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Lee County Board of County Commissioners
DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT

**Consultant Competitive Negotiation Act (CN) Request for
Proposal**

Solicitation No.:	CN170335DLK		
Solicitation Name:	Consulting Services for Water Resources and Environmental Policy Support		
Open Date/Time:	Monday, 6/19/2017	Time:	2:30 PM
Location:	Lee County Procurement Management 1500 Monroe Street 4th Floor Fort Myers, FL 33901		
Procurement Contact:	Diana Khan	Title	Manager
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Requesting Dept.	Natural Resources		

Pre-Solicitation Meeting:

Type: No meeting scheduled at this time
Date/Time: N/A
Location: N/A

All solicitation documents are available for download at
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Notice to Contractor / Vendor / Proposer(s)

RFP#CN170335DLK Consulting Services for Water Resources and Environmental Policy Support

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Consultant Competitive Negotiation Act (CN)

Lee County, Fort Myers, Florida, is requesting proposals from qualified individuals/firms for

Consulting Services for Water Resources and Environmental Policy Support

Then and there to be publicly opened and read aloud for the purpose of selecting a vendor to furnish; all necessary labor, services, materials, equipment, tools, consumables, transportation, skills and incidentals required for Lee County, Fort Myers, Florida, in conformance with 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, June 19, 2017

to the office of **Procurement Management, 1500 Monroe Street, 4th 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.

Diana Khan dkhan@leegov.com

Sincerely,



Mary G. Tucker, CPPO, FCCM, FCCN
Procurement Management Director

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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 vendor in response to some type of solicitation to be used as a basis for negotiations or for entering into a contract.
- 1.4. **Bidder/Responder/Proposer:** One who submits a response to a solicitation.
- 1.5. **County:** Refers to Lee County Board of County Commissioners.
- 1.6. **Due Date and Time/Opening:** Is defined as the date and time upon which a bid or proposal shall be submitted to the Lee County Procurement Management Division. Only bids or proposals received prior to the established date and time will be considered.
- 1.7. **Liquidated Damages:** Damages paid usually in the form of monetary payment, agreed by the parties to a contract which are due and payable as damages by the party who breaches all or part of the contract. May be applied on a daily basis for as long as the breach is in effect.
- 1.8. **Procurement Management:** shall mean the Director of Lee County's Procurement Management Department or designee.
- 1.9. **Responsible:** A vendor, business entity or individual who is fully capable to meet all of the requirements of the bid/proposal solicitation documents and subsequent contract. Must possess the full capability including financial and technical, to perform as contractually required. Must be able to fully document the ability to provide good faith performance.
- 1.10. **Responsive:** A vendor, business entity or individual who has submitted a bid or request for proposal that fully conforms in all material respects to the bid/proposal solicitation documents and all of its requirements, including all form and substance.
- 1.11. **Solicitation:** An invitation to bid, a request for proposal, invitation to negotiate or any document used to obtain bids or proposals for the purpose of entering into a contract.

2. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

- 2.1. If a conflict exists between the "Terms and Conditions" the following order of precedents will apply:
 - 2.1.1. Florida State Law as applied to Municipal Purchasing in accordance with Title XIX, "Public Business", Chapter 287 "Procurement of Personal Property and Services."
 - 2.1.2. Lee County Procurement Management Division Policy and Ordinances
 - 2.1.3. Special Conditions and Supplemental Instructions
 - 2.1.4. Detailed Scope of Work
 - 2.1.5. 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 Manual
 - 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. Florida Statute 337.168 Confidentiality of official estimates, identities of potential bidders, and bid analysis and monitoring.
- 3.1.5. 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:** If applicable, provide with proposal.
- 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.
- 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. Should not contain links to other Web pages.
- 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.
- 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 background check. There may be fees associated with these procedures. These costs are the responsibility of the Proposer or sub-Proposer.
- 6.2. **Past Performance:** All vendors 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.

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 made **in writing and submitted at least eight (8) calendar days prior to the date when the proposal is due**.
- 8.2. Response(s) will be in the form of an Addendum posted on www.leegov.com/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. ADDITIONS, REVISIONS AND DELETIONS

- 9.1. Additions, revisions, or deletions to the Terms and Conditions, Specifications, Bid Schedule, or other document provided by Lee County Procurement Management Division that changes the intent of the solicitation will cause the solicitation to be non-responsive and the proposal will not be considered. The Procurement Management Director shall be the sole judge as to whether or not any addition, revision, or deletion changes the intent of the solicitation.

10. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 10.1. 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.
- 10.2. 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.
- 10.3. 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.

11. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 11.1. 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.

And:

- 11.2. A professional services firm who has performed or participated in the project feasibility planning, study analysis, development of a program for future implementation or drafting of solicitation documents directly related to this County project, as the primary vendor/consulting team, cannot be selected or retained, as the

primary consultant/vendor or named a member of the consulting/contracting team, to perform project design, engineering or construction services for subsequent phase(s) or scope of work for this project. Pursuant to FS. S287.057 (17) the firm will be deemed to have a prohibited conflict of interest that creates an unfair competitive advantage.

- 11.3. 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.

- 11.4. **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.

12. ANTI-LOBBYING CLAUSE (Cone of Silence)

- 12.1. Following Florida Statute Section 287.057(23), 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 may be declared non- responsible.**

13. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

- 13.1. Lee County Board of County Commissioners encourages Drug Free Workplace programs as defined in accordance with Section 287.087, FL § .

14. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE's)

- 14.1. The County encourages the use of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Proposer(s) as defined and certified by the Florida Department of Transportation.
- 14.2. Bidder/Proposer is required to indicate whether the Firm and/or any proposed sub-consultants are Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE). Lee County encourages the utilization and participation of DBEs 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 certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms as well as other minority-owned and women-owned firms are encouraged to respond.

15. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION/EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

- 15.1. The Proposer agrees to comply, in accordance with Florida Statute 287.134, 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA) that furnishing goods or services to the County hereunder, no person on the grounds of race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, disability or marital status shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination.
- 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-contractor. The Proposer will take such actions in respect to any sub-contractor, as the contracting agency may direct, as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for non-compliance.
- 15.4. An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the State of Florida's Discriminatory Vendor List (This list may be viewed by going to the Department of Management Services website at <http://www.dms.myflorida.com>) may not submit a bid on a contract to provide goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit

bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not award or perform work as a vendor, supplier, sub-contractor, or consultant under contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity.

16. PROPOSER/SUB-PROPOSER/CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP

- 16.1. The prime Proposer on a solicitation may not also be listed as a sub-Proposer/consultant/contractor to another firm submitting a proposal for the same solicitation. Should this occur, all responses from the involved/named firms will be considered non-compliant and rejected for award. Sub-Proposers/consultant/contractor may be listed on multiple proposals for the same solicitation.

17. SUB-PROPOSER/CONSULTANT

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

18. RFP - PROJECT GUIDELINES

- 18.1. 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:
 - 18.1.1. No amount of work is guaranteed upon the execution of an agreement/contract.
 - 18.1.2. Hourly rates and all other negotiated expenses will remain in effect throughout the duration of the agreement/contract period; inclusive of any renewals unless otherwise specified herein.
 - 18.1.3. 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.
 - 18.1.4. 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.
 - 18.1.5. Lee County reserves the right to add or delete, at any time, and or all tasks or services associated with this agreement.
 - 18.1.6. 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.

19. RFP – EVALUATION

- 19.1. **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”).
- 19.2. **Evaluation Meeting(s):**
 - 19.2.1. The first evaluation will rank Proposers based on the scores from the selection criteria point values.
 - 19.2.2. Following the initial evaluation process, the short-listed proposer(s) will be required to provide an on-site interview/presentation.
 - 19.2.3. Such subsequent evaluations will be accomplished by simply ranking the proposers. 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) - the highest ranking.
 - 19.2.4. Proposed short-list and final selection meeting dates are posted on the Procurement Management web page: www.lee.gov/procurement (Projects, Award Pending.)

20. RFP – SELECTION PROCEDURE

- 20.1. 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

- 20.2. Agreement/Contract fees will be negotiated in accordance with Section 287.055 FL §.
- 20.3. The recommendation to award, negotiated rates and agreement/contract(s) will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for approval.
- 20.4. 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.
- 20.5. The Procurement Management Director reserves the right to exercise their discretion to:
 - 20.5.1. Make award(s) to one or multiple Proposers.
 - 20.5.2. Waive minor informalities in any response;
 - 20.5.3. Reject any and all proposals with or without cause;
 - 20.5.4. Accept the response that in its judgment will be in the best interest of Lee County.

21. RFP – TIEBREAKER

- 21.1. 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.
 - 21.1.1. 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 rank, will be counted until the tie is broken.
 - 21.1.2. Step 2: At the conclusion of step 1 if all is equal, the local Proposer shall be deemed the highest ranked Proposer over a non-local Proposer. Local shall be defined by Lee County Ordinance 08-26 or current revision thereof.
 - 21.1.3. Step 3: At the conclusion of step 1 and step 2 if all is equal, the Proposer having a drug-free work place program, in accordance with Section 287.087, FL § , shall be deemed the first ranked Proposer.
 - 21.1.4. Step 4: At the conclusion of steps 1, 2, 3, if all are equal, the 1st place Proposer shall be determined by the flip of a coin.
- 21.2. When the tiebreaker is determined the highest ranked Proposer shall be awarded the contract or receive the first opportunity to negotiate, as applicable.
- 21.3. If an award or negotiation is unsuccessful with the highest ranked Proposer, award or negotiations may commence with the next highest ranked Proposer.

22. RFP – EVALUATION/ SELECTION COMMITTEE

- 22.1. 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.
- 22.2. 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 in a short-list of at least three (3) Proposers/Firms to be interviewed.

23. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL

- 23.1. 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.
- 23.2. A Proposer may withdraw a proposal any time prior to the opening of the solicitation.
- 23.3. 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:
 - 23.3.1. The Proposer acted in good faith in submitting the proposal,
 - 23.3.2. 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,
 - 23.3.3. The mistake was not the result of gross negligence or willful inattention by the Proposer; and

- 23.3.4. The mistake was discovered and was communicated to the County prior to the County Commission having formally awarded the contract/agreement.

24. PROTEST RIGHTS

- 24.1. Any Proposer that has submitted a formal response to Lee County, and who is adversely affected by an intended decision with respect to the award, has the right to protest an intended decision posted by the County as part of the solicitation process.
- 24.2. "Decisions" are posted on the Lee County Procurement Management Division website. Proposers are solely responsible to check for information regarding the solicitation. (www.leegov.com/procurement)
- 24.3. Refer to the "Bid/Proposal Protest Procedure" section of the Lee County "Contracts Manual" for the complete protest process and requirements. The Manual is posted on the Lee County website or you may contact the Procurement Management Director.
- 24.4. In order to preserve your right to protest, you must file a written **"Notice Of Intent To File A Protest"** with the Lee County Procurement Management Director by 4:00 PM on the 3rd working day after the decision affecting your rights is posted on the Lee County website.
- 24.4.1. The notice must clearly state the basis and reasons for the protest.
- 24.4.2. The notice must be physically received by the Procurement Management Director within the required time frame. No additional time is granted for mailing.
- 24.5. To secure your right to protest you will also be required to post a **"Protest Bond"** and file a written **"Formal Protest"** document **within 10 calendar days** after the date of **"Notice of Intent to File a Protest"** is received by the Procurement Management Director.
- 24.6. **Failure to follow the protest procedures requirement within the timeframes as prescribed herein and established by the Lee County Board of County Commissioners, Florida, shall constitute a waiver of your protest and any resulting claims.**

25. AUTHORITY TO UTILIZE BY OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

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

26. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

- 26.1. **Designated Contact:**
- 26.1.1. The awarded 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.
- 26.1.2. 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.
- 26.2. **RFP – Term:**
- 26.2.1. Unless otherwise stated in the scope of work, specifications, or special conditions the default **contract term shall be one (1) year with three (3), one (1) year renewals for a total of four (4) years upon mutual agreement of both parties.**
- 26.2.2. The County reserves the right to renew this contract, or any portion thereof, and to negotiate pricing as a condition for each.
- 26.2.3. The County's performance and obligation to pay under this contract, and any applicable renewal options, is contingent upon annual appropriation of funds.
- 26.3. **RFP – Basis of Award:**
- 26.3.1. Award will be made to the most responsible and responsive Proposer based on the evaluation criteria.
- 26.4. **Agreement/Contract:**
- 26.4.1. 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>.
- 26.5. **Records:**

26.5.1. 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.

26.5.2. Right to Audit/Disclosure: These records shall be made available during the term of the contract as well as the retention period. These records shall be made readily available to County personnel with reasonable notice and other persons in accordance with the Florida General Records Schedule. Awarded Bidder/Proposer(s) are hereby informed of their requirement to comply with FL §119 specifically to:

26.5.2.1. Keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service.

26.5.2.2. Upon request from the County's custodian of public records, provide the County with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided or as otherwise provided by law.

26.5.2.3. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the contract if the contractor does not transfer the records to the County.

26.5.2.4. Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the County all public records in possession of the contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service. If the contractor transfers all public records to the County upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the County, upon request from the County's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the County.

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

26.5.4. Ownership: It is understood and agreed that all documents, including detailed reports, plans, original tracings, specifications and all data prepared or obtained by the successful 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. This includes any electronic versions, such as CAD or other computer aided drafting programs.

26.6. **Termination:**

26.6.1. Any agreement as a result of this solicitation may be terminated by either party giving **thirty (30) calendar days advance written notice**. The County reserves the right to accept or not accept a termination notice submitted by the Proposer, and no such termination notice submitted by the vendor shall become effective unless and until the vendor is notified in writing by the County of its acceptance.

26.6.2. The Procurement Management Director may immediately terminate any agreement as a result of this solicitation for emergency purposes, as defined by the Lee County Purchasing and Payment Procedures Manual (Purchasing Manual), (also known as Appendix "D", "AC-4-1.pdf".)

26.6.3. 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 vendor may apply to the Board for a waiver of this debarment. Such application for waiver of debarment must be coordinated with and processed by the Procurement Management Department.

26.6.4. The County reserves the right to terminate award or contract following any of the below for goods or services over \$1,000,000:

- 26.6.4.1. Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification as provided under FL § 287.135 (5);
- 26.6.4.2. Contractor has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List;
- 26.6.4.3. Contractor has engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria;
- 26.6.4.4. Contractor has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel – beginning October 1, 2016.

27. WAIVER OF CLAIMS

- 27.1. Once this contract expires, or final payment has been requested and made, the awarded vendor 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 vendor to have waived any right to claims against the County concerning this agreement.

28. LEE COUNTY PAYMENT PROCEDURES

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

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.

End of Terms and Conditions Section

Insurance Guide:



Major Insurance Requirements with Professional Liability

Minimum Insurance Requirements: *Risk Management in no way represents that the insurance required is sufficient or adequate to protect the Vendor's 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, and 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)

- c. **Workers' Compensation** - Statutory benefits as defined by Chapter 440, Florida Statutes, 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 or other professional services.

\$1,000,000 combined single limit of bodily injury and property damage

****The required minimum limit of liability shown in a., b., and c. 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."***



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. **The certificate holder shall read as follows:**

Lee County Board of County Commissioners
P.O. Box 398
Fort Myers, Florida 33902

- b. ***“Lee County, a political subdivision and Charter County of the State of Florida, its agents, employees, and public officials” will be named as an "Additional Insured" on the General Liability policy, including Products and Completed Operations coverage.***

Special Requirements:

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

End of Insurance Guide section

1. 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. Response to Criteria there will not be a page limit.

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End of Special Conditions

**LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS
FOR
CN170335DLK
Consultant Competitive Negotiation Act (CN) Request for Proposal
for
Consulting Services for Water Resources and Environmental Policy Support**

1. SCOPE OF WORK

Lee County Board of County Commissioners anticipates seeking professional consultants to provide consulting services to include but not limited to: Consulting services for water resources and environmental policy support to the Lee County Natural Resources department related to administrative, environmental, land use and water law matters.

2. PROJECT CRITERIA/TASKS

- 2.1. **Water and Environmental Law Support:** Representation on behalf of Natural Resources activities related to water and environmental issues, legislation, rules, policies, initiatives, funding and projects that relate to enhancement and protection of the natural and water resources deemed essential to Lee County. Efforts will include tracking, summarizing, monitoring, coordinating, drafting comments and otherwise reporting, on federal, state and regional agency meetings, hearings and developments, as well as pertinent changes or issues with federal, state and regional agency laws, regulations, or policies which may impact the quality and quantity of the water resources of Lee County. This includes, but is not limited to, the development and implementation of Total Maximum Daily Loads ("TMDLs") and Basin Management Action Plans ("BMAPs"), National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES")/Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System ("MS4") requirements, Water Reservations, Minimum Flows and Levels ("MFLs"), Regional Water Supply Planning, Prevention/Recovery Strategies, environmental resource and water use permitting, Lake Okeechobee Management and Operations issues and projects, Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan ("CERP"), Central Everglades Planning Project ("CEPP"), Caloosahatchee River Watershed Protection Plan ("CRWPP"). This includes coordination with the agencies responsible for implementing these various issues, rules, policies, projects and initiatives. This task shall include, but not be limited to, coverage of rules, policies, initiatives, funding and projects from the following federal and state agencies: South Florida Water Management District ("SFWMD"), Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("FDEP"), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), U. S. Army Corps of Engineers ("Corps"), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("USFWS"), Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission ("FFWCC"), Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services ("FDACS") and other related federal and state agencies.
- 2.2. **Deliverables:** Upon request by Natural Resources staff, the consultant shall:
 - 2.2.1 Develop and prepare routine memoranda, position papers and briefing documents on issues related to this Task.
 - 2.2.2 Attend and provide comments at relevant agency meetings and hearings, as directed, and provide minutes with recommended actions for distribution.
 - 2.2.3 Report findings to the Lee County Natural Resources Project Manager and also report findings to the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") as requested. When appropriate, or as directed, make oral and/written presentations for the benefit of Board members and to receive additional direction.
 - 2.2.4 Research, review, analyze and prepare strategic opinions on issues related to this Task.
 - 2.2.5 Draft comment letters or review and edit comment letters prepared by Natural Resources staff.
 - 2.2.6 Facilitate, coordinate and attend meetings with key agency contacts.
 - 2.2.7 Conduct routine telephone conferences and face-to-face discussions with Natural Resources staff, as needed, to discuss pertinent matters, as well as receive input and direction.
 - 2.2.8 Communicate and coordinate the position of the Board to other local governments, interests groups and local and federal government lobbyists.
- 2.3. **Legislative and Executive Branch Issues Support:** Assist Natural Resources and Administrative staff in the development and implementation of a coordinated strategy and policies that advocates, and defends, the

County's legislative, funding and policy priorities for Natural Resources before the Florida Executive and Legislative branches, agencies and offices.

- 2.4. **Deliverables:** Upon request by Natural Resources staff, during regular or special legislative session and interim committee weeks, the consultant shall:
 - 2.4.1 Attend weekly team strategy meetings or conference calls.
 - 2.4.2 Prepare and submit written reports regarding progress made to achieve County priorities or projects related to administrative, environmental, land use and water law matters, including weekly status reports.
 - 2.4.3 Prepare and distribute to Board members, County Manager and Natural Resources staff an end-of-session report upon the conclusion of any regular or special session.
 - 2.4.4 Attend County Commission meetings and make presentations, as needed.
 - 2.4.5 Communicate and coordinate with County federal lobbyist where applicable.
- 2.5. **Project Permits/Approvals Support:** Advise, and provide strategic counsel, related to applications for agency permits or approvals for Natural Resources projects and/or operations. This shall include, but not be limited to, approvals and permits from FDEP, SFWMD, EPA, and the Corps. Such approvals and permits shall include, but not be limited to, environmental resource permits, dredge and fill permits, joint coastal permits, dock and pier permits, sovereign submerged land lease/use approvals, water use permits, consumptive use permits, NPDES discharge permits, MS4 permits, mitigation bank/regional offsite mitigation area permits, solid waste management, recovered materials, hazardous waste facilities permits, contaminated site cleanup approvals, residuals/biosolids/sewage sludge application and distribution, deep well injection and leachate disposal. This includes representation as a consultant on any regulatory agency compliance or enforcement proceedings.
- 2.6. **Deliverables:** Upon request by Natural Resources staff, the consultant shall:
 - 2.6.1 Facilitate, coordinate and attend meetings with key agency contacts.
 - 2.6.2 Conduct telephone conferences and face-to-face discussions with Board members or Natural Resources staff, as needed, to discuss pertinent matters, as well as receive input and direction.
 - 2.6.3 Attend County Commission meetings and make oral and/written presentations for the benefit of Board members and to receive additional direction.
 - 2.6.4 Draft applications and any necessary documents to be submitted in support of applications seeking agency permits or approvals, or review and edit such applications and documents prepared by Natural Resources.
 - 2.6.5 Draft responses to requests for additional information from the regulatory agencies regarding applications seeking permits or approvals or review and edit such drafts prepared by Natural Resources staff.
 - 2.6.6 Research, review, analyze and prepare memoranda or position papers on issues related to this Task.
 - 2.6.7 Draft correspondence or other necessary documents to the pertinent regulatory agencies regarding enforcement or compliance matters or review and edit such drafts prepared by Natural Resources staff.
- 2.7. **Project Procurement and Financing Support:** Advise, and provide strategic counsel, to Natural Resources and Administrative staff on the development, planning, financing and implementation of Natural Resources Capital Improvement Projects and other related projects. This shall include seeking and applying for state and federal funding assistance, including, grants, loans and appropriations.
- 2.8. **Deliverables:** Upon request by Natural Resources staff, the consultant shall:
 - 2.8.1 Draft land development regulations, policies and procurement documents or review and edit such drafts prepared by Natural Resources staff.
 - 2.8.2 Research, review, analyze and prepare memoranda or position papers on issues related to this Task.
 - 2.8.3 Draft applications and any necessary documents submitted in support of grant, loan, appropriation or other funding applications or review and edit such drafts prepared by Natural Resources staff.
 - 2.8.4 Conduct telephone conferences and face-to-face discussions with Board members or Natural Resources staff, as needed, to discuss pertinent matters, as well as receive input and direction.
 - 2.8.5 Attend County Commission meetings and make oral and/written presentations for the benefit of Board members and to receive additional direction.

2.9. **County Ordinances, Codes and Policy Support:** Assist and advise, as specifically requested, Natural Resources staff and the County Attorney's Office in developing, drafting, amending, implementing, enforcing and defending administrative, environmental, land use and water related ordinances, administrative codes, policies and procedures. This shall include, but not be limited to, Chapter 14 of the Land Development Code, Mining, DRGR, the Well Code, the Well Protection Ordinance, the Fertilizer and Landscape Management Ordinance, the Water Shortage Ordinance, the Hazardous Waste Ordinance, Commercial Use of Right of Way Ordinance, Toll Facilities Ordinance, Utilities (Water and Sewer) Ordinances and Garbage Recycling and Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Ordinances.

2.10 **Deliverables:** Upon request by Natural Resources staff, the consultant shall:

2.10.1 Draft ordinances, administrative codes, policies and procedures or review and edit such drafts prepared by Natural Resources staff.

2.10.2 Research, review, analyze and prepare memoranda or position papers on issues related to the development and implementation of relevant ordinances, administrative codes, policies and procedures.

2.10.3 Conduct telephone conferences and face-to-face discussions with Board members or Natural Resources staff, as needed, to discuss pertinent matters, as well as receive input and direction.

2.10.4 Attend County Commission meetings and make oral and/written presentations for the benefit of Board members and to receive additional direction.

2.11. **Litigation Support:** As specifically requested, assist in the prosecution and defense of Lee County's interest related to administrative, environmental, land use and water law matters in county, state and federal administrative and civil court proceedings, and County administrative hearings. This may include, but is not limited to, challenges of agency permit approvals impacting Lee County's interest, challenges of agency rules impacting Lee County's interest, defense of permit approvals for Lee County projects and operations, defense of Lee County in agency enforcement actions and enforcement relating to Lee County ordinance violations. Note: Should the County need to hire legal counsel; this will be accomplished through the County Attorney's Office.

2.12. **Deliverables:** To be determined by supplemental task authorization

3. PROJECT TERM

3.1 **Multi-year Renewals:** The successful bidder shall be responsible for furnishing and delivering to the Lee County requesting Department(s) the commodity or services on an "as needed basis" for a one-year (1) period. There may be an option to extend this contract as specified in the Scope of Work or specifications upon the approval of both the County and the successful bidder at the time of extension or renewal for three (3), additional one (1) year periods.

4. PROJECT OBJECTIVE

4.11. In selecting a Proposer, the County will place emphasis on the experience of the Proposer and its assigned personnel in providing services on projects of similar nature and size.

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 **10 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 six (6) electronic version(s) 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.) Vendor 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 Vendor 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?

TAB 1: Qualifications and Experience

- Provide a summary of firm qualifications and experience to include: a) number of years of experience in providing the required services and the total number of employees of the firm including the number of staff; b) a list of government and private clients your firm has on contract with a description of any potential conflicts of interest between the County and your firm's other clients.

TAB 2: Project Approach

- Demonstrate the approach for the work required, to include at a minimum: a) staffing and manpower requirements; b) proposed schedules; c) development of a resource issue work plan; d) performance benchmarks and plans; e) plan for identifying activities and issues of potential interest to the County and means to communicate that information to the County project manager; f) the firm's proposed methods for facilitating effective relationship building between the County and various disparate stakeholders groups, state and federal agencies.

TAB 3: Key Personnel

- Provide a summary of the proposed team's qualification, including: a) a list of the personnel to be used on this project together with resumes including education, experience, and any other pertinent information; and b) a comprehensive summary of the experience and qualifications of the proposed Project Manager for this contract.

TAB 4: Proposal Requirements

- Detail your expected plan to meet proposal requirements and successfully complete project(s). Include, as applicable, Project Understanding, Project Approach, Valued Engineering Approach, and Quality Control Approach and suggestions to improve the scope of the project.

TAB 5: Required Forms

- Forms 1- 7

2. SCORING CRITERIA & WEIGHT

CRITERIA	CRITERIA DESCRIPTION	MAX. POINTS AVAILABLE
1	Qualifications and Experience (TAB 1)	35
2	Project Approach (TAB 2)	35
3	Key Personnel (TAB 3)	25
4	Proposal Requirements (TAB 4)	5
TOTAL POINTS		100
*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.		

3. RFP SUBMISSION SCHEDULE

Submission Description	Date(s)	Time
Advertise Request for Proposal (RFP)	Friday, May 12, 2017	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, June 19, 2017	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

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 Contractor to verify all dates through County website.*
- *Unless otherwise stated, location of all openings and meetings will take place at **1500 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901 – 4th Floor Procurement Management.***

End of Submittal Requirements & Evaluation Criteria Section

REQUIRED FORMS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CCNA

These forms are required and should be submitted with all proposals. 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. **Note:** If submitting via hard copy the original must be a manually signed original. Include additional copies, if specified, in the Solicitation documents.

<u>Form #</u>	<u>Title/Description</u>
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1	<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.
Verify that all addenda and tax identification number have been provided.

1a	<i>Minimum Requirements Table</i> (RFP-CCNA) <i>(if applicable) – N/A</i>
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1b	<i>Business Relationship Disclosure Requirement</i> (if Applicable)
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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. 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 request form and disclose this relationship, failure to do so could result in being declared non-responsive.**
NOTICE: UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF FL § #112.317 (1983), 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 \$5,000.00.

2	<i>Affidavit Certification Immigration Laws</i>
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Form is acknowledgement that the Proposer is in compliance in regard to Immigration Laws.

3	<i>Reference Survey</i>
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Provide this form to a minimum of three references. This form will be turned in with the bid or proposal package.

1. **Section 1:** Bidder/Proposer to complete with reference respondent’s 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 that the reference respondent is to provide a response for.
3. The reference respondent should complete “**Section 3.**”
4. **Section 4:** The reference respondent to print and sign name
5. A **minimum of 3 reference responses** are requested to be returned with bid or proposal package.
6. Failure to obtain reference surveys may make your company non-responsive.

4 *Negligence or Breach of Contract Disclosure Form*

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.

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.

5 *Affidavit Principal Place of Business*

Certifies Proposer’s location information. Local Vendor Preference and Location Point values are excluded when prohibited by grant or funding source. (In such cases form will be informational only.)

6 *Sub-Contractor List* (if applicable)

To be completed and returned when sub-contractors are to be utilized and are known at the time of the submission.

7 *Public Entity Crimes Form*

Any person or affiliate as defined by statute who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid 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 contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with the County, and may not transact business with the County in excess of \$25,000.00 for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

Proposal Label (Required)

Self-explanatory. Please affix to the outside of the sealed submission documents. The mailing envelope **MUST** be sealed and marked with:

- ✓ Solicitation Number
- ✓ Opening Date and/or Receiving Date
- ✓ Mailing Address:
Lee County Procurement Management Division
1500 Monroe Street, 4th Floor Fort Myers, FL 33901

Include any licenses or certifications requested (if applicable)

It is the Proposer’s responsibility to insure 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.)

Form 1 – Solicitation Response Form



LEE COUNTY PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT
SOLICITATION RESPONSE FORM

Date Submitted: _____ Deadline Date: 6/19/2017

SOLICITATION IDENTIFICATION: CN170335DLK

SOLICITATION NAME: Consulting Services for Water Resources and Environmental Policy Support

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 VENDOR 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:

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, Fort Myers, 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.

Form#1 – Solicitation Form, Page 2

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.

☐ **Business Relationship Applicable (request form)**

☐ **Business Relationship NOT Applicable**

4 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Proposer? If yes, please attach a current certificate. Yes No

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)

Authorized Representative’s Title (printed or typed)

Authorized Representative’s Signature



(Affix Corporate Seal, if applicable)

Witnessed/Attested by: (Witness/Secretary name and title printed or typed)

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

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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

The corporate authorized representative executing the
documents must be authorized by member shown in this
section of the sunbiz.org printout)



LEE COUNTY
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

AFFIDAVIT CERTIFICATION IMMIGRATION LAWS

SOLICITATION NO.:CN170335DLK SOLICITATION NAME: Consulting Services for Water Resources and Environmental Policy Support

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

LEE COUNTY MAY CONSIDER THE EMPLOYMENT BY ANY CONTRACTOR OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS A VIOLATION OF SECTION 274A(e) OF THE INA. **SUCH VIOLATION BY THE RECIPIENT OF THE EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN SECTION 274A(e) OF THE INA SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR UNILATERAL CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT BY LEE COUNTY.**

PROPOSER ATTESTS THAT THEY ARE FULLY COMPLIANT WITH ALL APPLICABLE IMMIGRATION LAWS (SPECIFICALLY TO THE 1986 IMMIGRATION ACT AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS).

Company Name:_____

Signature

Title

Date

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was signed and acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____
20____, by _____ who has produced
(Print or Type Name)
_____ as identification.
(Type of Identification and Number)

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.**



Lee County Procurement Management

REFERENCE SURVEY**Solicitation # CN170335DLK****Consulting Services for Water Resources and Environmental Policy Support**

Section 1		Reference Respondent Information		Please return completed form to:	
FROM:				Bidder/Proposer:	
COMPANY:				Due Date:	
PHONE #:				Total # Pages: 1	
FAX #:				Phone #: Fax #:	
EMAIL:				Bidder/Proposer E-Mail:	
Section 2		Enter Bidder/Proposer Information, 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:	
Summarize Scope:					
You as an individual or your company has been given as a reference on the project identified above. Please provide your responses in section 3 below.					
Section 3					Indicate: "Yes" or "No"
1. Did this company have the proper resources and personnel by which to get the job done?					
2. Were any problems encountered with the company's work performance?					
3. Were any change orders or contract amendments issued, other than owner initiated?					
4. Was the job completed on time?					
5. Was the job completed within budget?					
6. On a scale of one to ten, ten being best, how would you rate the overall work performance, considering professionalism; final product; personnel; resources. Rate from 1 to 10. (10 being highest)					
7. If the opportunity were to present itself, would you rehire this company?					
8. Please provide any additional comments pertinent to this company and the work performed for you:					

Section 4

Reference Name (Print Name)

Please submit non-Lee County employees as references

Reference Signature



ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OR BREACH OF CONTRACT DISCLOSURE FORM

Please fill in the form below. Provide each incident in regard to alleged negligence or breach of contract that has occurred over the past 10 years. Please complete in chronological order with the most recent incident on 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 or Breach of Contract</i>	Incident Date And Date Filed	Plaintiff <i>(Who took action against your company)</i>	Case Number	Court <i>County/State</i>	Project	Claim Reason <i>(initial circumstances)</i>	Final Outcome <i>(who prevailed)</i>

Make as many copies of this sheet as necessary in order 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.

Page Number: _____ Of _____ Total pages

Update the page number to reflect the current page and the total number of pages. Example: Page 3, of 5 total submitted pages of this form.

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.



AFFIDAVIT PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

Local Vendor Preference (Non-CCNA)

(Lee County Ordinance No. 08-26)

Location Identification (CCNA)

Instructions: Please complete all information that is applicable to your firm

Company Name: _____

Printed name of authorized signer _____

Title _____

⇒
Authorized Signature _____

Date _____

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.**

Notary:

State of _____

County of _____

The foregoing instrument was signed and acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____

20 _____, _____ who has produced

_____ as identification (or personally known)

Type of ID and number

⇒
Notary Public Signature _____

Notary Commission Number and expiration _____

1. Principal place of business is located within the boundaries of: _____ Lee County
_____ Collier County
_____ Non-Local

Local Business Tax License # _____

2. Address of Principal Place of Business: _____

3. Number of years at this location _____ years

4. Have you provided goods or services to Lee County on a regular basis within the past 3 consecutive years
_____ Yes* _____ No *If yes, attach contractual history for past 3 consecutive years

5. Number of available employees for this contract _____

6. Does your company have a Drug Free Workplace Policy _____ Yes _____ No



SUB-CONTRACTOR LIST

Sub-contractor Name	Area Of Work	Point Of Contact Or Project Supervisor	Phone Number and Email	Qualified DBE Yes/No	Amount or Percentage of Total

Please include sub-contractors name, area of work (i.e. mechanical, electrical, etc.) and a **valid** phone number and email. Also include the dollar value or percentage that the sub-contractor will be performing. If sub-contractors qualify as Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (**DBE**) contractors, please attach a current certificate.

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

1. This sworn statement is submitted to _____
(Print name of the public entity)
- by _____
(Print individual's name and title)
- for _____
(Print name of entity submitting sworn statement)

whose business address is _____

(If applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is _____

(If the entity has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the individual signing this sworn statement: On the attached sheet.) Required as per IRS Form W-9.

2. I understand that a "public entity crime" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1) (g), Florida Statutes, means a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any public entity or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or with the United States, including but not limited to, and bid or contract for goods or services to be provided to any public entity or agency or political subdivision or any other state or of the United States, and involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.
3. I understand that "convicted" or "conviction" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1) (b), Florida Statutes, means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a public entity crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July 1, 1989, as a result of a jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.
4. I understand that "affiliate" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(a), Florida Statutes, means:
1. A predecessor or successor of a person convicted of a public entity crime:
or:
 2. An entity under the control of any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime. The term "affiliate" includes those offices, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members and agents who are active in the management of the affiliate. The ownership by one person of shares constituting a controlling interest in another person, or a pooling of equipment or income among persons when not fair market value under an arm's length agreement, shall be a facie case that one person controls another person. A person who knowingly enters into a joint venture with a person who has been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the preceding 36 months shall be considered an affiliate.
5. I understand that a "person" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1) (c), Florida Statutes, means any natural person or entity organized under the laws of any state or of the United States with the legal power to enter a binding contract and which bids or applies to bid on contracts for the provision of goods or services let by a public entity, or which otherwise transacts or applies to transact business with a public entity. The term "person" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of the entity.
6. Based on information and belief, the statement which I have marked below is true in relation to the entity submitting those sworn statement. (Please indicate which statement applies.)

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

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

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

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

(Signature)

(Date)

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, _____
(Name of individual signing)

who, after first being sworn by me, affixed his/her signature in the space provided above on this _____ day
of _____, 2_____.

(NOTARY PUBLIC)

My Commission Expires: _____

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

PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS • DO NOT OPEN	
SOLICITATION No.:	CN170335DLK
SOLICITATION TITLE:	Consulting Services for Water Resources and Environmental Policy Support
DATE DUE:	Monday, June 19, 2017
TIME DUE:	Prior to: 2:30 PM
SUBMITTED BY:	_____ (Name of Company)
e-mail address	Telephone
DELIVER TO:	Lee County Procurement Management 1500 Monroe 4 th Floor Fort Myers FL 33901
<i>Note: proposals received after the time and date above will not be accepted.</i>	



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