



Advertise Date: Friday, March 07, 2025

Lee County Board of County Commissioners
DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT

Consultant Competitive Negotiation Act (CN) Request for Proposal

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| Solicitation No.: | CN250107CMR | | |
| Solicitation Name: | Resilient Communication Towers – CDBG-DR | | |
| Open Date/Time: | Monday, April 07, 2025 | Time: | 2:30 PM |
| Location: | Lee County Procurement Management 2115 Second Street, 1 st Floor Fort Myers, FL 33901 | | |
| Procurement Contact: | Carolina Rodriguez | Title | Procurement Analyst |
| Phone: | (239) 533-8858 | Email: | Crodriguez3 @leegov.com |
| Requesting Dept. | Public Safety | | |

Pre-Solicitation Meeting:

Type: No meeting scheduled at this time

All solicitation documents are available for download at

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FUNDED IN PART OR IN WHOLE BY:

U. S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program.

CONSULTANTS are required to comply in accordance with
Federal Grant Requirements, 2 CFR part 200 and 24 CFR part 570,
terms, conditions, and specifications.



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Notice to Proposer / CONSULTANT / Proposer(s)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
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Lee County, Florida, is requesting proposals from qualified individuals/firms for

CN250107CMR- Resilient Communication Towers- CDBG-DR

Then and there to be publicly opened and read aloud for the purpose of selecting a CONSULTANT to furnish; all necessary labor, services, materials, equipment, tools, consumables, transportation, skills and incidentals required for Lee County, Florida, in conformance with proposal documents, which include technical specifications and/or a scope of work.

Those individuals/firms interested in being considered are instructed to submit, in accordance with specifications, their proposals, pertinent to this project prior to

2:30 PM Monday, April 07, 2025

to the office of the **Procurement Management Director, 2115 Second Street, 1st Floor, Fort Myers, Florida 33901**. The Request for Proposal shall be received in a sealed envelope, prior to the time scheduled to receive proposals, and shall be clearly marked with the solicitation name, solicitation number, Proposer name, and contact information as identified in these solicitation documents.

The solicitation documents are available from www.leegov.com/procurement. Documents obtained from sources other than www.leegov.com/procurement are cautioned that the solicitation package may be incomplete. The County's official Proposer list, addendum(s) and information must be obtained from www.leegov.com/procurement. It is the Proposer's responsibility to check for posted information. The County may not accept incomplete proposals.

No Pre-proposal Conference is scheduled at this time

It has been determined that the specifications and scope of work within this solicitation are adequate to describe the product or services being requested. A pre-proposal conference and site visit has not been scheduled for this solicitation. Questions regarding this Request for Proposal are to be directed, in writing, to the individual listed below using the email address listed below or faxed to (239) 485 8383 during normal working hours.

Carolina Rodriguez, cdrodriguez3@LeeGov.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "RD", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Robin Dennard, CPPB
Procurement Manager

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Terms and Conditions
Request for Proposal
Consultant Competitive Negotiation Act (CN)

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. **Addendum/Addenda:** A written change, addition, alteration, correction or revision to a bid, proposal or contract agreement. 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 CONSULTANT 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 CONSULTANT, 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 CONSULTANT, 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. If a conflict exists between the "Terms and Conditions" the following order of precedents will apply:
 - 2.1.1. Florida Statute , Chapter 287.055 Consultant Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA), (CN).
 - 2.1.2. Florida State Law as applied to County Purchasing.
 - 2.1.3. Federal Procurement Standards 2 CFR 200.318 - 200.327
 - 2.1.4. Lee County Procurement Management Department Ordinance 22-06 & 23-21
 - 2.1.5. Change Order
 - 2.1.6. Agreement
 - 2.1.7. Addenda
 - 2.1.8. Special Conditions
 - 2.1.9. Detailed Scope of Work/ Specifications
 - 2.1.10. Supplemental Information, if any
 - 2.1.11. These Terms and Conditions

3. RULES, REGULATIONS, LAWS, ORDINANCES AND LICENSES

- 3.1. It shall be the responsibility of the Proposer 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 Policy Ordinance 22-06 & 23-21

- 3.1.2. Florida State Statute 287.055: Consultant Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA), (CN)
 - 3.1.3. Pursuant to FL § Section 119.071, Public Records, General exemptions from inspection or copying of public records, sealed bids or proposals received by the County. Pursuant to this, solicitation are exempt from public records request (s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I, of the Florida Constitution) until such time as the agency provides notice of a decision or intended decision (pursuant to s. 119.071(2)) or within 30 days after bid or proposal opening, whichever is earlier.
 - 3.1.4. FL § 215 regarding scrutinized companies and business operations.
 - 3.1.5. FL § 218 Public Bid Disclosure Act.
 - 3.1.6. Florida Statute 337.168 Confidentiality of official estimates, identities of potential bidders, and bid analysis and monitoring.
 - 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:** 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):** Proposer should provide, at the time of the opening of the proposal, all necessary permits and/or licenses required for this product and/or service.
4. RFP – PREPARATION OF PROPOSAL
- 4.1. Proposals must be sealed in an envelope, and the outside of the envelope must be affixed with the label included in the forms section. Submission must be in a sealed envelope/box, and the outside of the submission must be marked with the following information (Sealed Proposal Label Form is attached for your use):
 - 4.1.1. Solicitation Number
 - 4.1.2. Solicitation Title
 - 4.1.3. Due Date
 - 4.1.4. Name of the firm submitting the Proposal
 - 4.1.5. Contact e-mail and telephone number
 - 4.2. **Submission Format:**
 - 4.2.1. 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.
 - 4.2.2. Execution of Proposal: All documents must be properly signed by corporate authorized representative, and where applicable witnessed and corporate and/or notary seals affixed. All proposals shall be typed or printed in ink. The Proposer may not use erasable ink. All corrections made to the proposal shall be initialed.
 - 4.2.3. The submission should not contain links to other Web pages.
 - 4.2.4. Include any information requested by Lee County necessary to analyze your proposal, i.e., required submittals, literature, technical data, financial statements.
 - 4.3. **Preparation Cost:**
 - 4.3.1. The Proposer 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 proposal, or for any travel and per diem costs that are incurred by any Proposer, as a result of this solicitation and subsequent evaluation process.
5. RESPONSES RECEIVED LATE
- 5.1. It shall be the Proposer’s sole responsibility to deliver the proposal 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 proposals received after the stated time and date will not be considered. The proposal shall not be opened at the public opening. Arrangements may be made for the unopened proposal to be returned at the Proposer’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. **PROPOSER REQUIREMENTS** (unless otherwise noted)
- 6.1. **Responsive and Responsible:** Only proposals received from responsive and responsible Proposers 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 Proposer to perform.
- 6.1.1. Additional sources may be utilized to determine credit worthiness and ability to perform.
- 6.1.2. Any Proposer or sub-Proposer 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 Proposer or sub-Proposer.
- 6.1.3. Proposers are responsible for ensuring that any required background screening are conducted in accordance with Chapter 435. Proposers 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, Proposers, sub Proposers, or agents of the Proposer 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-Proposers/consultants of the prime Proposer and prime Proposer 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. **Past Performance:** All Proposers will be evaluated on their past performance and prior dealings with Lee County (i.e., failure to meet specifications, poor workmanship, late delivery, etc.) Poor or unacceptable past performance may result in Proposer disqualification.
- 6.3. **Prohibition Against Considering Social, Political Or Ideological Interests in Government Contracting – F.S. 287.05701:** Proposer 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 Proposer's social, political, or ideological interests when determining if the Proposer is a responsible Bidder. Proposers are further notified that the County's governing body may not give preference to a Proposer based on the Proposer's social, political, or ideological interests.
7. **PRE-SOLICITATION CONFERENCE**
- 7.1. A pre-solicitation 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-solicitation conference is Non-Mandatory or Mandatory. All questions and answers are considered informal. All prospective Proposers are encouraged to obtain and review the solicitation documents prior to the pre-proposal 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 solicitation 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-proposal conference, if applicable.
- 7.2. **Non-Mandatory:** Pre-solicitation conferences are generally non-mandatory, but it is highly recommended that prospective Proposers participate.
- 7.3. **Mandatory:** Failure to attend a mandatory pre-solicitation conference will result in the proposal being considered **non-responsive**.
8. **COUNTY INTERPRETATION/ADDENDUMS**
- 8.1. Each Proposer 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 Proposer's responsibility to check the website for information. No notifications will be sent directly to proposers by Lee County Procurement Management Division associated with this solicitation.
- 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. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 9.1. Proposers should be aware that all proposals provided are subject to public disclosure and will **not** be afforded confidentiality, unless provided by Chapter 119 Florida Statute.
- 9.2. If information is submitted with a proposal that is deemed "Confidential" the Proposer must stamp those pages of the proposal that are considered confidential. The Proposer must provide documentation as to validate why these documents should be declared confidential in accordance with Chapter 119, "Public Records," exemptions.
- 9.3. 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 Florida State Statute 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.

10. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 10.1. All Proposers are hereby placed on formal notice that per Section 3 of Lee County Ordinance No. 92-22: The County is prohibited from solicitation of a professional services firm to perform project design and/or construction services if the firm has or had been retained to perform the project feasibility or study analysis.
- 10.2. Should your proposal be found in violation of the above stated provisions; the County will consider this previous involvement in the project to be a conflict of interest, which will be cause for immediate disqualification of the proposal from consideration for this project.
- 10.3. **Business Relationship Disclosure Requirement:** The award hereunder is subject to the provisions of Chapter 112, Public Officers and Employees: General Provisions, Florida Statutes. All Proposers must disclose with their proposal the name of any officer, director or agent who is also an employee of the Lee County or any of its agencies. Further, all Proposers must disclose the name of any County employee who owns directly or indirectly, an interest of five percent (5%) or more in the Proposer's firm or any of its branches.

11. ANTI-LOBBYING CLAUSE (Cone of Silence)

- 11.1. Upon the issuance of the solicitation, prospective Proposers or any agent, representative or person acting at the request of such Proposer 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 Proposer maybe declared non- responsible.**

12. ANTITRUST VIOLATION

- 12.1. A person or an affiliate who has been placed on the antitrust violator CONSULTANT list, available at [Antitrust Violator CONSULTANT List / CONSULTANT Registration and CONSULTANT 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 Proposer, supplier, sub Proposer, or consultant under a new contract with Lee County; and may not transact new business with Lee County.

13. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

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

14. FLORIDA CERTIFIED ENTERPRISES

- 14.1. The County encourages the use of Florida Certified Enterprises such as such as Disadvantaged, Minority, Women, Veterans Business Enterprise (DBE, MBE, WBE, VBE) firms.
- 14.2. 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.

15. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION/EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

- 15.1. The Proposer agrees to comply 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.
- 15.2. The Proposer will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, disability or marital status. The Proposer 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.
- 15.3. The Proposer will include the provisions of this section in every sub-contract under this contract to ensure its provisions will be binding upon each sub-Proposer. The Proposer will take such actions in respect to any sub-Proposer, as the contracting agency may direct, as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for non-compliance.
- 15.4. An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the State of Florida's Discriminatory CONSULTANT 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 proposal on a contract to provide goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a proposal on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit proposals on leases of real property to a public entity, may not award or perform work as a Consultant, supplier, sub-Proposer, or consultant under contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity.

16. SUB-PROPOSER/CONSULTANT

- 16.1. The use of sub-Proposer/consultant under this solicitation is not allowed without prior written authorization from the County representative.

17. RFP - PROJECT GUIDELINES

- 17.1. The County has established the following Guidelines, Criteria, Goals, Objectives, Constraints, Schedule, Budget and or Requirements which shall service as a guide to the Proposer(s) in conforming the professional services and work to provide pursuant to this Agreement/Contract:
 - 17.1.1. No amount of work is guaranteed upon the execution of an Agreement/Contract.
 - 17.1.2. Rates and all other negotiated expenses will remain in effect throughout the duration of the Agreement/Contract period;

- 17.1.3. This contract does not entitle any firm to exclusive rights to County Agreements/Contracts. The County reserves the right to perform any and all available required work in-house or by any other means it so desires.
- 17.1.4. 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.
- 17.1.5. Lee County reserves the right to add or delete, at any time, and or all tasks or services associated with this Agreement/Contract.
- 17.1.6. 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.

18. RFP – EVALUATION

- 18.1. **Ranking Method:** Lee County uses the Dense Ranking (1223” ranking). In Dense Ranking, items that compare equal, receive the same ranking number, and the next item(s) receive the immediately following ranking number. Equivalently, each item’s ranking number is 1 plus the number of items ranked above it that are distinct with respect to the ranking order. This ranking method is used for each individual committee member’s scores. Thus, if A ranks ahead of B and C (which compare equal) which are both ranked ahead of D, then A is ranked number 1 (“first”), B is ranked number 2 (“joint second”), C is also ranked number 2 (“joint second”) and D is ranked number 3 (“third”).
- 18.2. **Evaluation Meeting(s):**
 - 18.2.1. The first evaluation will rank Proposers based on the scores from the selection criteria point values.
 - 18.2.2. Following the initial evaluation process, the short-listed proposer(s) may be required to provide an on-site interview/presentation.
 - 18.2.3. Such subsequent evaluations are to be accomplished by simply ranking the Proposers based off the details provided through the on-site interview/presentation. Proposers will be ranked in sequential order with one (1) being the highest ranking. Proposers’ rankings will then be totaled with the total lowest scores receiving final rank order starting with one (1) that shall indicate the highest technically evaluated and most qualified Proposer by the evaluation committee.
 - 18.2.4. Proposed short-list and final selection meeting dates are posted on the Procurement Management web page: www.leegov.com/procurement (Projects, Award Pending.)

19. RFP – SELECTION PROCEDURE

- 19.1. The selection will be made in accordance with Lee County Procurement Policy and Chapter 287.055 FL § for Professional Services Contracts. Some or all of the responding Proposer(s) may be requested to provide interviews and/or presentations of their proposal, for the ranking process
- 19.2. Agreement/Contract fees will be negotiated in accordance with Section 287.055 FL §.
- 19.3. The recommendation to award, negotiated rates and Agreement/Contract(s) will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for approval.
- 19.4. If a satisfactory agreement/contract(s) cannot be negotiated, in a reasonable amount of time, the County, in its sole discretion, may terminate negotiations with the selected Proposer(s) and begin agreement/contract negotiations with the next finalist.
- 19.5. The Procurement Management Director reserves the right to exercise their discretion to:
 - 19.5.1. Make award(s) to one or multiple Proposers.
 - 19.5.2. Waive minor informalities in any response;
 - 19.5.3. Reject any and all proposals with or without cause;
 - 19.5.4. Accept the response that in its judgment will be in the best interest of Lee County.

20. RFP – TIEBREAKER

- 20.1. In the event of a tie, two or more proposers that have the same ranking, the following steps will be taken to determine the highest ranked proposer. This method shall be used for all (RFP) ties.
 - 20.1.1. Step 1: The proposer that has the highest number of 1st place rankings shall be deemed the first ranked proposer. In the event a tie still exists the proposer with the highest number of 2nd, place rankings shall be the first ranked proposer. Should a tie still remain the method used above will

continue with each ranking level, 3rd, then 4th, then 5th, etc. rank, will be counted until the tie is broken.

20.1.2. INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK DUE TO FUNDING

20.1.3. Step 3: In the event the tie exists then the highest ranked proposer from the first evaluation committee meeting, in which point values were applied, will win the award. One being the highest.

20.1.4. INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK DUE TO FUNDING

20.2. When the tiebreaker is determined the highest ranked Proposer shall be awarded the contract or receive the first opportunity to negotiate, as applicable.

20.3. If an award or negotiation is unsuccessful with the highest ranked Proposer, award or negotiations may commence with the next highest ranked Proposer.

21. RFP – EVALUATION/ SELECTION COMMITTEE

21.1. The selection shall be by a Selection Committee consisting of staff representatives from the appropriate County Departments as approved by the Procurement Management Director or designee unless otherwise mandated by law.

21.2. The Selection Committee will receive and review written proposals in response to this Request for Proposal (RFP). Responses will be evaluated against a set of criteria to determine those Proposers/Firms most qualified and suited for this project, resulting, where applicable, in a short-list of no fewer than three (3) firms to be interviewed or provide presentations.

21.3. The County reserves the right, where allowable and applicable, to begin negotiations with the top ranked firm(s) without hosting interviews/presentations.

22. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL

22.1. No proposal may be withdrawn for a period of **180 calendar days** after the scheduled time for receiving proposals. A proposal may be withdrawn prior to the proposal opening date and time. Withdrawal requests must be made in writing to the Procurement Management Director, who will approve or disapprove the request.

22.2. A Proposer may withdraw a proposal any time prior to the opening of the solicitation.

22.3. After proposals are opened, but prior to award of the contract by the County Commission, the Procurement Management Director may allow the withdrawal of a proposal because of the mistake of the Proposer in the preparation of the proposal document. In such circumstance, the decision of the Procurement Management Director to allow the proposal withdrawal, although discretionary, shall be based upon a finding that the Proposer, by clear and convincing evidence, has met each of the following four tests:

22.3.1. The Proposer acted in good faith in submitting the proposal,

22.3.2. The mistake in proposal preparation that was of such magnitude that to enforce compliance by the Proposer would cause a severe hardship on the Proposer,

22.3.3. The mistake was not the result of gross negligence or willful inattention by the Proposer; and

22.3.4. The mistake was discovered and was communicated to the County prior to the County Commission having formally awarded the Contract/Agreement.

23. PROTEST RIGHTS

23.1. 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.

23.2. 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.

23.3. 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.

23.4. 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.

- 23.4.1. The notice shall clearly indicate all grounds being claimed for the protest.
- 23.4.2. 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.
- 23.5. 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.
- 23.6. **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.**

24. AUTHORITY TO UTILIZE BY OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

- 24.1. This opportunity is also made available to any government entity. Pursuant to their own governing laws, and subject to the agreement of the CONSULTANT, 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.

25. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

25.1. **Designated Contact:**

- 25.1.1. The awarded Proposer 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.
- 25.1.2. Lee County requires that the awarded Proposer 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.

25.2. **RFP – Term:**

- 25.2.1. 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.**
- 25.2.2. The County reserves the right to renew this contract, or any portion thereof, and to negotiate pricing as a condition for each.
- 25.2.3. The County’s performance and obligation to pay under this contract, and any applicable renewal options, is contingent upon annual appropriation of funds.

25.3. **RFP – Basis of Award:**

- 25.3.1. Award will be made to the most responsible and responsive Proposer based on the evaluation criteria.

25.4. **Agreement/Contract:**

- 25.4.1. The awarded Proposer 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>.

25.5. **Records:**

- 25.5.1. Retention: The Proposer 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 Proposer 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.
- 25.5.2. 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:
 - 25.5.2.1. Keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service.
 - 25.5.2.2. 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.

25.5.2.3. 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 Proposer does not transfer the records to the County.

25.5.2.4. Upon completion of the Contract, transfer, at no cost, to the County all public records in possession of the Proposer or keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service. If the Proposer transfers all public records to the County upon completion of the Contract, the Proposer shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Proposer keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, the Proposer 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.

25.5.3. **Public Record: IF THE CONSULTANT HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONSULTANT'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>.**

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

25.6. **Termination:**

25.6.1. **MATERIAL BREACH** A Proposer 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. Proposer 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. Proposer failure to carry out any warranty or fails to perform or comply with any mandatory provision of the Agreement; 3. Proposer becomes insolvent or in an unsound financial condition so as to endanger performance hereunder; 4. Proposer 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 Proposer's proper performance hereunder; 5. Appointment of any receiver, trustee, or similar official for Proposer or any of the Proposer's property and such appointment endangers the Proposer's proper performance hereunder; 6. A determination that the Proposer is in violation of federal, state, or local laws or regulations and that such determination renders the Proposer unable to perform any aspect of the Agreement.

25.6.2. **OPPORTUNITY TO CURE** In the event that Proposer fails to perform a contractual requirement or materially breaches any term or condition, the County may issue a written cure notice. The Proposer may have a period of time in which to cure. The County is not required to allow the Proposer 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 Proposer's liability

for damages, or otherwise affect any other remedies available against Proposer under the Agreement or by law. If the breach remains after Proposer 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 Proposer from receiving future solicitations or other opportunities; 6. Require Proposer 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.

- 25.6.3. **TERMINATION FOR CAUSE** In the event the Procurement Management Director, in his/her sole discretion, determines that the Proposer 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 Proposer 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 Proposer from incurring additional obligations of funds during investigation of the alleged breach and pending corrective action by the Proposer 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 Proposer 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 Proposer was not in material breach; or (2) failure to perform was outside of Proposer's or its sub Proposer'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.
- 25.6.4. **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 Proposer. 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 Proposer for such termination.
- 25.6.5. The Procurement Management Director may immediately terminate any agreement as a result of this solicitation for emergency purposes, as defined by the Lee County Procurement Management Ordinance 22-06 & 23-21.
- 25.6.6. Any Proposer 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 CONSULTANT 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.
- 25.6.7. The County reserves the right to terminate award or contract following any of the below for goods or services over \$1,000,000:
- 25.6.7.1. Proposer is found to have submitted a false certification as provided under FL § 287.135 (5);
 - 25.6.7.2. Proposer 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);
 - 25.6.7.3. Proposer has engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria (FL § 215.471);

- 25.6.7.4. Proposer has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel (FL § 215.4725).
- 25.6.7.5. The County reserves the right to review, on a case-by-case basis, and waive this stipulation if it is deemed advantageous to the County.

26. WAIVER OF CLAIMS

- 26.1. Once this contract expires, or final payment has been requested and made, the awarded CONSULTANT shall have no more than **thirty (30) calendar days** to present or file any claims against the County concerning this Contract. After that period, the County will consider the CONSULTANT to have waived any right to claims against the County concerning this Agreement/Contract.

27. LEE COUNTY PAYMENT PROCEDURES

- 27.1. All CONSULTANTs are requested to mail an original invoice to:
Lee County Finance Department
Post Office Box 2238
Fort Myers, FL 33902-2238
- 27.2. All invoices will be paid as directed by the Lee County payment procedure unless otherwise stated in the detailed specification portion of this project.
- 27.3. Lee County will not be liable for requests for payment deriving from aid, assistance, or help by any individual, CONSULTANT, Proposer, or bidder for the preparation of these specifications.
- 27.4. 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 Proposers should include in their proposal, all sales or use taxes, which they will pay when making purchases of material or sub-Proposer's services.

28. LOCAL CONSULTANT PREFERENCE

- 28.1. 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 CONSULTANT Preference"). It shall be at the discretion of the County Manager or Designee whether to apply Local CONSULTANT Preference to any particular Solicitation.
- 28.2. The County's Local CONSULTANT Preference, as it relates to Bidding preferences for local CONSULTANTs, is not applicable to Solicitations or Contracts when Commodities and/or Services may be provided in the event of an Emergency.
- 28.3. The County's Local CONSULTANT Preference shall not apply in any procurement for Commodities or Services if the use of the Local CONSULTANT Preference is prohibited by the terms of a grant or funding agreement or other prevailing law or policy.

29. INSURANCE (AS APPLICABLE)

- 29.1. Insurance shall be provided by the awarded Proposer. Upon request, a certificate of insurance (COI) complying with the attached guide shall be provided by the Proposer.
- 29.2. 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

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS



Lee County Insurance Requirements Includes Professional Liability

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
- d. **Errors and Omissions** - Coverage shall include professional liability insurance, to cover claims arising out of negligent acts, errors or omissions of professional advice, privacy and network security insurance covering for losses arising from disclosure of confidential information, or other professional services.
 - \$1,000,000 per occurrence

****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 Includes Professional Liability

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.

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End of Insurance Guide Section

**SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS AND CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR NON-FEDERAL ENTITY
CONTRACTS UNDER FEDERAL AWARDS
REQUIRED FOR ALL CDBG-DR FUNDED PROJECTS**

1. FEDERAL FUNDING

- 1.1 When property or services are procured using funds derived from a Federal grant or Agreement whether direct to the County or “pass-through” from another entity, the County is required to and will follow the Federal procurement standards in the “Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards”, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Sections 200.318 through 200.327.
- 1.2 PROPOSER, further referred to as CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR within this section, shall work with the County under this Agreement to assure that it will comply with the following statutes and regulations to the extent applicable:
- (1) 2 CFR, Part 200 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; Appendix II
 - (2) 24 CFR Part 570 - Community Development Block Grants as amended by the CDBG-DR Consolidated Waivers and applicable Alternative Requirements Notices.
 - (3) The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq., and Related Authorities
 - (4) Sections 1361(A) of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. 4104c, as amended by the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994, Public Law 103-325 and the Bunning-Bereuter-Blumenauer Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2004, Public Law 108-264
 - (5) 31 CFR Part 25 Rules and Procedures for Funds Transfers

Contract Cost and Price: For every procurement in excess of the Simplified Acquisition Threshold, including contract modifications, the County shall perform a cost or price analysis in connection with every procurement subject to Federal procurement guidelines, which shall include an independent estimate of cost prior to issuing bids or proposals. For proposals where price is not considered in the award, profit shall be negotiated as a separate element of the price. In determining whether profit is fair and reasonable, the County shall consider the complexity of work, the risk to be borne by the Proposer, the Proposer’s investment, the amount of subcontracting necessary, the quality of the Proposer’s record and past performance, and industry profit rates for the surrounding geographical area. “Cost Plus Percentage” methods for determining profit may not be used.

2. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

2.1. Executive Order 11246, as Amended, Section 202 Equal Opportunity Clause. (Applicable to contracts/subcontracts above \$10,000)

During the performance of this contract, the Proposer agrees as follows:

- 2.1.1. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

- 2.1.2. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
- 2.1.3. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR's legal duty to furnish information.
- 2.1.4. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR 's commitments under section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- 2.1.5. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- 2.1.6. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the contracting agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- 2.1.7. In the event of the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR's non-compliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled or terminated in whole or in part and the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
- 2.1.8. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR will include the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (h) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each sub- CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as may be directed by the Secretary of Labor as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a sub-CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR as a result of such direction, the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

3. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS/ACCESS TO RECORDS

- 3.1. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR will keep and maintain adequate records and supporting documentation applicable to all of the services, work, information, expense, costs, invoices and materials provided and performed pursuant to the requirements of this agreement. Said records and documentation will be retained by the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of termination of this agreement, or for such period is required by law.
- 3.2. CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR shall provide, when requested, access by the COUNTY, Federal granting agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives to any books, documents, papers, and records of the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions.
- 3.3. CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
- 3.4. CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR agrees to provide the GRANT AGENCY Administrator or his authorized representatives' access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.
- 3.5. CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR shall retain all records associated with this solicitation and any agreements that are created in response to the solicitation for a period of no less than five (5) years after final payments and all other pending matters are closed.
- 3.6. The COUNTY and its authorized agents shall, with reasonable prior notice, have the right to audit, inspect and copy all such records and documentation as often as the COUNTY deems necessary during the period of this agreement, and during the period as set forth in the paragraphs above; provided, however, such activities shall be conducted only during normal business hours of the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR and at the expense of the COUNTY.

4. DHS SEAL, LOGO, AND FLAGS

- 4.1. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR shall not use the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials without specific GRANT AGENCY pre-approval.

5. LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE EXCLUSION:

- 5.1. Local CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR Preference Ordinance has been waived for this service/purchase request and any and all references contained herein are non-applicable to this request and subsequent contract and/or purchase order(s).

6. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, REGULATIONS, and EXECUTIVE ORDERS

- 6.1. This is an acknowledgment that GRANT AGENCY financial assistance will be used only to fund the services requested. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR will comply with all applicable federal law, regulations, executive orders, GRANT AGENCY policies, procedures, and directives.

7. NO OBLIGATION BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- 7.1. The Federal Government is not a party to this solicitation and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the Solicitation.

8. FRAUD and FALSE OR FRAUDULENT OR RELATED ACTS

- 8.1. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chapter 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDORS actions pertaining to this solicitation.

9. SUBCONTRACTS

- 9.1. The selected firm must require compliance with all federal requirements of all sub-CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDORS performing work for Prime CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR under this Agreement, by including these federal requirements in all contracts with sub-CONTRACTOR/PROPOSER/CONTRACTORS.

10. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 10.1. No employee, officer, or agent may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a Federal award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officers, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract. The officers, employees, and agents of the non-Federal entity must neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDORS or parties to subcontracts.

11. EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION SYSTEM (E-VERIFY)

- 11.1. Statutes and Executive Orders require employers to abide by the Immigration laws of the United States and to employ only individuals who are eligible to work in the United States. The Employment Eligibility Verification System (E-Verify) operated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in partnership with the Social Security Administration (SSA) to provides an internet-based means of verifying employment eligibility of workers in the united States; it is not a substitute for any other employment eligibility verification requirements.
- 11.2. Sub-CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR requirement: Vendors shall require all subcontracted vendors to flow down the requirement to use E-Verify to sub-CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDORS.
- 11.3. It shall be the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR's responsibility to familiarize themselves with all rules and regulations governing this program.
- 11.4. For additional information regarding the Employment Eligibility Verification System (E-Verify) program visit the following website: <http://www.dhs.gov/E-Verify>.

12. ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT

- 12.1. CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR must follow any mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6201).

13. SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESS, WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS, AND LABOR SURPLUS AREA FIRMS

13.1. CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR must take all necessary steps identified in 2 C.F.R. 200.321(b)(1)-(5) to ensure that small and minority businesses, veteran-owned business, and women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.

13.1.1 Place qualified small and minority businesses, veteran-owned business, and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists.

13.1.2 Assuring that small and minority businesses, veteran-owned business, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources.

13.1.3 Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

13.1.4 Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, veteran-owned business, and women's business enterprises.

13.1.5 Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, veteran-owned business, and women's business enterprises.

13.1.6 Requiring the prime CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the five previous affirmative steps.

14. EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING, AND CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOW-INCOME PERSONS, SECTION 3 OF THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1968

14.1. The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (section 3). The purpose of section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by Section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.

14.2. The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 75, which implements Section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the Part 75 regulations.

14.3. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the CONSULTANT has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the CONSULTANT's commitments under this section 3 clause and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the Section 3 prioritization requirements and shall state the minimum percentages of labor hour requirements established in the Benchmark Notice (FR-6085-N-04).

14.4. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR Part 75, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 75. The CONSULTANT will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the CONSULTANT has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 75.

14.5. Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 75 may result in sanctions, termination of this

contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.

- 14.6. Contracts, subcontracts, grants, or subgrants subject to Section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5307(b)) or subject to tribal preference requirements as authorized under 101(k) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (25 U.S.C. 4111(k)) must provide preferences in employment, training, and business opportunities to Indians and Indian organizations, and are therefore not subject to the requirements of 24 CFR Part 75.

15. CERTIFICATION OF NON-SEGREGATED FACILITIES

- 15.1. The Proposer certifies that it does not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments and does not permit its employees to perform their services at any location, under its control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The Proposer certifies further that it will not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments, and that it will not permit its employees to perform their services at any location, under its control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The Proposer agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the Equal Opportunity Clause in this contract.
- 15.2. As used in this certification, “segregated facilities” mean any waiting rooms, work areas, rest rooms and wash rooms, restaurants, and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities which are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, creed, color, or national origin, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise.
- 15.3. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR further agrees that (except where it has obtained identical certifications from proposed sub-CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR for specific time periods) it will obtain identical certifications from proposed sub- CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR prior to the award of subcontracts exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Clause; that it will retain such certifications in its files; and that it will forward the following notice to such proposed sub- CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR (except where the proposed sub-CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR have submitted identical certifications for specific time periods).

16. DOMESTIC PREFERENCES FOR PROCUREMENT (2 C.F.R. § 200.322)

- 16.1. As appropriate and to the greatest extent consistent with law, state and non-state entities should, to the greatest extent practicable under its GRANT AGENCY award, provide a preference for the purchase of goods, products or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award. 2 C.F.R. § 200.322 also provides specific definitions for “Produced in the United States” and “manufactured products” that states should review.

17. PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING FOR COVERED TELECOMMUNICATIONS OR SERVICES (2 C.F.R. § 200.216)

- 17.1. 2 C.F.R. § 200.216 prohibits state and non-state entities from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to procure or obtain, extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain, or enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain, equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as a critical technology as part of any system as identified in Section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (FY 2019 NDAA), Pub. L. No. 115-232 (2018) and 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.216, 200.327,

18. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE AND/OR CONVENIENCE

- 18.1. **MATERIAL BREACH** A Proposer 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. Proposer 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. Proposer failure to carry out any warranty or fails to perform or comply with any mandatory provision of the Agreement; 3. Proposer becomes insolvent or in an unsound financial condition so as to endanger performance hereunder; 4. Proposer 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 Proposer's proper performance hereunder; 5. Appointment of any receiver, trustee, or similar official for Proposer or any of the Proposer's property and such appointment endangers the Proposer's proper performance hereunder; 6. A determination that the Proposer is in violation of federal, state, or local laws or regulations and that such determination renders the Proposer unable to perform any aspect of the Agreement.
- 18.2. **OPPORTUNITY TO CURE** In the event that Proposer fails to perform a contractual requirement or materially breaches any term or condition, the County may issue a written cure notice. The Proposer may have a period of time in which to cure. The County is not required to allow the Proposer 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 Proposer's liability for damages, or otherwise affect any other remedies available against Proposer under the Agreement or by law. If the breach remains after Proposer 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 Proposer from receiving future solicitations or other opportunities; 6. Require Proposer 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.
- 18.3. **TERMINATION FOR CAUSE** In the event the Procurement Management Director, in his/her sole discretion, determines that the Proposer 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 Proposer 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 Proposer from incurring additional obligations of funds during investigation of the alleged breach and pending corrective action by the Proposer 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 Proposer 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 Proposer was not in material breach; or (2) failure to perform was outside of Proposer's or its sub Proposer'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.

- 18.4. **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 Proposer. 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 Proposer for such termination.

19. TIME & MATERIAL, TIME & EQUIPMENT, FIRM FIXED PRICE LUMP SUM CONTRACTS

- 19.1. The following applies to purchases made or reimbursed with Federal funds as per 2 CFR 200.318(j) and other Federal Regulations. For a firm fixed price, lump sum, Time & Material (T&M), and/or Time & Equipment (T&E) procurements, a Purchase Order represents a CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR's Notice to Proceed (NTP). Line-item Extended Price(s) shall be considered Not to Exceed (NTE) ceiling value(s). Additionally, the Total Order value for a Purchase Order represents an NTE ceiling value. If the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR anticipates exceeding either of these NTE values, they should contact the Lee County Procurement Department for a change order. If a CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR exceeds a Line Item or Total Order NTE value, it does so at its own risk.

20. SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT

- 20.1. This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR is required to verify that none of the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. §180.935).
- 20.2. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR must comply with 24 C.F.R. 570.609 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.
- 20.3. This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by the awarded CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR. If it is later determined that the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt.180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to Lee County, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.
- 20.4. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

21. RECOVERED MATERIALS

- 21.1. In the performance of this contract, the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR shall make maximum use of products containing recovered material that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired:

- Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
- Meeting contract performance requirements; or
- At a reasonable price.

21.2. Information about this requirement is available EPA'S Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program> The list of EPA-designate items is available at <https://www.epa.gov/smm/product-resource-guides-comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program>.

22. OTHER REMEDIES AND RIGHTS

- 22.1. Pursuing any of the above remedies will not keep the COUNTY from pursuing any other rights or remedies, which may be otherwise available under law or in equity. If the COUNTY waives any right or remedy in this Agreement or fails to insist on strict performance by the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR, it will not affect, extend or waive any other right or remedy of the County, or affect the later exercise of the same right or remedy by the COUNTY for any other default by the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR.
- 22.2. Unless otherwise provided by the Contract, all claims, counterclaims, disputes and other matters in question between the COUNTY and the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR arising out of or relating to the Agreement between the parties, or the breach of it, that cannot be resolved by and between the parties after conferring in good faith, will be decided by a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to Florida law. If such dispute is in state court, venue shall be in the Twentieth Judicial Circuit Court in and for Lee County, Florida. If in federal court, venue shall be in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Ft. Myers Division.

23. CONTRACT WORK HOURS & SAFETY STANDARDS (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708)

- 23.1. Overtime requirements. No Proposer or sub-Proposer contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.
- 23.2. Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section the Proposer and any sub-Proposer responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such Proposer and sub Proposer shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section.
- 23.3. Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The State of Florida Division of Emergency Management shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the Proposer or sub Proposer under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime Proposer, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime Proposer, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such Proposer or sub Proposer for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2) of this section.

- 23.4. Subcontracts. The Proposer or sub Proposer shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the sub Proposers to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime Proposer shall be responsible for compliance by any sub Proposer or lower tier sub Proposer with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section.

24. SPECIAL CONDITIONS PERTAINING TO HAZARDS, SAFETY STANDARDS AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION

24.1. Lead-Based Paint Hazards

The construction or rehabilitation of residential structures is subject to the HUD Lead-Based Paint regulations, 24 CFR Part 35. The Proposer and sub Proposers shall comply with the provisions for the elimination of lead-based paint hazards under Subpart B of said regulations. The COUNTY will be responsible for the inspections and certifications required under Section 35.14 (f) thereof.

24.2. Use of Explosives

When the use of explosives is necessary for the prosecution of the work, the Proposer shall observe all local, state and federal laws in purchasing and handling explosives. The Proposer shall take all necessary precaution to protect completed work, neighboring property, water lines, or other underground structures. Where there is danger to structures or property from blasting, the charges shall be reduced and the material shall be covered with suitable timber, steel or rope mats.

The Proposer shall notify all the COUNTYs of public utility property of intention to use explosives at least 8 hours before blasting is done close to such property. Any supervision or direction of use of explosives by the engineer does not in any way reduce the responsibility of the Proposer or his Surety for damages that may be caused by such use.

24.3. Danger Signals and Safety Devices

The Proposer shall make all necessary precautions to guard against damages to property and injury to persons. He shall put up and maintain in good condition, sufficient red or warning lights at night, suitable barricades and other devices necessary to protect the public. In case the Proposer fails or neglects to take such precautions, the COUNTY may have such lights and barricades installed and charge the cost of this work to the Proposer. Such action by the COUNTY does not relieve the Proposer of any liability incurred under these specifications or contract.

25. CLEAN AIR ACT

- 25.1. The Proposer agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.
- 25.2. The Proposer agrees to report each violation to the GRANT AGENCY and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency and understands and agrees that the GRANT AGENCY and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the County, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- 25.3. The Proposer agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by GRANT AGENCY.

26. FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

- 26.1. The Proposer agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.

- 26.2. The Proposer agrees to report each violation to the GRANT AGENCY and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency and understands and agrees that the GRANT AGENCY and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the County, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- 26.3. The Proposer agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by GRANT AGENCY.

27. BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT

- 27.1. CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDORS who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with nonfederal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

28. RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT

- 28.1. If the Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 C.F.R. § 401.2(a) and Lee County enters into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the County must comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. Part 401 (Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements), and any implementing regulations issued by the Federal Awarding Agency. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II(F).

29. CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

- 29.1. CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR agree that Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

30. SECTION 109 OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974

- 30.1. CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR agrees that no person in the United States shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under the CDBG program.

31. SECTION 503 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

- 31.1. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of physical or mental disability in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR agrees to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment individuals with disabilities, and to treat qualified individuals without discrimination on the basis of their physical or mental disability in all employment practices, including the following:

- 31.1.1 Recruitment, advertising, and job application procedures;
 - 31.1.2 Hiring, upgrading, promotion, award of tenure, demotion, transfer, layoff, termination, right of return from layoff and rehiring;
 - 31.1.3 Rates of pay or any other form of compensation and changes in compensation;
 - 31.1.4 Job assignments, job classifications, organizational structures, position descriptions, lines of progression, and seniority lists;
 - 31.1.5 Leaves of absence, sick leave, or any other leave;
 - 31.1.6 Fringe benefits available by virtue of employment, whether or not administered by the Proposer;
 - 31.1.7 Selection and financial support for training, including apprenticeship, professional meetings, conferences, and other related activities, and selection for leaves of absence to pursue training;
 - 31.1.8 Activities sponsored by the Proposer including social or recreational programs;
 - 31.1.9 Any other term, condition, or privilege of employment.
- 31.2. The Proposer agrees to comply with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the Act.
- 31.3. In the event of the Proposer's noncompliance with the requirements of this clause, actions for noncompliance may be taken in accordance with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the Act.
- 31.4. The Proposer agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices in a form to be prescribed by the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, provided by or through the contracting officer. Such notices shall state the rights of applicants and employees as well as the Proposer's obligation under the law to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified employees and applicants with disabilities. The proposer must ensure that applicants or employees with disabilities are provided the notice in a form that is accessible and understandable to the individual applicant or employee (e.g., providing Braille or large print versions of the notice, or posting a copy of the notice at a lower height for easy viewing by a person using a wheelchair). With respect to employees who do not work at a physical location of the proposer, a proposer will satisfy its posting obligations by posting such notices in an electronic format, provided that the proposer provides computers, or access to computers, that can access the electronic posting to such employees, or the proposer has actual knowledge that such employees otherwise are able to access the electronically posted notices. Electronic notices for employees must be posted in a conspicuous location and format on the company's intranet or sent by electronic mail to employees. An electronic posting must be used by the proposer to notify job applicants of their rights if the proposer utilizes an electronic application process. Such electronic applicant notice must be conspicuously stored with, or as part of, the electronic application.
- 31.5. E. The Proposer will notify each labor organization or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract understanding, that the Proposer is bound by the terms of Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and is committed to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment, and shall not discriminate against, individuals with physical or mental disabilities.
- 31.6. The Proposer will include the provisions of this clause in every subcontract or purchase order of \$10,000 or more unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary issued pursuant to Section 503 of the Act, so that such provisions will be binding upon each sub Proposer or CONTRACTOR. The Proposer will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs may direct to enforce such provisions, including action for noncompliance.
- 31.7. The Proposer must, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Proposer, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment and will not be discriminated against on the basis of disability.

32. SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

- 32.1. CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR agree that no otherwise qualified individual with disabilities shall, solely by reason of his disability, be denied the benefits, or be subjected to discrimination including discrimination in employment, any program or activity that receives the benefits from the Assistance.

33. AGE DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 1975

- 33.1. The Proposer shall comply with the provisions of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975. No person in the United States shall, on the basis of age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under, any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

34. VIETNAM ERA VETERANS' READJUSTMENT ACT OF 1974, SECTION 402

- 34.1. The Proposer shall comply with the provisions of the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, Section 402, as amended. Section 402 prohibits job discrimination and requires affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified Vietnam Era Veterans and qualified special disabled veterans.

35. CHANGES

- 35.1. Modifications to alter the method, price, or schedule of the work for any reason shall be completed following the terms and provisions of the associated contract documents. No changes to the contract documents or the performance provided shall be made unless the same are in writing and signed by both the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR and the COUNTY.

36. COPYRIGHT AND DATA RIGHTS

- 36.1. CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR grant to the County, a paid-up, royalty-free, nonexclusive, irrevocable, worldwide license in data first produced in the performance of this contract to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, including prepare derivative works, distribute copies to the public, and perform publicly and display publicly such data. For data required by the contract but not first produced in the performance of this contract, the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR will identify such data and grant to the County or acquires on its behalf a license of the same scope as for data first produced in the performance of this contract. Data, as used herein, shall include any work subject to copyright under 17 U.S.C. 102, for example, any written reports or literary works, software and/or source code, music, choreography, pictures or images, graphics, sculptures, videos, motion pictures or other audiovisual works, sound and/or video recordings, and architectural works. Upon or before the completion of this contract, the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR will deliver to the County data first produced in the performance of this contract and data required by the contract but not first produced in the performance of this contract in formats acceptable by the County.

37. SEISMIC SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS OR ADDITION TO EXISTING BUILDINGS

- 37.1. CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR agrees that any new building or addition to an existing building will be designed and constructed in accordance with the standards for Seismic Safety required in Department of Transportation Seismic Safety Regulations 49 C.F.R. Part 41 and will certify compliance to the extent required by the regulation. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR also agrees to ensure that all Work performed under the Contract including Work performed by a subcontractor is in compliance with the standards required by the Seismic Safety Regulations and the certification of compliance issued on the project.

38. ENERGY CONSERVATION

- 38.1. CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the Florida energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended, 42 USC § 6321 et seq., and perform an energy assessment for any building constructed, reconstructed, or modified with Federal funds required under Federal regulations, "Requirements for Energy Assessment," 49 CFR part 622, subpart C.

39. FEDERAL LABOR STANDARDS

39.1. Applicability

i. Minimum wages and fringe benefits

All laborers and mechanics employed or working upon the site of the Work (or under the United States Housing Act of 1937 or under the Housing Act of 1949 in the construction or development of the project), will be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except such payroll deductions as are permitted by regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act (29 C.F.R. part 3)), the full amount of wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalents thereof) due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the CONTRACTOR and such laborers and mechanics. Contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under section 1(b)(2) of the Davis - Bacon Act on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions of paragraph (1)(iv) of this section; also, regular contributions made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less often than quarterly) under plans, funds, or programs which cover the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period. Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill, except as provided in 29 C.F.R. Part 5.5(a)(4). Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein; provided, that the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination (including any additional classifications and wage rates conformed under paragraph (a)(ii) of this section) and the Davis-Bacon poster (WH-1321) shall be Posted at all times by the CONTRACTOR and its sub- CONTRACTORS at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen by the workers.

ii. Frequently recurring classifications

(A) In addition to wage and fringe benefit rates that have been determined to be prevailing under the procedures set forth in 29 CFR part 1, a wage determination may contain, pursuant to § 1.3(f), wage and fringe benefit rates for classifications of laborers and mechanics for which conformance requests are regularly submitted pursuant to 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(iii), provided that:

1. The work performed by the classification is not performed by a classification in the wage determination for which a prevailing wage rate has been determined;
2. The classification is used in the area by the construction industry; and
3. The wage rate for the classification bears a reasonable relationship to the prevailing wage rates contained in the wage determination.

(B) The Administrator will establish wage rates for such classifications in accordance with 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(iii)(A)(3). Work performed in such a classification must be paid at no less than the wage and fringe benefit rate listed on the wage determination for such classification.

iii. Conformance

(A) The Contracting Officer shall require that any class of laborers or mechanics, including helpers, which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the Contract shall be classified

in conformance with the wage determination. The Contracting Officer shall approve an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits therefore only when the following criteria have been met:

1. The work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination; and
2. The classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry; and
3. The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination; and

(B) The conformance process may not be used to split, subdivide, or otherwise avoid application of classifications listed in the wage determination.

(C) If the CONTRACTOR and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and the Contracting Officer agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action taken shall be sent by the Contracting Officer by email to DBAconformance@dol.gov. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise the Contracting Officer or will notify the Contracting Officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(D) In the event the CONTRACTOR, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the classification or their representatives, and the Contracting Officer do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), the Contracting Officer will, by email to DBAconformance@dol.gov, refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of the Contracting Officer, to the Administrator for determination. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination within 30 days of receipt and so advise the Contracting Officer or will notify the Contracting Officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(E) The Contracting Officer must promptly notify the CONTRACTOR of the action taken by the Wage and Hour Division under 29 CFR 5.5 (a)(1)(iii)(C) and (D). The CONTRACTOR must furnish a written copy of such determination to each affected worker or it must be posted as a part of the wage determination. The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to 29 CFR 5.5 (a)(1)(iii)(C) or (D) must be paid to all workers performing Work in the classification under the Contract from the first day on which Work is performed in the classification.

iv. Fringe benefits not expressed as an hourly rate

Whenever the minimum wage rate prescribed in the contract for a class of laborers or mechanics includes a fringe benefit which is not expressed as an hourly rate, the contractor may either pay the benefit as stated in the wage determination or may pay another bona fide fringe benefit or an hourly cash equivalent thereof.

v. Unfunded plans

If the contractor does not make payments to a trustee or other third person, the contractor may consider as part of the wages of any laborer or mechanic the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing bona fide fringe benefits under a plan or program, Provided, That the Secretary of Labor has found, upon the written request of the contractor, in accordance with the criteria set forth in 29 CFR 5.28, that the applicable standards of the Davis-Bacon Act have been met. The Secretary of Labor may require the contractor to set aside in a separate account assets for the meeting of obligations under the plan or program.

vi. Interest

In the event of a failure to pay all or part of the wages required by the contract, the contractor will be required to pay interest on any underpayment of wages.

39.2. Withholding

i. Withholding requirements

LCBOCC may, upon its own action, or must, upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor, withhold or cause to be withheld from the contractor so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to satisfy the liabilities of the prime contractor or

any subcontractor for the full amount of wages and monetary relief, including interest, required by the clauses set forth in 29 CFR 5.5(a) for violations of this contract, or to satisfy any such liabilities required by any other Federal contract, or federally assisted contract subject to Davis-Bacon labor standards, that is held by the same prime contractor (as defined in 29 CFR 5.2). The necessary funds may be withheld from the contractor under this contract, any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally assisted contract that is subject to Davis-Bacon labor standards requirements and is held by the same prime contractor, regardless of whether the other contract was awarded or assisted by the same agency, and such funds may be used to satisfy the contractor liability for which the funds were withheld. In the event of a contractor's failure to pay any laborer or mechanic, including any apprentice or helper working on the site of the work (or otherwise working in construction or development of the project under a development statute) all or part of the wages required by the contract, or upon the contractor's failure to submit the required records as discussed in 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(iv), LCBOCC may on its own initiative and after written notice to the contractor, sponsor, applicant, owner, or other entity, as the case may be, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds until such violations have ceased.

ii. Priority to withheld funds

The Department has priority to funds withheld or to be withheld in accordance with 29 CFR 5.5(a)(2)(i) or (b)(3)(i), or both, over claims to those funds by:

- A. A contractor's surety(ies), including without limitation performance bond sureties and payment bond sureties;
- B. A contracting agency for its reprocurement costs;
- C. A trustee(s) (either a court-appointed trustee or a U.S. trustee, or both) in bankruptcy of a contractor, or a contractor's bankruptcy estate;
- D. A contractor's assignee(s);
- E. A contractor's successor(s); or
- F. A claim asserted under the Prompt Payment Act, 31 U.S.C. 3901-3907.

39.3. Payrolls and basic records

i. Basic Record Requirements

- A. Length of record retention.** All regular payrolls and other basic records must be maintained by the contractor and any subcontractor during the course of the work and preserved for all laborers and mechanics working at the site of the work (or otherwise working in construction or development of the project under a development statute) for a period of at least 3 years after all the work on the prime contract is completed.
- B. Information required** Such records must contain the name; Social Security number; last known address, telephone number, and email address of each such worker; each worker's correct classification(s) of work actually performed; hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof of the types described in 40 U.S.C. 3141(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act); daily and weekly number of hours actually worked in total and on each covered contract; deductions made; and actual wages paid.
- C. Additional records relating to fringe benefits.** Whenever the Secretary of Labor has found under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(v) that the wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in 40 U.S.C. 3141(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act, the contractor must maintain records which show that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is financially responsible, and that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and records which show the costs anticipated or the actual cost incurred in providing such benefits.
- D. Additional records relating to apprenticeship** Contractors with apprentices working under approved programs must maintain written evidence of the registration of apprenticeship programs, the registration of the apprentices, and the ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs.

ii. **Certified payroll requirements**

- A. Frequency and method of submission** The contractor or subcontractor must submit weekly, for each week in which any DBA- or Related Acts-covered work is performed, certified payrolls to HUD if the agency is a party to the contract, but if the agency is not such a party, the contractor will submit the certified payrolls to the applicant, sponsor, owner, or other entity, as the case may be, that maintains such records, for transmission to HUD. The prime contractor is responsible for the submission of all certified payrolls by all subcontractors. A contracting agency or prime contractor may permit or require contractors to submit certified payrolls through an electronic system, as long as the electronic system requires a legally valid electronic signature; the system allows the contractor, the contracting agency, and the Department of Labor to access the certified payrolls upon request for at least 3 years after the work on the prime contract has been completed; and the contracting agency or prime contractor permits other methods of submission in situations where the contractor is unable or limited in its ability to use or access the electronic system
- B. Information required** The certified payrolls submitted must set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(i)(B), except that full Social Security numbers and last known addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses must not be included on weekly transmittals. Instead, the certified payrolls need only include an individually identifying number for each worker (e.g., the last four digits of the worker's Social Security number). The required weekly certified payroll information may be submitted using Optional Form WH-347 or in any other format desired. Optional Form WH-347 is available for this purpose from the Wage and Hour Division Web site at <https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/WHD/legacy/files/wh347.pdf> or its successor website. It is not a violation of this section for a prime contractor to require a subcontractor to provide full Social Security numbers and last known addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses to the prime contractor for its own records, without weekly submission by the subcontractor to the sponsoring government agency (or the applicant, sponsor, owner, or other entity, as the case may be, that maintains such records).
- C. Statement of Compliance.** Each payroll submitted shall be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance," signed by the CONTRACTOR or sub- CONTRACTOR or the contractor's or subcontractor's agent who pays or supervises the payment of the persons employed under the Contract and shall certify the following:
1. That the payroll for the payroll period contains the information required to be provided under section 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(ii), the appropriate information and basic records are being maintained under 29 CFR 5.5 (a)(3)(i), and such information and records are correct and complete;
 2. That each laborer or mechanic (including each helper, apprentice, and trainee employed on the Contract during the payroll period has been paid the full weekly wages earned, without rebate, either directly or indirectly, and that no deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the full wages earned, other than permissible deductions as set forth in Regulations, 29 C.F.R. part 3;
 3. That each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the applicable wage rates and fringe benefits or cash equivalents for the classification(s) of Work actually performed, as specified in the applicable wage determination incorporated into the Contract.
- D. Use of Optional Form WH-347.** The weekly submission of a properly executed certification set forth on the reverse side of Optional Form WH-347 shall satisfy the requirement for submission of the "Statement of Compliance" required by 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(ii)(C).
- E. Signature** The signature by the contractor, subcontractor, or the contractor's or subcontractor's agent must be an original handwritten signature or a legally valid electronic signature.
- F. Falsification** The falsification of any of the above certifications may subject the contractor or subcontractor to civil or criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 31 U.S.C. 3729.
- G. Length of certified payroll retention** The contractor or subcontractor must preserve all certified payrolls during the course of the work and for a period of 3 years after all the work on the prime contract is completed.

- iii. **Contracts, subcontracts, and related documents** The contractor or subcontractor must maintain this contract or subcontract and related documents including, without limitation, bids, proposals, amendments, modifications, and extensions. The contractor or subcontractor must preserve these contracts, subcontracts, and related documents during the course of the work and for a period of 3 years after all the work on the prime contract is completed.
- iv. **Required disclosures and access**
 - A. **Required record disclosures and access to workers** The contractor or subcontractor must make the records required under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(i)–(iii), and any other documents that HUD or the Department of Labor deems necessary to determine compliance with the labor standards provisions of any of the applicable statutes referenced by 29 CFR 5.1, available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of HUD or the Department of Labor, and must permit such representatives to interview workers during working hours on the job.
 - B. **Sanctions for non-compliance with records and worker access requirements** If the contractor or subcontractor fails to submit the required records or to make them available, or refuses to permit worker interviews during working hours on the job, the Federal agency may, after written notice to the contractor, sponsor, applicant, owner, or other entity, as the case may be, that maintains such records or that employs such workers, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds. Furthermore, failure to submit the required records upon request or to make such records available, or to permit worker interviews during working hours on the job, may be grounds for debarment action pursuant to 29 CFR 5.12. In addition, any contractor or other person that fails to submit the required records or make those records available to WHD within the time WHD requests that the records be produced will be precluded from introducing as evidence in an administrative proceeding under 29 CFR part 6 any of the required records that were not provided or made available to WHD. WHD will take into consideration a reasonable request from the contractor or person for an extension of the time for submission of records. WHD will determine the reasonableness of the request and may consider, among other things, the location of the records and the volume of production.
 - C. **Required information disclosures** Contractors and subcontractors must maintain the full Social Security number and last known address, telephone number, and email address of each covered worker, and must provide them upon request to HUD if the agency is a party to the contract, or to the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor. If the Federal agency is not such a party to the contract, the contractor, subcontractor, or both, must, upon request, provide the full Social Security number and last known address, telephone number, and email address of each covered worker to the applicant, sponsor, owner, or other entity, as the case may be, that maintains such records, for transmission to HUD, the contractor, or the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor for purposes of an investigation or other compliance action.

39.4. Apprentices and equal employment opportunity

- i. **Apprentices.**
 - A. **Rate of pay** Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they perform when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship (OA), or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the OA. A person who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by the OA or a State Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice, will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they perform in the first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such a program. In the event the OA or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the OA withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to use apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.
 - B. **Fringe benefits** Apprentices must be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship program. If the apprenticeship program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices must

be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification. If the Administrator determines that a different practice prevails for the applicable apprentice classification, fringe benefits must be paid in accordance with that determination.

C. Apprenticeship ratio The allowable ratio of apprentices to journey workers on the job site in any craft classification must not be greater than the ratio permitted to the contractor as to the entire work force under the registered program or the ratio applicable to the locality of the project pursuant to 29 CFR 5.5(a)(4)(i)(D). Any worker listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated in 29 CFR 5.5(a)(4)(i)(A), must be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under this section must be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed.

D. Reciprocity of ratios and wage rates Where a contractor is performing construction on a project in a locality other than the locality in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journey worker's hourly rate) applicable within the locality in which the construction is being performed must be observed. If there is no applicable ratio or wage rate for the locality of the project, the ratio and wage rate specified in the contractor's registered program must be observed.

ii. **Equal employment opportunity** - The utilization of apprentices and journey worker under this part shall be in conformity with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Executive Order 11246, as amended, and 29 C.F.R. part 30.

39.5. **Compliance with Copeland Act requirements.** The CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of 29 CFR part 3, which are incorporated by reference in the Contract.

39.6. **Subcontracts.** The CONTRACTOR or sub- CONTRACTOR must insert in any subcontracts the clauses contained in 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1) through (11), along with the applicable wage determination(s) and such other clauses or contract modifications as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development may by appropriate instructions require, and a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses and wage determination(s) in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor is responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all the contract clauses in this section. In the event of any violations of these clauses, the prime contractor and any subcontractor(s) responsible will be liable for any unpaid wages and monetary relief, including interest from the date of the underpayment or loss, due to any workers of lower-tier subcontractors, and may be subject to debarment, as appropriate.

39.7. **Contract termination: debarment.** A breach of the Contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5 may be grounds for termination of the Contract, and for debarment as a CONTRACTOR and a sub- CONTRACTOR as provided in 29 CFR 5.12.

39.8. **Compliance with Davis - Bacon and Related Act requirements.** All rulings and interpretations of the Davis - Bacon and Related Acts contained in 29 C.F.R. parts 1, 3, and 5 are herein incorporated by reference in the Contract.

39.9. **Disputes concerning labor standards.** Disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of the Contract shall not be subject to the general disputes clause of the Contract. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the Department of Labor set forth in 29 CFR parts 5, 6, and 7. Disputes within the meaning of this clause include disputes between the CONTRACTOR (or any of its sub-CONTRACTORS) and the Contracting agency, the U.S. Department of Labor, or the employees or their representatives.

39.10. **Certification of eligibility**

i. By entering into the Contract, the CONTRACTOR certifies that neither it nor any person or firm who has an interest in the CONTRACTOR's firm is a person or firm ineligible to be awarded Government Contracts by virtue of 40 U.S.C. 3144(b) or 29 CFR 5.12(a).

- ii. No part of the Contract shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible for award of a Government contract by virtue of 40 U.S.C. 3144(b) or 29 CFR 5.12(a)
- iii. The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U.S., Title 18 Crimes and Criminal Procedure, 18U.S.C. 1001.

- 39.11. **Anti-retaliation.** It is unlawful for any person to discharge, demote, intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, blacklist, harass, or in any other manner discriminate against, or to cause any person to discharge, demote, intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, blacklist, harass, or in any other manner discriminate against, any worker or job applicant for:
- i. By Notifying any contractor of any conduct which the worker reasonably believes constitutes a violation of the DBA, Related Acts, or 29 CFR parts 1, 3, or 5;
 - ii. Filing any complaint, initiating or causing to be initiated any proceeding, or otherwise asserting or seeking to assert on behalf of themselves or others any right or protection under the DBA, Related Acts, or 29 CFR parts 1, 3, or 5;
 - iii. Cooperating in any investigation or other compliance action, or testifying in any proceeding under the DBA, Related Acts, or 29 CFR parts 1, 3, or 5; or
 - iv. Informing any other person about their rights under the DBA, Related Acts, or 29 CFR parts 1, 3, or 5.

40. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT (CWHSSA)

- 40.1. **Overtime requirements.** No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.
- 40.2. **Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages.** In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in 29 CFR 5.5(b)(1) the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages and interest from the date of the underpayment. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchpersons and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in 29 CFR 5.5(b)(1), in the sum of \$31 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in 29 CFR 5.5(b)(1).
- 40.3. **Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages**
- i. **Withholding process** The U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development or the recipient of Federal assistance may, upon its own action, or must, upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor, withhold or cause to be withheld from the contractor so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to satisfy the liabilities of the prime contractor or any subcontractor for any unpaid wages; monetary relief, including interest; and liquidated damages required by the clauses set forth in 29 CFR 5.5(b) on this contract, any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act that is held by the same prime contractor (as defined in 29 CFR 5.2). The necessary funds may be withheld from the contractor under this contract, any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally assisted contract that is subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act and is held by the same prime contractor, regardless of whether the other contract was awarded or assisted by the same agency, and such funds may be used to satisfy the contractor liability for which the funds were withheld.
 - ii. **Priority to withheld funds** The Department has priority to funds withheld or to be withheld in accordance with 29 CFR 5.5(a)(2)(i) or (b)(3)(i), or both, over claims to those funds by:

- A. A contractor's surety(ies), including without limitation performance bond sureties and payment bond sureties;
- B. A contracting agency for its procurement costs;
- C. A trustee(s) (either a court-appointed trustee or a U.S. trustee, or both) in bankruptcy of a contractor, or a contractor's bankruptcy estate;
- D. A contractor's assignee(s);
- E. A contractor's successor(s); or
- F. A claim asserted under the Prompt Payment Act, 31 U.S.C. 3901-3907.

- 40.4. **Subcontracts.** The contractor or subcontractor must insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in 29 CFR 5.5(b)(1) through (5) and a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor is responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in 29 CFR 5.5(b)(1) through (5). In the event of any violations of these clauses, the prime contractor and any subcontractor(s) responsible will be liable for any unpaid wages and monetary relief, including interest from the date of the underpayment or loss, due to any workers of lower-tier subcontractors, and associated liquidated damages and may be subject to debarment, as appropriate.
- 40.5. **Anti-retaliation** It is unlawful for any person to discharge, demote, intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, blacklist, harass, or in any other manner discriminate against, or to cause any person to discharge, demote, intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, blacklist, harass, or in any other manner discriminate against, any worker or job applicant for:
- i. Notifying any contractor of any conduct which the worker reasonably believes constitutes a violation of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (CWHSSA) or its implementing regulations in 29 CFR part 5;
 - ii. Filing any complaint, initiating or causing to be initiated any proceeding, or otherwise asserting or seeking to assert on behalf of themselves or others any right or protection under CWHSSA or 29 CFR part 5;
 - iii. Cooperating in any investigation or other compliance action, or testifying in any proceeding under CWHSSA or 29 CFR part 5; or
 - iv. Informing any other person about their rights under CWHSSA or 29 CFR part 5.
- 40.6. **CWHSSA required records clause** In addition to the clauses contained in 29 CFR 5.5(b), in any contract subject only to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act and not to any of the other laws referenced by 29 CFR 5.1, the Agency Head must cause or require the contracting officer to insert a clause requiring that the contractor or subcontractor must maintain regular payrolls and other basic records during the course of the work and must preserve them for a period of 3 years after all the work on the prime contract is completed for all laborers and mechanics, including guards and watchpersons, working on the contract. Such records must contain the name; last known address, telephone number, and email address; and social security number of each such worker; each worker's correct classification(s) of work actually performed; hourly rates of wages paid; daily and weekly number of hours actually worked; deductions made and actual wages paid. Further, the Agency Head must cause or require the contracting officer to insert in any such contract a clause providing that the records to be maintained under this paragraph must be made available by the contractor or subcontractor for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the (write the name of agency) and the Department of Labor, and the contractor or subcontractor will permit such representatives to interview workers during working hours on the job.
- 40.7. **Incorporation of contract clauses and wage determinations by reference** Although agencies are required to insert the contract clauses set forth in this section, along with appropriate wage determinations, in full into covered contracts, and contractors and subcontractors are required to insert them in any lower-tier subcontracts, the incorporation by reference of the required contract clauses and appropriate wage determinations will be given the same force and effect as if they were inserted in full text.

40.8. **Incorporation by operation of law** The contract clauses set forth in this section (or their equivalent under the Federal Acquisition Regulation), along with the correct wage determinations, will be considered to be a part of every prime contract required by the applicable statutes referenced by 29 CFR 5.1 to include such clauses, and will be effective by operation of law, whether or not they are included or incorporated by reference into such contract, unless the Administrator grants a variance, tolerance, or exemption from the application of this paragraph. Where the clauses and applicable wage determinations are effective by operation of law under this paragraph, the prime contractor must be compensated for any resulting increase in wages in accordance with applicable law.

40.9. **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The provisions of this paragraph (F) are applicable where the amount of the prime contract exceeds \$100,000.

1. No laborer or mechanic shall be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to his or her health and safety, as determined under construction safety and health standards promulgated by the Secretary of Labor by regulation.
2. The contractor shall comply with all regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor pursuant to 29 CFR Part 1926 and failure to comply may result in imposition of sanctions pursuant to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, (Public Law 91-54, 83 Stat 96), 40 U.S.C. § 3701 et seq.
3. The contractor shall include the provisions of this paragraph in every subcontract, so that such provisions will be binding on each subcontractor. The contractor shall take such action with respect to any subcontractor as the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development or the Secretary of Labor shall direct as a means of enforcing such provisions.

41. **COPELAND ANTI-KICKBACK ACT**

- 41.1. Recipient and sub-recipient contracts must include a provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”).
- 41.2. This requirement applies to all contracts for construction or repair work above \$2,000 in situations where the Davis-Bacon Act also applies. It DOES NOT apply to the FEMA Public Assistance Program.
- 41.3. Compliance
 - 41.3.1. CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 3, which are incorporated by reference into the Contract.
 - 41.3.2. Subcontracts. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clause above and such other clauses as may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower-tier subcontracts. The prime CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower-tier subcontractor with all of these contract clauses.
 - 41.3.3. Breach. A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12.”

42. **BUILD AMERICA, BUY AMERICA ACT (BABA) – INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

- 42.1. If applicable, Recipients or Subrecipients of an award of Federal financial assistance from a program for infrastructure are required to comply with the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA), including the following provisions:
 - 42.1.1. All iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States—this means all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings,

- occurred in the United States;
- 42.1.2. All manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States—this means the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States; and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard for determining the minimum amount of Domestic content of the manufactured product has been established under applicable law or regulation; and
 - 42.1.3. All construction materials are manufactured in the United States—this means that all manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States.
 - 42.1.4. The Buy America preference only applies to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project. As such, it does not apply to tools, equipment, and supplies, such as temporary scaffolding, brought to the construction site and removed at or before the completion of the infrastructure project. Nor does a Buy America preference apply to equipment and furnishings, such as movable chairs, desks, and portable computer equipment, that are used at or within the finished infrastructure project but are not an integral part of the structure or permanently affixed to the infrastructure project.

43. INVESTING IN AMERICA

- 43.1. If applicable, Grantees of an award for construction projects in whole or in part by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law or the Inflation Reduction Act, must include the following provision:
 - 43.1.1. Signage Requirements
 - 43.1.1.1. Investing in America Emblem: The recipient will ensure that a sign is placed at construction sites supported in whole or in part by this award displaying the official Investing in America emblem and must identify the project as a “project funded by President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law” or “project funded by President Biden’s Inflation Reduction Act” as applicable. The sign must be placed at construction sites in an easily visible location that can be directly linked to the work taking place and must be maintained in good condition throughout the construction period.
 - 43.1.1.2. The recipient will ensure compliance with the guidelines and design specifications provided by EPA for using the official Investing in America emblem available at: <https://www.dpa.gov/invest/investing-america-signage>
 - 43.1.1.3. Procuring Signs: Consistent with section 6002 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. 6962, and 2 CFR200.323, recipients are encouraged to use recycled or recovered materials when procuring signs. Signage costs are considered an allowable cost under this assistance agreement provided that the costs associated with signage are reasonable. Additionally, to increase public awareness of projects serving communities where English is not the predominant language, recipients are encouraged to translate the language on signs (excluding the official Investing in America emblem or EPA logo or seal) into the appropriate non-English language(s). The costs of such translation are allowable, provided the costs are reasonable.

44. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR VEVRAA PROTECTED VETERANS

- 44.1. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because he or she is a disabled veteran, recently separated veteran, active duty wartime or campaign badge veteran, or Armed Forces service medal veteran (hereinafter collectively referred to as “protected veteran(s)”) in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. The contractor agrees to take affirmative action to employ, advance in employment and otherwise treat qualified individuals without discrimination based on their status as a protected veteran in all employment practices, including the following:
 - i. Recruitment, advertising, and job application procedures.

- ii. Hiring, upgrading, promotion, award of tenure, demotion, transfer, layoff, termination, right of return from layoff and rehiring.
- iii. Rates of pay or any other form of compensation and changes in compensation.
- iv. Job assignments, job classifications, organizational structures, position descriptions, lines of progression, and seniority lists.
- v. Leaves of absence, sick leave, or any other leave.
- vi. Fringe benefits available by virtue of employment, whether or not administered by the contractor.
- vii. Selection and financial support for training, including apprenticeship, and on-the-job training under 38 U.S.C. 3687, professional meetings, conferences, and other related activities, and selection for leaves of absence to pursue training.
- viii. Activities sponsored by the contractor including social or recreational programs.
- ix. Any other term, condition, or privilege of employment.

44.2. The contractor agrees to immediately list all employment openings which exist at the time of the execution of this contract and those which occur during the performance of this contract, including those not generated by this contract and including those occurring at an establishment of the contractor other than the one where the contract is being performed, but excluding those of independently operated corporate affiliates, with the appropriate employment service delivery system where the opening occurs. Listing employment openings with the state workforce agency job bank or with the local employment service delivery system where the opening occurs will satisfy the requirement to list jobs with the appropriate employment service delivery system. In order to satisfy the listing requirement described herein, contractors must provide information about the job vacancy in any manner and format permitted by the appropriate employment service delivery system which will allow that system to provide priority referral of veterans protected by VEVRAA for that job vacancy. Providing information on employment openings to a privately run job service or exchange will satisfy the contractor's listing obligation if the privately run job service or exchange provides the information to the appropriate employment service delivery system in any manner and format that the employment service delivery system permits which will allow that system to provide priority referral of protected veterans.

44.3. Listing of employment openings with the appropriate employment service delivery system pursuant to this clause shall be made at least concurrently with the use of any other recruitment source or effort and shall involve the normal obligations which attach to the placing of a bona fide job order, including the acceptance of referrals of veterans and nonveterans. The listing of employment openings does not require the hiring of any particular job applicants or from any particular group of job applicants, and nothing herein is intended to relieve the contractor from any requirements in Executive orders or regulations regarding nondiscrimination in employment.

44.4. Whenever a contractor, other than a state or local governmental contractor, becomes contractually bound to the listing provisions in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this clause, it shall advise the employment service delivery system in each state where it has establishments that: (a) It is a Federal contractor, so that the employment service delivery systems are able to identify them as such; and (b) it desires priority referrals from the state of protected veterans for job openings at all locations within the state. The contractor shall also provide to the employment service delivery system the name and location of each hiring location within the state and the contact information for the contractor official responsible for hiring at each location. The "contractor official" may be a chief hiring official, a Human Resources contact, a senior management contact, or any other manager for the contractor that can verify the information set forth in the job listing and receive priority referrals from employment service delivery systems. In the event that the contractor uses any external job search organizations to assist in its hiring, the contractor shall also provide to the employment service delivery system the contact information for the job search organization(s). The disclosures required by this paragraph shall be made simultaneously with the contractor's first job listing at each employment service delivery system location after the effective date of this final rule. Should any of the information in the disclosures change since it was last reported to the employment service delivery system location, the contractor shall provide updated information simultaneously with its next job listing. As long as the

contractor is contractually bound to these provisions and has so advised the employment service delivery system, there is no need to advise the employment service delivery system of subsequent contracts. The contractor may advise the employment service delivery system when it is no longer bound by this contract clause.

- 44.5. The provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of this clause do not apply to the listing of employment openings which occur and are filled outside of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Wake Island, and the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands.
- 44.6. As used in this clause:
- i. All employment openings includes all positions except executive and senior management, those positions that will be filled from within the contractor's organization, and positions lasting three days or less. This term includes full-time employment, temporary employment of more than three days' duration, and part-time employment.
 - ii. Executive and senior management means: (1) Any employee (a) compensated on a salary basis at a rate of not less than \$455 per week (or \$380 per week, if employed in American Samoa by employers other than the Federal Government), exclusive of board, lodging or other facilities; (b) whose primary duty is management of the enterprise in which the employee is employed or of a customarily recognized department or subdivision thereof; (c) who customarily and regularly directs the work of two or more other employees; and (d) who has the authority to hire or fire other employees or whose suggestions and recommendations as to the hiring, firing, advancement, promotion or any other change of status of other employees are given particular weight; or (2) any employee who owns at least a bona fide 20-percent equity interest in the enterprise in which the employee is employed, regardless of whether the business is a corporate or other type of organization, and who is actively engaged in its management.
 - iii. Positions that will be filled from within the contractor's organization means employment openings for which no consideration will be given to persons outside the contractor's organization (including any affiliates, subsidiaries, and parent companies) and includes any openings which the contractor proposes to fill from regularly established "recall" lists. The exception does not apply to a particular opening once an employer decides to consider applicants outside of his or her own organization.
- 44.7. The contractor agrees to comply with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the Act.
- 44.8. In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the requirements of this clause, actions for noncompliance may be taken in accordance with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the Act.
- 44.9. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices in a form to be prescribed by the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, provided by or through the contracting officer. Such notices shall state the rights of applicants and employees as well as the contractor's obligation under the law to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified employees and applicants who are protected veterans. The contractor must ensure that applicants or employees who are disabled veterans are provided the notice in a form that is accessible and understandable to the disabled veteran (e.g., providing Braille or large print versions of the notice, posting the notice for visual accessibility to persons in wheelchairs, providing the notice electronically or on computer disc, or other versions). With respect to employees who do not work at a physical location of the contractor, a contractor will satisfy its posting obligations by posting such notices in an electronic format, provided that the contractor provides computers that can access the electronic posting to such employees, or the contractor has actual knowledge that such employees otherwise are able to access the electronically posted notices. Electronic notices for employees must be posted in a conspicuous location and format on the company's intranet or sent by electronic mail to employees. An electronic posting must be used by the

contractor to notify job applicants of their rights if the contractor utilizes an electronic application process. Such electronic applicant notice must be conspicuously stored with, or as part of, the electronic application.

- 44.10. The contractor will notify each labor organization or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract understanding that the contractor is bound by the terms of VEVRAA, and is committed to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment, and shall not discriminate against, protected veterans.
- 44.11. The contractor will include the provisions of this clause in every subcontract or purchase order of \$100,000 or more, unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary issued pursuant to VEVRAA so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, may direct to enforce such provisions, including action for noncompliance.
- 44.12. The contractor must, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to their protected veteran status.

End of Supplemental Conditions

CONTRACT PROVISIONS
(Required in all county bidding and contract documents for HUD-funded projects)

All HUD-funded construction contracts and subcontracts awarded by Lee County and/or subrecipients shall include at least the provisions listed below. The term Contractor includes subcontractors when applicable, which means these provisions must be included in all subcontracts. The dollar amount specified for contract awards is based on the total project costs and therefore all contractors involved in the project are subject to the provisions specified.

A. This contract and other pertinent contracts entered into by the General Contractor may be terminated for non-compliance if the General Contractor materially fails to comply with any term of this agreement in accordance with existing Lee County contract termination procedure.

B. This contract and all pertinent contracts entered into by the General Contractor for amounts which are in excess of \$10,000 shall contain suitable provisions for termination by Lee County, including the manner by which it will be affected and the basis for settlement. In addition, such contracts shall describe conditions under which the contract may be terminated because of circumstances beyond the control of the General Contractor.

C. The General Contractor shall furnish certificates of insurance prior to the commencement of work. The certificates shall contain a provision that coverage afforded under the policies shall not be canceled until at least thirty (30) days' notice by registered mail to the certificate holder. The insurance required shall be written for not less than the limits of liability required by Florida law. Workers Compensation Insurance shall also be required in accordance with Florida law.

D. The General Contractor for all construction contracts exceeding \$200,000 shall provide a performance bond for 100 percent of the contract price, to secure the contractor's fulfillment of all obligations under the contract; and, a payment bond for 100 percent of the contract price, to assure the payment of all persons supplying labor and material under the contract.

E. Lee County, HUD and the Comptroller General of the United States shall have access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor that are directly pertinent to the expenditure of the HUD grant funds for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.

F. All Contractors shall be licensed to do business in Lee County, Florida.

G. All Contractors shall comply with 24 CFR 570.607 and Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Orders 11375 and 12086 and the regulations issued pursuant thereto which provide that no person shall be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in all phases of employment during the performance of Federal or Federally-assisted construction contracts. As specified in Executive Order 11246 and the implementing regulations, contractors and subcontractors on Federal or Federally-assisted construction contracts shall take affirmative action to ensure fair treatment in employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, training and apprenticeship. The General Contractor shall post a copy of the Equal Employment Opportunity poster on the job site.

H. All Contractors shall comply with the requirements of Executive Orders 11625 and 12432 (Concerning Minority Business Enterprise), and 12138 (Concerning Women's Business Enterprise) to ensure to the maximum extent possible the inclusion of minorities and women and entities owned by minorities and women in all contracts.

I. All Contractors shall comply with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 USC 1701u) and the implementing regulations in 24 CFR Part 75 which requires to the greatest extent feasible that the training, employment and other economic opportunities arising in connection with proposed project be given to low and very low- income persons residing within the local community and that contracts be awarded to eligible business concerns which employ and/or are owned in substantial part by such low and very low-income persons residing in Lee County.

J. All Contractors shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, (Public Law 88-352) which states that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

K. Pursuant to Section 109 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and pursuant to 24 CFR Section 570.602, no person on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, or age shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with HUD funds.

L. All Contractors shall comply with 24 CFR Part 8, Nondiscrimination Based upon Handicap in Federally-Assisted Programs and Activities, Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, Sections 502 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 8, Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101-07) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 146.

M. All Contractors shall comply with 24 CFR 570.608 that prohibits the use of lead based paint. Section 401(b) of the Lead Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. 4831 (b)) directs the Secretary to prohibit the use of lead based paint in residential structures constructed or rehabilitated with Federal assistance. Such prohibitions are contained in 42 U.S.C. 4821, et seq. and 24 CFR Part 35, Subpart B, and are applicable to residential structures constructed or rehabilitated with assistance provided under this part.

N. All Contractors involved in a project that results in an award of \$100,000 or more shall have filed the required Anti-Lobbying Certification in accordance with the Byrd Anti- Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352). Execution of the contract by the General Contractor is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed that this provision has been complied with.

O. All Contractors for awards in excess of \$150,000 shall comply with all applicable standards orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.). Violations shall be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

P. Invoices submitted and payments made under this contract are subject to F.S. 218.70 Local Government Prompt Payment Act.

NOTE: The above contract provisions are required by 2 CFR 200 Appendix II

DISCLOSURE REGARDING APPLICABILITY OF SECTION 3 OF THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1968

OVERVIEW

The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that economic opportunities, most importantly employment, generated by certain HUD financial assistance shall be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing or residents of the community in which the Federal assistance is spent.

DEFINITIONS

- **Section 3 Worker:** any worker who currently fits or when hired within the past five years fit at least one of the following categories, as documented:
 - The worker's income for the previous or annualized calendar year is below the income limit¹ established by HUD.
 - The worker is employed by a Section 3 business concern.
 - The worker is a YouthBuild participant.
- **Targeted Section 3 Worker:** any worker that is a Section 3 worker who is also:
 - A worker employed by a Section 3 business concern; or
 - A worker who currently fits or when hired fit at least one of the following categories, as documented within the past five years:
 - Living within the service area or the neighborhood of the project, as defined in 24 CFR Part 75.5; or
 - A YouthBuild participant.

APPLICABILITY

Section 3 applicability is determined at the project level based on the context of the financial assistance as described in *24 CFR § 75.3(a)*.

This policy applies to construction, reconstruction, conversion, or rehabilitation of housing (including reduction and abatement of lead-based paint hazards), other public construction such as roads, sewers and community centers, and buildings or improvements **that are funded with \$200,000** or more of financial assistance from HUD programs.

Section 3 requirements apply to an entire project, regardless of whether the project is fully or partially assisted under HUD programs.

Section 3 requirements **do not** apply to:

- **Material Supply Contracts:** *24 CFR § 75.3(b)* contracts for the purchase of products and materials, including, but not limited to, lumber, drywall, wiring, concrete, pipes, toilets, sinks, carpets, and office supplies; and
- **Indian and Tribal Preferences:** *24 CFR § 75.3(c)* contracts, subject to Section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5307(b)) or subject to tribal preference requirements as authorized under 101(k) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (25 U.S.C. 4111(k)) must provide preferences in employment, training, and business opportunities to Indians and Indian organizations, and are therefore not subject to Section 3 requirements ;
- **Professional services:** *24 CFR § 75.5* non-construction services that require an advanced degree or professional licensing, including, but not limited to, contracts for legal services, financial consulting, accounting services, environmental assessment, architectural services, and civil engineering services.

It's important to note that even for projects not subject to Section 3, recipients are strongly encouraged to consider ways to support the purpose of Section 3 *24 CFR § 75.3(d)*.

SECTION 3 CLAUSE

All Section 3 covered contracts and subcontracts must include the following clause:

- I. The work to be performed under this Contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended (*12 U.S.C. §1701u*) (“**Section 3**”). The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted developments covered by Section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons including persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing, with preference for both targeted workers living in the service area or neighborhood of the Development and Youthbuild participants, as defined at 24 CFR Part 75 (“**Section 3 Regulations**”).
- II. The Parties agree to comply with applicable HUD and Section 3 regulations. As evidenced by their execution of this Contract, the Parties certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the Section 3 Regulations.
- III. The Contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative or workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers’ representative of the contractor’s commitments under this Section 3 clause and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the Section 3 preference, shall set forth the following: (i) minimum number and job titles subject to hire, (ii) availability of apprenticeship and training positions, (iii) qualifications for each, (iv) name and location of the person(s) taking applications for each of the positions, and (v) the anticipated date the work shall begin.
- IV. The Contractor agrees to include this Section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in Section 3 Regulations and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this Section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in Section 3 Regulations. The Contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the Contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in Section 3 Regulations.
- V. The Contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (i) after a contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (ii) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of Section 3 Regulations require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the Contractor’s obligations under Section 3 Regulations.
- VI. Noncompliance with HUD’s regulations in Section 3 Regulations may result in sanctions, termination of this Contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.

Section 3 Businesses (as defined by Section 3 Regulations) are encouraged to respond to this proposal. The contractor agrees to contact Lee County, if new hires or subcontractors are required and document results of the contact.

BENCHMARKS & REPORTING

Benchmarks: When triggered, best efforts must be made to extend Section 3 opportunities to verified Section 3 workers and business concerns to meet these minimum numeric goals:

- ii. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the total hours on a Section 3 project must be worked by Section 3 workers; and
- iii. Five percent (5%) of the total hours on a Section 3 project must be worked by Targeted Section 3 workers.

Reporting: If the contractor’s reporting indicates that the contractor has not met the Section 3 benchmarks described in 24 CFR § 75.23, pursuant to 24 CFR § 75.25(b), the contractor must report in a form prescribed by HUD on the qualitative nature of its activities and those its subcontractors pursued.

Contractor will comply with any Section 3 Project Implementation Plan documents provided by HUD or the Lee County which may be amended from time to time for HUD reporting purposes. If the contractor does not meet the Section 3 benchmarks, the contractor is required to demonstrate that they have made qualitative efforts to assist low- and very-low-income persons with employment opportunities.

**SECTION 3 WORKER AND TARGETED SECTION 3 WORKER
SELF-CERTIFICATION FORM**

The purpose of Lee County's Section 3 program is to provide employment, training, and contracting opportunities to low-income individuals, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing or other public assistance programs. **Your response is voluntary, confidential, and has no effect on your employment.**

A Section 3 worker seeking certification shall self-certify and submit this form to the recipient contractor or subcontractor, that the person is a Section 3 worker or Targeted Section 3 Worker as defined in 24 CFR Part 75 or submit via email to Section3@leegov.com.

Getting certified as a Section 3 Worker or Targeted Worker does NOT guarantee employment.

Instructions: Enter/select the appropriate information to confirm your Section 3 worker or Targeted Section 3 Worker status.

Employee Name: _____

1. Are you a resident of public housing or a Housing Choice Voucher Holder (Section 8)? ☐ YES ☐ NO
2. Are you a YouthBuilt Participant? ☐ YES ☐ NO
3. Are you a resident of Lee County? ☐ YES ☐ NO
4. Annual Income: \$_____ Number of People in Your Household: _____

Select from *ONE* of the following two options below:

I qualify as a:

- ☐ Section 3 Worker (as further defined on Section 3 Worker Certification Form)
- ☐ Targeted Section 3 Worker (as further defined on Section 3 Worker Certification Form)

Employee Affirmation (if applicable)

I affirm that the above statements are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I hereby certify, under penalty of law, that the following information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Employee Address: _____

Print Name: _____ Date Hired: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Is the employee a Section 3 worker based upon their self-certification? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Is the employee a Targeted Section 3 worker based upon their self-certification? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Was this an applicant who was hired as a result of the Section 3 project? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, what is the name of the company? _____

What was the date of hire? _____

EMPLOYERS MUST RETAIN THIS FORM IN THEIR SECTION 3 COMPLIANCE FILE FOR FIVE YEARS.

**SECTION 3 BUSINESS CONCERN
CERTIFICATION FORM**

Lee County is seeking to extend the benefits of and promote compliance with Section 3 by identifying Business Concerns for Lee County business opportunities and educational programs. To comply with Section 3 requirements, Lee County has instituted a Section 3 Self Certification process for businesses. Applicants seeking Section 3 Business Certification must complete this form and submit via email to Section3@leegov.com.

Getting certified as a Section 3 Business Concern does NOT guarantee employment.

Instructions: Enter the following information and select the criteria that applies to certify your business' Section 3 Business Concern status.

Business Information

Name of Business: _____
Address of Business: _____
Name of Business Owner: _____
Phone Number of Business Owner: _____
Email Address of Business Owner: _____

Preferred Contact Information

☐ Same as above
Name of Preferred Contact: _____
Phone Number of Preferred Contact: _____

Type of Business (select from the following options):

☐ Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Sole Proprietorship ☐ Joint Venture

Select from *ONE* of the following three options below that applies:

- ☐ At least 51 percent of the business is owned and controlled by low- or very low-income persons (Please refer to income guidelines below).
- ☐ At least 51 percent of the business is owned and controlled by current public housing residents or residents who currently live in Section 8-assisted housing.
- ☐ Over 75 percent of the labor hours performed for the business over the prior three-month period are performed by Section 3 workers.

Business Concern Affirmation

I affirm that the above statements are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that businesses who misrepresent themselves as Section 3 business concerns and report false information to [insert name of recipient/grantee] may have their contracts terminated as default and be barred from ongoing and future considerations for contracting opportunities.

I hereby certify, under penalty of law, that the following information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

*Certification expires within six months of the date of signature

Information regarding Section 3 Business Concerns can be found at 24 CFR 75.5

FOR ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY

Is the business a Section 3 business concern based upon their certification? ☐ YES ☐ NO
EMPLOYERS MUST RETAIN THIS FORM IN THEIR SECTION 3 COMPLIANCE FILE FOR FIVE YEARS.

**LEE COUNTY
SECTION 3
FY 2024 INCOME LIMITS**

Eligibility Guidelines

The worker's income must be at or below the amount provided below.

All residents of public housing developments of the Housing Authority Lee County qualify as Section 3 residents. Additionally, individuals residing in Lee County who meet the income limits set forth below can also qualify for Section 3 status.

| Eligibility Guidelines | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Number in Household | Very Low-Income (50%) | Low Income (80%) |
| 1 | \$32,750 | \$52,450 |
| 2 | \$37,450 | \$59,950 |
| 3 | \$42,100 | \$67,400 |
| 4 | \$46,800 | \$74,900 |
| 5 | \$50,550 | \$80,900 |
| 6 | \$54,300 | \$86,900 |
| 7 | \$58,050 | \$92,850 |
| 8 | \$61,800 | \$98,850 |

Section 3 Worker Definition:

- A low or very low-income resident (the worker's income for the previous or annualized calendar year is below the income limit established by HUD); or
- Employed by a Section 3 business concern; or
- A YouthBuild participant.

Targeted Section 3 Worker Definition:

- Employed by a Section 3 business concern or
- Currently meets or when hired met at least one of the following categories as documented within the past five years:
 - A resident of public housing; or
 - A resident of other public housing projects or Section 8-assisted housing; or
 - A YouthBuild participant.

Section 3 Business Concern Definition:

A business that meets at least one of the following categories, within the last six-month period:

- At least 51% owned and controlled by persons that are low-income; or
- At least 51% owned and controlled by current public housing residents; or
- Over 75% of the labor hours performed for the business over the three-month period were performed by Section 3 workers

LOOKING FOR WORK?

We may be able to help!



GETTING QUALIFIED AS A SECTION 3 RESIDENT OR BUSINESS MAY HELP

IF YOU ARE A ▾

- Resident of public housing
- Income-qualified according to HUD regulations
- Business that is owned, employs or subcontracts with Section 3 businesses

You may qualify as a Section 3 Resident or Business

SECTION 3 OF THE HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT PROVIDES PREFERENCE TO HIRING AND CONTRACTING WITH ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY FOR HUD-FUNDED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

CONTACT LEE COUNTY TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY

- > 239-533-2315
- > recovery@leegov.com

Getting qualified does not guarantee employment or award of contracts

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. PROJECT TERM

- 1.1. The CONSULTANT shall provide design, permitting, and construction phase services as further described herein. The anticipated duration for this work is 24 months from the date established by the Notice to Proceed. However, the CONSULTANT shall have 120 days to complete design.
 - 1.1.1. CONSULTANT shall have a complete design within the time specified herein. Liquidated Damages shall apply to completion of the design.
- 1.2. The Agreement is to remain in effect for one year following final completion of construction work associated with this solicitation and Agreement package.

2. PROJECT FUNDING NOTICE

- 2.1. As notice to all CONSULTANTS, this project may be funded in whole or in part with Community Development Block Grant Disaster Funds (CDBG-DR) provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The CONSULTANT agrees to abide by and comply with all Federal terms, conditions, provisions, certifications, affidavits, or otherwise as applicable and stated within this solicitation package and further agrees to incorporate all such clauses, provisions, and regulations into any sub-CONSULTANT's agreements or relationships CONSULTANT creates to support CONSULTANT's services to the COUNTY under this Agreement.
- 2.2. The Vendor shall provide services in support of the County's CDBG-DR Action Plan in accordance with Federal Register 88 FR 32046, and all applicable Federal, State, and County Regulations.
- 2.3. The CONSULTANT shall be bound by the terms as stated within this solicitation package, any and all associated Agreement(s), and by all applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations, including but not necessarily limited to, the Federal laws and regulations set forth at 2 CFR part 200 and 24 CFR part 570 and the CONSULTANT shall hold the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Lee County harmless against all claims of whatever nature arising out of the CONSULTANT'S performance of work under this solicitation, to the extent allowed and required by law.
- 2.4. The prime CONSULTANT and SUB-CONSULTANTS to be paid from funds provided under this Agreement, shall allow access to its records at reasonable times to representatives of HUD, the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida, the Auditor General of the State of Florida, the Florida Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability or representatives of the Federal government or their duly authorized representatives. "Reasonable" shall ordinarily mean during normal business hours of 8:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m., local time, Monday through Friday.

3. LOCAL CONSULTANT PREFERENCE EXCLUSION

- 3.1. Local CONSULTANT Preference Ordinance has been waived for this solicitation and any and all references contained herein are non-applicable to this solicitation and subsequent Agreement and/or Purchase Order(s).

4. CONDUCT

- 4.1. CONSULTANT agrees that all of its officers, employees and representatives shall conduct themselves in a professional manner and shall communicate with COUNTY employees and members of the public in a civil

manner whenever conducting COUNTY business. All aspects of CONSULTANT's performance, including complaints received from the public, may impact the COUNTY's decision to renew or terminate this Agreement in accordance with the provision contained here. CONSULTANT shall remove or suspend, or further investigate, their employees for any act of violence, sexual harassment, substance abuse, or act of bigotry/prejudice.

5. COST BREAKDOWN NOTICE

- 5.1. The CONSULTANT shall be expected to provide a proposal or fee that includes a detailed cost breakdown including General and Administrative Expenses, Overhead, and Profit rates, if requested by the County. CONSULTANT must advise if audited rates are available and shall provide such rates and documentation for use in negotiation and Cost Analysis if such method is used. CONSULTANT shall provide fee and cost breakdown supporting documentation where and as requested by the County.

6. RECORDS RETENTION

- 6.1. The CONSULTANT shall retain sufficient records to show the CONSULTANT's and its sub-CONSULTANTS compliance with the terms of this solicitation package and any and all associated Agreement(s), and the compliance of all SUBCONSULTANTS paid from funds under this solicitation package, any and all associated Agreement(s) for a period of five (5) years from the date the County receives final closeout from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The CONSULTANT shall also comply with the provisions of 24 CFR 570.502(a)(7)(ii). The CONSULTANT shall further ensure that audit working papers are available upon request for a period of five (5) years from the date the County receives final closeout from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), unless extended in writing by HUD.
- 6.2. The CONSULTANT shall retain sufficient records demonstrating its compliance with the term of this solicitation package, any and all associated Agreement(s) for a period of five (5) years from the date an audit report is received by the County, or six (6) state fiscal years after all reporting requirements are satisfied and final payments have been received, whichever period is longer and shall allow HUD, or its designee, CFO, or Auditor General access to such records upon request. The Vendor shall ensure that audit working papers are made available to HUD, or its designee, CFO, or Auditor General upon request for a period of five (5) years from the date the audit report is received by the County, unless extended in writing by HUD. In addition, if any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, or other action involving the records has been started prior to the expiration of the controlling period as identified above, the records shall be retained until completion of the action and resolution of all issues which arise from it, or until the end of the controlling period as identified above, whichever is longer.

7. HUD REIMBURSEMENT

- 7.1. Work completed under this Agreement may be reimbursed HUD. The CONSULTANT agrees to abide by and comply with all Federal terms, conditions, provisions, certifications, affidavits, or otherwise as applicable and stated within this solicitation package. CONSULTANTS are required to comply in accordance with Federal Grant Requirements, 2 CFR part 200, terms, conditions, and specifications.

8. ADDITIONAL PROJECT FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

- 8.1. In addition to the grant/project funding requirements found affixed to this solicitation package, the CONSULTANT shall comply with the below additional project funding requirements and shall require the following provisions be included in each contract and subcontract for all tiers associated with this project:
- 8.2. The CONSULTANT shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws, including American With Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended; the Florida Civil Rights Act, as amended, Chapter 760, Florida

Statutes; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; (P.L. 101-336, 42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq.) and laws which prohibit discrimination by public and private entities on in employment, public accommodations, transportations, state and local government services and telecommunications.

8.3. Restrictions, Prohibits, Controls, and Labor Provisions.

In accordance with Section 287.133(2)(a), F.S., a person or affiliate, as defined in Section 287.133(1), F.S., who has been placed on the convicted CONSULTANT list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any good or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a CONSULTANT, supplier, subCONSULTANT or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for a period of thirty-six (36) months following the date of being placed on the convicted CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR list. In response to this solicitation package, any and all associated Agreement(s), the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its affiliates is currently on the convicted CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR list. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR shall disclose if it or any of its affiliates is placed on the convicted CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR list.

8.4. In accordance with Section 287.134(2)(a), Florida Statutes, an entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR list may not submit a bid on a contract to provide to provide any good or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR, supplier, sub-CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity. In response to this solicitation package, any and all associated Agreement(s), the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its affiliates is currently on the discriminatory CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR list. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR shall disclose if it or any of its affiliates is placed on the discriminatory CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR list.

8.5. Employment Eligibility (Using E-Verify). Agency – CONSULTANTs – CONSULTANTs:

Shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the Agency during the term of the Agreement; and Shall expressly require any CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR and sub-CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDORS performing work or providing services pursuant to the Agreement to likewise utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR and sub-CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR during the Agreement term.

8.6. **Inspector General Cooperation.** The Parties agree to comply with Section 20.055(5), Florida Statutes, and to incorporate in all subcontracts the obligation to comply with Section 20.055(5), Florida Statutes.

9. LOBBYING

9.1. General: Participating Bidder/Proposer shall adhere to the Anti-Lobbying clause as provided herein. Following this clause the participating Proposers are hereby notified they 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.

- 9.2. By participating in this solicitation and completion of affixed certificate the Bidder/Proposer certifies that to the best their knowledge:
- 9.2.1. No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the CONSULTANT, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
 - 9.2.2. If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the Bidder/Proposer shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities", in accordance with its instructions. Standard Form-LLL
 - 9.2.3. Submission of the certification found herein is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.
- 9.3. The CONSULTANT also agrees by submitting their proposal that they shall require that the language of the applicable certification found herein be included in all lower tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000 and that all such subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

10. COPYRIGHT, PATENT AND TRADEMARK

- 10.1. Any and all patent rights accruing under or in connection with the performance of this solicitation package, any and all associated Agreement(s) are hereby reserved to the State of Florida. Any and all copyrights accruing under or in connection with the performance of this solicitation package, any and all associated Agreement(s) are hereby transferred by the CONSULTANT to the State of Florida.
- 10.2. If the CONSULTANT has a pre-existing patent or copyright, the CONSULTANT shall retain all rights and entitlements to that pre-existing patent or copyright unless the Agreement provides otherwise.
- 10.3. If any discovery or invention is developed in the course of or as a result of work or services performed under this solicitation package, any and all associated Agreement(s) or in any way connected with it, the CONSULTANT shall refer the discovery or invention to HUD for a determination whether the State of Florida will seek patent protection in its name. Any patent rights accruing under or in connection with the performance of this solicitation package, any and all associated Agreement(s) are reserved to the State of Florida. If any books, manuals, films or other copyrightable material are produced, the CONSULTANT shall notify HUD. Any copyrights accruing under or in connection with the performance under this solicitation package, any and all associated Agreement(s) are transferred by the CONSULTANT to the State of Florida.
- 10.4. Within thirty (30) calendar days of execution of all associated Agreement(s), the CONSULTANT shall disclose all intellectual properties relating to the performance of this solicitation package, any and all associated Agreement(s) which her or she knows or should know could give rise to a patent or copyright. The CONSULTANT shall retain all rights and entitlements to any pre-existing intellectual property which is so disclosed. Failure to disclose will indicate that no such property exists, and HUD shall have the right to all patents and copyrights which accrue during performance of the Agreement.

11. HATCH ACT

- 11.1. The CONSULTANT shall comply with the Hatch Act, 5 USC 1501-1508, and shall ensure that no funds provided, nor personnel employed under this solicitation package, any and all associated Agreement(s), shall be in any way or to any extent engage in the conduct of political activities in violation of Chapter 15 of Title V of the U.S.C.

12. FEDERAL CLAUSE EXCEPTION

- 12.1. The Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) provision, as stated within the Federal Procurement Supplemental Clauses to Include Appendix II, included in the solicitation document does not apply to this project.
- 12.2. The Investing in America provision, as stated with the Federal Procurement Supplemental Clauses to Include Appendix II, included in the solicitation document does not apply to this project.
- 12.3. The Davis-Bacon Act and Copeland Anti-Kickback Act, as stated with the Federal Procurement Supplemental Clauses to Include Appendix II, included in the solicitation document does not apply to this project.

13. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

- 13.1. In accordance with the terms set forth in the Agreement, for each consecutive calendar day of delay in achieving the completion date in the Notice to Proceed as set forth herein, the CONSULTANT shall be liable to the COUNTY for liquidated damages in the amount of \$2,500.00 per calendar day.

14. REGISTRATION ON SAM DATABASE

- 14.1. The General Services Administration (GSA), a federal agency, is required by the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to compile and maintain a list of parties debarred, suspended, or disqualified by federal agencies. As this project includes federal funding, CONTRACTORS/ VENDORS/ CONSULTANTS, as well as SUBCONTRACTORS/ SUBVENDORS/ SUBCONSULTANTS must be registered and be active at Sam.gov prior to Contract award. It is highly recommended CONTRACTORS/ VENDORS /CONSULTANTS and SUBCONTRACTORS/ SUBVENDORS/ SUBCONSULTANTS provide a copy with their proposal of such registration.

End of Special Conditions

DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS

1. GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

- 1.1. Lee County Board of County Commissioners seeks to contract for professional consulting services to provide engineering, design, permitting, construction administration, inspection and testing services, as well as federal grant compliance support, for the Lee County CDBG-DR Critical Infrastructure Resilient Communication Towers project. The COUNTY has targeted five (5) Lee COUNTY owned properties to install tower sites.
 - 1.1.1. The design work shall include supporting infrastructure for Lee COUNTY's P25 Public Safety Radio system, but also support as many as three (3) communications services, such as Cellular Networks, Broadband or Internet Services, and/or Private Radio or Two-way Communication Systems.

2. DETAILED/TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

- 2.1. The CONSULTANT shall provide complete engineering, design, zoning, permitting and other regulatory compliance studies, filings, reporting and notifications for the installation of five (5) P25 radio communications towers. The CONSULTANT's work for this project shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the services described below.

3. DESIGN SERVICES

The CONSULTANT shall perform engineering and design services for the tower compound (e.g., any easement for access, access road, culvert, utility rack, fencing and gate, ground coverings - crushed rock and geotextile fabric), radio tower, tower foundation, communications shelter, ice bridge, uninterrupted power supply, HVAC, generator, automatic and manual transfer switches associated equipment, tower lighting, grounding and bonding systems, signage, security fencing, utility and fiber lines including all necessary hardware components. For each of the design tasks described herein, the CONSULTANT shall provide professional services that include, but are not limited to the following:

3.1. Project Initiation

- 3.1.1. Project management, administration, and quality management.
- 3.1.2. Project kick-off meeting, prepare meeting agenda and meeting notes.
- 3.1.3. Preparation of project design schedule in accordance with the Agreement.

3.2. Conceptual Design (30%)

- 3.2.1. Plan and attend progress meetings (milestones, monthly). Prepare meeting agendas and meeting notes.
- 3.2.2. Maintain and update the project design schedule.
- 3.2.3. Review existing information and submit data requests.
- 3.2.4. CONSULTANT shall conduct field investigations at project sites, including survey and geotechnical analysis. Geotechnical investigations shall include obtaining and testing soil samples/borings for environmental contaminants and assessment of ground stability.

- 3.2.5. CONSULTANT shall notify the COUNTY if additional investigations and/or testing is required, and provide such services as needed and as approved by the COUNTY.
- 3.2.6. Prepare the basis of the design report and concept plan of the presented alternatives.
- 3.2.7. Prepare construction cost estimate of the presented alternatives (30% design level).

3.3. Preliminary Design (60%)

- 3.3.1. Plan and attend progress meetings (milestones, monthly). Prepare meeting agendas and meeting notes.
- 3.3.2. Maintain and update the project design schedule.
- 3.3.3. Recommend an alternative to those produced in the 30% plans.
- 3.3.4. Prepare plan and profile sheets of the recommended alternative.
- 3.3.5. Prepare construction cost estimate of the recommended alternative (60% design level).
- 3.3.6. Determine zoning and/or permitting requirements.

3.4. Final Design (100%)

- 3.4.1. Final Design.
- 3.4.2. Provide all required bid documents, included but not limited to plans, project specifications, including bid form and measurement and payment.
- 3.4.3. Prepare detailed scope of work to be included in the solicitation documents.
- 3.4.4. Preparation and submittal of all required permits identified in the preliminary design.
- 3.4.5. Preparation of construction schedule.
- 3.4.6. Preparation of Independent Cost Estimate (ICE) for bid solicitation to meet federal requirement at 100%.

3.5. Documentation

- 3.5.1. The as-built drawings for each site will be part of the project closeout and final acceptance deliverables.
- 3.5.2. All proposed and as-built drawings shall be provided electronically in PDF format and scaled and printable at paper size 11"x17".
- 3.5.3. The as-built drawings shall also be provided in the native format in which they were created (AutoCAD, etc.) so that they can be modified in the future, as needed.
- 3.5.4. All drawings must be signed, sealed and dated by the Licensed Engineer.

4. **BID PHASE ASSISTANCE**

During construction bidding, the CONSULTANT shall provide bid phase assistance and support to the COUNTY that include but are not limited to the following services:

- 4.1. Assist COUNTY with project advertising, if requested, including Section 3 outreach and associated documentation.
- 4.2. Prepare for and attend pre-bid meeting to support the COUNTY in answering interested parties' questions.
- 4.3. Prepare pre-bid meeting notes for the COUNTY's reviews and approval, if requested.
- 4.4. Draft responses to Requests for Information from potential bidders as necessary.
- 4.5. Assist COUNTY with drafting addenda, if required.
- 4.6. Evaluate and review construction bids and make a bid award recommendation.

5. CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES

- 5.1. Construction assistance, observation, and inspection services shall be provided by the CONSULTANT, including but not limited to:
 - 5.1.1. Propose a cadence of project progress meetings for the COUNTY's approval.
 - 5.1.2. Schedule and coordinate project meetings between stakeholders in accordance with the established schedule and as necessary for timely project completion.
 - 5.1.3. Attend project progress meetings between stakeholders in accordance with the established schedule and as necessary for timely project completion.
 - 5.1.4. Construction administration to include monitoring and inspection of the Contractor's work, ensuring compliance with design requirements, tracking materials and costs, managing project timelines, monitoring construction costs, coordinating with suppliers, and overseeing quality control to ensure the project meets specifications.
 - 5.1.5. The CONSULTANT shall provide qualified assistance to the COUNTY in the inspections, sampling, testing, and reporting of data related to geotechnical. Field density tests shall be performed to determine if the level of compaction satisfies requirements.
 - 5.1.6. Contractor submittal and shop drawings review.
 - 5.1.7. Respond to Contractor's Request for Information.
 - 5.1.8. Assist and coordinate with COUNTY staff.
 - 5.1.9. Review Contractor's pay applications.
 - 5.1.10. Perform Construction Engineering and Inspection services to include direct observation and testing as appropriate.
 - 5.1.11. Testing during construction.

- 5.1.12. Prepare signed and sealed record drawings of all completed work within 60 days of construction final acceptance.

6. **GRANT COMPLIANCE AND OVERSIGHT**

- 6.1. The CONSULTANT shall provide the appropriate Grant Compliance Officer to monitor the Contractor's performance for compliance with requirements associated with the grant's provisions, and regulations associated with Agreement, and subsequent Construction Contract modifications.
- 6.2. The CONSULTANT shall assist the COUNTY Grant Contract Manager with verifying compliance with the Davis-Bacon Labor Standards to ensure that all bid documents, contracts, and subcontracts for Davis-Bacon covered work contain Federal Labor Standards provisions and the applicable Davis-Bacon wage decision. CONSULTANT shall also provide Section 3 compliance, if applicable.
- 6.3. The CONSULTANT shall provide compliance oversight, track, audit and interview the Contractor and any sub-contractors for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act. This work shall include, but is not limited to on-site inspections as required to comply with Federal Requirements, and interviews with laborers and mechanics employed on the construction project. Employee interviews must be sufficient to establish the degree of compliance and to indicate the nature and extent of violations, if any. The interviews must also fairly represent all project employee classifications. Every effort shall be made, within existing staff levels to interview up to 10% of the workers in all trades participating long term on the construction project (more than six months).
- 6.4. The CONSULTANT shall ensure that the applicable Davis-Bacon wage decision and the Department of Labor's "Notice to All Employees" are posted at the job site.
- 6.5. The CONSULTANT shall collect certified payroll reports weekly from the Contractor and Subcontractors.
- 6.6. The CONSULTANT shall verify that a Statement of Compliance is completed for all certified payroll which certifies that the information provided is correct and in compliance.
- 6.7. The CONSULTANT shall review certified payroll reports and related documentation to help ensure contractor compliance with labor standard provisions and the payment of prevailing wages to workers. Payroll reviews shall be conducted to determine correctness of the classifications, rate of pay, fringe benefit payments, and hours worked. The CONSULTANT shall identify any discrepancies and/or violations and assist with ensuring any needed corrections are made promptly.
- 6.8. The CONSULTANT shall prepare project reports as required by the grant and the COUNTY to include Quarterly Progress Reports. The reports shall include progress photos during demolition, site remediation, and construction activities.
- 6.9. The CONSULTANT shall assist the COUNTY in preparation of request for reimbursement as required.

End of Detailed Specifications

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS & EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. **SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS & EVALUATION CRITERIA**

- 1.1 Interested firms shall include the following information in their submittal responses to this solicitation. The following format and sequence should be followed in order to provide consistency in the firm's responses and to ensure each proposal receives full consideration. Use 8 ½ x 11 sheet pages only with minimum font size of 10 points and with tabs or section dividers to separate sections as defined below. More than one section is permitted on one page unless otherwise indicated below. Undesignated information shall be inserted at the rear of each package. Place page numbers at the bottom of every page, excluding dividers. Proposal documents should not contain links to other web pages; such links will not be reviewed for evaluation purposes.
- 1.2 Submittal package may not exceed **20 pages** printed single-sided; **page restriction excludes required forms found herein and dividers**. **PLEASE INCLUDE PAGE TABS/SECTION DIVIDERS** so that those evaluating your submittal can easily compare each section with others that are submitted. If any of the information provided by the Proposer is found to be, in the sole opinion of the Evaluation Committee and Procurement Management Director, substantially unreliable their proposal may be rejected.
- 1.3 Proposers shall submit one (1) original hard copy (clearly marked as such) and one (1) electronic version on a USB flash drive set(s) containing the proposal submittal in an unlocked PDF format. The County may request specific files be submitted in specialty format (IE: Provide a Project Timeline in Excel format.) CONSULTANT shall accommodate such specialty requests as stated within the submittal requirements describe herein. Should files not be provided in the format or quantity as requested CONSULTANT may be deemed non-Responsive and therefore ineligible for award. In case of any discrepancies, the original will be considered by the County in evaluating the Proposal, and the electronic version is provided for the County's administrative convenience only. Limit the color and number of images to avoid unmanageable file sizes.

COVER PAGE: Introduction

- Project RFP Number & Name
- Firm's Name & Address
- Firm's Contact Person & Information (phone, fax and email address)
- How many years has Proposer been in business under present name?
- Under what other former names has your organization operated?

Cover Page: Introduction does NOT count towards page restriction requested herein.

TAB 1: Qualifications of Firm

- Provide a description of your firm, your firm's experience, and underlying philosophy in providing the services as described and requested herein. Description should include details such as: abilities, capacity, skill, strengths, number of years, location of office(s), as well as MBE, WBE, DBE, VBE or similar status, and recent, current, and/or projected workload, etc....

TAB 2: Company Relevant Experience & Reference

- Provide details of a maximum of three (3) projects similar in scope and size to that being requested through this solicitation that your firm has completed recently. Details for each project example provided should include:
 - Project Name
 - Project Address
 - Customer Name
 - Customer Contact Information
 - Point of contact Name, Phone, and Email
 - Brief description of work provided.
 - Initial costs of work
 - Final costs of work
 - Number of change orders
 - Total completion time (From Notice to Proceed to Final Invoice payment)
- Provide a statement of understanding that your firm recognizes the County reserves the right to evaluate the proposing Firm on their past performance and prior dealings with Lee County (i.e., failure to meet specifications, poor workmanship, late delivery, etc.) as part of their experience criteria.

TAB 3: Firm Plan of Approach

- Provide a detailed Plan of Approach that explains how your firm intends to comply with and meet the anticipated deliverables as detailed within this solicitation. Specifically, explain your firm's capacity to meet the deadline for design as determined by the COUNTY.

TAB 4: Personnel

- Provide a detailed description of the firm's **specific** project management team, inclusive of sub-Consultants anticipated to be utilized, that will be assigned to the Lee County contract. Identify the roles and responsibilities of the primary team members as they pertain/apply to the Project Approach and include details that demonstrate individual's knowledge and understanding of the types of services to be performed as well as previous experience in similar or related work.
- Firm must identify staff member that will serve as Project Director that shall be authorized and responsible to act on behalf of the Consultant with respect to directing, coordinating and administering all aspects of the services to be provided and performed.
- Provide a statement acknowledging your firm's understanding that the project management team/key team members assigned to the Lee County contract, as described above, shall not be substituted without the expressed permission of Lee County.
- Provide resumes, licensure, and certifications of proposed **specific** project management team, inclusive of sub-Consultants anticipated to be utilized, to be assigned to the Lee County contract.
 - *Resumes are not included within page restrictions, but should be limited to one (1) page per person.**
 - *Firms are encouraged to submit valid copies of MBE, WBE, DBE, VBE or similar certifications for adequate committee consideration."*

TAB 5: Required Forms

- Forms 1- 12

2. SCORING CRITERIA & WEIGHT

| CRITERIA / TAB | CRITERIA DESCRIPTION | MAX. POINTS AVAILABLE |
|---|---|-----------------------|
| 1 | QUALIFICATIONS OF FIRM | 10 |
| 2 | COMPANY RELEVANT EXPERIENCE & REFERENCE | 45 |
| 3 | FIRM PLAN OF APPROACH | 35 |
| 4 | PERSONNEL | 10 |
| TOTAL POINTS | | 100 |
| <i>*Additional details and documents found within submittal package, although not located within tabs as listed above, may be reviewed and considered by evaluation committee when scoring Proposers.</i> | | |

3. RFP SUBMISSION SCHEDULE

| Submission Description | Date(s) | Time |
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| Advertise Request for Proposal (RFP) | Friday, March 7, 2025 | N/A |
| Pre-Proposal Meeting | N/A | N/A |
| Proposal Question Deadline | 8 Calendar days prior to submission deadline | Prior to 5:00 PM |
| Submission Deadline | Monday, April 7, 2025 | Prior to 2:30 PM |
| First Committee Meeting & Discussion | TBD | TBD |
| Notify Shortlist Selection via e-mail (If applicable) | TBD | N/A |
| Final Scoring/Selection Meeting (If applicable) | TBD | TBD |
| Board Meeting | TBD | 9:30 AM |

Additional notes on Submission Schedule:

- *Submission Schedule is provided as a guideline only and is subject to change at the discretion of Lee County authorized personnel.*
- *Changes in closing date or other parameters may occur and will be posted to the Lee County Procurement website. It shall be the responsibility of Proposer to verify all dates through County website.*
- *Unless otherwise stated, location of all openings and meetings will take place at **2115 Second Street, 1st Floor, Fort Myers, FL 33901.***

End of Submittal Requirements & Evaluation Criteria Section

LEE COUNTY DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT FORM

For

CN250107CMR- Resilient Communication Towers- CDBG- DR

These forms are required as indicated below and all required forms should be submitted with the Bidder's/Proposer's submission package. If it is determined that forms in this selection are not applicable to your company or solicitation they should be marked "N/A or Not Applicable" across the form in large letters and returned with your submission package.

| FORM # | TITLE / DESCRIPTION | REQUIRED STATUS (Required, Not Required, If Applicable) | CONSULTANT CHECK-OFF |
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| 1 | Solicitation Response Form | Required | |
| N/A | Business Relationship Disclosure Requirement | If Applicable | |
| 2 | Affidavit Certification Immigration Laws | Required | |
| 3 | Reference Survey <i>*(Requested after opening of lowest Bidder only)</i> | Required | |
| 4 | Negligence or Breach of Contract Disclosure Form | Required | |
| 5 | Sub-Proposer List | Required | |
| 6 | Public Entity Crime Form | Required | |
| 7 | E-Verify Program (Immigration Law) | Required | |
| 8 | Form LLL- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities | Required | |
| 9 | Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion | Required | |
| 10 | Lee County, Florida Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation Certification | Required | |
| 11 | Schedule D- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation | Required | |
| 12 | Affidavit of Compliance with Section 287.138 and 787.06 Florida Statutes | Required | |
| 13 | SAM.GOV Registration Requirements | Required | |
| * | Proposal Label | Required | |

It is the Bidder's/Proposer's responsibility to review the submittal request in its entirety and ensure that all submittal requirements are included within their submission package. Failure to submit required forms may deem your company as non-responsive.

FORMS DESCRIPTION & INSTRUCTIONS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CCNA

This table provides a brief list, description, and instructions regarding the standard requested forms that should be submitted with all bids or proposals. This is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of forms required for your submission, but rather a guide to assist in completion of the County's standard forms.

| <u>Form #</u> | <u>Title/Description</u> |
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| <i>1</i> | <i>Solicitation Response Form</i> |
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| | All signatures must be by a corporate authorized representative, witnessed, and corporate and/or notary seal (if applicable.) The corporate or mailing address must match the company information as it is listed on the Florida Department of State Division of Corporations. Attach a copy of the web-page(s) from http://www.sunbiz.org as certification of this required information. Sample attached for your reference. |
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| | Verify that all addenda and tax identification number have been provided. |
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| <i>*</i> | <i>Business Relationship Disclosure Requirement</i> |
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| | Sections 112.313(3) and 112.313(7), F.S., prohibit certain business relationships on the part of public officers and employees, their spouses, and their children. If this disclosure is applicable, the Bidder must request the form entitled "INTEREST IN COMPETITIVE BID FOR PUBLIC BUSINESS" (Required by § 112.313(12)(b), F.S.) to be completed and returned with the Solicitation Response. It is the Bidder's responsibility to request the form and disclose this relationship; failure to do so may result in being declared non-responsive. |
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| | NOTICE: UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF § 112.317, F.S., A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR, AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY, ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00. |
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| <i>2</i> | <i>Affidavit Certification Immigration Laws</i> |
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| | Form is acknowledgement that the Proposer is in compliance in regard to Immigration Laws. |
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| <i>3</i> | <i>Reference Survey</i> |
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| | Provide this form to reference respondents. This form will be turned in with the proposal package. |
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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Section 1: Bidder/Proposer to complete with <u>reference respondent's</u> information prior to providing to them for their response. (This is not the Bidder/Proposer's information.)2. Section 2: Enter the name of the Bidder/Proposer; provide the project information in which the reference respondent is to provide a response.3. The <u>reference respondent</u> should complete "Section 3."4. Section 4: The reference respondent to print and sign name5. Three (3) Reference responses are to be returned with the proposal package.6. Failure to obtain reference surveys may make your company non-responsive. |
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| <i>4</i> | <i>Negligence or Breach of Contract Disclosure Form</i> |
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| | The form may be used to disclose negligence or breach of contract litigation that your company may be a part of over the past ten years. You may need to duplicate this form to list all history. If the Proposer has more than 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 was a monetary amount awarded. The settlement amount may remain anonymous. |
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| | 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. |
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- 5 ***Sub-Proposer/Consultant List*** (if applicable)
To be completed and returned when sub-Proposer/consultants are to be utilized and are known at the time of the submission.
- 6 ***Public Entity Crimes Form***
Any person or affiliate as defined by statute who has been placed on the convicted CONSULTANT list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid or 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 public work; may not submit bids or leases of real property to the County; may not be awarded or perform works as a Proposer, supplier, sub Proposer, 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 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted CONSULTANT list.
- 7 ***E-Verify Program (Immigration Law)***
- 8 ***Form LLL- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities***
- 9 ***Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion***
- 10 ***Lee County, Florida Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation Certification***
- 11 ***Schedule D- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation***
- 12 ***Affidavit of Compliance with Section 287.138 and 787.06 Florida Statutes***
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.
- 13 ***Sam.Gov Registration Requirements***
Vendors shall be required to enroll in the System for Award Management at www.sam.gov and provide acceptable evidence of the enrollment or registration with their proposal. It is the Vendors responsibility to ensure all subcontractors are enrolled with www.sam.gov.
- * ***Proposal Label*** (Required)
Self-explanatory. Please affix to the outside of the sealed submission documents.
- * ***Include any licenses or certifications requested***
Local Business Tax Account (as applicable) issued by City and/or County entity. This is necessary for all Florida CONSULTANTS.
- It is the Proposer's responsibility to ensure the Solicitation Response is mailed or delivered in time to be received no later than the specified opening date and time. (If solicitation is not received prior to deadline it cannot be considered or accepted.)



**LEE COUNTY PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT
SOLICITATION RESPONSE FORM**

Date Submitted: _____ Submission Deadline Date: 4/7/2025

SOLICITATION IDENTIFICATION: CN250107CMR

SOLICITATION NAME: Resilient Communication Towers – CDBG- DR

COMPANY NAME: _____

NAME & TITLE: (TYPED OR PRINTED) _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: (PHYSICAL) _____

CORPORATE OR MAILING ADDRESS: _____

☐ ☐ SAME AS PHYSICAL _____

ADDRESS MUST MATCH SUNBIZ.ORG _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ FAX NUMBER: _____

NOTE REQUIREMENT: IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONSULTANT 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.

In submitting this proposal, Proposer makes all representations required by the instructions to Proposer and further warrants and represents that: Proposer has examined copies of all the solicitation documents and the following addenda:

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| No. _____ Dated: _____ | No. _____ Dated: _____ | No. _____ Dated: _____ |
| No. _____ Dated: _____ | No. _____ Dated: _____ | No. _____ Dated: _____ |

Tax Payer Identification Number: _____

(1) Employer Identification Number -OR- (2) Social Security Number:

** *Lee County collects your social security number for tax reporting purposes only*

Please submit a copy of your registration from the website www.sunbiz.org establishing the Proposer/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*.

1 **Collusion Statement:** Lee County, Florida The undersigned, as 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 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.

2 **Scrutinized Companies Certification:**

Section 287.135, FL § , prohibits agencies from contracting with companies, for goods or services over \$1,000,000, that are on either the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List. Both lists are created pursuant to section 215.473, FL § .

As the person authorized to sign on behalf of Respondent, I hereby certify that the company identified above not listed on either the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List. I understand that pursuant to section 287.135, FL § , the submission of a false certification may subject company to civil penalties, attorney's fees, and/or costs.

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- 3 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), Florida Statute (1983)) to be completed and returned with solicitation response. It is the Proposer’s responsibility to disclose this relationship, failure to do so could result in being declared non-responsive.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Business Relationship Applicable (request form) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Business Relationship NOT Applicable |
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| Disadvantaged, Minority, Women, Veterans Business Enterprise (DBE, MBE, WBE, VBE) | | Yes | No |

4 Proposer? If yes, please attach a current certificate.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE EXECUTED BY AN AUTHORIZED AUTHORITY OF THE PROPOSER. WITNESSED AND SEALED (IF APPLICABLE)

Company Name (Name printed or typed)

Authorized Representative Name (printed or typed)

(Affix Corporate Seal, if applicable)

Authorized Representative’s Title (printed or typed)

Witnessed/Attested by:

(Witness/Secretary name and title printed or typed)

Authorized Representative’s Signature

Witness/Secretary Signature

Any blank spaces on the form(s), qualifying notes or exceptions, counter offers, lack of required submittals, or signatures, on County’s Form may result in the submission being declared non-responsive by the County.

Detail by Entity Name**Florida Profit Corporation**

Bill's Widget Corporation

Filing Information

Document Number 655555
 FB/EIN Number 511111111
 Date Filed 09/22/1980
 State FL
 Status ACTIVE
 Last Event AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES
 Event Date Filed 07/25/2006
 Event Effective Date NONE

Principal Address

555 N Main Street
 Your Town, USA 99999

Changed 02/11/2012

**Verify either Principal or Mailing
 address is on Form 1**

Mailing Address

555 N Main Street
 MYour Town, USA 99999

Changed 02/11/2012

Registered Agent Name & Address

My Registered Agent
 111 Registration Road
 Registration, USA99999

Name Changed: 12/14/2006

Address Changed: 12/14/2006

Officer/Director Detail**Name & Address**

Title P

President, First
 555 AVENUE
 Anytown, USA99999

Title V

President, Second
 555 AVENUE
 Anytown, USA99999

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.

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AFFIDAVIT CERTIFICATION IMMIGRATION LAWS

SOLICITATION NO.: **CN250107CMR** SOLICITATION NAME: **Resilient Communication Towers- CDBG- DR**

LEE COUNTY WILL NOT INTENTIONALLY AWARD COUNTY CONTRACTS TO ANY PROPOSER 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 PROPOSER 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 CONSULTANT, 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 CONSULTANT, 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 SUBPROPOSERS TO PROVIDE AN AFFIDAVIT ATTESTING THAT THE SUBPROPOSER DOES NOT EMPLOY, CONTRACT WITH, OR SUBCONTRACT WITH, AN UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL LEAD TO TERMINATION AS A CONSULTANT, DISQUALIFYING YOU FOR AWARD OF A SOLICITATION, DENIAL OF ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT AND/OR, CANCELLATION OF AN ACTIVE CONTRACT, OR IF YOUR SUBPROPOSER 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 CONSULTANT, THE CONSULTANT 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 CONSULTANT.

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.**

Form 3 - Reference Survey

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: _____

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| 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: | |

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

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| 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 the COUNTY 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: | | |
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| Section 4 | Please submit non-Lee County employees as references |
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Reference Name (Print Name) _____

Reference Signature _____

Form 4 – Negligence, Breach and/or Non-Compliance Disclosure Form



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> |
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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.

Page Number: _____ Of _____ Total pages

Form 5 - Sub-Proposer/consultant List



SUB-PROPOSER/CONSULTANT LIST

| Sub-Proposer/Consultant Company Name | Area Of Work | Point Of Contact Or Project Supervisor | Contact Info Phone or Email | Qualified DBE, MBE, WBE, VBE or Similar | Amount or Percentage of Total |
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Please include sub-Proposer/consultant name, area of work (i.e. mechanical, electrical, etc.) and a **valid** phone number and/or email. Also include the dollar value or percentage that the sub-Proposer/consultant will be performing. If sub-Proposer/consultant qualifies as a current certificate Florida Certified Business Enterprise such as MBE, WBE, DBE, VBE or similar please indicate such above and provide proof of certification.

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 COUNTYship 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, 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 CONSULTANT 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

Attachment: Immigration Law Affidavit Certification

This Affidavit is required and should be signed by an authorized principal of the firm, notarized and submitted with formal Invitations to Bid (ITB's) and Request for Proposals (RFP) submittals. Further, CONSULTANTS / Bidders are required to enroll in the E-Verify program, and provide acceptable evidence of their enrollment, at the time of the submission of the CONSULTANT's/bidder's proposal. Acceptable evidence consists of a copy of the properly completed E-Verify Company Profile page or a copy of the fully executed E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding for the company. **Failure to include this Affidavit and acceptable evidence of enrollment in the E-Verify program, may deem the CONSULTANT / Bidder's proposal as non-responsive.**

Lee County will not intentionally award County contracts to any CONSULTANT who knowingly employs unauthorized alien workers, constituting a violation of the employment provision 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 CONSULTANT 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 termination of the contract by Lee County.

CONSULTANT attests that they are fully compliant with all applicable immigration laws (specifically to the 1986 Immigration Act and subsequent Amendment(s)) and agrees to comply with the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding with E-Verify and to provide proof of enrollment in The Employment Eligibility Verification System (E-Verify), operated by the Department of Homeland Security in partnership with the Social Security Administration at the time of submission of the CONSULTANT's / Bidder's proposal.

Company Name _____

Print Name _____ Title _____

Signature _____ Date _____

State of _____

County of _____

The foregoing instrument was signed and acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 20____, by

_____ who has produced _____ as identification.
(Print or Type Name) (Type of Identification and Number)

Notary Public Signature

Printed Name of Notary Public

Notary Commission Number/Expiration

The signee of these Affidavit guarantees, as evidenced by the sworn affidavit required herein, the truth and accuracy of this affidavit to interrogatories hereinafter made.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

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

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

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

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

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Name & Title of Contractors Authorized Official

Date

Form 8: Form LLL – Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (Continued)

| DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES | | |
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| Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C.1352 | | Approved by OMB 4040-0013 |
| Review Public Burden Disclosure Statement | | |
| 1. * Type of Federal Action: <input type="checkbox"/> a. contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. grant <input type="checkbox"/> c. cooperative agreement <input type="checkbox"/> d. loan <input type="checkbox"/> e. loan guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> f. loan insurance | 2. * Status of Federal Action: <input type="checkbox"/> a. bid/offer/application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. initial award <input type="checkbox"/> c. post-award | 3. * Report Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. initial filing <input type="checkbox"/> b. material change |
| 4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prime <input type="checkbox"/> SubAwardee * Name: <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/> * Street 1: <input style="width: 45%;" type="text"/> Street 2: <input style="width: 45%;" type="text"/> * City: <input style="width: 25%;" type="text"/> State: <input style="width: 35%;" type="text"/> Zip: <input style="width: 15%;" type="text"/> Congressional District, if known: <input style="width: 40%;" type="text"/> | | |
| 5. If Reporting Entity in No.4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime: <div style="height: 40px; border: 1px solid black;"></div> | | |
| 6. * Federal Department/Agency: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> | 7. * Federal Program Name/Description: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> CFDA Number, if applicable: <input style="width: 50%;" type="text"/> | |
| 8. Federal Action Number, if known: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> | 9. Award Amount, if known: \$ <input style="width: 50%;" type="text"/> | |
| 10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant: Prefix: <input style="width: 10%;" type="text"/> * First Name: <input style="width: 30%;" type="text"/> Middle Name: <input style="width: 30%;" type="text"/> * Last Name: <input style="width: 40%;" type="text"/> Suffix: <input style="width: 10%;" type="text"/> * Street 1: <input style="width: 45%;" type="text"/> Street 2: <input style="width: 45%;" type="text"/> * City: <input style="width: 25%;" type="text"/> State: <input style="width: 35%;" type="text"/> Zip: <input style="width: 15%;" type="text"/> | | |
| b. Individual Performing Services (including address if different from No. 10a) Prefix: <input style="width: 10%;" type="text"/> * First Name: <input style="width: 30%;" type="text"/> Middle Name: <input style="width: 30%;" type="text"/> * Last Name: <input style="width: 40%;" type="text"/> Suffix: <input style="width: 10%;" type="text"/> * Street 1: <input style="width: 45%;" type="text"/> Street 2: <input style="width: 45%;" type="text"/> * City: <input style="width: 25%;" type="text"/> State: <input style="width: 35%;" type="text"/> Zip: <input style="width: 15%;" type="text"/> | | |
| 11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when the transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure. | | |
| * Signature: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> *Name: Prefix: <input style="width: 10%;" type="text"/> * First Name: <input style="width: 30%;" type="text"/> Middle Name: <input style="width: 30%;" type="text"/> * Last Name: <input style="width: 40%;" type="text"/> Suffix: <input style="width: 10%;" type="text"/> Title: <input style="width: 30%;" type="text"/> Telephone No.: <input style="width: 20%;" type="text"/> Date: <input style="width: 30%;" type="text"/> | | |
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**Certification Regarding
Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility
And Voluntary Exclusion**

CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR Covered Transactions

- (1) The prospective CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR, _____
of the Sub-Recipient certifies, by submission of this document, that neither it nor its principals is
presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded
from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the Sub-Recipient's subcontractor is unable to certify to the above statement, the prospective
subcontractor shall attach an explanation to this form.

CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR

By: _____
Signature

Name and Title

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Date

Form 10: Lee County, Florida Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation Certification

Project No.: _____ Bid No.: _____ Contract No.: _____

Contract/Project Name(s): _____

This is a formal certification that the below list of Disadvantage Business Enterprise Sub- Contractor(s) and amount(s) were utilized on the above project.

| DBE SUB-CONTRACTOR | SUB-CONTRACTOR AMOUNT | AMOUNT PAID |
|--------------------|--|--|
| | Not applicable at time of bid submission. | Not applicable at time of bid submission. |
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| | | |

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

Send To: Lee County Department of Human
Services 2440 Thompson Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901
(239) 533-7930

Form 11: Schedule D- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation

SCHEDULE D

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION

NOTE: This form must be signed by the person who will sign, or has signed the Bid Form. This form is a listing of subcontractors that are planned to be a part of the project. If those subcontractors are unknown or none apply, the form must still be completed. This form will become a part of the contract documents.

DIVISION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CERTIFIED DBE ☐/MINORITY ☐/WOMEN ☐
(CHECK APPROPRIATE DESIGNATION)

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: _____

SUBCONTRACTOR'S NAME: _____

EST. DOLLAR VALUE OF PROPOSED WORK: Not applicable at time of bid submission.

DIVISION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CERTIFIED DBE ☐/MINORITY ☐/WOMEN ☐
(CHECK APPROPRIATE DESIGNATION)

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: _____

SUBCONTRACTOR'S NAME: _____

EST. DOLLAR VALUE OF PROPOSED WORK: Not applicable at time of bid submission.

DIVISION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CERTIFIED DBE ☐/MINORITY ☐/WOMEN ☐
(CHECK APPROPRIATE DESIGNATION)

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: _____

SUBCONTRACTOR'S NAME: _____

EST. DOLLAR VALUE OF PROPOSED WORK: Not applicable at time of bid submission.

DIVISION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CERTIFIED DBE ☐/MINORITY ☐/WOMEN ☐
(CHECK APPROPRIATE DESIGNATION)

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: _____

SUBCONTRACTOR'S NAME: _____

EST. DOLLAR VALUE OF PROPOSED WORK: Not applicable at time of bid submission.

TOTAL VALUE OF ALL DBE/MINORITY/WOMEN SUBCONTRACT WORK:

\$ Not applicable at time of bid submission.

ESTIMATED TOTAL PERCENT (%) TO BE UTILIZED:

Not applicable at time of bid submission. %

CONTRACTOR NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

**AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 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

SAM.GOV Registration Requirements

Vendors shall be required to enroll in the System for Award Management at www.sam.gov and provide acceptable evidence of the enrollment or registration with their proposal. It is the Vendors responsibility to ensure all subcontractors are enrolled with www.sam.gov.

The General Services Administration (GSA), a federal agency, is required by the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to compile and maintain a list of parties debarred, suspended, or disqualified by federal agencies. As this project includes federal funding, CONTRACTORS/ VENDORS/ CONSULTANTS, as well as SUBCONTRACTORS/ SUBVENDORS/ SUBCONSULTANTS must be registered and be active at Sam.gov prior to Contract award. It is highly recommended CONTRACTORS/ VENDORS /CONSULTANTS and SUBCONTRACTORS/ SUBVENDORS/ SUBCONSULTANTS provide a copy with their proposal of such registration.

Is your company registered with Sam.gov? Yes or No

If not registered at time of bid submission, the awarded Vender shall enroll and be registered prior to award.

Provide your companies Sam.gov registration information below

Company Name: _____

Unique Entity ID: _____

Physical Address: _____

Expiration Date: _____

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

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|---|---|
| PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS • DO NOT OPEN | |
| SOLICITATION No.: | CN250107CMR |
| SOLICITATION TITLE: | Resilient Communication Towers- CDBG- DR |
| DATE DUE: | Monday, April 7, 2025 |
| TIME DUE: | Prior to: 2:30 PM |
| SUBMITTED BY: | <small>(Name of Company)</small> |
| e-mail address | Telephone |
| DELIVER TO: | Lee County Procurement Management 2115 Second Street, 1 st Floor Fort Myers FL 33901 |



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

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY