/or debtors that endangers the Contractor's proper performance hereunder; 5. Appointment of any receiver, trustee, or similar official for Contractor or any of the Contractor's property and such appointment endangers the Contractor's proper performance hereunder; 6. A determination that the Contractor is in violation of federal, state, or local laws or regulations and that such determination renders the Contractor unable to perform any aspect of the Agreement.

26.6.2 **OPPORTUNITY TO CURE** In the event that Contractor fails to perform a contractual requirement or materially breaches any term or condition, the County may issue a written cure notice. The Contractor may have a period of time in which to cure. The County is not required to allow the Contractor to cure defects if the opportunity for cure is not feasible as, determined solely within the discretion of the

County. Time allowed for cure shall not diminish or eliminate Contractor's liability for damages, or otherwise affect any other remedies available against Contractor under the Agreement or by law. If the breach remains after Contractor has been provided the opportunity to cure, the County may do any one or more of the following: 1. Exercise any remedy provided by law; 2. Terminate this Agreement and any related contracts or portions thereof; 3. Procure replacements and impose damages as set forth elsewhere in this Agreement, if applicable; 4. Impose actual or liquidated damages; 5. Suspend or bar Contractor from receiving future solicitations or other opportunities; 6. Require Contractor to reimburse the County for any loss or additional expense incurred as a result of default or failure to satisfactorily perform the terms of the Agreement.

- 26.6.3 **TERMINATION FOR CAUSE** In the event the Procurement Management Director, in his/her sole discretion, determines that the Contractor has failed to comply with the conditions of this Agreement in a timely manner or is in material breach, the Procurement Management Director has the right to terminate this Agreement, in part or in whole. The Procurement Management Director shall notify the Contractor in writing of the need to take corrective action. If corrective action is not taken within thirty (30) calendar days or as otherwise specified by the Procurement Management Director, or if such corrective action is deemed by the County to be insufficient, the Agreement may be terminated. The County reserves the right to withhold further payments or prohibit the Contractor from incurring additional obligations of funds during investigation of the alleged breach and pending corrective action by the Contractor or a decision by the County to terminate the Agreement. In the event of termination, the County shall have the right to procure any replacement materials, supplies, services and/or equipment that are the subject of this Agreement on the open market. In addition, the Contractor shall be liable for damages as authorized by law including, but not limited to, any price difference between the original Agreement and the replacement or cover contract and all administrative costs directly related to the replacement contract, e.g., cost of the competitive bidding, mailing, advertising and staff time. If it is determined that: (1) the Contractor was not in material breach; or (2) failure to perform was outside of Contractor's or its subcontractor's control, fault or negligence, the termination shall be deemed to be a "Termination for Convenience." The rights and remedies of the County provided in this Agreement are not exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law.
- 26.6.4 **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE** Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the County, at the sole discretion of the Procurement Management Director, may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part by giving thirty (30) calendar days written notice beginning on the second day after mailing to the Contractor. If this Agreement is so terminated, the County shall be liable only for payment required under this Agreement for properly authorized services rendered, or materials, supplies and/or equipment delivered to and accepted by the County prior to the effective date of Agreement termination. The County shall have no other obligation whatsoever to the Contractor for such termination.
- 26.6.5 The Procurement Management Director may immediately terminate any Agreement/Contract as a result of this solicitation for emergency purposes, as defined by the Lee County Procurement Ordinance 22-06 & 23-21.
- 26.6.6 Any bidder who has voluntarily withdrawn from a solicitation without the County's mutual consent during the contract period shall be barred from further County procurement for a **period of 180 days**. The vendor may apply to the Board for a waiver of this debarment. Such application for waiver of debarment must be coordinated with and processed by the Procurement Management Department.
- 26.6.7 The County reserves the right to terminate award or contract following any of the below for goods or services over \$1,000,000:
- 26.6.7.1 Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification as provided under FL § 287.135 (5);
 - 26.6.7.2 Contractor has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List (FL §215.473);
 - 26.6.7.3 Contractor has engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria (FL § 215.471);
 - 26.6.7.4 Contractor has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in a boycott of Israel. (FL § 215.4725);
 - 26.6.7.5 The County reserves the right to review, on a case-by-case basis, and waive this stipulation if it is deemed to advantageous to the County.

- 27.1 Once this contract expires, or final payment has been requested and made, the awarded bidder shall have waived any claims against the County concerning this contract. After that period, the County will consider the bidder to have waived any right to claims against the County concerning this Agreement/Contract.
- 28 LEE COUNTY PAYMENT PROCEDURES**
- 28.1 Unless otherwise noted, all vendors are requested to mail an original invoice to:
Lee County Finance Department
Post Office Box 2238
Fort Myers, FL 33902-2238
- 28.2 All invoices will be paid as directed by the Lee County payment procedure unless otherwise stated in the detailed specifications for this project.
- 28.3 Lee County will not be liable for requests for payment deriving from aid, assistance, or help by any individual, vendor, proposer, or bidder for the preparation of these specifications.
- 28.4 Lee County is generally a tax-exempt entity subject to the provisions of the 1987 legislation regarding sales tax on services. Lee County will pay those taxes for which it is obligated, or it will provide a Certificate of Exemption furnished by the Department of Revenue. All bidders should include in their bids, all sales or use taxes, which they will pay when making purchases of material or sub-contractor's services.
- 29 SAFETY DATA SHEETS (SDS) (as applicable)**
- 29.1 In accordance with Chapter 443 of the FL §, it is the vendor's responsibility to provide Lee County with Safety Data Sheets on bid materials, as may apply to this procurement.
- 30 DEBRIS DISPOSAL (as applicable)**
- 30.1 Unless otherwise stated, the bidder shall be fully responsible for the lawful removal and disposal of any materials, debris, garbage, vehicles, or other such items which would interfere with the undertaking and completion of the project. There shall not be an increase in time or price associated with such removal.
- 31 SHIPPING (as applicable)**
- 31.1 Cost of all shipping to the site, including any inside delivery charges and all unusual storage requirements shall be borne by the bidder unless otherwise agreed upon in writing prior to service. It shall be the bidder's responsibility to make appropriate arrangements, and to coordinate with authorized personnel at the site, for proper acceptance, handling, protection, and storage (if available) of equipment and material delivered. All pricing to be F.O.B. destination.
- 31.2 The materials and/or services delivered under the bid shall remain the property of the seller until a physical inspection and actual usage of these materials and/or services is accepted by the County and is deemed to be in compliance with the terms herein, fully in accord with the specifications and of the highest quality.
- 32 BOND/SURETY (CONSTRUCTION)**
- 32.1 Bonding/Surety is required in accordance with the Lee County Procurement Ordinance 22-06 & 23-21.
- 32.2 Bid Bond/Security: The Procurement Management Department shall determine if a Bid Bond shall be required for any Competitive Procurement. Each Bidder shall submit not less than five percent (5%) of the proposed dollar amount (including applicable Alternates) as Bid Bond/Security. One ORIGINAL Bid Bond/Security shall be submitted to the County with each Bid submission. The Bid Bond/Security of the Bidder will be retained until the Bidder and the County have entered into the Contract, whereupon the Bid Bond/Security may be returned. The Bid Bond/Security of a Bidder whom the County believes to have a reasonable chance of receiving the Award may be retained by the County until the effective date of the Contract, whereupon any Bid Bonds/Securities furnished by a Bidder may be returned. The following types of Bid Security shall be accepted:
- 32.2.1 **A Certified Check or a Cashier's Check** in the stated dollar amount of not less than 5% of proposed dollar amount. Any Certified Check or Cashier Check submitted in lieu of a Bid Bond Shall be drawn on a solvent bank or trust company, made payable to Lee County Board of County Commissioners and shall have all necessary documentary revenue stamps attached (if required by law); or
- 32.2.2 **A Bid Bond** may be submitted on a Lee County paper Bid Bond Form. Must be signed by all required parties, of not less than 5% of proposed dollar amount (including Alternate(s) as applicable) shall

accompany each submission. The Bid Bond shall be issued by a duly authorized surety authorized to do business and in good standing with the Florida Department of state.

32.3 **Payment and Performance Bond:** In accordance with F.S. 255.05 and Lee County Ordinance 22-06 & 23-21, a Public Payment and Performance Bond is to be issued in a sum equal to one hundred (100%) percent of the total awarded contract amount by a surety company considered satisfactory by Lee County and otherwise authorized to transact business in the State of Florida shall be required from the successful bidder/vendor. This shall insure the faithful performance of the obligations imposed by the resulting contract and protect the County from lawsuits for non-payment of debts incurred during the successful bidder/vendor performance under such Contract.

32.3.1 A public Payment and Performance bond must be properly executed, by the Surety Company and successful bidder/vendor, and recorded with the Lee County Clerk of Court, within **seven calendar days** after notification by Lee County of the approval to award the Contract.

32.3.2 A **Clean Irrevocable Letter of Credit or Cash Bond** may be accepted by the County in lieu of the Public Payment and Performance Bond.

32.4 Only Lee County form(s) may be accepted. Forms are available at <https://www.leegov.com/procurement/forms>.

32.5 **Personal Checks are not acceptable to Lee County as a Bid Security.**

32.6 **Surety:** In order to be acceptable to the County, a Surety Company issuing Evidence of Bond ability, Bid Guaranty Bonds or 100% Public Payment and Performance Bonds or Letters of Credit called for herein shall meet and comply with the minimum standards set forth in as part of the Contract Documents.

The surety company shall be authorized to do business and in good standing with the Florida Department of State. All such bonds shall be issued or countersigned by an agent with satisfactory evidence of its authority to execute the bond being submitted.

33 LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE

33.1 The Procurement Management Department will adhere to the Lee County Ordinance No. 22-06 & 23-21 and as may be amended from time to time (the County's "Local Vendor Preference"). It shall be at the discretion of the County Manager or Designee whether to apply Local Vendor Preference to any particular Solicitation.

33.2 The County's Local Vendor Preference, as it relates to Bidding preferences for local Vendors, is not applicable to Solicitations or Contracts when Commodities and/or Services may be provided in the event of an Emergency.

33.3 The County's Local Vendor Preference shall not apply in any procurement for Commodities or Services if the use of the Local Vendor Preference is prohibited by the terms of a grant or funding agreement or other prevailing law or policy.

34 INSURANCE (AS APPLICABLE)

34.1 Insurance shall be provided by the awarded bidder/vendor. Prior to execution of the Agreement/Contract a certificate of insurance (COI) complying with the bid documents shall be provided by the bidder/vendor.

34.2 Insurance carriers providing coverage required herein shall be licensed to conduct business in the State of Florida and shall possess a current A.M. Best's Financial Strength Rating of "B or better."

End of Terms and Conditions Section

Terms and Conditions

INVITATION TO BID (B)

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. **Addendum/Addenda:** A written change, addition, alteration, correction or revision to a bid, proposal or contract Agreement/Contract. Addendum/Addenda may be issued following a pre-bid/pre-proposal conference or as a result of a specification or work scope change to the solicitation.
- 1.2. **Approved Alternate:** Solicitation documents may make reference of specific manufacturer(s) or product(s). These references serve only as a recommendation and a guide to minimum quality and performance. The references are not intended to exclude approved alternatives of other manufacturer(s) or product(s).
- 1.3. **Bid/Proposal Package:** A bid/proposal is a document submitted by a vendor in response to some type of solicitation to be used as a basis for negotiations or for entering into a contract.
- 1.4. **Bidder/Responder/Proposer:** One who submits a response to a solicitation.
- 1.5. **County:** Refers to Lee County Board of County Commissioners.
- 1.6. **Due Date and Time/Opening:** Is defined as the date and time upon which a bid or proposal shall be submitted to the Lee County Procurement Management Division. Only bids or proposals received prior to the established date and time will be considered.
- 1.7. **Liquidated Damages:** Damages paid usually in the form of monetary payment, agreed by the parties to a contract which are due and payable as damages by the party who breaches all or part of the contract. May be applied on a daily basis for as long as the breach is in effect.
- 1.8. **Procurement Management:** shall mean the Director of Lee County's Procurement Management Department or designee.
- 1.9. **Responsible:** A vendor, business entity or individual who is fully capable to meet all of the requirements of the bid/proposal solicitation documents and subsequent contract. Must possess the full capability including financial and technical, to perform as contractually required. Must be able to fully document the ability to provide good faith performance.
- 1.10. **Responsive:** A vendor, business entity or individual who has submitted a bid or request for proposal that fully conforms in all material respects to the bid/proposal solicitation documents and all of its requirements, including all form and substance.
- 1.11. **Solicitation:** An invitation to bid, a request for proposal, invitation to negotiate or any document used to obtain bids or proposals for the purpose of entering into a contract.

2. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

- 2.1. In resolving conflicts, errors, and discrepancies, the order of precedence of the bid document is as follows
 - 2.1.1. Florida State Law as applied to County Purchasing
 - 2.1.2. Lee County Procurement Management Ordinance 22-06 & 23-21
 - 2.1.3. Change Order
 - 2.1.4. Agreement
 - 2.1.5. Addenda
 - 2.1.6. Special Conditions
 - 2.1.7. Detailed Scope of Work/Specifications
 - 2.1.8. Supplemental Information, if any
 - 2.1.9. Terms and Conditions

3. RULES, REGULATIONS, LAWS, ORDINANCES AND LICENSES

- 3.1. It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to assure compliance with all other federal, state, or county codes, rules, regulations or other requirements, as each may apply. Any involvement with the Lee County shall be in accordance with but not limited to:
 - 3.1.1. Lee County Procurement Management Ordinance 22-06 & 23-21
 - 3.1.2. Pursuant to FL § Section 119.071, Public Records, General exemptions from inspection or copying of public records. Sealed bids, proposals or replies received by the agency pursuant to a solicitation are exempt from public records request (s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I, of the State Constitution until such time as the agency provides notice of an intended decision or until 30 days after opening the bids, proposals or final replies, whichever is earlier.
 - 3.1.3. FL § 215 regarding scrutinized companies and business operations.
 - 3.1.4. FL § 218 Public Bid Disclosure Act.

- 3.1.5. FL § 337.168 Confidentiality of official estimates, identities of potential bidders, and bid analysis and monitoring system.
- 3.1.6. FL § Section 607.1501(1) states: A foreign corporation may not transact business in the State of Florida until it obtains a certificate of authority from the Department of State.
- 3.2. **Local Business Tax Account:** As applicable, anyone providing merchandise or services to the public within the jurisdiction of Lee County must obtain a Lee County business tax account to operate unless specifically exempted.
- 3.3. **License(s):** Bidder should provide, at the time of the opening of the bid, licenses required for this product and/or service.

4. BID – PREPARATION OF SUBMITTAL

- 4.1. **Sealed Bid:** Submission must be in a sealed envelope/box, and the outside of the submission must be marked with the following information (Sealed Bid Label Form is attached for your use):
 - 4.1.1. Marked with the words “Sealed Bid”
 - 4.1.2. Bid Number
 - 4.1.3. Bid Title
 - 4.1.4. Bid Due Date
 - 4.1.5. Name of the firm submitting the bid
 - 4.1.6. Contact e-mail and telephone number
- 4.2. **Bid submission shall include:**
 - 4.2.1. Provide two (2) hard copies. Mark each: one “Original”, one “Copy”
 - 4.2.2. Provide one (1) electronic flash drive set of the entire submission documents.
 - 4.2.3. Electronic submission document is to be one single Adobe PDF file in the same order as the original hard copy.
 - 4.2.4. Limit the color and number of images to avoid unmanageable file sizes.
 - 4.2.5. Do not lock files.
- 4.3. **Submission Format:**
 - 4.3.1. Required Forms: complete and return **all** required forms. If the form is not applicable, please return with “Not Applicable” or “N/A” in large letters across the form.
 - 4.3.2. Failure to submit required or requested information may result in the bidder being found non-responsive.
 - 4.3.3. Execution of Bid: All documents must be properly signed by corporate authorized representative, witnessed, and where applicable corporate and/or notary seals affixed. All Bids shall be typed or printed in ink. The bidder may not use erasable ink. All corrections made to the bids shall be initialed.
 - 4.3.4. If a cost/bid schedule was provided in Microsoft Excel format, the returned completed schedule should be included as a Microsoft Excel File on the Flash drive.
 - 4.3.5. The submission should not contain links to other web pages.
 - 4.3.6. Include any information requested by the County necessary to analyze your bid, i.e., required submittals, literature, technical data, financial statements.
 - 4.3.7. Bid Security/Bond(s), as applicable (Construction projects)
- 4.4. **Preparation Cost:** The Bidder is solely responsible for any and all costs associated with responding to this solicitation. No reimbursement will be made for any costs associated with the preparation and submittal of any bid, or for any travel and per diem costs that are incurred by any Bidder.

5. RESPONSES RECEIVED LATE

- 5.1. It shall be the Bidder’s sole responsibility to deliver the bid submission to the Lee County Procurement Management Division prior to or on the time and date stated. All references to date and time herein reference Lee County, FL local time.
- 5.2. Any bids received after the stated time and date will not be considered. The bid shall not be opened at the public opening. Arrangements may be made for the unopened bid to be returned at the bidder’s request and expense.
- 5.3. The Lee County Procurement Management Division shall not be responsible for delays caused by the method of delivery such as, but not limited to; internet, United States Postal Service, overnight express mail service(s), or delays caused by any other occurrence.

6. BIDDER REQUIREMENTS (unless otherwise noted)

- 6.1. **Responsive and Responsible:** Only bids received from responsive and responsible bidders will be considered. The County reserves the right before recommending any award to inspect the facilities and organization; or to

take any other necessary action, such as background checks, to determine ability to perform is satisfactory, and reserves the right to reject submission packages where evidence submitted, or investigation and evaluation indicates an inability for the bidder to perform.

6.1.1. Additional sources may be utilized to determine credit worthiness and ability to perform.

6.1.2. Any bidder or sub-contractor that will have access to County facilities or property may be required to be screened to a level that may include, but is not limited to fingerprints, statewide criminal. There may be fees associated with these procedures. These costs are the responsibility of the bidder or sub-contractor.

6.1.3. Bidders are responsible for ensuring that any required background screening are conducted in accordance with Chapter 435. Bidders shall be aware, understand, and ensure compliance with the statutory requirements regarding background checks. FL Statutes Chapter 435 governs required background screenings for any employees, contractors, subcontractors, or agents of the Bidder who will have contact with any vulnerable person, as defined by statute, or who otherwise are required to undergo a Level 1 or Level 2 background screening in accordance with Florida law. Such requirements shall flow down to sub-contractors/consultants of the prime Bidder and prime Bidder shall ensure compliance with Chapter 435 of such parties.

6.1.3.1. Documentation of such completed background screenings must be maintained for a period of no less than five (5) years and are subject to audit by Lee County at any time during such five (5) year period.

6.2. **BID--Past Performance:** Bidders past performance and prior dealings with Lee County (i.e., failure to meet specifications, poor workmanship, late delivery, etc.) may be reviewed. Poor or unacceptable past performance may result in bidder disqualification.

6.3. Submission packages, unless otherwise noted, will be considered only from bidders normally engaged in the provision of the services specified here in. The bidder shall have adequate organization, facilities, equipment, and personnel to ensure prompt and efficient service to Lee County. The County reserves the right before recommending any award to inspect the facilities and organization; or to take any other action necessary to determine ability to perform satisfactorily and reserves the right to reject submission packages where evidence submitted or investigation and evaluation indicated an inability of the bidder to perform.

6.4. **Prohibition Against Considering Social, Political Or Ideological Interests in Government Contracting – F.S. 287.05701:** Bidders are hereby notified of the provisions of section 287.05701, Florida Statutes, as amended, that the County will not request documentation of or consider a Bidder's social, political, or ideological interests when determining if the Bidder is a responsible Bidder. Bidders are further notified that the County's governing body may not give preference to a Bidder based on the Bidder's social, political, or ideological interests.

7. PRE-BID CONFERENCE

7.1. A pre-bid conference will be held in the location, date, and time specified on the cover of this solicitation. The cover will also note if the pre-bid conference is Non-Mandatory or Mandatory. All questions and answers are considered informal. All prospective bidders are encouraged to obtain and review the solicitation documents prior to the pre-bid conference so they may be prepared to discuss any questions or concerns they have concerning this project. All questions must be submitted formally in writing to the procurement staff noted on the first page of the bid document. A formal response will be provided in the form of an addendum (see "County Interpretation/Addendums" for additional information.) A site visit may follow the pre-bid conference, as applicable.

7.2. **Non-Mandatory:** Pre-bid conferences are generally non-mandatory, but it is highly recommended that prospective bidders participate.

7.3. **Mandatory:** Failure to attend a mandatory pre-bid conference will result in the bid being considered **non-responsive**.

8. COUNTY INTERPRETATION/ADDENDUMS

8.1. Each Bidder shall examine the solicitation documents and shall judge all matters relating to the adequacy and accuracy of such documents. Any inquiries, suggestions or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to the solicitation shall be **submitted in writing prior to 5:00 PM at least eight (8) calendar days prior to the date when the submission is due.**

- 8.2. Response(s) will be in the form of an Addendum posted on www.leegov.com/procurement. It is solely the bidder's responsibility to check the website for information. No notifications will be sent by Lee County Procurement Management Division.
- 8.3. All Addenda shall become part of the Contract Documents.
- 8.4. The County shall not be responsible for oral interpretations given by any County employee, representative, or others. Interpretation of the meaning of the plans, specifications or any other contract document, or for correction of any apparent ambiguity, inconsistency or error there in, shall be in writing. Issuance of a written addendum by the County's Procurement Management Division is the only official method whereby interpretation, clarification or additional information can be given.

9. QUALITY GUARANTEE/WARRANTY (as applicable)

- 9.1. Bidder will guarantee their work without disclaimers, unless otherwise specifically approved by the County, for a minimum of twelve (12) months from the date of final completion.
- 9.2. Unless otherwise specifically provided in the specifications, all equipment and materials and articles incorporated in the work covered by this contract shall be new, unused and of the most suitable grade for the purpose intended. Refurbished parts or equipment are not acceptable unless otherwise specified in the specifications. All warranties will begin from the date of final completion.
- 9.3. Unless otherwise specifically provided in the specifications, the equipment must be warranted for twelve (12) months, shipping, parts, and labor. Should the equipment be taken out of service for more than forty-eight (48) hours to have warranty work performed, a loaner machine of equal capability or better shall be provided for use until the repaired equipment is returned to service at no additional charge to the County.
- 9.4. If any product does not meet performance representation or other quality assurance representations as published by manufacturers, producers or distributors of such products or the specifications listed, the vendor shall pick up the product from the County at no expense to the County. The County reserves the right to reject any or all materials, if in its judgment the item reflects unsatisfactory workmanship or manufacturing or shipping damage. The vendor shall refund, to the County, any money which has been paid for same.

10. SUBSTITUTION(S)/APPROVED ALTERNATE(S)

- 10.1. Unless otherwise specifically provided in the specifications, reference to any equipment, material, article or patented process, by trade name, brand name, make or catalog number, shall be regarded as establishing a standard of quality and shall not be construed as limiting competition. If a bidder wishes to make a substitution in the specifications, the bidder shall furnish to the County, **no later than ten (10) business days prior to the bid opening date**, the name of the manufacturer, the model number, and other identifying data and information necessary to aid the County in evaluating the substitution. Such information is submitted through the Procurement Management Division. Any such substitution shall be subject to County approval through the issuance of a written addendum by the County's Procurement Management Division. Substitutions shall be approved only if determined by the County to be an **Approved Alternate** to the prescribed specifications.
- 10.2. A bid containing a substitution is subject to disqualification if the substitution is not approved by the County. Items bid must be identified by brand name, number, manufacturer, and model, and shall include full descriptive information, brochures, and appropriate attachments. Brand names are used for descriptive purposes only. An **Approved Alternate** product or service may be used.

11. NEGOTIATED ITEMS

- 11.1. Any item not outlined in the Scope of Work/Specifications may be subject to negotiations between the County and the successful bidder.
- 11.2. After award of this bid the County reserves the right to add or delete items/services at prices to be negotiated at the time of addition or deletion.
- 11.3. At contract renewal time(s) or in the event of significant industry wide market changes, the County may negotiate justified adjustments such as price, terms, etc., if in its sole judgment, the County considers such adjustments to be in their best interest.

12. ERRORS, OMISSIONS, CALCULATION ERRORS (as applicable)

- 12.1. **Calculation Errors:** In the event of multiplication/addition error(s), the unit price shall prevail. Written prices shall prevail over figures where applicable. All bids will be reviewed mathematically and corrected, if necessary, using these standards, prior to further evaluation.

13. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 13.1. Bidders should be aware that all submissions provided are subject to public disclosure and will **not** be afforded confidentiality, unless provided by Chapter 119 FL §.
- 13.2. If information is submitted with a bid that is deemed “Confidential” the bidder must stamp those pages of the submission that are considered confidential. The bidder must provide documentation as to validate why these documents should be declared confidential in accordance with Chapter 119, “Public Records,” exemptions.
- 13.3. Lee County **will not reveal engineering estimates or budget amounts for a project** unless required by grant funding or unless it is in the best interest of the County. According to FL § 337.168: A document or electronic file revealing the official cost estimate of the department of a project is confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) until the contract for the project has been executed or until the project is no longer under active consideration.

14. BID CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 14.1. **Business Relationship Disclosure Requirement:** The award hereunder is subject to the provisions of Chapter 112, Public Officers and Employees: General Provisions, Florida Statutes. All bidders must disclose with their submission the name of any officer, director or agent who is also an employee of the Lee County or any of its agencies. Further, all bidders must disclose the name of any County employee who owns directly or indirectly, an interest of five percent (5%) or more in the bidder’s firm or any of its branches.
- 14.2. A Vendor that assisted in preparing and/or writing a scope of work and/or specifications may not submit a bid or proposal for County consideration on that project.

15. ANTI-LOBBYING CLAUSE (Cone of Silence)

- 15.1. Upon the issuance of the solicitation, prospective proposers/bidders or any agent, representative or person acting at the request of such proposer/bidder shall not have any contact, communicate with or discuss any matter relating in any way to the solicitation with any Commissioner, Evaluation Review Committee, agent or employee of the County other than the Procurement Management Director or their designee. This prohibition begins with the issuance of any solicitation and ends upon execution of the final contract or when the solicitation has been cancelled. **If it is determined that improper communications were conducted, the Bidder/Proposer maybe declared non-responsible.**

16. ANTITRUST VIOLATION

- 16.1. A person or an affiliate who has been placed on the antitrust violator vendor list, available at [Antitrust Violator Vendor List / Vendor Registration and Vendor Lists / State Agency Resources / State Purchasing / Business Operations / Florida Department of Management Services - DMS \(myflorida.com\)](#), following a conviction or being held civilly liable for an antitrust violation may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply for any new contract to provide any goods or services to Lee County; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply for a new contract with Lee County for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on new leases of real property to Lee County; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a new contract with Lee County; and may not transact new business with Lee County.

17. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

- 17.1. Lee County Board of County Commissioners encourages Drug Free Workplace programs.

18. FLORIDA CERTIFIED ENTERPRISES

- 18.1. The County encourages the use of Florida Certified Enterprises such as such as Disadvantaged, Minority, Women, Veterans Business Enterprise (DBE, MBE, WBE, VBE) firms.
- 18.2. Bidder/Proposer is requested to indicate whether the Firm and/or any proposed sub-consultants are a Florida Certified Enterprise. Lee County encourages the utilization and participation of DBE, MBE, WBE, VBE or similar in procurements, and evaluation proceedings will be conducted within the established guidelines regarding equal employment opportunity and nondiscriminatory action based upon the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin. Interested Florida Certified Enterprises such as Disadvantaged, Minority, Women, Veterans Business Enterprise (DBE, MBE, WBE, VBE) firms and similar are encouraged to submit.

19. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION/EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

- 19.1. The bidder agrees to comply, in accordance with 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA) that furnishing goods or services to the County hereunder, no person on the grounds of race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, disability or marital status shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination.
- 19.2. The bidder will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, disability or marital status. The bidder will make affirmative efforts to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, disability or marital status.
- 19.3. The bidder will include the provisions of this section in every sub-contract under this contract to ensure its provisions will be binding upon each sub-contractor. The bidder will take such actions in respect to any sub-contractor, as the contracting agency may direct, as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for non-compliance.
- 19.4. An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the State of Florida's Discriminatory Vendor List (This list may be viewed by going to the Department of Management Services website at <http://www.dms.myflorida.com>) may not submit a bid on a contract to provide goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not award or perform work as a vendor, supplier, sub-contractor, or consultant under contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity.

20. SUB-CONTRACTOR

- 20.1. The use of sub-contractors under this solicitation requires prior written authorization from the County representative.

21. BID - PROJECT GUIDELINES (as applicable)

- 21.1. The County has established the following Guidelines, Criteria, Goals, Objectives, Constraints, Schedule, Budget and or Requirements which shall service as a guide to the bidder(s) in conforming to the provision of goods and/or services to be provided pursuant to this Agreement/Contract:
 - 21.1.1. No amount of work is guaranteed upon the execution of an Agreement/Contract.
 - 21.1.2. Rates and all other negotiated expenses will remain in effect throughout the duration of the Agreement/Contract period.
 - 21.1.3. This contract does not entitle any bidder to exclusive rights to County Agreement/Contracts. The County reserves the right to perform any and all available required work in-house or by any other means it so desires.
 - 21.1.4. In reference to vehicle travel, mileage and man-hours spent in travel time, is considered incidental to the work and not an extra compensable expense.
 - 21.1.5. Lee County reserves the right to add or delete, at any time, and or all material, tasks or services associated with this Agreement/Contract.
 - 21.1.6. Any Single Large Project: The County, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to separately solicit any project that is outside the scope of this solicitation, whether through size, complexity or the dollar value.

22. BID – TIEBREAKER

- 22.1. Whenever two or more bids, which are equal with respect to price, quality and service, are received for procurement of commodities or contractual services, from responsive and responsible bidders, the following steps shall be taken to establish the award to the lowest bidder. This method shall be used for all ties.
 - 22.1.1. Step 1 - Local Bidder: Between a local Bidder, and a non-local Bidder, a contract award, or the first opportunity to negotiate, as applicable, shall be made to the local Bidder. **If local preference is prohibited by the funding source, then step 2 will replace step 1.**
 - 22.1.2. Step 2 - Drug Free Workplace: At the conclusion of step 1, if all is equal, the Bidder with a Drug Free Workplace program shall be given preference over a Bidder with no Drug Free Workplace program. The contract award, or the first opportunity to negotiate, as applicable, shall be made to the bidder with the Drug Free Workplace program.
 - 22.1.3. Step 3 - Coin Flip: At the conclusion of Step 1 and Step 2, if all is equal, the contract award, or the first opportunity to negotiate, as applicable, the final outcome shall be determined by the flip of a coin.

- 22.2. When the tie has been broken pursuant to the above procedures, the contract award, or the first opportunity to negotiate, as applicable, shall be furnished to the prevailing Bidder.
- 22.3. If an award or negotiation is unsuccessful with the initial bidder, award or negotiations may commence with the next highest bidder, utilizing the tiebreaker steps above to make the determination of next lowest bidder, if necessary.

23. WITHDRAWAL OF BID

- 23.1. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of **180 calendar days** after the scheduled time for receiving submissions. A bid may be withdrawn prior to the solicitation opening date and time. Withdrawal requests must be made in writing to the Procurement Management Director, who will approve or disapprove the request.
- 23.2. A bidder may withdraw a submission any time prior to the opening of the solicitation.
- 23.3. After submissions are opened, but prior to award of the contract by the County Commission, the Procurement Management Director may allow the withdrawal of a bid because of the mistake of the bidder in the preparation of the submission document. In such circumstance, the decision of the Procurement Management Director to allow the submission withdrawal, although discretionary, shall be based upon a finding that the bidder, by clear and convincing evidence, has met each of the following four tests:
 - 23.3.1. The bidder acted in good faith in submitting the bid,
 - 23.3.2. The mistake in bid preparation that was of such magnitude that to enforce compliance by the bidder would cause a severe hardship on the bidder,
 - 23.3.3. The mistake was not the result of gross negligence or willful inattention by the bidder; and
 - 23.3.4. The mistake was discovered and was communicated to the County prior to the County Commission having formally awarded the Agreement/Contract.

24. PROTEST RIGHTS

- 24.1. Any Bidder that has submitted a formal Response to Lee County, and who is adversely affected by an intended decision with respect to the Award, has the right to protest an intended decision posted by the County as part of the Solicitation process.
- 24.2. Notice of Intended Decision is posted on the Lee County Department of Procurement Management website (www.leegov.com/procurement). Bidders are solely responsible to check for information regarding the Solicitation.
- 24.3. Refer to the "Procurement Protest" section of the Lee County Procurement Ordinance 22-06 & 23-21 for a complete description of the protest process and associated requirements. The ordinance is posted on the Lee County website or may be obtained by contacting the Procurement Management Director.
- 24.4. In order to preserve the right to protest, a written "**Notice of Intent To File A Protest**" **must be filed with the Lee County Procurement Management Director within seventy-two (72) hours of Posting of the Notice of Intended Decision.**
 - 24.4.1. The notice shall clearly indicate all grounds being claimed for the protest.
 - 24.4.2. The notice must be physically received by the Procurement Management Director within the required time frame described above. No additional time will be granted for mailing.
- 24.5. Following receipt of the Notice of Intent to File a Protest, a "**Protest Bond**" and "**Formal Written Protest**" must be filed **within ten (10) business days** of Posting of the Notice of Intended Decision.
- 24.6. **Failure to follow the protest procedures requirement within the time frames as prescribed herein and in the Lee County Procurement Ordinance 22-06 & 23-21 shall constitute a waiver of the right to protest and shall bar any resulting claims.**

25. AUTHORITY TO UTILIZE BY OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

- 25.1. This opportunity is also made available to any government entity. Pursuant to their own governing laws, and subject to the Agreement/Contract of the vendor, other entities may be permitted to make purchases at the terms and conditions contained herein. Lee County Board of County Commissioners will not be financially responsible for the purchases of other entities from this solicitation.

26. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

- 26.1. **Designated Contact:**
 - 26.1.1. The awarded bidder shall appoint a person(s) to act as a primary contact for all County departments. This person or back-up shall be readily available during normal working hours by phone or in person and shall be knowledgeable of the terms and procedures involved.

- 26.1.2. Lee County requires the awarded bidder to provide the name of a contact person(s) and phone number(s) which will afford Lee County access 24 hours per day, 365 days per year, of this service in the event of major breakdowns or natural disasters.
- 26.2. **BID – Term:** (unless otherwise stated in the Scope of Work or Detailed Specifications)
- 26.2.1. Unless otherwise stated in the scope of work, specifications, or special conditions the default **contract term shall be for one (1), three (3) year period. Upon mutual written agreement of both parties, the parties may renew the Agreement, in whole or in part, for a renewal term or terms not to exceed the term of two (2) years. The increments of renewal shall be at the sole discretion of the County as deemed in its best interest.**
- 26.2.2. The County reserves the right to renew this Agreement/Contract (or any portion thereof) and to negotiate pricing as a condition for each.
- 26.2.3. The County's performance and obligation to pay under this contract, and any applicable renewal options, is contingent upon annual appropriation of funds.
- 26.3. **BID – Basis of Award:**
- 26.3.1. The bid is awarded under a system of sealed, competitive bidding to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.
- 26.3.2. In the event the lowest responsible and responsive bid for a project exceeds the available funds the County may negotiate an adjustment of the bid price with the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in order to bring the total cost of the project within the amount of available funds.
- 26.3.3. The County reserves the right to make award(s) by individual item, group of items, all or none, or a combination thereof. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any minor irregularity or technicality in the bids received. Award will be made to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder(s) within the category chosen for basis of award.
- 26.3.4. The County reserves the right to award to one or multiple bidders at the discretion of the requesting authority and approval of the Procurement Management Director.
- 26.4. **Agreement/Contracts:**
- 26.4.1. The awarded bidder will be required to execute an Agreement/Contract as a condition of award. A sample of this document may be viewed on-line at <http://www.lee.gov/procurement/forms>.
- 26.5. **Records:**
- 26.5.1. Retention: The bidder shall maintain such financial records and other records as may be prescribed by Lee County or by applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations. Unless otherwise stated in the specifications, the bidder shall retain these records for a period of five years after final payment, or until they are audited by Lee County, whichever event occurs first.
- 26.5.2. Right to Audit/Disclosure: These records shall be made available during the term of the contract as well as the retention period. These records shall be made readily available to County personnel with reasonable notice and other persons in accordance with the Florida General Records Schedule. Awarded Bidder/Proposer(s) are hereby informed of their requirement to comply with FL §119 specifically to:
- 26.5.2.1. Keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service.
- 26.5.2.2. Upon request from the County's custodian of public records, provide the 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 or as otherwise provided by law.
- 26.5.2.3. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the contract if the contractor does not transfer the records to the County.
- 26.5.2.4. Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the County all public records in possession of the contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service. If the contractor transfers all public records to the County upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the County, upon request from the County's custodian of

public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the County.

26.5.3. **Public Record:** **IF THE VENDOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE VENDOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THE CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT 239-533-2221, 2115 SECOND STREET, FORT MYERS, FL 33901, Email at PRRCustodian@leegov.com or Visit <http://www.leegov.com/publicrecords>.**

26.5.4. **Ownership:** It is understood and agreed that all documents, including detailed reports, plans, original tracings, specifications and all data prepared or obtained by the successful bidder in connection with its services hereunder, include any documents bearing the professional seal of the successful bidder, and shall be delivered to and become the property of Lee County, prior to final payment to the successful bidder or the termination of the Agreement/Contract. This includes any electronic versions, such as CAD or other computer aided drafting programs.

26.6. Termination:

26.6.1. **MATERIAL BREACH** A Contractor may be Terminated for Cause by the County, at the sole discretion of the Procurement Management Director, for failing to perform a contractual requirement or for a material breach of any term or condition. A material breach of a term or condition of the Agreement may include but is not limited to: 1. Contractor failure to perform services or deliver materials, supplies, or equipment by the date required or by an alternate date as mutually agreed in a written amendment to the Agreement; 2. Contractor failure to carry out any warranty or fails to perform or comply with any mandatory provision of the Agreement; 3. Contractor becomes insolvent or in an unsound financial condition so as to endanger performance hereunder; 4. Contractor becomes the subject of any proceeding under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization, or relief from creditors and/or debtors that endangers the Contractor's proper performance hereunder; 5. Appointment of any receiver, trustee, or similar official for Contractor or any of the Contractor's property and such appointment endangers the Contractor's proper performance hereunder; 6. A determination that the Contractor is in violation of federal, state, or local laws or regulations and that such determination renders the Contractor unable to perform any aspect of the Agreement.

26.6.2. **OPPORTUNITY TO CURE** In the event that Contractor fails to perform a contractual requirement or materially breaches any term or condition, the County may issue a written cure notice. The Contractor may have a period of time in which to cure. The County is not required to allow the Contractor to cure defects if the opportunity for cure is not feasible as, determined solely within the discretion of the County. Time allowed for cure shall not diminish or eliminate Contractor's liability for damages, or otherwise affect any other remedies available against Contractor under the Agreement or by law. If the breach remains after Contractor has been provided the opportunity to cure, the County may do any one or more of the following: 1. Exercise any remedy provided by law; 2. Terminate this Agreement and any related contracts or portions thereof; 3. Procure replacements and impose damages as set forth elsewhere in this Agreement, if applicable; 4. Impose actual or liquidated damages; 5. Suspend or bar Contractor from receiving future solicitations or other opportunities; 6. Require Contractor to reimburse the County for any loss or additional expense incurred as a result of default or failure to satisfactorily perform the terms of the Agreement.

26.6.3. **TERMINATION FOR CAUSE** In the event the Procurement Management Director, in his/her sole discretion, determines that the Contractor has failed to comply with the conditions of this Agreement in a timely manner or is in material breach, the Procurement Management Director has the right to terminate this Agreement, in part or in whole. The Procurement Management Director shall notify the Contractor in writing of the need to take corrective action. If corrective action is not taken within thirty (30) calendar days or as otherwise specified by the Procurement Management Director, or if such corrective action is deemed by the County to be insufficient, the Agreement may be terminated. The County reserves the right to withhold further payments or prohibit the Contractor from incurring additional obligations of funds during investigation of the alleged breach and pending corrective action by the Contractor or a decision by the County to terminate the Agreement. In the event of termination, the County shall have the right to procure any replacement materials, supplies, services and/or equipment that are the subject of this Agreement on the open market. In addition, the Contractor shall be liable for damages as authorized by law including, but not limited to, any price difference between the original Agreement and the

replacement or cover contract and all administrative costs directly related to the replacement contract, e.g., cost of the competitive bidding, mailing, advertising and staff time. If it is determined that: (1) the Contractor was not in material breach; or (2) failure to perform was outside of Contractor's or its subcontractor's control, fault or negligence, the termination shall be deemed to be a "Termination for Convenience." The rights and remedies of the County provided in this Agreement are not exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law.

- 26.6.4. **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE** Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the County, at the sole discretion of the Procurement Management Director, may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part by giving thirty (30) calendar days written notice beginning on the second day after mailing to the Contractor. If this Agreement is so terminated, the County shall be liable only for payment required under this Agreement for properly authorized services rendered, or materials, supplies and/or equipment delivered to and accepted by the County prior to the effective date of Agreement termination. The County shall have no other obligation whatsoever to the Contractor for such termination.
- 26.6.5. The Procurement Management Director may immediately terminate any Agreement/Contract as a result of this solicitation for emergency purposes, as defined by the Lee County Procurement Ordinance 22-06 & 23-21.
- 26.6.6. Any bidder who has voluntarily withdrawn from a solicitation without the County's mutual consent during the contract period shall be barred from further County procurement for a **period of 180 days**. The vendor may apply to the Board for a waiver of this debarment. Such application for waiver of debarment must be coordinated with and processed by the Procurement Management Department.
- 26.6.7. The County reserves the right to terminate award or contract following any of the below for goods or services over \$1,000,000:
- 26.6.7.1. Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification as provided under FL § 287.135 (5);
 - 26.6.7.2. Contractor has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List (FL §215.473);
 - 26.6.7.3. Contractor has engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria (FL § 215.471);
 - 26.6.7.4. Contractor has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel. (FL § 215.4725)
 - 26.6.7.5. The County reserves the right to review, on a case-by-case basis, and waive this stipulation if it is deemed to advantageous to the County.

27. WAIVER OF CLAIMS

- 27.1. Once this contract expires, or final payment has been requested and made, the awarded bidder shall have waived any claims against the County concerning this contract. After that period, the County will consider the bidder to have waived any right to claims against the County concerning this Agreement/Contract.

28. LEE COUNTY PAYMENT PROCEDURES

- 28.1. Unless otherwise noted, all vendors are requested to mail an original invoice to:
Lee County Finance Department
Post Office Box 2238
Fort Myers, FL 33902-2238
- 28.2. All invoices will be paid as directed by the Lee County payment procedure unless otherwise stated in the detailed specifications for this project.
- 28.3. Lee County will not be liable for requests for payment deriving from aid, assistance, or help by any individual, vendor, proposer, or bidder for the preparation of these specifications.
- 28.4. Lee County is generally a tax-exempt entity subject to the provisions of the 1987 legislation regarding sales tax on services. Lee County will pay those taxes for which it is obligated, or it will provide a Certificate of Exemption furnished by the Department of Revenue. All bidders should include in their bids, all sales or use taxes, which they will pay when making purchases of material or sub-contractor's services.

29. SAFETY DATA SHEETS (SDS) (as applicable)

- 29.1. It is the vendor's responsibility to provide Lee County with Safety Data Sheets on bid materials, as may apply to this procurement.

30. DEBRIS DISPOSAL (as applicable)

- 30.1. Unless otherwise stated, the bidder shall be fully responsible for the lawful removal and disposal of any materials, debris, garbage, vehicles or other such items which would interfere with the undertaking and completion of the project. There shall not be an increase in time or price associated with such removal.

31. SHIPPING (as applicable)

- 31.1. Cost of all shipping to the site, including any inside delivery charges and all unusual storage requirements shall be borne by the bidder unless otherwise agreed upon in writing prior to service. It shall be the bidders responsibility to make appropriate arrangements, and to coordinate with authorized personnel at the site, for proper acceptance, handling, protection and storage (if available) of equipment and material delivered. All pricing to be F.O. B. destination.
- 31.2. The materials and/or services delivered under the bid shall remain the property of the seller until a physical inspection and actual usage of these materials and/or services is accepted by the County and is deemed to be in compliance with the terms herein, fully in accord with the specifications and of the highest quality.

32. LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE

- 32.1. The Procurement Management Department will adhere to the Lee County Ordinance No. 22-06 & 23-21 and as may be amended from time to time (the County's "Local Vendor Preference"). It shall be at the discretion of the County Manager or Designee whether to apply Local Vendor Preference to any particular Solicitation.
- 32.2. The County's Local Vendor Preference, as it relates to Bidding preferences for local Vendors, is not applicable to Solicitations or Contracts when Commodities and/or Services may be provided in the event of an Emergency.
- 32.3. The County's Local Vendor Preference shall not apply in any procurement for Commodities or Services if the use of the Local Vendor Preference is prohibited by the terms of a grant or funding agreement or other prevailing law or policy.

33. INSURANCE (AS APPLICABLE)

- 33.1. Insurance shall be provided by the awarded bidder/vendor. Prior to execution of the Agreement/Contract a certificate of insurance (COI) complying with the bid documents shall be provided by the bidder/vendor.
- 33.2. Insurance carriers providing coverage required herein shall be licensed to conduct business in the State of Florida and shall possess a current A.M. Best's Financial Strength Rating of "B or better."

End of Terms and Conditions Section



ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE/BREACH OF CONTRACT/NON-COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION FORM

“Please fill in the form below. Provide details for each incident of alleged negligence, breach of contract or non-compliance with governmental regulation that has occurred over the past 10 years. Examples of non-compliance with governmental regulation include but are not limited to zoning violations, code enforcement violations, civil or criminal citations, denial, or revocation of permits. Provide details for all entities currently or previously owned in whole or in part by the proposer in the last 10 years. Please complete in chronological order with the most recent incident starting on page 1. Please do not modify this form (expansion of spacing allowed) or submit your own variation.”

Company Name: _____

Type of Incident <i>Alleged Negligence, Breach of Contract, or Non-Compliance</i>	Incident Date And Date Filed	Plaintiff <i>(Company, person, entity-acted against your company or state if your company initiated the action)</i>	Case Number	Court <i>(Name of State and County)</i>	Project <i>(Address and Name)</i>	Allegation <i>(Stated reason your company was accused of negligence, breach of contract or non-compliance of governmental regulation or the allegations your company made)</i>	Final Outcome <i>(Who prevailed and how)</i>

Make as many copies of this sheet as necessary to **provide a 10-year history** of the requested information. If there is no action pending or action taken in the last 10 years, complete the **company name and write “NONE” in the first “Type of Incident” box** of this page and return with your proposal package. This form should also include the primary partners listed in your proposal. Do not include litigation with your company as the plaintiff. Final outcome should include who prevailed and what method of settlement was made. If a monetary settlement was made the amount may remain anonymous.

Proposals may be declared “non-responsive” due to omissions of “Negligence or Breach of Contract” on this disclosure form. Additionally, proposals may be declared “not responsible” due to past or pending lawsuits that are relevant to the subject procurement such that they call into question the ability of the proposer to assure good faith performance. This determination may be made by the Procurement Management Director, after consulting with the County Attorney.

Public Entity Crime Form

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

1. This sworn statement is submitted to _____
(Print name of the public entity)

by _____
(Print individual's name and title)

for _____
(Print name of entity submitting sworn statement)

whose business address is _____

(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: On the attached sheet.) Required as per IRS Form W-9.

2. I understand that a "public entity crime" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1) (g), Florida Statutes, means a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any public entity or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or with the United States, including but not limited to, and bid or contract for goods or services to be provided to any public entity or agency or political subdivision or any other state or of the United States, and involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.

3. I understand that "convicted" or "conviction" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1) (b), Florida Statutes, means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a public entity crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July 1, 1989, as a result of a jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.

4. I understand that "affiliate" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(a), Florida Statutes, means:
1. A predecessor or successor of a person convicted of a public entity crime:
or:
2. An entity under the control of any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime. The term "affiliate" includes those offices, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members and agents who are active in the management of the affiliate. The ownership by one person of shares constituting a controlling interest in another person, or a pooling of equipment or income among persons when not fair market value under an arm's length Agreement/Contract, shall be a facie case that one person controls another person. A person who knowingly enters into a joint venture with a person who has been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the preceding 36 months shall be considered an affiliate.

5. I understand that a "person" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1) (c), Florida Statutes, means any natural person or entity organized under the laws of any state or of the United States with the legal power to enter a binding contract and which bids or applies to bid on contracts for the provision of goods or services let by a public entity, or which otherwise transacts or applies to transact business with a public entity. The term "person" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of the entity.

6. Based on information and belief, the statement which I have marked below is true in relation to the entity submitting those sworn statement. (Please indicate which statement applies.)

_____ Neither the entity submitted this sworn statement, nor any officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of an entity nor affiliate of the entity have been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

_____ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of the officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, member, or agents who are active in management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity have been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

_____ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, member, or agents who are active in management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989. However, there has been subsequent proceeding before a Hearing Officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearing and the Final Order entered by the Hearing Officer determined that it was not in the public interest to place the entity submitting this sworn statement on the convicted vendor list. (Attach a copy of the final order)

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM TO THE CONTRACTING OFFICER FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 1 (ONE) ABOVE IS FOR THAT PUBLIC ENTITY ONLY AND, THAT THIS FORM IS VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 31 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH IS FILED. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I AM REQUIRED TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ENTITY PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT PROVIDED IN SECTION 287.017, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR CATEGORY TWO OR ANY CHANGE IN THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM.

(Signature)

(Date)

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me, by means of physical presence or online notarization, this

____ day of _____ 20____, by _____ who has produced
(Print or Type Name)

_____ as identification.
(Type of Identification)

Notary Public Signature

Printed Name of Notary Public

Notary Commission Number/Expiration

**Lee County Procurement Management
Reference Survey**

Reference surveys submitted can be a maximum of twelve (12) months old. If using a previous reference, Proposers must clearly identify the project name and number the reference is being submitted for.

Project Name & Number: _____

Section 1 Reference Respondent Information	Please return completed form to:
FROM: _____	Bidder/Proposer: _____
COMPANY: _____	Due Date: _____
PHONE #: _____	Total # Pages: 1
FAX #: _____	Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____
EMAIL: _____	Bidder/Proposer E-Mail: _____

Section 2	Enter Bidder/Proposer Information , as applicable Similar Performed Project (Bidder/Proposer to enter details of a project performed for above reference respondent)		
Bidder/Proposer Name:	_____		
Reference Project Name:	Project Address:	Project Cost:	_____
Summarize Scope:	_____	_____	_____

You as an individual or your company has been given as a reference on the project identified above. Please provide your responses in section 3 below.

Section 3	Indicate: "Yes" or "No"
1. Did this company have the proper resources and personnel by which to get the job done?	_____
2. Were any problems encountered with the company's work performance?	_____
3. Were any change orders or contract amendments issued, other than owner initiated?	_____
4. Was the job completed on time?	_____
5. Was the job completed within budget?	_____
6. On a scale of one to ten, ten being best, how would you rate the overall work performance, considering professionalism; final product; personnel; resources. Rate from 1 to 10. (10 being highest)	_____
7. If the opportunity were to present itself, would you rehire this company?	_____
8. Please provide any additional comments pertinent to this company and the work performed for you: _____	

Section 4 Please submit non-Lee County employees as references

Reference Name (Print Name)

Reference Signature



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Detail by Entity Name

Foreign Profit Corporation

Bill's Widget Corporation

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Effective Date NONE

Principal Address

555 N MAIN STREET
 ANYTOWN, USA 99999

Verify either Principal or Mailing address is listed in submittal and on Form 1 if submitting a printed, sealed bid.

Changed: 01/05/2011

Mailing Address

555 N MAIN STREET
 ANYTOWN, USA 99999

Changed: 01/05/2011

Registered Agent Name & Address

MY REGISTERED AGENT
 111 REGISTRATION ROAD
 REGISTRATION, USA 99999

Officer/Director Detail

Name & Address

Title P

PRESIDENT, FIRST
 555 AVENUE
 ANYTOWN, USA 99999

IMPORTANT:

For corporations, ALL documents must be signed by the president of the company or an authorized individual. For any individual other than the president, we will need one of the following to confirm their authority to sign:

1. a corporate resolution by the Board of Directors, or
2. an extract of minutes, or
3. an extract of Vote by the Board of Directors

If the company's articles of incorporation identify additional positions that have the power to bind the corporation, we will accept the articles of incorporation with verification from the president that a certain individual serves in that role (e.g., the president confirms that John Doe is the CEO, and the articles of incorporation provide that the CEO has the power to bind the company).

With respect to an LLC, the authority to bind a limited liability company is controlled by Florida statutes. Managers or managing members have inherent authority to bind an LLC.

If the president of a corporation or a manager/managing member of an LLC delegates their authority, such delegation must be sent to us on company letterhead with the President's or manager's/managing member's original, wet signature.

VENDOR BACKGROUND SCREENING AFFIDAVIT



VENDOR BACKGROUND SCREENING AFFIDAVIT

Florida Statutes Chapter 435 governs required background screenings for any employees, contractors, subcontractors, or agents of the Vendor who will have contact with any vulnerable person, as defined by statute, or who otherwise are required to undergo a Level 1 or Level 2 background screening in accordance with Florida law.

The Vendor is responsible for ensuring that such required background screenings are conducted in accordance with Florida Statutes Chapter 435. Documentation of such completed background screenings must be maintained for a period of no less than five (5) years and are subject to audit by Lee County at any time during such five (5) year period.

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have read and understand the requirements stated above, and that all required background screenings shall be conducted in accordance with this affidavit. I further understand that there may be additional local, state, and federal regulations that may require background screening, and that the Vendor will be solely responsible for complying with such legal requirements. Furthermore, the Vendor shall indemnify and hold Lee County harmless from any and all claims or actions resulting from failure to comply with this affidavit.

Date: _____

Signature

STATE OF _____

Name/Title

COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this ____ day of _____, _____, by the above-named person and in their stated capacity, and is either personally known to me or who has produced the following type of identification: (Type of Identification) _____.

[Stamp/Seal Required]

Signature, Notary Public

Cut along the outer border and affix this label to your sealed solicitation envelope to identify it as a “Sealed Bid”.

Only Applicable for hand delivered bids – Not required for electronic submissions

SEALED BID DOCUMENTS • DO NOT OPEN	
BID No.:	B250331DJN
BID TITLE:	Fire Damper Inspections, Repair, and Replacement
DATE DUE:	11/04/25
TIME DUE:	Prior to: 2:30 PM
SUBMITTED BY:	_____ <small>(Name of Company)</small>
<small>e-mail address</small>	<small>Telephone</small>
DELIVER TO: Lee County Procurement Management 2115 Second Street, 1st Floor Fort Myers, FL 33901	



***Notice:** The Date Due/Bid Due Date/Opening Date as stated on this label and other forms contained herein may have been updated via issuance of Addenda against this project. It is the sole responsibility of the Contractor/Vendor to monitor the County project webpage for any updates to the Date Due/Bid Due Date/Opening Date via Addenda. This label nor other original forms may not be updated. Contractor/Vendor may strike through and update Date Due/Bid Due Date/Opening Date at their discretion to match any updates to this date that have been published via Addenda.

Submission received after the time and date of the Date Due/Bid Due Date/Opening Date will not be accepted at the sole discretion of the County.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY