

RFP230204BAG  
Community Needs Assessment  
Elite Business Strategies, LLC

E1 Contract # NA/PO

## **AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT** ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between Lee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "County" and Elite Business Strategies, LLC, a Florida company authorized to do business in the State of Florida, whose address is 504-A Capital Circle SE, Tallahassee, FL 32301, and whose federal tax identification number is 42-3715751, hereinafter referred to as "Vendor."

### **WITNESSETH**

**WHEREAS**, the County intends to purchase Community Needs Assessment services from the Vendor in connection with "Community Needs Assessment" (the "Purchase"); and,

**WHEREAS**, the County issued Solicitation No. RFP230204BAG on April 18, 2023 (the "Solicitation"); and,

**WHEREAS**, the County evaluated the responses received and found the Vendor qualified to provide the necessary services; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County posted a Notice of Intended Decision on July 31, 2023; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Vendor has reviewed the products and services to be supplied pursuant to this Agreement and is qualified, willing and able to provide all such products and services in accordance with its terms.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the County and the Vendor, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, do agree as follows:

### **I. PRODUCTS AND SERVICES**

The Vendor agrees to diligently provide all products and services for the Purchase in accordance with the project Scope of Services made part of this Agreement as Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein. Vendor shall comply strictly with all of the terms and conditions of Solicitation No. RFP230204BAG as modified by its three (3) addendums, copies of which are on file with the County's Department of Procurement Management and are deemed incorporated into this Agreement.

### **II. TERM AND DELIVERY**

A. This Agreement shall commence immediately upon the effective date and shall continue through the delivery of the Purchase and the associated warranty period as further described in this Agreement for one (1) one-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 initial Agreement term of one (1) year. The increments of renewal shall be at the sole discretion of the County as deemed in its best interest. The effective date shall be December 3, 2023.

- B. A purchase order must be issued by the County before commencement of any work or purchase of any goods related to this Agreement.

### **III. COMPENSATION AND PAYMENT**

- A. The County shall pay the Vendor in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement for providing all products and services as set forth in Exhibit A, and further described in Exhibit B, Fee Schedule, attached hereto and incorporated herein. Said total amount to be all inclusive of costs necessary to provide all products and services as outlined in this Agreement, and as supported by the Vendor's submittal in response to the Solicitation, a copy of which is on file with the County's Department of Procurement Management and is deemed incorporated into this Agreement.
- B. Notwithstanding the preceding, Vendor shall not make any deliveries or perform any services under this Agreement until receipt of written authorization from the County. Vendor acknowledges and agrees that no minimum order or amount of product or service is guaranteed under this Agreement and County may elect to request no products or services. If the County authorizes delivery of products or performance of services, the County reserves the right to amend, reduce, or cancel the authorization in its sole discretion.
- C. All funds for payment by the County under this Agreement are subject to the availability of an annual appropriation for this purpose by the County. In the event of non-appropriation of funds by the County for the services provided under this Agreement, the County will terminate the contract, without termination charge or other liability, on the last day of the then current fiscal year or when the appropriation made for the then-current year for the services covered by this Agreement is spent, whichever event occurs first. If at any time funds are not appropriated for the continuance of this Agreement, cancellation shall be accepted by the Vendor on thirty (30) days' prior written notice, but failure to give such notice shall be of no effect and the County shall not be obligated under this Agreement beyond the date of termination.

### **IV. METHOD OF PAYMENT**

- A. The County shall pay the Vendor in accordance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act, Section 218.70, Florida Statutes, upon receipt of the Vendor's invoice and written approval of same by the County indicating that the products and services have been provided in conformity with this Agreement.

- B. The Vendor shall submit an invoice for payment to the County on a monthly basis for those specific products and services as described in Exhibit A (and the corresponding fees as described in Exhibit B) that were provided during that invoicing period.
- C. For partial shipments or deliveries, progress payments shall be paid monthly in proportion to the percentage of products and services delivered on those specific line items as approved in writing by the County.

**V. ADDITIONAL PURCHASES**

- A. No changes to this Agreement or the performance contemplated hereunder shall be made unless the same are in writing and signed by both the Vendor and the County.
- B. If the County requires the Vendor to perform additional services or provide additional product(s) related to this Agreement, then the Vendor shall be entitled to additional compensation based on the Fee Schedule as amended to the extent necessary to accommodate such additional work or product(s). The additional compensation shall be agreed upon before commencement of any additional services or provision of additional product(s) and shall be incorporated into this Agreement by written amendment. The County shall not pay for any additional service, work performed or product provided before a written amendment to this Agreement.

Notwithstanding the preceding, in the event additional services are required as a result of error, omission or negligence of the Vendor, the Vendor shall not be entitled to additional compensation.

**VI. LIABILITY OF VENDOR**

- A. The Vendor shall save, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County from and against any and all claims, actions, damages, fees, fines, penalties, defense costs, suits or liabilities which may arise out of any act, neglect, error, omission or default of the Vendor arising out of or in any way connected with the Vendor or subcontractor's performance or failure to perform under the terms of this Agreement.
- B. This section shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

**VII. VENDOR'S INSURANCE**

- A. Vendor shall procure and maintain insurance as specified in Exhibit C Insurance Requirements, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement.
- B. Vendor shall, on a primary basis and at its sole expense, maintain in full

force and effect, at all times during the life of this Agreement, insurance coverage (including endorsements) and limits as described in Exhibit C. These requirements, as well as the County's review or acceptance of insurance maintained by Vendor, are not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities or obligations assumed by Vendor under this Agreement. Insurance carriers providing coverage required herein must be licensed to conduct business in the State of Florida and must possess a current A.M. Best's Financial Strength Rating of "B or better." No changes are to be made to these specifications without prior written specific approval by County Risk Management. To the extent multiple insurance coverages and/or County's self-insured retention may apply, any and all insurance coverage purchased by Vendor and its subcontractors identifying the County as an additional named insured shall be primary.

### **VIII. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VENDOR**

- A. The Vendor shall be responsible for the quality and functionality of all products supplied and services performed by or at the behest of the Vendor under this Agreement. The Vendor shall, without additional compensation, correct any errors or deficiencies in its products, or if directed by County, supply a comparable replacement product or service.
- B. The Vendor warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person (other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Vendor), to solicit or secure this Agreement and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Vendor, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award of this Agreement.
- C. The Vendor shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations and ordinances applicable to the work or payment for work thereof, and shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in the performance of work under this Agreement.
- D. Vendor specifically acknowledges its obligations to comply with Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, with regard to public records, and shall:
  - 1) keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the County in order to perform the services required under this Agreement;
  - 2) upon request from the County, 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 in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law;

- 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; and
- 4) meet all requirements for retaining public records and transfer, at no cost to the County, all public records in possession of Vendor upon termination of this Agreement and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the County in a format that is compatible with the information technology system of the County.

**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, [PRRCustodian@leegov.com](mailto:PRRCustodian@leegov.com); <http://www.leegov.com/publicrecords>.**

- E. The Vendor is, and shall be, in the performance of all work, services and activities under this Agreement, an independent contractor. Vendor is not an employee, agent or servant of the County and shall not represent itself as such. All persons engaged in any work or services performed pursuant to this Agreement shall at all times, and in all places, be subject to the Vendor's sole direction, supervision and control. The Vendor shall exercise control over the means and manner in which it and its employees perform the work, and in all respects the Vendor's relationship and the relationship of its employees to the County shall be that of an independent contractor and not as employees of the County. The Vendor shall be solely responsible for providing benefits and insurance to its employees.
- F. The Vendor shall comply with the Vendor Background Screening Affidavit attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit D.

**IX. OWNERSHIP OF PRODUCTS**

It is understood and agreed that all products provided under this Agreement shall become the property of the County upon acceptance by the County.

**X. TIMELY DELIVERY OF PRODUCTS AND PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES**

- A. The Vendor shall ensure that all of its staff, contractors and suppliers involved in the production or delivery of the products are fully qualified and capable to perform their assigned tasks.

- B. The personnel assigned by the Vendor to perform the services pursuant to this Agreement shall comply with the terms set forth in this Agreement. If the services provided require use of specific key personnel, the personnel shall be agreed to by the County and Vendor. If the Vendor's key personnel have been predetermined and approved, through the Solicitation process or otherwise, any subsequent change or substitution to the personnel must receive the County's written approval before said changes or substitution can become effective.
- C. The Vendor specifically agrees that all products shall be delivered within the time limits as set forth in this Agreement, subject only to delays caused by force majeure, or as otherwise defined herein. "Force majeure" shall be deemed to be any unforeseeable and unavoidable cause affecting the performance of this Agreement arising from or attributable to acts, events, omissions or accidents beyond the control of the parties.

#### **XI. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW**

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Vendor shall promptly comply with all applicable federal, state, county and municipal laws, ordinances, regulations, and rules relating to the services to be performed hereunder and in effect at the time of performance. Vendor shall conduct no activity or provide any service that is unlawful or offensive.

#### **XII. TERMINATION**

- A. The County shall have the right at any time upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the Vendor to terminate this Agreement in whole or in part for any reason whatsoever. In the event of such termination, the County shall be responsible to Vendor only for fees and compensation earned by the Vendor, in accordance with Section III, prior to the effective date of said termination. In no event shall the County be responsible for lost profits of Vendor or any other elements of breach of contract.
- B. After receipt of a notice of termination, except as otherwise directed, the Vendor shall stop work on the date of receipt of the notice of termination or other date specified in the notice; place no further orders or subcontracts for materials, services, or facilities except as necessary for completion of such portion of the work not terminated; terminate all vendors and subcontracts; and settle all outstanding liabilities and claims.
- C. The County's rights under this Agreement shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement and are not waived by final payment or acceptance and are in addition to the Vendor's obligations under this Agreement.

### **XIII. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

- A. In the event of a dispute or claim arising out of this Agreement, the parties agree first to try in good faith to settle the dispute by direct discussion. If this is unsuccessful, the parties may enter into mediation in Lee County, Florida, with the parties sharing equally in the cost of such mediation.
- B. In the event mediation, if attempted, is unsuccessful in resolving a dispute, the parties may proceed to litigation as set forth below.
- C. Any dispute, action or proceeding arising out of or related to this Agreement will be exclusively commenced in the state courts of Lee County, Florida, or where proper subject matter jurisdiction exists, in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. Each party irrevocably submits and waives any objections to the exclusive personal jurisdiction and venue of such courts, including any objection based on forum non conveniens.
- D. This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida without regard to its conflict of laws principles.
- E. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the Vendor shall be required to continue all obligations under this Agreement during the pendency of a claim or dispute including, but not limited to, actual periods of mediation or judicial proceedings.

### **XIV. STOP WORK ORDER**

The County may, at any time, by written order to the Vendor, require the Vendor to stop all or any part of the work called for by this Agreement. Any order shall be identified specifically as a stop work order issued pursuant to this clause. This order shall be effective as of the date the order is delivered to the Vendor. Upon receipt of such an order, the Vendor shall immediately comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to the work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage. The Vendor shall not resume work unless specifically so directed in writing by the County. The County may take one of the following actions:

- 1. Cancel the stop work order; or
- 2. Terminate the work covered by the order; or
- 3. Terminate the Agreement in accordance with provisions contained in Section XI.

In the event the County does not direct the Vendor to resume work, the stop work order may be converted into a notice of termination for convenience pursuant to Section XII. The notice period for such termination shall be

deemed to commence on the date of issuance of the stop work order. In the event the County does not direct the Vendor to resume work within ninety (90) days, the Vendor may terminate this Agreement.

**XV. VENDOR WARRANTY**

- A. All products provided under this Agreement shall be new (unless specifically identified otherwise in Exhibit B and of the most suitable grade for the purpose intended.
- B. If any product delivered does not meet performance representations or other quality assurance representations as published by manufacturers, producers or distributors of the products or the specifications listed in this Agreement, the Vendor shall pick up the product from the County at no expense to the County. The County reserves the right to reject any or all materials if, in its judgment, the item reflects unsatisfactory workmanship or manufacturing or shipping damage. In such case, the Vendor shall refund to the County any money which has been paid for same.

**XVI. MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. This Agreement constitutes the sole and complete understanding between the parties and supersedes all other contracts between them, whether oral or written, with respect to the subject matter. No amendment, change or addendum to this Agreement is enforceable unless agreed to in writing by both parties and incorporated into this Agreement.
- B. The provisions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective successors and assignees of the parties hereto. A party to this Agreement shall not sell, transfer, assign, license, franchise, restructure, alter, or change its corporate structure or otherwise part with possession or mortgage, charge or encumber any right or obligation under this Agreement without the proposed assignee and/or party restructuring, altering or changing its corporate structure agreeing in writing with the non-assigning party to observe and perform the terms, conditions and restrictions on the part of the assigning party to this Agreement, whether express or implied, as if the proposed assignee and/or party restructuring, altering or changing its corporate structure was an original contracting party to this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, the Vendor may assign its rights if given written authorization by the County and claims for the money due or to become due to the Vendor from the County under this Agreement may be assigned to a financial institution or to a trustee in bankruptcy without such approval from the County. Notice of any such transfer or assignment due to bankruptcy shall be promptly given to the County.



- C. The exercise by either party of any rights or remedies provided herein shall not constitute a waiver of any other rights or remedies available under this Agreement or any applicable law.
- D. The failure of the County to enforce one or more of the provisions of the Agreement shall not be construed to be and shall not be a waiver of any such provision or provisions or of its right thereafter to enforce each and every such provision.
- E. The parties covenant and agree that each is duly authorized to enter into and perform this Agreement and those executing this Agreement have all requisite power and authority to bind the parties.
- F. Neither the County's review, approval or acceptance of, nor payment for, the products and services required under this Agreement shall be construed to operate as a waiver of any rights under this Agreement or of any cause of action arising out of the performance of this Agreement.
- G. If the Vendor is comprised of more than one legal entity, each entity shall be jointly and severally liable hereunder.
- H. When any period of time is referred to by days herein, it shall be computed to exclude the first day and include the last day of such period. When the period of time is fewer than three (3) days, it shall mean business days as defined by Lee County. If the period of time is greater than three (3) days, then it shall mean calendar days. For any period of time greater than seven (7) days, where the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Lee County recognized holiday, the deadline will then fall to the next Monday or non-Lee County recognized holiday
- I. Any notices of default or termination shall be sufficient if sent by the parties via United States certified mail, postage paid, or via a nationally recognized delivery service, to the addresses listed below:

**Vendor's Representative**

Name: Princess Ousley  
 Title: President, CEO  
 Address: 504-A Capital Circle SE,  
Tallahassee, FL 32301  
 Telephone: 850-320-6108  
 Facsimile: 800-521-9056  
 Email: princess.ousley@ebsleaders.com

**County's Representative**

Name: Mary Tucker  
 Title: Procurement  
Management Director  
 Address: P.O. Box 398  
Fort Myers, FL 33902  
 Telephone: (239) 533-8881  
 Facsimile: (239) 485-8383  
 Email: mtucker@leegov.com

- J. Any change in the County's or the Vendor's Representative will be promptly communicated by the party making the change.

- K. Paragraph headings are for the convenience of the parties and for reference purposes only and shall be given no legal effect.
- L. In the event of conflicts or inconsistencies, the documents shall be given precedence in the following order:
  - 1. Agreement
  - 2. County's Purchase Order
  - 3. Solicitation
  - 4. Vendor's Submittal in Response to the Solicitation

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date last below written.

WITNESS:

**ELITE BUSINESS STRATEGIES, LLC**

Signed By: [Signature]

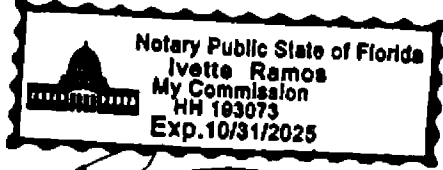
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Print Name: Charles J. Caughey

Print Name: Princess Ousley

Title: President & CEO

Date: 11/01/2023



[Signature]

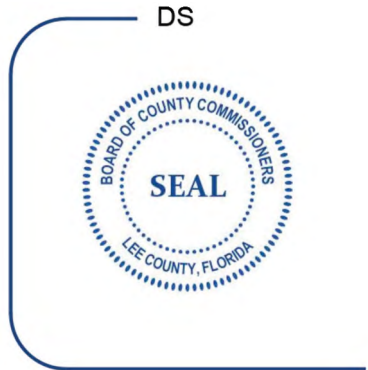
**LEE COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**CHAIR**

DATE: 12/15/2023 | 9:21 AM EST

**ATTEST:**  
**CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**

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**APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR THE**  
**RELIANCE OF LEE COUNTY ONLY:**

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**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY**

## **EXHIBIT A SCOPE OF WORK AND SPECIFICATIONS**

Vendor shall conduct a comprehensive community needs assessment as follows:

2.1.1 The methodology for data collection must include an evaluation of national, state, and local, publicly available data sources (i.e. Census, Policy Map, Business Analyst, Community Analyst, Homeless Management Information System, and other available databases). Data collection must also occur through focus groups and public meetings, a minimum of two of each.

2.1.1.1 Public meetings must be advertised in accordance with Lee County Administrative Code 15-2.

2.1.1.2 The assessment shall be presented in draft form to Lee County Human and Veteran Services on or before April 1, 2024, with a minimum of a 15-day review period. The Vendor shall make any requested changes or additions requested by the County. The Vendor shall provide a final document, printed copy, and electronic to Lee County Human and Veteran Services by May 2024.

2.1.2 The assessment must include, at a minimum the following criteria:

2.1.2.1 An evaluation of quantitative and qualitative data to understand the cascading impacts that Covid-19, economic waves, and Hurricane Ian had on the housing economic status of residents who are members of BIPOC populations and/or have income at or below 80% of the area median income.

2.1.2.2 This includes examining the impact in the areas of affordable housing development, housing rehabilitation and reconstruction, down payment assistance, housing and services for persons who are homeless, public services for community revitalization, economic mobility for BIPOC and low-mod-income households, infrastructure improvements needed to improve quality of life for low and moderate income areas, economic development and public facility improvements.

2.1.3 The assessment must contain a detailed methodology section that outlines the processes for data collection including but not limited to:

2.1.3.1 Interview transcripts

2.1.3.2 Client or customer surveys

2.1.3.3 Backup documentation and summaries

2.1.3.4 Minimum participation from community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, private sector, public sector, homeless service providers, Continuum's of Care, public housing authorities, Career Source, Workforce Development Boards, persons with lived experience in homelessness, persons who have low and moderate household incomes, persons residing in low and moderate income census tracts, City and County Governments, housing developers, and educational institutions.

2.1.3.5 Data collection must include current data specific to poverty and its prevalence related to gender, age, and race / ethnicity in each service area. Housing specific data must include housing needs, such as housing cost burden, crowding, single and multi-family housing stock, housing stock age, types and severity of housing problems, housing affordability and the number and type of families in need of housing-assistance.

**EXHIBIT B  
FEE SCHEDULE**

<i>RFP230204BAG Community Needs Assessment</i>			
<i>Initial One Year Term</i>			
<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Unit of Measure</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1	Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment	LS	100,000.00
<b>SUBTOTAL: SECTION TITLE</b>			
<i>Annual One Year Renewal</i>			
<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Unit of Measure</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1	Additional One (1) Year Term – Updates to Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment	LS	100,000.00
<b>SUBTOTAL: SECTION TITLE</b>			
<b>BID SUMMARY</b>			
<b>PROJECT TOTAL</b>			

## EXHIBIT C INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS



### Lee County Insurance Requirements

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

- a. **Commercial General Liability** - Coverage shall apply to premises and/or operations, products and completed operations, independent contractors, contractual liability exposures with minimum limits of:
  - \$1,000,000 per occurrence
  - \$2,000,000 general aggregate
  - \$1,000,000 products and completed operations
  - \$1,000,000 personal and advertising injury
  
- b. **Business Auto Liability** - The following Automobile Liability will be required and coverage shall apply to all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles use with minimum limits of:
  - \$1,000,000 combined single limit (CSL); or
  - \$500,000 bodily injury per person
  - \$1,000,000 bodily injury per accident
  - \$500,000 property damage per accident
  
- c. **Workers' Compensation** - Statutory benefits as defined by FS 440 encompassing all operations contemplated by this contract or agreement to apply to all owners, officers, and employees regardless of the number of employees. Workers Compensation exemptions may be accepted with written proof of the State of Florida's approval of such exemption. Employers' liability will have minimum limits of:
  - \$500,000 per accident
  - \$500,000 disease limit
  - \$500,000 disease – policy limit

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

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**Lee County Insurance Requirements**

**Verification of Coverage:**

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

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

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

b. The certificate holder must read as follows:

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

**Special Requirements:**

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

# EXHIBIT D

## VENDOR BACKGROUND SCREENING AFFIDAVIT




## VENDOR BACKGROUND SCREENING AFFIDAVIT

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

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

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

Date: 11/01/2023

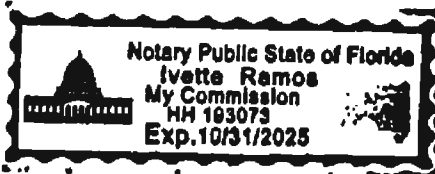
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature  
President & CEO  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name/Title

STATE OF Florida  
COUNTY OF Orange

The foregoing instrument was sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of  physical presence or  online notarization, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2023 by the above-named person and in their stated capacity, and is either personally known to me or who has produced the following type of identification: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Identification

[Stamp/seal required]

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







Advertise Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023

**Lee County Board of County Commissioners  
DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT**

**Request for Proposal (RFP) NON-CCNA**

<b>Solicitation No.:</b>	<b>RFP230204BAG</b>		
<b>Solicitation Name:</b>	<b>Community Needs Assessment</b>		
<b>Open Date/Time:</b>	<b>Friday, May 19, 2023</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>2:30 PM</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Lee County Procurement Management 2115 Second Street, 1st Floor Fort Myers, FL 33901</b>		
<b>Procurement Contact:</b>	<b>Brooke Green</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Procurement Analyst</b>
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>(239) 533-8848</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Bgreen@leegov.com</b>
<b>Requesting Dept.</b>	<b>County Administration</b>		

**Pre-Solicitation Meeting:**

**Type:** No meeting scheduled at this time

All solicitation documents are available for download at  
**[www.leegov.com/procurement](http://www.leegov.com/procurement)**

**FUNDED IN PART OR IN WHOLE BY:**  
**State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity**  
**Through the**  
**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**  
**Cares Act (CV)**

**EXHIBIT E  
PROJECT FUNDING PACKAGE**

Advertise Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023

**Notice to Contractor / Vendor / Proposer(s)****REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

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

**RFP230204BAG Community Needs Assessment**

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, Florida, in conformance with proposal documents, which include technical specifications and/or a scope of work.

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

**2:30 PM Friday, May 19, 2023**

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 Scope of Services for this RFP is available from [www.leegov.com/procurement](http://www.leegov.com/procurement). Vendors who obtain scope of services from sources other than [www.Leegov.com/procurement](http://www.Leegov.com/procurement) are cautioned that the solicitation package may be incomplete. The County's official bidders list, addendum(s) and information must be obtained from [www.Leegov.com/procurement](http://www.Leegov.com/procurement). It is the proposer's responsibility to check for posted information. The County may not accept incomplete proposals.

**There will be no Pre-proposal Conference for this RFP**

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.

**Brooke Green [BGreen@LeeGov.com](mailto:BGreen@LeeGov.com)**

Sincerely,

Robin Dennard  
Procurement Manager

\*[WWW.LeeGov.Com/Procurement](http://WWW.LeeGov.Com/Procurement) is the County's official posting site

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Request for Proposal**

## 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. Lee County Procurement Management Ordinance 22-06
  - 2.1.2. Special Conditions and Supplemental Instructions
  - 2.1.3. Detailed Scope of Work
  - 2.1.4. 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
  - 3.1.2. 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.
  - 3.1.3. Florida Statute 218 Public Bid Disclosure Act.

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- 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, witnessed, and where applicable 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.
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. 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, contractors, subcontractors, 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-contractors/consultants of the prime Proposer and prime Proposer shall ensure compliance with Chapter 435 of such parties.

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- 6.1.3.1.1. 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 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 **submitted in writing prior to 5:00 PM at least eight (8) calendar days prior to the date when the submission is due.**
- 8.2. Response(s) will be in the form of an Addendum posted on [www.leegov.com/procurement](http://www.leegov.com/procurement). It is solely the proposer's responsibility to check the website for information. No notifications will be sent by Lee County Procurement Management Division.
- 8.3. All Addenda shall become part of the Contract Documents.
- 8.4. The County shall not be responsible for oral interpretations given by any County employee, representative, or others. Interpretation of the meaning of the plans, specifications or any other contract document, or for correction of any apparent ambiguity, inconsistency or error there in, shall be in writing. Issuance of a written addendum by the County's Procurement Management Division is the only official method whereby interpretation, clarification or additional information can be given.
9. **QUALITY GUARANTEE/WARRANTY (as applicable)**
- 9.1. Proposer will guarantee their work without disclaimers, unless otherwise specifically approved by the County, for a minimum of twelve (12) months from final completion.
- 9.2. Unless otherwise specifically provided in the specifications, all equipment and materials and articles incorporated in the work covered by this contract shall be new, unused and of the most suitable grade for the purpose intended. Refurbished parts or equipment are not acceptable unless otherwise specified in the specifications. All warranties will begin from the date of final completion.
- 9.3. Unless otherwise specifically provided in the specifications, the equipment must be warranted for twelve (12) months, shipping, parts and labor. Should the equipment be taken out of service for more than forty-eight (48) hours to have warranty work performed, a loaner machine of equal capability or better shall be provided for use until the repaired equipment is returned to service at no additional charge to the County.
- 9.4. If any product does not meet performance representation or other quality assurance representations as published by manufacturers, producers or distributors of such products or the specifications listed, the vendor shall pick up the product from the County at no expense to the County. The County reserves the right to reject any or all materials, if in its judgment the item reflects unsatisfactory workmanship or manufacturing or shipping damage. The vendor shall refund, to the County, any money which has been paid for same.

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

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

**11. ADDITIONS, REVISIONS AND DELETIONS**

- 11.1. Additions, revisions, or deletions to the Terms and Conditions, specifications that change 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.

**12. NEGOTIATED ITEMS**

- 12.1. Any item not outlined in the Scope of Services may be subject to negotiations between the County and the successful Proposer.
- 12.2. After award of this proposal the County reserves the right to add or delete items/services at prices to be negotiated at the time of addition or deletion.
- 12.3. At contract renewal time(s) or in the event of significant industry wide market changes, the County may negotiate justified adjustments such as price, terms, etc., to this contract with the County, in its sole judgment, considers such adjustments to be in the best interest of the County.

**13. ERRORS, OMISSIONS, CALCULATION ERRORS (as applicable)**

- 13.1. **Errors/Omissions:** Approval by County of the successful proposer's work product for the project shall not constitute nor be deemed a release of the responsibility and liability of the successful proposer for the accuracy and competency of the successful proposer's designs, drawings, specifications or other documents and work pertaining to the project. Additionally, approval by the County of the successful proposer's work product shall not be deemed to be an assumption of drawings, specifications or other documents prepared by the successful proposer for the project. After acceptance of the final plans by the County, the successful proposer agrees, prior to and during the construction of the project, to perform such successful proposer services, at no additional cost to the County, as may be required by the County to correct errors or omissions on the plans prepared by the successful proposer pertaining to the project.
- 13.2. **Calculation Errors:** In the event of multiplication/addition error(s), the unit price shall prevail. Written prices shall prevail over figures where applicable. All proposals shall be reviewed mathematically and corrected, if necessary, using these standards, prior to additional evaluation.

**14. CONFIDENTIALITY**

- 14.1. 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.
- 14.2. 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.

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- 14.3. 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.
15. CONFLICT OF INTEREST
- 15.1. 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.
- 15.2. 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.
- 15.3. **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.
- 15.4. A Vendor that assisted in preparing and/or writing a scope of work and/or specifications may not submit a bid or proposal for County consideration on that project.
16. ANTI-LOBBYING CLAUSE (Cone of Silence)
- 16.1. 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.**
17. ANTITRUST VIOLATION
- 17.1. A person or an affiliate who has been placed on the antitrust violator vendor list, available at [Antitrust Violator Vendor List / Vendor Registration and Vendor Lists / State Agency Resources / State Purchasing / Business Operations / Florida Department of Management Services - DMS \(myflorida.com\)](#), following a conviction or being held civilly liable for an antitrust violation may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply for any new contract to provide any goods or services to Lee County; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply for a new contract with Lee County for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on new leases of real property to Lee County; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a new contract with Lee County; and may not transact new business with Lee County.
18. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE
- 18.1. Lee County Board of County Commissioners encourages Drug Free Workplace programs.
19. FLORIDA CERTIFIED ENTERPRISES
- 19.1. The County encourages the use of Florida Certified Enterprises such as such as Disadvantaged, Minority, Women, Veterans Business Enterprise (DBE, MBE, WBE, VBE) firms.
- 19.2. 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,

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Women, Veterans Business Enterprise (DBE, MBE, WBE, VBE) firms and similar are encouraged to submit.

**20. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION/EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

- 20.1. The proposer agrees to comply, in accordance with, 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA) that furnishing goods or services to the County hereunder, no person on the grounds of race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, disability or marital status shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination.
- 20.2. 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.
- 20.3. 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.
- 20.4. 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.

**21. SUB-PROPOSER/CONSULTANT**

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

**22. RFP - PROJECT GUIDELINES**

- 22.1. 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:
  - 22.1.1. No amount of work is guaranteed upon the execution of an agreement/contract.
  - 22.1.2. Hourly rates and all other negotiated expenses will remain in effect throughout the duration of the agreement/contract period.
  - 22.1.3. 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.
  - 22.1.4. 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.
  - 22.1.5. Lee County reserves the right to add or delete, at any time, and or all tasks or services associated with this agreement.
  - 22.1.6. 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.

**23. RFP – EVALUATION**

- 23.1. **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



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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”).

**23.2. Evaluation Meeting(s):**

- 23.2.1. The first evaluation will rank Proposers based on the scores from the selection criteria point values.
- 23.2.2. Following the initial evaluation process, the short-listed proposer(s) may be required to provide an on-site interview/presentation.
- 23.2.3. 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.
- 23.2.4. Proposed short-list and final selection meeting dates are posted on the Procurement Management web page: [www.lee.gov/procurement](http://www.lee.gov/procurement) (Projects, Award Pending.)

**24. RFP – SELECTION PROCEDURE**

- 24.1. The selection will be made in accordance with Lee County Procurement Policy. Some or all of the responding proposer(s) may be requested to provide interviews and/or presentations of their proposal, for the ranking process.
- 24.2. The recommendation to award, negotiated rates and agreement/contract(s) will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for approval.
- 24.3. 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.
- 24.4. The Procurement Management Director reserves the right to exercise their discretion to:
  - 24.4.1. Make award(s) to one or multiple proposers.
  - 24.4.2. Waive minor informalities in any response;
  - 24.4.3. Reject any and all proposals with or without cause;
  - 24.4.4. Accept the response that in its judgment will be in the best interest of Lee County

**25. RFP – TIEBREAKER**

- 25.1. 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.
  - 25.1.1. Step 1: The proposer that has the highest number of 1<sup>st</sup> place rankings shall be deemed the first ranked proposer. In the event a tie still exists the proposer with the highest number of 2<sup>nd</sup> place rankings shall be the first ranked proposer. Should a tie still remain the method used above will continue with each ranking level, 3<sup>rd</sup>, then 4<sup>th</sup>, then 5<sup>th</sup>, etc. rank, will be counted until the tie is broken.
  - 25.1.2. Step 2: 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.
- 25.2. When the tiebreaker is determined the highest ranked proposer shall be awarded the contract or receive the first opportunity to negotiate, as applicable.
- 25.3. If an award or negotiation is unsuccessful with the highest ranked proposer, award or negotiations may commence with the next highest ranked proposer.

**26. RFP – EVALUATION/ SELECTION COMMITTEE**

- 26.1. 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.
- 26.2. 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 the top ranked three (3) firms to be interviewed or provide presentations.

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

**27. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL**

- 27.1. 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.
- 27.2. A proposer may withdraw a proposal any time prior to the opening of the solicitation.
- 27.3. 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:
- 27.3.1. The proposer acted in good faith in submitting the proposal,
- 27.3.2. 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,
- 27.3.3. The mistake was not the result of gross negligence or willful inattention by the proposer; and
- 27.3.4. The mistake was discovered and was communicated to the County prior to the County Commission having formally awarded the contract/agreement.

**28. PROTEST RIGHTS**

- 28.1. 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.
- 28.2. Notice of Intended Decision is posted on the Lee County Department of Procurement Management website ([www.leegov.com/procurement](http://www.leegov.com/procurement)). Bidders are solely responsible to check for information regarding the Solicitation.
- 28.3. Refer to the "Procurement Protest" section of the Lee County Procurement Ordinance 22-06 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.
- 28.4. 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.
- 28.4.1. The notice shall clearly indicate all grounds being claimed for the protest.
- 28.4.2. 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.
- 28.5. 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.
- 28.6. **Failure to follow the protest procedures requirement within the time frames as prescribed herein and in the Lee County Procurement Ordinance 22-06 shall constitute a waiver of the right to protest and shall bar any resulting claims.**

**29. AUTHORITY TO UTILIZE BY OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES**

- 29.1. 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.

**30. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION**

- 30.1. **Designated Contact:**

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- 30.1.1. 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.
- 30.1.2. 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.
- 30.2. **RFP – Term:** (unless otherwise stated in the Scope of Work or Detailed Specifications)
- 30.2.1. Unless otherwise stated in the scope of work, specifications, or special conditions the default **contract term shall be for one (1) one-year period.. The increments of renewal shall be at the sole discretion of the County as deemed in its best interest.**
- 30.2.2. The County reserves the right to renew this contract, or any portion thereof, and to negotiate pricing as a condition for each.
- 30.2.3. The County's performance and obligation to pay under this contract, and any applicable renewal options, is contingent upon annual appropriation of funds.
- 30.3. **RFP – Basis of Award:**
- 30.3.1. Award will be made to the most responsible and responsive proposer based on the evaluation criteria.
- 30.4. **Agreement/Contract:**
- 30.4.1. 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>.
- 30.5. **Records:**
- 30.5.1. **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.
- 30.5.2. **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:
- 30.5.2.1. Keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service.
- 30.5.2.2. 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.
- 30.5.2.3. 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.
- 30.5.2.4. 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.
- 30.5.3. **Public Record: IF THE VENDOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FL § , TO THE VENDOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THE CONTRACT,**

**CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT 239-533-2221, 2115 SECOND STREET, FORT MYERS, FL 33901, Email at [PRRCustodian@leegov.com](mailto:PRRCustodian@leegov.com) or Visit <http://www.leegov.com/publicrecords>.**

30.5.4. **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.

**30.6. Termination:**

30.6.1. 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.

30.6.2. The Procurement Management Director may immediately terminate any agreement as a result of this solicitation for emergency purposes, as defined by the Lee County Procurement Ordinance 22-06.

30.6.3. 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.

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

30.6.4.1. Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification as provided under FL § 287.135 (5);

30.6.4.2. 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;

30.6.4.3. Contractor has engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria;

30.6.4.4. Contractor has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel – beginning October 1, 2016.

**31. WAIVER OF CLAIMS**

31.1. 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.

**32. LEE COUNTY PAYMENT PROCEDURES**

32.1. All vendors are requested to mail an original invoice to:

**Lee County Finance Department**

**Post Office Box 2238**

**Fort Myers, FL 33902-2238**

32.2. All invoices will be paid as directed by the Lee County payment procedure unless otherwise stated in the detailed specification portion of this project.

32.3. 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.

32.4. 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.

**33. MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS (MSDS/SDS) (if applicable)**

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- 33.1. In accordance with Chapter 443 of the FL §, it is the vendor's responsibility to provide Lee County with Material Safety Data Sheets on bid materials, as may apply to this procurement.
34. **DEBRIS DISPOSAL (if applicable)**
- 34.1. Unless otherwise stated, the Proposer shall be fully responsible for the lawful removal and disposal of any materials, debris, garbage, vehicles or other such items which would interfere with the undertaking and completion of the project. There shall not be an increase in time or price associated with such removal.
35. **SHIPPING (if applicable)**
- 35.1. Cost of all shipping to the site, including any inside delivery charges and all unusual storage requirements shall be borne by the proposer unless otherwise agreed upon in writing prior to service. It shall be the proposer's responsibility to make appropriate arrangements, and to coordinate with authorized personnel at the site, for proper acceptance, handling, protection and storage (if available) of equipment and material delivered. All pricing to be F.O. B. destination.
- 35.2. The materials and/or services delivered under the proposal shall remain the property of the seller until a physical inspection and actual usage of these materials and/or services is accepted by the County and is deemed to be in compliance with the terms herein, fully in accord with the specifications and of the highest quality.
36. **LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE**
- 36.1. The County's Local Vendor Preference shall not apply in any procurement for Commodities or Services if the use of the Local Vendor Preference is prohibited by the terms of a grant or funding agreement or other prevailing law or policy.
37. **INSURANCE (AS APPLICABLE)**
- 37.1. 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.
- 37.2. 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."

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## INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS



### Lee County Insurance Requirements

**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.*

- **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
- **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) BI
  - \$500,000 bodily injury per person
  - \$1,000,000 bodily injury per accident
  - \$500,000 property damage per accident
- **Workers' Compensation** - Statutory benefits as defined by FS 440 encompassing all operations contemplated by this contract or agreement to apply to all owners, officers, and employees regardless of the number of employees. Workers Compensation exemptions may be accepted with written proof of the State of Florida's approval of such exemption. Employers' liability will have minimum limits of:

  - \$500,000 per accident
  - \$500,000 disease limit
  - \$500,000 disease - policy limit

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



**Lee County Insurance Requirements**

**Verification of Coverage:**

- I. 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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**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 be responsible for furnishing and delivering to the Lee County requesting Department(s) the commodity or services on an "as needed basis" for one (1) one-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 initial Agreement term of one (1) year. The increments of renewal shall be at the sole discretion of the County as deemed in its best interest.

**2. PROJECT FUNDING NOTICE**

2.1. This solicitation is being made to ensure compliance with federal and state grant requirements. A community needs assessment will provide a greater understanding of the cascading impacts of the Covid-19 Pandemic, economic waves, and Hurricane Ian on vulnerable communities in Lee County. The needs assessment will be used to develop the 2024 Consolidated Plan and to make data driven decisions and allocate funding from all sources to address community needs.

2.2. As notice to all CONSULTANTS, this project is funded in whole or in part by the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Cares Act (CDBG-CV). The CONSULTANT agrees to abide by and comply with all terms, conditions, provisions, certifications, affidavits, or otherwise as applicable and stated within this solicitation package. It shall be further understood that these provisions and terms shall be incorporated into any related Agreements/Contracts executed between the prime CONSULTANT and sub-CONSULTANTS.

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 State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) 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 SUBCONSULTANTS to be paid from funds provided under this Agreement, shall allow access to its records at reasonable times to representatives of DEO, 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. SECTION 3**

3.1. Lee County will comply with the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act (HUD) of 1968 pursuant to 24 CFR 570.607 (b). This legislative directive provides preference to low-income residents, and businesses that substantially employ said persons, for new employment, training, and contracting opportunities resulting from HUD-funded projects. As such it is the intent of the County to give, to the greatest extent feasible, (consistent with existing Federal, State, and local laws and regulations), employment, contracting and other economic opportunities arising in connection with a proposed project to low-income persons, Section 3 residents and business concerns in the local community, and that contracts be awarded to eligible business concerns which employ and/or are owned in substantial part by such low-income persons residing in Lee County.

3.2. Efforts to ensure that compliance is achieved include: 1) requiring that all CONSULTANT post information at job sites in affected areas regarding employment opportunities and preference in hiring Section 3 employees



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and 2) advertising projects identifying contracting opportunities and the preference to utilize Section 3 businesses.

- 3.3. Bidder/Proposer is required to indicate whether the Firm and/or any proposed sub-consultants are Section 3 businesses. Lee County encourages the utilization and participation of Section 3 Businesses 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 Section 3 firms are encouraged to respond.

**4. RECORDS RETENTION**

4.1. The CONSULTANT shall retain sufficient records to show its compliance with the terms of this solicitation package, 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 six (6) years from the date the County receives final closeout from the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). 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 six (6) years from the date the County receives final closeout from the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), unless extended in writing by DEO.

4.2. 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 DEO, or its designee, CFO, or Auditor General access to such records upon request. The CONSULTANT shall ensure that audit working papers are made available to DEO, or its designee, CFO, or Auditor General upon request for a period of six (6) years from the date the audit report is received by the County, unless extended in writing by DEO. 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.

**5. ADDITIONAL PROJECT FUNDING REQUIREMENTS**

5.1. 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:

5.2. 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.

**5.3. Restrictions, Prohibits, Controls, and Labor Provisions.**

5.3.1.1. 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 vendor 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 vendor list. In response to this solicitation package, any and all associated Agreement(s), the

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CONSULTANT represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its affiliates is currently on the convicted vendor list. The CONSULTANT shall disclose if it or any of its affiliates is placed on the convicted vendor list.

5.3.1.2. In accordance with Section 287.134(2)(a), Florida Statutes, an entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid 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 response to this solicitation package, any and all associated Agreement(s), the CONSULTANT represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its affiliates is currently on the discriminatory vendor list. The CONSULTANT shall disclose if it or any of its affiliates is placed on the discriminatory vendor list.

**5.4. Employment Eligibility (Using E-Verify). Agency – Vendors – CONSULTANTS:**

5.4.1.1. 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

5.4.1.2. Shall expressly require any CONSULTANTs and SUBCONSULTANTs 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/consultant and SUBCONSULTANT/consultant during the Agreement term.

5.5. **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.

**6. LOBBYING**

6.1. **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.

6.2. By participating in this solicitation and completion of affixed certificate the Bidder/Proposer certifies that to the best their knowledge:

6.2.1.1. 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.

6.2.1.2. 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

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6.2.1.3. 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.

6.3. 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.

**7. COPYRIGHT, PATENT AND TRADEMARK**

7.1. 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.

7.2. 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.

7.3. 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 DEO 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 DEO. 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.

7.4. 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 DEO shall have the right to all patents and copyrights which accrue during performance of the Agreement.

**8. HATCH ACT**

8.1. 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.

**9. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES NOTICE**

9.1. Services referenced in this package are intended to describe typical planning services of this industry. These services are not intended/required to be completed by licensed engineering staff where signature or seal of a licensed professional engineer or architect are necessary or required. Although, engineering firms or individuals licensed as engineers, architects or similar may provide services described herein, these services do not require such individuals to sign, seal, or function under their licensed capacity.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS AND CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR  
NON-FEDERAL ENTITY CONTRACTS UNDER FEDERAL AWARDS  
PER 2 CFR PART 200 APPENDIX II**

**1. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY/CIVIL RIGHTS**

1.1. During the performance of this contract, the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR agrees as follows:

- A. 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.
- B. 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.
- C. 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.
- D. 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.
- E. 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.
- F. 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.
- G. 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, terminated or suspended in whole or in part and the

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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.

H. 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.

**2. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS/ACCESS TO RECORDS**

- 2.1. 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.
- 2.2. 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.
- 2.3. 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.
- 2.4. CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR agrees to provide the Grant Administrator or his authorized representatives' access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.
- 2.5. 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.
- 2.6. 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.

**3. DHS SEAL, LOGO, AND FLAGS**

- 3.1. 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 Administrator pre-approval.

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**4. LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE EXCLUSION**

4.1. Local 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).

**5. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, REGULATIONS, and EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

5.1. This is an acknowledgment that Grant Authority 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, policies, procedures, and directives.

**6. NO OBLIGATION BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

6.1. 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.

**7. FRAUD and FALSE OR FRAUDULENT OR RELATED ACTS**

7.1. 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.

**8. SUBCONTRACTS**

8.1. 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-CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDORS.

**9. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

9.1. 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.

**10. EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION SYSTEM (E-VERIFY)**

10.1. 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.

10.2. 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.

10.3. It shall be the vendor's responsibility to familiarize themselves with all rules and regulations governing this program.

10.4. For additional information regarding the Employment Eligibility Verification System (E-Verify) program visit the following website: <http://www.dhs.gov/E-Verify>.

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**11. ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT**

- 11.1. 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).

**12. SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESS, WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, AND LABOR SURPLUS AREA FIRMS**

- 12.1. Place qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists.
- 12.2. Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources.
- 12.3. 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.
- 12.4. Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises.
- 12.5. Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises.
- 12.6. Requiring the prime CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the five previous affirmative steps.

**13. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE AND/OR CONVENIENCE**

- 13.1. The County, by written notice to the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR, may terminate this Agreement with or without cause (for convenience), in whole or in part, when the County determines in its sole discretion that it is in the County's best interest to do so. In the event of termination the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR will not incur any new obligations for the terminated portion of the Agreement after the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR has received notification of termination.
- 13.2. If the Agreement is terminated before performance is completed, the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR shall be paid only for that work satisfactorily performed for which costs can be substantiated. Such payment, however, may not exceed an amount that is the same percentage of the Agreement price as the amount of work satisfactorily completed is a percentage of the total work called for by this Agreement. All work in progress shall become the property of the County and shall be turned over promptly by the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR.

**14. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

- 14.1. 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).
- 14.2. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR must comply with 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.
- 14.3. 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.

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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.

- 14.4. 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.

## **15. RECOVERED MATERIALS**

- 15.1. 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;
- At a reasonable price.

- 15.2. Information about this requirement is available EPA'S Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <http://www.epa.gov/cpg/> The list of EPA- designate items is available at <http://www.epa.gov/cpg/products/htm>

## **16. REMEDIES**

- 16.1. In the event the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR fails to satisfactorily perform or has failed to adhere to the terms and conditions under this Agreement, the County may, upon fifteen (15) calendar days written notice to the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR and upon the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR's failure to cure within those fifteen (15) calendar days, exercise any one or more of the following remedies, either concurrently or consecutively:

- 16.1.1. Withhold or suspend payment of all or any part of a request for payment.
- 16.1.2. Require that the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR refund to the County any monies used for ineligible purposes under the laws, rules and regulations governing the use of these funds.
- 16.1.3. Exercise any corrective or remedial actions, to include but not be limited to:
- 16.1.4. Requesting additional information from the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR to determine the reasons for or the extent of non-compliance or lack of performance;
- 16.1.5. Issuing a written warning to advise that more serious measures may be taken if the situation is not corrected;
- 16.1.6. Advising the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR to suspend, discontinue or refrain from incurring costs for any activities in question; or
- 16.1.7. Requiring the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR to reimburse the County for the amount of costs incurred for any items determined to be ineligible.

## **17. OTHER REMEDIES AND RIGHTS**

- 17.1. 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



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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.

- 17.2. Unless otherwise provided by the Contract, all claims, counter-claims, 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.

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

- 18.1. 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.
- 18.2. 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 contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. 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 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.
- 18.3. 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 contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or 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, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2) of this section.
- 18.4. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section.

**19. CLEAN AIR ACT**

- 19.1. The contractor 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.
- 19.2. The contractor agrees to report each violation to the Grant Authority and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency and understands and agrees that the Grant Authority and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure

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notification to the County, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

- 19.3. The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the Grant Authority.

**20. FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT**

- 20.1. The contractor 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.
- 20.2. The contractor agrees to report each violation to the Grant Authority and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency and understands and agrees that the Grant Authority 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.
- 20.3. The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by Grant Authority.

**21. BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT**

- 21.1. 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.

**22. CHANGES/MODIFICATIONS**

- 22.1. 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.

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

- 23.1. 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.

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

- 24.1. 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

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for Fiscal Year 2019 (FY 2019 NDAA), Pub. L. No. 115-232 (2018) and 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.216, 200.327, 200.471, and Appendix II to 2 C.F.R. Part 200. See Prohibitions on Expending GRANT AGENCY Award Funds for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services- Interim Policy for additional information.

End of Supplemental Information Section

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**DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS**

**1. GENERAL SCOPE OF PROJECT**

- 1.1 Lee County Board of County Commissioners seeks to contract with a qualified Vendor to provide community needs assessment, which analyzes data from all local and nationally available sources, as well as collects data from low-income and minority areas.
- 1.2 The intent of this assessment is to understand the cascading impacts that Covid-19, economic waves, and Hurricane Ian had on the housing, economic mobility, and overall wellbeing of residents who are members of Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) populations and/or have income at or below 80% of the area median income.
- 1.3 The assessment will provide the data to drive programmatic and funding decisions for the next three to five years.

**2. DETAIL SCOPE / TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

- 2.1 Vendor shall conduct a comprehensive community needs assessment as follows:

- 2.1.1 The methodology for data collection must include an evaluation of national, state, and local, publicly available data sources (i.e. Census, Policy Map, Business Analyst, Community Analyst, Homeless Management Information System, and other available databases). Data collection must also occur through focus groups and public meetings, a minimum of two of each.

- 2.1.1.1 Public meetings must be advertised in accordance with Lee County Administrative Code 15-2.

- 2.1.1.2 The assessment should be presented in draft form to Lee County Human and Veteran Services on or before September annually, with a minimum of a 15-day review period. The Vendor shall make any requested changes or additions requested by the County. The Vendor shall provide a final document, printed copy, and electronic to Lee County Human and Veteran Services by October annually.

- 2.1.2 The assessment must include, at a minimum the following criteria:

- 2.1.2.1 An evaluation of quantitative and qualitative data to understand the cascading impacts that Covid-19, economic waves, and Hurricane Ian had on the housing economic status of residents who are members of BIPOC populations and/or have income at or below 80% of the area median income.

- 2.1.2.2 This includes examining the impact in the areas of affordable housing development, housing rehabilitation and reconstruction, down payment assistance, housing and services for persons who are homeless, public services for community revitalization, economic mobility for BIPOC and low-mod-income households, infrastructure improvements needed to improve quality of life for low and moderate income areas, economic development and public facility improvements.

- 2.1.3 The assessment must contain a detailed methodology section that outlines the processes for data collection including but not limited to:

- 2.1.3.1 Interview transcripts

- 2.1.3.2 Client or customer surveys

- 2.1.3.3 Backup documentation and summaries

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- 2.1.3.4 Minimum participation from community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, private sector, public sector, homeless service providers, Continuum's of Care, public housing authorities, Career Source, Workforce Development Boards, persons with lived experience in homelessness, persons who have low and moderate household incomes, persons residing in low and moderate income census tracts, City and County Governments, housing developers, and educational institutions.
- 2.1.3.5 Data collection must include current data specific to poverty and its prevalence related to gender, age, and race / ethnicity in each service area. Housing specific data must include housing needs, such as housing cost burden, crowding, single and multi-family housing stock, housing stock age, types and severity of housing problems, housing affordability and the number and type of families in need of housing-assistance.

End of Detailed Specifications

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**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 one (1) 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?

*\*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.

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- 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. Your firm shall include a detailed timeline for public outreach to be completed, initial draft to be completed, and final draft to be completed.

**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: Price Scoring:** (if applicable) The Proposer with the lowest Price Proposal will be awarded the maximum score as listed in the scoring criteria section. All other proposals will be scored according to the following formula: (Lowest Price Proposal/ Proposer's Price Proposal) x Maximum points. Score For example, the maximum score available for price is 25. If the lowest proposed Price Proposal is \$150,000.00 that Proposer will receive the full 25 points. Another Proposer with a Price Proposal of \$160,000.00 will receive points calculated as follows:  $\$150,000.00 / \$160,000.00 = .9375 * 25 = 23.44$  points

**TAB 6: Section 3 Strategy & Preference**

- As a project receiving CDBG-CV funding through HUD, preference shall be given to Firms that are registered Section 3 firms at the time of proposal submission. Provide a statement clarifying your Firm's Section 3 status and details that clearly indicate if your Firm is or is not a Section 3 Business as recognized by HUD.
- Supporting documentation of Section 3 status is requested such as HUD certification or database printout.

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- Firm shall also provide a detailed Section 3 strategy that clearly depicts your Firm's strategy for meeting to the greatest extent feasible the Section 3 strategy for training, employment, and contracting preference.
  - Priority consideration shall be given for the business concerns in the order of priority ranking as described in 24 CFR 75:
    - Section 3 business concerns that provide economic opportunities for Section 3 workers, Section 3 residents of public housing projects or residents of section-8 assisted housing in the service area or neighborhood in which the Section 3 covered project is located;
    - Applicants (as this term is defined in 42 U.S.C. 12899) selected to carry out HUD Youthbuild programs;
    - Other Section 3 business concerns.
- Notice: A firm is not required to be a Section 3 firm to participate in this solicitation and will **not** be deemed Non-Responsive should they not be a Section 3 business. However, to receive the 15 points allocated to Section 3 the firm must be a registered/certified Section 3 firm and meet the requirements for preference.

**TAB 7: Required Forms**

- Forms 1- 9

**2. SCORING CRITERIA & WEIGHT**

CRITERIA	CRITERIA DESCRIPTION	MAX. POINTS AVAILABLE
1	QUALIFICATIONS OF COMPANY (TAB 1)	20
2	COMPANY RELEVANT EXPERIENCE & REFERENCE (TAB 2)	20
3	PLAN OF APPROACH (TAB 3)	20
4	PERSONNEL (TAB 4)	20
5	PRICE SCORING (TAB 5)	5
6	SECTION 3 STRATEGY & PREFERENCE (TAB 6)	15
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>		<b>100</b>
*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)	Tuesday, April 18, 2023	N/A
Pre-Proposal Meeting	N/A	9:30 AM *
Proposal Question Deadline	8 Calendar days prior to submission deadline	Prior to 5:00 PM
Submission Deadline	Friday, May 19, 2023	Prior to 2:30 PM
First Committee Meeting Short list discussion	Tuesday, May 30, 2023	TBD or 12:00 AM *



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Notify Shortlist Selection via e-mail	TBD	N/A
Final Scoring/Selection Meeting	TBD	TBD or 12:00 AM *
Board Meeting	TBD	9:30 AM
<p><b>Additional notes on Submission Schedule:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Submission Schedule is provided as a guideline only and is subject to change at the discretion of Lee County authorized personnel.</i></li> <li>• <i>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.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Unless otherwise stated, location of all openings and meetings will take place at 2115 Second Street, 1st Floor, Fort Myers, FL 33901 – Procurement Management.</i></p>		

End of Section

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**LEE COUNTY DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT FORM**

**RFP230204BAG Community Needs Assessment**

These forms are required as indicated below and all required forms should be submitted with all submissions. 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.

<b>FORM #</b>	<b>TITLE / DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>REQUIRED STATUS (Required, Not Required, If Applicable)</b>	<b>VENDOR CHECK-OFF</b>
1	Solicitation Response Form	Required	
N/A	Business Relationship Disclosure Requirement	If Applicable	
2	Affidavit Certification Immigration Laws	Required	
3	Reference Survey	Required	
4	Negligence or Breach of Contract Disclosure Form	Required	
5	Affidavit Principal Place of Business	Required	
6	Sub-Contractor List	Required	
7	Public Entity Crime Form	Required	
8	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility And Voluntary Exclusion</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>NOTICE TO CONTRACTOR: This form shall be completed and submitted by each intended CONTRACTOR/SUB-CONTRACTOR performing services under this solicitation and its associated Agreement. Failure to provide this form by all required parties may result in non-award of Agreement to CONTRACTOR.</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>CONTRACTOR shall ensure that any SUB-CONTRACTOR added following award of this project shall receive approval by the COUNTY authorized representative and shall complete this form and submit to COUNTY.</small></p>	Required	
9	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Immigration Law Affidavit Certification (E-Verify)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>(Provide evidence of E-Verify account)</small></p>	Required	
<b>ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDED – REQUIRED DOCUMENTS</b>			
1	Equal Employment Opportunity, Civil Rights and Section 3 Certification	Required	
2	Section 3 Business Certificate of Eligibility For Preference	Required	
3	Certification For A Business Seeking Section 3 Preference In Contacting and Demonstration of Capability	Required	
4	Lee County, Florida Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation Certification	Required	
5	Schedule D – Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation	Required	
6	Anti-Lobbying Certification	Required	
7	Form LLL – Disclosure of Lobbying Activity	If Applicable	
*	Proposal Label	Required	
*	Inclusion of any licenses of certifications requested.	If Applicable	

## FORMS DESCRIPTION & INSTRUCTIONS

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (NON-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.

**Form #**    **Title/Description**

**1**        ***Solicitation Response Form***

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**        ***Proposal Form***

This form is used to provide itemization of project cost. A more detailed "schedule of values" may be requested by the County

**\***        ***Business Relationship Disclosure Requirement (if Applicable)***

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.**

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.

**2**        ***Affidavit Certification Immigration Laws***

Form is acknowledgement that the proposer is in compliance in regard to Immigration Laws.

**3**        ***Reference Survey***

Provide this form to reference respondents. This form **will be turned in with the 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 in which the reference respondent is to provide a response.
3. The reference respondent should complete "**Section 3.**"
4. **Section 4:** The reference respondent to print and sign name
5. **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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**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 *Sub-Contractor/Consultant List*** (if applicable)

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

**6 *Public Entity Crimes Form (Required 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.

**7 *Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility And Voluntary Exclusion***

**8 *Immigration Law Affidavit Certification (E-Verify)***

**ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDED REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

*Equal Employment Opportunity, Civil Rights, and Section 3 Certification*

*Section 3 Business Certificate of Eligibility for Preference*

*Certification for a Business Seeking Section 3 Preference in Contracting and Demonstration of Capability*

*Lee County, Florida Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation Certification*

*Schedule D Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation*

*Anti-Lobbying Certification*

*Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (Standard Form LLL)*

**\* *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 vendors.

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: May 16, 2023 Deadline Date: 5/19/2023SOLICITATION IDENTIFICATION: RFP230204BAGSOLICITATION NAME: Community Needs AssessmentCOMPANY NAME: Elite Business Strategies, LLCNAME & TITLE: (TYPED OR PRINTED) Princess Ousley, President & CEOBUSINESS ADDRESS: (PHYSICAL 504 -A Capital Circle, SE, Tallahassee, FL 32301

CORPORATE OR MAILING ADDRESS:

 SAME AS PHYSICAL**ADDRESS MUST MATCH SUNBIZ.ORG**E-MAIL ADDRESS: princess.ousley@ebsleaders.comPHONE NUMBER: 850-320-6108 FAX NUMBER: 1-800-521-9056

**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. 1 Dated: 4/27/2023 No. 3 Dated: 5/15/2023 No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_No. 2 Dated: 5/12/2023 No. 4 Dated: 5/19/2023 No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_Tax Payer Identification Number: 45-3715751

(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](http://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.

Business Relationship Applicable (request form)       Business Relationship NOT Applicable

4 Disadvantaged, Minority, Women, Veterans Business Enterprise (DBE, MBE, WBE, VBE) 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)**

Elite Business Strategies, LLC  
Company Name (Name printed or typed)

Princess Ousley  
Authorized Representative Name (printed or typed)

President & CEO  
Authorized Representative's Title (printed or typed)

  
Authorized Representative's Signature



(Affix Corporate Seal, if applicable)

Greg Raab, Chief Operating Officer  
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.

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## Detail by Entity Name

Florida Limited Liability Company  
ELITE BUSINESS STRATEGIES, LLC

### Filing Information

**Document Number** L11000123742  
**FEI/EIN Number** 45-3715751  
**Date Filed** 10/31/2011  
**Effective Date** 10/28/2011  
**State** FL  
**Status** ACTIVE

### Principal Address

CAPITAL CIRCLE COMMERCE CENTER  
504-A CAPITAL CIRCLE SE  
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301

Changed: 09/12/2012

### Mailing Address

504 A Capital Circle SE  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Changed: 02/04/2022

### Registered Agent Name & Address

Ousley, Princess  
504 A Capital Circle SE  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Name Changed: 04/12/2013

Address Changed: 02/04/2022

### Authorized Person(s) Detail

#### **Name & Address**

Title MGRM

OUSLEY, PRINCESS  
504-A Capital Circle SE  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

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**Annual Reports**

<b>Report Year</b>	<b>Filed Date</b>
2021	01/28/2021
2022	02/04/2022
2023	02/01/2023

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10/31/2011 -- Florida Limited Liability



Form 12 - Bid/Proposal Form

Lee County  
Southwest Florida**PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT  
BID/PROPOSAL FORM****COMPANY****NAME:** Elite Business Strategies, LLC**SOLICITATION:** RFP230204BAG Community Needs Assessment

Having carefully examined the Contract Documents, Contractor/Vendor proposes to furnish the following which meeting these specifications.

**PRICING**

Pricing shall be inclusive of all labor, equipment, supplies, overhead, profit, material, and any other incidental costs required to perform and complete all work as specified in the Contract Documents. All Prices must be bid at the nearest whole penny.

The County will only accept bids submitted on bid forms provided by the County. Bids submitted on other forms, other than those provided by the County, will be deemed non-responsive and ineligible for award.

**\*\*Bidders may not adjust or modify County-authored data as provided within the Bid Schedule. Bids received with modified data may deem the Bidder as non-responsive and ineligible for award.\*\******RFP230204BAG Community Needs Assessment******Initial One (1) Year Term***

Item	Description	Unit of Measure	Amount
1	Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment	LS	\$742,000
<b>SUBTOTAL: SECTION TITLE</b>			

***Annual One (1) Year Renewal Option***

Item	Description	Unit of Measure	Amount
1	Additional One (1) Year Term – Updates to Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment	LS	\$412,000
<b>SUBTOTAL: SECTION TITLE</b>			

***BID SUMMARY*****PROJECT TOTAL** **\$1,154,000****\*\*Quantities are not guaranteed. Final payment will be based on actual quantities.****PROJECT TOTAL: One million one hundred fifty four thousand dollars.**

(Use Words to Write Total)

Form 2 – Affidavit Certification of Immigration Laws PROPOSER FUNDING PACKAGE



AFFIDAVIT CERTIFICATION IMMIGRATION LAWS

SOLICITATION NO: **RFP230204BAG** SOLICITATION NAME: **Community Needs Assessment**

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

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


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

Company Name: Elite Business Strategies, LLC

Texas

  
Signature


President & CEO  
Title

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Date May 18, 2023

STATE OF XXXXX Texas  
~~Florida~~  
COUNTY OF Collin

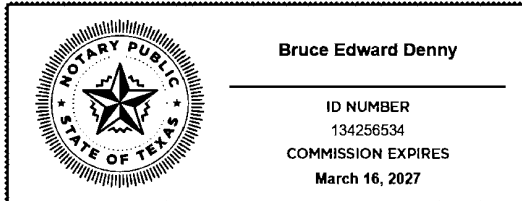
The foregoing instrument was signed and acknowledged before me, by means of  physical presence or  online notarization, this 18th day of May, 2023, by Princess Ousley who has produced Drivers License (Print or Type Name) as identification.

(Type of Identification)

  
Notary Public Signature

Bruce Edward Denny  
Printed Name of Notary Public

134256534 03/16/2027  
Notary Commission Number/Expiration



Notarized online using audio-video communication

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.**

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*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** Elite Business Strategies, LLC

Type of Incident <i>Alleged Negligence, Breach of Contract, or Non-Compliance</i>	Incident Date <b>And Date Filed</b>	Plaintiff <i>(Company, person, entity acted against your company or state if you company initiated the action)</i>	Case <b>Number</b>	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>
None							

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.

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**Form 5 - Sub-contractor/consultant List**



**SUB-CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT LIST**

Sub-Contractor/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
Integrated Solutions Consulting	Survey development & execution, staff augmentation	Lauren Martin	847-278-2305 lauren.martin@i-s-consulting.com	N/A	45%

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Please include sub-contractor/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-contractor/consultant will be performing. If sub-contractor/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.

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**Form 6 - Public Entity Crime Form**

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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 Lee County Board of County Commissioners, Division of Procurement Management  
(Print name of the public entity)

by Princess Ousley, President & CEO  
(Print individual's name and title)

for Elite Business Strategies, LLC  
(Print name of entity submitting sworn statement)

whose business address is 504 -A Capital Circle, SE, Tallahassee, FL 32301

(If applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is 45-3715751

(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.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

DO  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

May 18, 2023  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

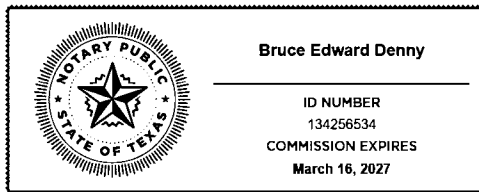
STATE OF Texas  
COUNTY OF Collin

The foregoing instrument was signed and acknowledged before me, by means of  physical presence or  online notarization, this 18th day of May 2023, by Princess Ousley who has produced  
(Print or Type Name)

Drivers License  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Type of Identification) as identification.

Bruce Edward Denny  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(NOTARY PUBLIC)

My Commission Expires: 03/16/2027



Notarized online using audio-video communication

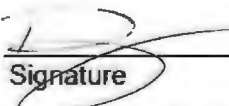
**Form 7: Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility**

**Certification Regarding  
Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility  
And Voluntary Exclusion**

**CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR Covered Transactions**

- (1) The prospective CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR, Elite Business Strategies, LLC 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  
 Princess Ousley, President & CEO  
 Name and Title  
 504-A Capital Circle, SE  
 Street Address  
 Tallahassee, FL 32301  
 City, State, Zip  
 May 16, 2023  
 Date

## Immigration Law Affidavit Certification

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 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in partnership with the Social Security Administration (SSA), 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. The program will be used for Lee County formal Invitations to Bid (ITB) and Request for Proposals (RFP) including professional services and construction services.

Exceptions to the program:

- Commodity based procurement where no services are provided.

Vendors / Bidders are required to enroll in the E-Verify program. Vendors are required to provide the Lee County Procurement Department an executed affidavit certifying they shall comply with the E-Verify Program. The affidavit is attached to the solicitation documents.

Additionally, vendors shall require all subcontracted vendors to use the E-Verify system for all purchases not covered under the "Exceptions to the program" clause above.

For additional information regarding the Employment Eligibility Verification System (E-Verify) program visit the following website: <http://www.dhs.gov/E-Verify>. It shall be the vendor's responsibility to familiarize themselves with all rules and regulations governing this program.

Vendor acknowledges, and without exception or stipulation, any firm(s) receiving an award shall be fully responsible for complying with the provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 as located at 8 U.S.C. 1324, et seq. and regulations relating thereto, as either may be amended and with the provisions contained within this affidavit. Failure by the awarded firm(s) to comply with the laws referenced herein or the provisions of this affidavit shall constitute a breach of the award agreement and the County shall have the discretion to unilaterally terminate said agreement immediately.



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Form 8 Continued: Immigration Law Affidavit Certification

Attachment: Immigration Law Affidavit Certification

Solicitation # and Title: RFP230204BAG Community Needs Assessment

This Affidavit is required and should be signed, notarized by an authorized principal of the firm and submitted with formal Invitations to Bid (ITB's) and Request for Proposals (RFP) submittals.

Lee County will not intentionally award County contracts to any vendor 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 vendor 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.

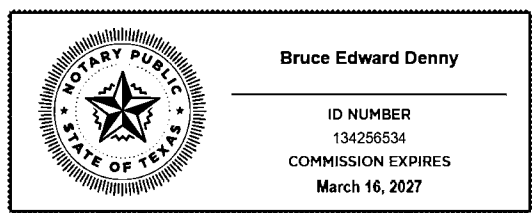
Vendor attests that they are fully compliant with all applicable immigration laws (specifically to the 1986 Immigration Act and subsequent Amendment(s)) and agrees to comply with the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding with E-Verify and to provide proof of enrollment in The Employment Eligibility 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 Vendor's / Bidder's proposal.

Company Name Elite Business Strategies, LLC  
Print Name Princess Ousley Title President & CEO  
Signature *PO* Date May 18, 2023

State of ~~Florida~~ <sup>TX</sup> Texas  
County of Collin

The foregoing instrument was signed and acknowledged before me, by means of  physical presence or  online notarization, this 18th day of May 2023, by Princess Ousley who has produced (Print or Type Name) Drivers License \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.  
(Type of Identification and Number)

*Bruce Edward Denny*  
Notary Public Signature  
Bruce Edward Denny  
Printed Name of Notary Public  
134256534 | 03/16/2027  
Notary Commission Number/Expiration



Notarized online using audio-video communication

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.

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***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 \$100,000 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,

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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 135 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

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material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed that this provision has been complied with.

- O. All Contractors for awards in excess of \$100,000 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 sea.). Violations shall be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

*NOTE: The above contract provisions are required by 24 CFR Part 85.36*

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PROJECT FUNDING PACKAGE****EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY, CIVIL RIGHTS AND SECTION 3  
CERTIFICATION****(To Be Completed By General Contractor And All Subcontractors and Submitted with the Bid)****PROJECT NAME:** Community Needs Assessment - RFP230204BAG

The undersigned, having submitted a bid for construction of the above identified project, certifies that he/she shall:

1. Comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended; Section 109 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended; Sections 502 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 in that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.
2. Comply with Executive Orders 11246, 11375 and 12086 in that no employee or applicant for employment shall be discriminated against because of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, disability or other handicap, age, marital/familial status, or status with regard to public assistance. Will take affirmative action to insure that all employment practices are free from such discrimination. Such employment practices include but are not limited to the hiring, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruiting advertising, layoff, termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
3. Comply with Executive Orders 11625 and 12432 Concerning Minority Business Enterprise and Executive Order 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 subcontracts pursuant to the above contract.
4. Comply with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 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 the above identified 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.
5. Furnish and cause each of its own subcontractors to furnish all information and reports required hereunder and permit access to its books, records and accounts by Lee County, HUD or its agent, or other authorized Federal officials for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with the rules, regulations and provisions stated herein.

**CONTRACTOR NAME:** Elite Business Strategies LLC**SIGNATURE/TITLE:**Greg Raab, Chief Operating Officer**FEDERAL I.D or SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:**45-3715751**DATE:** 6/20/2023

**SECTION 3 CLAUSE**  
**(REQUIRED IN ALL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS EXCEEDING \$100,000 IF**  
**HUD FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS INVOLVED)**

All construction contracts in excess of \$100,000 shall include the following provisions if the construction project involves HUD financial assistance. The term contractor includes subcontractors when applicable. The dollar amount specified for contract awards is based on total project costs and therefore all contracts involved in the project are subject to the provisions specified. The following contract provisions are required by HUD Regulations 24 CFR Part 75.

- A. 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 of 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.
- B. The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 75, which implement Section 3 and the Final Rule. 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.
- C. The contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or worker's 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. This notice shall describe the Section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of apprenticeship and training positions, the qualifications for each; and the name and location of the person(s) taking applications for each of the positions; and the anticipate date the work shall begin.
- D. The contractor 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 outline in 24 CFR Part 75. The contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of 24 CFR Part 75 regulations.
- E. The contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the contractor is selected but before the contract is executed and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR Part 75 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the contractor's obligations under 24 CFR Part 75.

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- F. 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.
  
- G. The contractor agrees to contact the Housing Authority City of Fort Myers, 239-344-3238 if new hires or subcontractors are required and document results of the contact.

**SECTION 3/DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS PARTICIPATION PREFERENCE  
POLICY (REQUIRED FOR ALL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS EXCEEDING \$100,000  
WHICH INVOLVE HUD FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE)**

One of the purposes of this project is to give, to the greatest extent feasible, and consistent with Existing Federal, State, and local laws and regulations, job training, employment, contracting and other economic opportunities to Section 3 residents and Section 3 Businesses. In order to accomplish this objective all construction projects anticipated to cost in excess of \$100,000 and which involve HUD financial assistance shall comply with the following bidding procedures:

- A. Section 3 Business Participation Preference Goals for this project have been set at 10%.
- B. Bidders shall take all reasonable and necessary affirmative steps to assure that Section 3 Businesses will be utilized in this project. Submission of the Section 3 Business Certificate of Eligibility for Preference Form shall be considered as proof of Section 3 Business Participation in the project. If no Section 3 Businesses are listed on the forms, the word **NONE** shall be written on the forms and the bidder shall submit a statement demonstrating why it was not feasible to meet the 10% Section 3 Business Participation Preference Goals. Such justification may include impediments encountered despite actions taken including a list of specific Section 3 Businesses solicited to show good faith effort. Examples of qualitative efforts may include outreach to targeted section 3 worker, provide training, technical assistance, or employment assistance, host job fairs, provide work readiness / financial literacy trainings or assistance to obtain additional education. Documentation of such solicitations may include telephone logs, letters, certified mail receipts and/or ads published in newspapers or magazines.
- C. Preference in the award of this construction contract shall be as follows:
  - a. Where the construction contract is to be awarded based upon the lowest responsive and responsible bid, the construction contract shall be awarded to the bidder whose bid includes Section 3 Business Participation of at least 10% of the total bid price and with the lowest responsible bid price provided; however, such bid price shall not exceed 10% of the lowest responsible bid submitted regardless of the amount of Section 3 Business Participation. If no responsible bid includes Section 3 Business Participation of at least 10% of the total bid price, the award shall then be made to the lowest responsible bid price with the highest % of Section 3 Business Participation and the lowest responsible bid price provided; however, such bid price shall not exceed 5% of the lowest responsible bid submitted regardless of the amount of Section 3 Business Participation. If no responsible bid includes any Section 3 Business Participation the award shall then be made to the lowest responsible bidder. The awarding agency also reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities in the bids and in the bidding process with or without cause.
  - b. Section 3 Business shall be a business:
    - (1)** Owned by 51% or more by low- or very low-income persons; **OR,**
    - (2)** Over 75% of the labor hours performed for the business over the prior three- month period are performed by Section 3 workers; **OR**
    - (3)** It is a business at least 51% owned and controlled by current public housing residents or residents who currently live in Section 8-assisted housing.
  - c. A Section 3 worker is someone who currently fits, or when hired within the past five years, in one of the following categories:
    - (1)** Low-income person shall be a public housing resident or low income persons who live in Lee County as defined in Section 3 (b)(2) of the 1937 Act (42 U.S.C. 1437a (b)(2)). A copy of the current income levels for such persons is below.



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- (2) Employed by a Section 3 business concern  
(3) Is a YouthBuild participant

FY 2021 Income Limit Area	Media n Family Incom e	FY 2021 Income Limit Categor y	Persons in Family							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Cape Coral- Fort Myers, FL MSA	\$71,900	Very Low (50%) Income Limits (\$)	25,200	28,800	32,400	<b>35,950</b>	38,850	41,750	44,600	47,500
		Extremely Low Income Limits (\$)*	15,100	17,420	21,960	<b>26,500</b>	31,040	35,580	40,120	44,660
		Low (80%) Income Limits (\$)	40,250	46,000	51,750	<b>57,500</b>	62,100	66,700	71,300	75,900
<b>NOTE:</b> Lee County is part of the Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL MSA, so all information presented here applies to all of the Cape Coral-Fort										

- d. Disadvantaged Business shall mean a business that is a certified minority business owner in the Lee County Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program. The Florida Gulf Coast University's Small Business Development Center may be contacted for information and a list of certified Disadvantaged Businesses. A Disadvantaged Business Participation Form shall be submitted by a Disadvantaged Business seeking to qualify for a Disadvantaged Business Preference.
- e. A Certificate of Eligibility for Preference shall be submitted by a Section 3 Business seeking to qualify for a Section 3 Business preference. Such certificate shall certify that the business referenced in the bid proposal meet the requirements of a Section 3 Business as defined in Paragraph b. above.

**NOTE:** The provisions set forth above are based on Section 2 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended and HUD Regulations 24 CFR Part 75

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SECTION 3 BUSINESS CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PREFERENCE

NOTE: This certificate must be signed by the person who will sign, or has signed the Bid Form. This certificate will become a part of the contract documents. This form is a listing of Section 3 businesses that are planned to be a part of the project. If that is unknown or none apply, the form must still be completed.

Project Number: RFP230204BAG Bid Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: Community Needs Assessment

This is a formal certification that the below list of Section 3 Business(es) will be utilized on the above project and that such business(es) qualify for a Section 3 Business Preference and meet the requirements of a Section 3 Business as defined in the Bidding Procedures for this project.

a Section 3 Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address; Description of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Dollar Value of Proposed Work: Not applicable at time of bid submission.

b Section 3 Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address; Description of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Dollar Value of Proposed Work: Not applicable at time of bid submission.

c Section 3 Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address; Description of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Dollar Value of Proposed Work: Not applicable at time of bid submission.

The percentages of the total dollar value of all Section 3 Business work compared to the total bid price Not applicable % at time of bid submission.

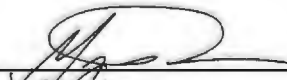
e. This certification is a material representation of the face upon which reliance may be placed if the proposed transaction is entered into. If it is later determined that an erroneous certification was rendered, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Lee County may pursue available remedies.

f. The undersigned contractor's representative shall provide immediate written notice to the agency to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the undersigned learns that this certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

Elite Business Strategies LLC

6/20/2023

Contractor's Name

  
Signature

Date

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**CERTIFICATION FOR A BUSINESS SEEKING SECTION 3  
PREFERENCE IN CONTRACTING AND DEMONSTRATION OF CAPABILITY**

Name of Business Elite Business Strategies LLC

Address of Business 504 A Capitol Circle SE, Tallahassee, FL 32301

Type of Business:  Corporation       Partnership  
 Sole Proprietorship       Joint Venture

Attached is the following documentation as evidence of status:

**For Business claiming status as a Section 3 resident-owned enterprise:**

- Copy of resident lease
- Copy of receipt of public assistance
- Copy of evidence of participation in a public assistance program
- Other evidence

**For business entity as applicable:**

- Copy of Articles of Incorporation
- Certificate of Good Standing
- Assumed Business Name Certificate
- Partnership Agreement
- List of owners/stockholders and % ownership of each
- Corporation Annual Report
- Latest Board minutes appointing officers
- Organization chart with names and titles and brief function statement
- Additional documentation

**For business claiming Section 3 status by subcontracting 25 percent of the dollar awarded to qualified Section 3 business(es):**

- List of subcontracted Section 3 business(es) and subcontract amount

**For business claiming Section 3 status, claiming at least 30 percent of their workforce are currently Section 3 residents or were Section 3 eligible residents within 3 years of date of first employment with the business:**

- List of all current full-time employees
- List of employees claiming Section 3 status
- PHA/IHA Residential lease less than 3 years from day of employment
- Other evidence of Section 3 status less than 3 years from date of employment

Evidence of ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of the proposed contract:

- Current financial statement
- Statement of ability to comply with public policy
- List of owned equipment
- List of all contracts for the past two years

Greg Raab 

(Corporate Seal)

Authorizing Name and Signature

Attested by: Princess Ousley

# Looking for Work!

## 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 residents/businesses

**You may be qualified as a “Section 3 Resident or Business**

Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act provides preference to hiring and contracting with eligible residents and businesses of the local community for HUD-funded construction projects.

Contact the Real Estate Development Dept.  
Housing Authority City of Ft. Myers,  
239-344-3223 to see if you qualify.

Getting qualified does not guarantee employment or award of contracts




**LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE  
PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATION**

Project No.: RFP230204BAG Bid No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Contract No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract/Project Name(s): Community Needs Assessment

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
	<i>Not applicable at time of bid submission.</i>	<i>Not applicable at time of bid submission.</i>
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SIGNED:  \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 6/20/2023

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

SCHEDULE D

# NOT APPLICABLE

## 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. %

Elite Business Strategies LLC

CONTRACTOR NAME

SIGNATURE

6/20/2023

DATE

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**ANTI-LOBBYING CERTIFICATION**

**(REQUIRED FOR ALL BIDS OF \$100,000 OR MORE)**

**PROJECT NAME:** Community Needs Assessment - RFP230204BAG

The undersigned, having submitted a bid to: Lee County Board of County Commissioners  
for construction of the above identified project in the amount of: \$ Not applicable at time of bid submission.

does hereby certify that:

1. No appropriated Federal funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of myself, 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 any 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.
2. If any funds other than appropriated Federal 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, I will complete and submit Standard Form – LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities in accordance with its instructions.
3. Submission of this certification is 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.

**GENERAL CONTRACTOR** Elite Business Strategies LLC

**SIGNATURE**  Greg Raab

**TITLE** Chief Operating Officer

**FEDERAL ID OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER** 45-3715751

**DATE** 6/20/2023

**NOTE:** All general contractors who bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required anti-lobbying certification in accordance with the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352). Each tier of subcontractors certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used appropriated Federal 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 non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures shall be forwarded from tier to tier up to the General Contractor.

**EXHIBIT E**  
**DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES**

Approved by OMB

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Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352

reverse for (b)(3) burden disclosure.

<b>1. Type of Federal Action:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> a. contract <input 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	<b>2. Status of Federal Action:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> a. bid/offer/application <input type="checkbox"/> b. initial award <input type="checkbox"/> c. post-award	<b>3. Report Type:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> a. initial filing <input type="checkbox"/> b. material change <b>For Material Change Only:</b> year _____ quarter _____ date of last report _____
<b>4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Prime <input type="checkbox"/> Subawardee Tier _____, if known:  <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">NOT APPLICABLE</div>		<b>5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is a Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime:</b>  
<b>6. Federal Department/Agency:</b>  	<b>7. Federal Program Name/Description:</b>  CFDA Number, if applicable : _____	
<b>8. Federal Action Number, if known :</b>  	<b>9. Award Amount, if known :</b> \$ _____	
<b>10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant</b> ( if individual, last name, first name, MI ):	<b>b. Individuals Performing Services (including address if different from No. 10a ) (last name, first name, MI):</b>	
<b>11.</b> 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 this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information 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: _____ Print Name: <u>Greg Raab</u> Title: <u>Chief Operating Officer</u> Telephone No.: <u>315-534-1783</u> Date: <u>6/20/2023</u>	
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**EXHIBIT E  
PROJECT FUNDING PACKAGE**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES**

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity 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 a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a followup report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the Federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitation for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Include prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.
- (b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10 (a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).

11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503.



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**THE E-VERIFY  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
FOR EMPLOYERS**

**ARTICLE I  
PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY**

The parties to this agreement are the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and ELITE BUSINESS STRATEGIES, LLC (Employer). The purpose of this agreement is to set forth terms and conditions which the Employer will follow while participating in E-Verify.

E-Verify is a program that electronically confirms an employee's eligibility to work in the United States after completion of Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I-9). This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) explains certain features of the E-Verify program and describes specific responsibilities of the Employer, the Social Security Administration (SSA), and DHS.

Authority for the E-Verify program is found in Title IV, Subtitle A, of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA), Pub. L. 104-208, 110 Stat. 3009, as amended (8 U.S.C. § 1324a note). The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 22.18, "Employment Eligibility Verification" and Executive Order 12989, as amended, provide authority for Federal contractors and subcontractors (Federal contractor) to use E-Verify to verify the employment eligibility of certain employees working on Federal contracts.

**ARTICLE II  
RESPONSIBILITIES**

**A. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EMPLOYER**

1. The Employer agrees to display the following notices supplied by DHS in a prominent place that is clearly visible to prospective employees and all employees who are to be verified through the system:
  - a. Notice of E-Verify Participation
  - b. Notice of Right to Work
2. The Employer agrees to provide to the SSA and DHS the names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of the Employer representatives to be contacted about E-Verify. The Employer also agrees to keep such information current by providing updated information to SSA and DHS whenever the representatives' contact information changes.
3. The Employer agrees to grant E-Verify access only to current employees who need E-Verify access. Employers must promptly terminate an employee's E-Verify access if the employer is separated from the company or no longer needs access to E-Verify.



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- 4. The Employer agrees to become familiar with and comply with the most recent version of the E-Verify User Manual.**
  - 5. The Employer agrees that any Employer Representative who will create E-Verify cases will complete the E-Verify Tutorial before that individual creates any cases.**
    - a. The Employer agrees that all Employer representatives will take the refresher tutorials when prompted by E-Verify in order to continue using E-Verify. Failure to complete a refresher tutorial will prevent the Employer Representative from continued use of E-Verify.**
  - 6. The Employer agrees to comply with current Form I-9 procedures, with two exceptions:**
    - a. If an employee presents a "List B" identity document, the Employer agrees to only accept "List B" documents that contain a photo. (List B documents identified in 8 C.F.R. § 274a.2(b)(1)(B)) can be presented during the Form I-9 process to establish identity.) If an employee objects to the photo requirement for religious reasons, the Employer should contact E-Verify at 888-484-4218.**
    - b. If an employee presents a DHS Form I-551 (Permanent Resident Card), Form I-766 (Employment Authorization Document), or U.S. Passport or Passport Card to complete Form I-9, the Employer agrees to make a photocopy of the document and to retain the photocopy with the employee's Form I-9. The Employer will use the photocopy to verify the photo and to assist DHS with its review of photo mismatches that employees contest. DHS may in the future designate other documents that activate the photo screening tool.**
- Note: Subject only to the exceptions noted previously in this paragraph, employees still retain the right to present any List A, or List B and List C, document(s) to complete the Form I-9.**
- 7. The Employer agrees to record the case verification number on the employee's Form I-9 or to print the screen containing the case verification number and attach it to the employee's Form I-9.**
  - 8. The Employer agrees that, although it participates in E-Verify, the Employer has a responsibility to complete, retain, and make available for inspection Forms I-9 that relate to its employees, or from other requirements of applicable regulations or laws, including the obligation to comply with the antidiscrimination requirements of section 274B of the INA with respect to Form I-9 procedures.**
    - a. The following modified requirements are the only exceptions to an Employer's obligation to not employ unauthorized workers and comply with the anti-discrimination provision of the INA: (1) List B identity documents must have photos, as described in paragraph 6 above; (2) When an Employer confirms the identity and employment eligibility of newly hired employee using E-Verify procedures, the Employer establishes a rebuttable presumption that it has not violated section 274A(a)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) with respect to the hiring of that employee; (3) If the Employer receives a final nonconfirmation for an employee, but continues to employ that person, the Employer must notify DHS and the Employer is subject to a civil money penalty between \$550 and \$1,100 for each failure to notify DHS of continued employment following a final nonconfirmation; (4) If the Employer continues to employ an employee after receiving a final nonconfirmation, then the Employer is subject to a rebuttable presumption that it has knowingly**



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employed an unauthorized alien in violation of section 274A(a)(1)(A); and (5) no E-Verify participant is civilly or criminally liable under any law for any action taken in good faith based on information provided through the E-Verify.

b. DHS reserves the right to conduct Form I-9 compliance inspections, as well as any other enforcement or compliance activity authorized by law, including site visits, to ensure proper use of E-Verify.

9. The Employer is strictly prohibited from creating an E-Verify case before the employee has been hired, meaning that a firm offer of employment was extended and accepted and Form I-9 was completed. The Employer agrees to create an E-Verify case for new employees within three Employer business days after each employee has been hired (after both Sections 1 and 2 of Form I-9 have been completed), and to complete as many steps of the E-Verify process as are necessary according to the E-Verify User Manual. If E-Verify is temporarily unavailable, the three-day time period will be extended until it is again operational in order to accommodate the Employer's attempting, in good faith, to make inquiries during the period of unavailability.

10. The Employer agrees not to use E-Verify for pre-employment screening of job applicants, in support of any unlawful employment practice, or for any other use that this MOU or the E-Verify User Manual does not authorize.

11. The Employer must use E-Verify for all new employees. The Employer will not verify selectively and will not verify employees hired before the effective date of this MOU. Employers who are Federal contractors may qualify for exceptions to this requirement as described in Article II.B of this MOU.

12. The Employer agrees to follow appropriate procedures (see Article III below) regarding tentative nonconfirmations. The Employer must promptly notify employees in private of the finding and provide them with the notice and letter containing information specific to the employee's E-Verify case. The Employer agrees to provide both the English and the translated notice and letter for employees with limited English proficiency to employees. The Employer agrees to provide written referral instructions to employees and instruct affected employees to bring the English copy of the letter to the SSA. The Employer must allow employees to contest the finding, and not take adverse action against employees if they choose to contest the finding, while their case is still pending. Further, when employees contest a tentative nonconfirmation based upon a photo mismatch, the Employer must take additional steps (see Article III.B. below) to contact DHS with information necessary to resolve the challenge.

13. The Employer agrees not to take any adverse action against an employee based upon the employee's perceived employment eligibility status while SSA or DHS is processing the verification request unless the Employer obtains knowledge (as defined in 8 C.F.R. § 274a.1(l)) that the employee is not work authorized. The Employer understands that an initial inability of the SSA or DHS automated verification system to verify work authorization, a tentative nonconfirmation, a case in continuance (indicating the need for additional time for the government to resolve a case), or the finding of a photo mismatch, does not establish, and should not be interpreted as, evidence that the employee is not work authorized. In any of such cases, the employee must be provided a full and fair opportunity to contest the finding, and if he or she does so, the employee may not be terminated or suffer any adverse employment consequences based upon the employee's perceived employment eligibility status



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(including denying, reducing, or extending work hours, delaying or preventing training, requiring an employee to work in poorer conditions, withholding pay, refusing to assign the employee to a Federal contract or other assignment, or otherwise assuming that he or she is unauthorized to work) until and unless secondary verification by SSA or DHS has been completed and a final nonconfirmation has been issued. If the employee does not choose to contest a tentative nonconfirmation or a photo mismatch or if a secondary verification is completed and a final nonconfirmation is issued, then the Employer can find the employee is not work authorized and terminate the employee's employment. Employers or employees with questions about a final nonconfirmation may call E-Verify at 1-888-464-4218 (customer service) or 1-888-897-7781 (worker hotline).

14. The Employer agrees to comply with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and section 274B of the INA as applicable by not discriminating unlawfully against any individual in hiring, firing, employment eligibility verification, or recruitment or referral practices because of his or her national origin or citizenship status, or by committing discriminatory documentary practices. The Employer understands that such illegal practices can include selective verification or use of E-Verify except as provided in part D below, or discharging or refusing to hire employees because they appear or sound "foreign" or have received tentative nonconfirmations. The Employer further understands that any violation of the immigration-related unfair employment practices provisions in section 274B of the INA could subject the Employer to civil penalties, back pay awards, and other sanctions, and violations of Title VII could subject the Employer to back pay awards, compensatory and punitive damages. Violations of either section 274B of the INA or Title VII may also lead to the termination of its participation in E-Verify. If the Employer has any questions relating to the anti-discrimination provision, it should contact OSC at 1-800-255-8155 or 1-800-237-2515 (TDD).

15. The Employer agrees that it will use the information it receives from E-Verify only to confirm the employment eligibility of employees as authorized by this MOU. The Employer agrees that it will safeguard this information, and means of access to it (such as PINS and passwords), to ensure that it is not used for any other purpose and as necessary to protect its confidentiality, including ensuring that it is not disseminated to any person other than employees of the Employer who are authorized to perform the Employer's responsibilities under this MOU, except for such dissemination as may be authorized in advance by SSA or DHS for legitimate purposes.

16. The Employer agrees to notify DHS immediately in the event of a breach of personal information. Breaches are defined as loss of control or unauthorized access to E-Verify personal data. All suspected or confirmed breaches should be reported by calling 1-888-464-4218 or via email at [E-Verify@dhs.gov](mailto:E-Verify@dhs.gov). Please use "Privacy Incident – Password" in the subject line of your email when sending a breach report to E-Verify.

17. The Employer acknowledges that the information it receives from SSA is governed by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a(i)(1) and (3)) and the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306(a)). Any person who obtains this information under false pretenses or uses it for any purpose other than as provided for in this MOU may be subject to criminal penalties.

18. The Employer agrees to cooperate with DHS and SSA in their compliance monitoring and evaluation of E-Verify, which includes permitting DHS, SSA, their contractors and other agents, upon



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reasonable notice, to review Forms I-9 and other employment records and to interview it and its employees regarding the Employer's use of E-Verify, and to respond in a prompt and accurate manner to DHS requests for information relating to their participation in E-Verify.

19. The Employer shall not make any false or unauthorized claims or references about its participation in E-Verify on its website, in advertising materials, or other media. The Employer shall not describe its services as federally-approved, federally-certified, or federally-recognized, or use language with a similar intent on its website or other materials provided to the public. Entering into this MOU does not mean that E-Verify endorses or authorizes your E-Verify services and any claim to that effect is false.

20. The Employer shall not state in its website or other public documents that any language used therein has been provided or approved by DHS, USCIS or the Verification Division, without first obtaining the prior written consent of DHS.

21. The Employer agrees that E-Verify trademarks and logos may be used only under license by DHS/USCIS (see [M-795 \(Web\)](#)) and, other than pursuant to the specific terms of such license, may not be used in any manner that might imply that the Employer's services, products, websites, or publications are sponsored by, endorsed by, licensed by, or affiliated with DHS, USCIS, or E-Verify.

22. The Employer understands that if it uses E-Verify procedures for any purpose other than as authorized by this MOU, the Employer may be subject to appropriate legal action and termination of its participation in E-Verify according to this MOU.

## **B. RESPONSIBILITIES OF FEDERAL CONTRACTORS**

1. If the Employer is a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause subject to the employment verification terms in Subpart 22.18 of the FAR, it will become familiar with and comply with the most current version of the E-Verify User Manual for Federal Contractors as well as the E-Verify Supplemental Guide for Federal Contractors.

2. In addition to the responsibilities of every employer outlined in this MOU, the Employer understands that if it is a Federal contractor subject to the employment verification terms in Subpart 22.18 of the FAR it must verify the employment eligibility of any "employee assigned to the contract" (as defined in FAR 22.1801). Once an employee has been verified through E-Verify by the Employer, the Employer may not create a second case for the employee through E-Verify.

a. An Employer that is not enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor at the time of a contract award must enroll as a Federal contractor in the E-Verify program within 30 calendar days of contract award and, within 90 days of enrollment, begin to verify employment eligibility of new hires using E-Verify. The Employer must verify those employees who are working in the United States, whether or not they are assigned to the contract. Once the Employer begins verifying new hires, such verification of new hires must be initiated within three business days after the hire date. Once enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor, the Employer must begin verification of employees assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days after the date of enrollment or within 30 days of an employee's assignment to the contract, whichever date is later.





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- b. Employers enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor for 90 days or more at the time of a contract award must use E-Verify to begin verification of employment eligibility for new hires of the Employer who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three business days after the date of hire. If the Employer is enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor for 90 calendar days or less at the time of contract award, the Employer must, within 90 days of enrollment, begin to use E-Verify to initiate verification of new hires of the contractor who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract. Such verification of new hires must be initiated within three business days after the date of hire. An Employer enrolled as a Federal contractor in E-Verify must begin verification of each employee assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days after date of contract award or within 30 days after assignment to the contract, whichever is later.
- c. Federal contractors that are institutions of higher education (as defined at 20 U.S.C. 1001(a)), state or local governments, governments of Federally recognized Indian tribes, or sureties performing under a takeover agreement entered into with a Federal agency under a performance bond may choose to only verify new and existing employees assigned to the Federal contract. Such Federal contractors may, however, elect to verify all new hires, and/or all existing employees hired after November 6, 1986. Employers in this category must begin verification of employees assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days after the date of enrollment or within 30 days of an employee's assignment to the contract, whichever date is later.
- d. Upon enrollment, Employers who are Federal contractors may elect to verify employment eligibility of all existing employees working in the United States who were hired after November 6, 1986, instead of verifying only those employees assigned to a covered Federal contract. After enrollment, Employers must elect to verify existing staff following DHS procedures and begin E-Verify verification of all existing employees within 180 days after the election.
- e. The Employer may use a previously completed Form I-9 as the basis for creating an E-Verify case for an employee assigned to a contract as long as:
- i. That Form I-9 is complete (including the SSN) and complies with Article II.A.6,
  - ii. The employee's work authorization has not expired, and
  - iii. The Employer has reviewed the Form I-9 information either in person or in communications with the employee to ensure that the employee's Section 1, Form I-9 attestation has not changed (including, but not limited to, a lawful permanent resident alien having become a naturalized U.S. citizen).
- f. The Employer shall complete a new Form I-9 consistent with Article II.A.6 or update the previous Form I-9 to provide the necessary information if:
- i. The Employer cannot determine that Form I-9 complies with Article II.A.6,
  - ii. The employee's basis for work authorization as attested in Section 1 has expired or changed, or
  - iii. The Form I-9 contains no SSN or is otherwise incomplete.

**Note:** If Section 1 of Form I-9 is otherwise valid and up-to-date and the form otherwise complies with



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Article II.C.5, but reflects documentation (such as a U.S. passport or Form I-551) that expired after completing Form I-9, the Employer shall not require the production of additional documentation, or use the photo screening tool described in Article II.A.5, subject to any additional or superseding instructions that may be provided on this subject in the E-Verify User Manual.

g. The Employer agrees not to require a second verification using E-Verify of any assigned employee who has previously been verified as a newly hired employee under this MOU or to authorize verification of any existing employee by any Employer that is not a Federal contractor based on this Article.

3. The Employer understands that if it is a Federal contractor, its compliance with this MOU is a performance requirement under the terms of the Federal contract or subcontract, and the Employer consents to the release of information relating to compliance with its verification responsibilities under this MOU to contracting officers or other officials authorized to review the Employer's compliance with Federal contracting requirements.

#### **C. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SSA**

1. SSA agrees to allow DHS to compare data provided by the Employer against SSA's database. SSA sends DHS confirmation that the data sent either matches or does not match the information in SSA's database.

2. SSA agrees to safeguard the information the Employer provides through E-Verify procedures. SSA also agrees to limit access to such information, as is appropriate by law, to individuals responsible for the verification of Social Security numbers or responsible for evaluation of E-Verify or such other persons or entities who may be authorized by SSA as governed by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a), the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306(a)), and SSA regulations (20 CFR Part 401).

3. SSA agrees to provide case results from its database within three Federal Government work days of the initial inquiry. E-Verify provides the information to the Employer.

4. SSA agrees to update SSA records as necessary if the employee who contests the SSA tentative nonconfirmation visits an SSA field office and provides the required evidence. If the employee visits an SSA field office within the eight Federal Government work days from the date of referral to SSA, SSA agrees to update SSA records, if appropriate, within the eight-day period unless SSA determines that more than eight days may be necessary. In such cases, SSA will provide additional instructions to the employee. If the employee does not visit SSA in the time allowed, E-Verify may provide a final nonconfirmation to the employer.

Note: If an Employer experiences technical problems, or has a policy question, the employer should contact E-Verify at 1-888-464-4218.

#### **D. RESPONSIBILITIES OF DHS**

1. DHS agrees to provide the Employer with selected data from DHS databases to enable the Employer to conduct, to the extent authorized by this MOU:

a. Automated verification checks on alien employees by electronic means, and





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- b. Photo verification checks (when available) on employees.**
- 2. DHS agrees to assist the Employer with operational problems associated with the Employer's participation in E-Verify. DHS agrees to provide the Employer names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of DHS representatives to be contacted during the E-Verify process.**
- 3. DHS agrees to provide to the Employer with access to E-Verify training materials as well as an E-Verify User Manual that contain instructions on E-Verify policies, procedures, and requirements for both SSA and DHS, including restrictions on the use of E-Verify.**
- 4. DHS agrees to train Employers on all important changes made to E-Verify through the use of mandatory refresher tutorials and updates to the E-Verify User Manual. Even without changes to E-Verify, DHS reserves the right to require employers to take mandatory refresher tutorials.**
- 5. DHS agrees to provide to the Employer a notice, which indicates the Employer's participation in E-Verify. DHS also agrees to provide to the Employer anti-discrimination notices issued by the Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices (OSC), Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice.**
- 6. DHS agrees to issue each of the Employer's E-Verify users a unique user identification number and password that permits them to log in to E-Verify.**
- 7. DHS agrees to safeguard the information the Employer provides, and to limit access to such information to individuals responsible for the verification process, for evaluation of E-Verify, or to such other persons or entities as may be authorized by applicable law. Information will be used only to verify the accuracy of Social Security numbers and employment eligibility, to enforce the INA and Federal criminal laws, and to administer Federal contracting requirements.**
- 8. DHS agrees to provide a means of automated verification that provides (in conjunction with SSA verification procedures) confirmation or tentative nonconfirmation of employees' employment eligibility within three Federal Government work days of the initial inquiry.**
- 9. DHS agrees to provide a means of secondary verification (including updating DHS records) for employees who contest DHS tentative nonconfirmations and photo mismatch tentative nonconfirmations. This provides final confirmation or nonconfirmation of the employees' employment eligibility within 10 Federal Government work days of the date of referral to DHS, unless DHS determines that more than 10 days may be necessary. In such cases, DHS will provide additional verification instructions.**

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **REFERRAL OF INDIVIDUALS TO SSA AND DHS**

##### **A. REFERRAL TO SSA**

- 1. If the Employer receives a tentative nonconfirmation issued by SSA, the Employer must print the notice as directed by E-Verify. The Employer must promptly notify employees in private of the finding and provide them with the notice and letter containing information specific to the employee's E-Verify**



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case. The Employer also agrees to provide both the English and the translated notice and letter for employees with limited English proficiency to employees. The Employer agrees to provide written referral instructions to employees and instruct affected employees to bring the English copy of the letter to the SSA. The Employer must allow employees to contest the finding, and not take adverse action against employees if they choose to contest the finding, while their case is still pending.

2. The Employer agrees to obtain the employee's response about whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation as soon as possible after the Employer receives the tentative nonconfirmation. Only the employee may determine whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation.

3. After a tentative nonconfirmation, the Employer will refer employees to SSA field offices only as directed by E-Verify. The Employer must record the case verification number, review the employee information submitted to E-Verify to identify any errors, and find out whether the employee contests the tentative nonconfirmation. The Employer will transmit the Social Security number, or any other corrected employee information that SSA requests, to SSA for verification again if this review indicates a need to do so.

4. The Employer will instruct the employee to visit an SSA office within eight Federal Government work days. SSA will electronically transmit the result of the referral to the Employer within 10 Federal Government work days of the referral unless it determines that more than 10 days is necessary.

5. While waiting for case results, the Employer agrees to check the E-Verify system regularly for case updates.

6. The Employer agrees not to ask the employee to obtain a printout from the Social Security Administration number database (the Numident) or other written verification of the SSN from the SSA.

## **B. REFERRAL TO DHS**

1. If the Employer receives a tentative nonconfirmation issued by DHS, the Employer must promptly notify employees in private of the finding and provide them with the notice and letter containing information specific to the employee's E-Verify case. The Employer also agrees to provide both the English and the translated notice and letter for employees with limited English proficiency to employees. The Employer must allow employees to contest the finding, and not take adverse action against employees if they choose to contest the finding, while their case is still pending.

2. The Employer agrees to obtain the employee's response about whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation as soon as possible after the Employer receives the tentative nonconfirmation. Only the employee may determine whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation.

3. The Employer agrees to refer individuals to DHS only when the employee chooses to contest a tentative nonconfirmation.

4. If the employee contests a tentative nonconfirmation issued by DHS, the Employer will instruct the



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employee to contact DHS through its toll-free hotline (as found on the referral letter) within eight Federal Government work days.

5. If the Employer finds a photo mismatch, the Employer must provide the photo mismatch tentative nonconfirmation notice and follow the instructions outlined in paragraph 1 of this section for tentative nonconfirmations, generally.

6. The Employer agrees that if an employee contests a tentative nonconfirmation based upon a photo mismatch, the Employer will send a copy of the employee's Form I-551, Form I-766, U.S. Passport, or passport card to DHS for review by:

- a. Scanning and uploading the document, or
- b. Sending a photocopy of the document by express mail (furnished and paid for by the employer).

7. The Employer understands that if it cannot determine whether there is a photo match/mismatch, the Employer must forward the employee's documentation to DHS as described in the preceding paragraph. The Employer agrees to resolve the case as specified by the DHS representative who will determine the photo match or mismatch.

8. DHS will electronically transmit the result of the referral to the Employer within 10 Federal Government work days of the referral unless it determines that more than 10 days is necessary.

9. While waiting for case results, the Employer agrees to check the E-Verify system regularly for case updates.

#### **ARTICLE IV SERVICE PROVISIONS**

##### **A. NO SERVICE FEES**

1. SSA and DHS will not charge the Employer for verification services performed under this MOU. The Employer is responsible for providing equipment needed to make inquiries. To access E-Verify, an Employer will need a personal computer with Internet access.

#### **ARTICLE V MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION**

##### **A. MODIFICATION**

1. This MOU is effective upon the signature of all parties and shall continue in effect for as long as the SSA and DHS operates the E-Verify program unless modified in writing by the mutual consent of all parties.

2. Any and all E-Verify system enhancements by DHS or SSA, including but not limited to E-Verify checking against additional data sources and instituting new verification policies or procedures, will be covered under this MOU and will not cause the need for a supplemental MOU that outlines these changes.



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## **B. TERMINATION**

1. The Employer may terminate this MOU and its participation in E-Verify at any time upon 30 days prior written notice to the other parties.
2. Notwithstanding Article V, part A of this MOU, DHS may terminate this MOU, and thereby the Employer's participation in E-Verify, with or without notice at any time if deemed necessary because of the requirements of law or policy, or upon a determination by SSA or DHS that there has been a breach of system integrity or security by the Employer, or a failure on the part of the Employer to comply with established E-Verify procedures and/or legal requirements. The Employer understands that if it is a Federal contractor, termination of this MOU by any party for any reason may negatively affect the performance of its contractual responsibilities. Similarly, the Employer understands that if it is in a state where E-Verify is mandatory, termination of this by any party MOU may negatively affect the Employer's business.
3. An Employer that is a Federal contractor may terminate this MOU when the Federal contract that requires its participation in E-Verify is terminated or completed. In such cases, the Federal contractor must provide written notice to DHS. If an Employer that is a Federal contractor fails to provide such notice, then that Employer will remain an E-Verify participant, will remain bound by the terms of this MOU that apply to non-Federal contractor participants, and will be required to use the E-Verify procedures to verify the employment eligibility of all newly hired employees.
4. The Employer agrees that E-Verify is not liable for any losses, financial or otherwise, if the Employer is terminated from E-Verify.

## **ARTICLE VI PARTIES**

- A. Some or all SSA and DHS responsibilities under this MOU may be performed by contractor(s), and SSA and DHS may adjust verification responsibilities between each other as necessary. By separate agreement with DHS, SSA has agreed to perform its responsibilities as described in this MOU.
- B. Nothing in this MOU is intended, or should be construed, to create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by any third party against the United States, its agencies, officers, or employees, or against the Employer, its agents, officers, or employees.
- C. The Employer may not assign, directly or indirectly, whether by operation of law, change of control or merger, all or any part of its rights or obligations under this MOU without the prior written consent of DHS, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Any attempt to sublicense, assign, or transfer any of the rights, duties, or obligations herein is void.
- D. Each party shall be solely responsible for defending any claim or action against it arising out of or related to E-Verify or this MOU, whether civil or criminal, and for any liability wherefrom, including (but not limited to) any dispute between the Employer and any other person or entity regarding the applicability of Section 403(d) of IIRIRA to any action taken or allegedly taken by the Employer.
- E. The Employer understands that its participation in E-Verify is not confidential information and may be disclosed as authorized or required by law and DHS or SSA policy, including but not limited to,



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**Congressional oversight, E-Verify publicity and media inquiries, determinations of compliance with Federal contractual requirements, and responses to inquiries under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).**

**F. The individuals whose signatures appear below represent that they are authorized to enter into this MOU on behalf of the Employer and DHS respectively. The Employer understands that any inaccurate statement, representation, data or other information provided to DHS may subject the Employer, its subcontractors, its employees, or its representatives to: (1) prosecution for false statements pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001 and/or; (2) immediate termination of its MOU and/or; (3) possible debarment or suspension.**

**G. The foregoing constitutes the full agreement on this subject between DHS and the Employer.**

**To be accepted as an E-Verify participant, you should only sign the Employer's Section of the signature page. If you have any questions, contact E-Verify at 1-888-464-4218.**



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**Approved by:**

<b>Employer</b> ELITE BUSINESS STRATEGIES, LLC	
<b>Name (Please Type or Print)</b> Princess N Ousley	<b>Title</b>
<b>Signature</b> Electronically Signed	<b>Date</b> 09/24/2020
<b>Department of Homeland Security – Verification Division</b>	
<b>Name (Please Type or Print)</b> USCIS Verification Division	<b>Title</b>
<b>Signature</b> Electronically Signed	<b>Date</b> 09/24/2020


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<b>Information Required for the E-Verify Program</b>	
<b>Information relating to your Company:</b>	
<b>Company Name</b>	ELITE BUSINESS STRATEGIES, LLC
<b>Company Facility Address</b>	504-A CAPITAL CIRCLE SE TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
<b>Company Alternate Address</b>	
<b>County or Parish</b>	LEON
<b>Employer Identification Number</b>	453715751
<b>North American Industry Classification Systems Code</b>	541
<b>Parent Company</b>	
<b>Number of Employees</b>	20 to 99
<b>Number of Sites Verified for</b>	3 site(s)



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**Are you verifying for more than 1 site? If yes, please provide the number of sites verified for in each State:**

FL	1
GA	1
LA	1





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**Information relating to the Program Administrator(s) for your Company on policy questions or operational problems:**

Name PRINCESS N OUSLEY  
Phone Number 8503206108  
Fax 8005219056  
Email Princess.Ousley@ebsleaders.com

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**This list represents the first 20 Program Administrators listed for this company.**

# State of Florida

## Woman & Minority Business Certification

### Elite Business Strategies, LLC

Is certified under the provisions of  
287 and 295.187, Florida Statutes, for a period from:  
12/28/2021      12/28/2023



J. Todd Inman

Florida Department of Management Services



QMS Approval Pending



## Section 3 Opportunity Portal

# Section 3 Business Self-Certification

### Disclaimer

HUD has not verified the information submitted by businesses listed in this registry and does not endorse the services that they provide. Users of this database are strongly encouraged to perform due diligence by verifying Section 3 eligibility before providing preference or awarding contracts to firms that have self-certified their Section 3 status with the Department.

## Elite Business Strategies, LLC

### Contact Information

#### Point of Contact

Princess Ousley  
<[princess.ousley@ebsleaders.com](mailto:princess.ousley@ebsleaders.com)>  
(850) 320-6108

#### Telephone

(850) 320-6108

#### Website

<https://www.ebsleaders.com>

#### Address

504 A Capital Circle SE  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

### Business Details

#### Employer Identification Number

45-3715751

#### NAICS

561110

#### County

Leon

#### Year Business Established

2011

#### Number of Employees

28

#### Registration Date

05/16/2023

### Business Services

- Consulting

## Business Designations

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- Minority-Owned Business
- SBA 8a Firm
- Small Business
- Woman-Owned Business

## Section 3 Business Criteria

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- Fifty-one percent or more of the business is owned by low- or very low-income persons; or
- Seventy-five percent of the labor hours performed for the business over the prior three-month period were performed by Section 3 workers; or
- Fifty-one percent or more of the business is owned by current public housing residents or residents who currently live in Section 8-assisted housing.

## How Do I Notify HUD if I Suspect that a Business in this Registry Does Not Meet Section 3 Eligibility Criteria?

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If you believe that a firm has misrepresented itself as a Section 3 Business, please [email the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at Sec3Biz@hud.gov](mailto:Sec3Biz@hud.gov).

Your email should contain the following information:

- Your name, telephone number, and email address (this information will not be shared outside of HUD)
- Name, city, and state of firm that has allegedly misrepresented their status as a Section 3 business.
- Any narrative explanations describing why you believe that this firm does not meet the Section 3 Business eligibility criteria.

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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
451 7th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20410  
Telephone: (202) 708-1112 TTY: (202) 708-1455

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***Sealed Proposal Label***

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

<b>PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS • DO NOT OPEN</b>	
SOLICITATION NO.:	<b>RFP230204BAG</b>
SOLICITATION TITLE:	<b>Community Needs Assessment</b>
DATE DUE:	<b>Friday, May 19, 2023</b>
TIME DUE:	<b>Prior to: 2:30 PM</b>
SUBMITTED BY:	_____
	<small>(Name of Company)</small>
<small>e-mail address</small>	<small>Telephone</small>
DELIVER TO:	Lee County Procurement Management 2115 Second Street, 1st Floor Fort Myers FL 33901
<b><i>Note: proposals received after the time and date above will not be accepted.</i></b>	



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

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

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

**ATTACHMENT A - GENERAL CONDITIONS****1. Administration**

The Consultant is the initial interpreter of the Contract Documents but is not the Judge between the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR. The COUNTY reserves the right to make final decisions considering the Consultant's recommendations or interpretations of the Contract Documents. The Consultant does not have authority to obligate or commit the COUNTY to fund additional expenditures or approve extensions of time over the approved Contract time or price. However, the CONSULTANT'S interpretation as to the intent of his design shall be final and not subject to interpretation by the COUNTY'S staff.

**1.1. Copies of Documents**

The COUNTY shall furnish to the CONTRACTOR the number of copies specified in the Supplemental Information of the Contract Documents as are reasonably necessary for the execution of the Work. Additional copies will be furnished, upon request, at the cost of reproduction which shall be paid by the CONTRACTOR.

**1.2. Before Starting Construction**

Before undertaking each phase of the Work, the CONTRACTOR shall carefully study and compare the Contract Documents and check and verify pertinent figures shown thereon and all applicable field measurements. The CONTRACTOR shall promptly report in writing to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE any conflict, error or discrepancy which the CONTRACTOR may discover or other information known to the CONTRACTOR and shall obtain a written interpretation or clarification from the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE before proceeding with any Work affected thereby. If the CONTRACTOR performs any construction activity knowing it involves a recognized error, inconsistency or omission in the Contract Documents without such notice to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, the CONTRACTOR shall assume responsibility for such performance and shall share in costs associated with correction; however, the CONTRACTOR shall not be liable to the COUNTY for failure to report any conflict, error or discrepancy in the Contract Documents, unless the CONTRACTOR had actual knowledge thereof or should reasonably have known thereof.

1.2.1. Within ten calendar days after the Effective Date of the Agreement (unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents), the CONTRACTOR shall submit to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for review:

1.2.1.1. An estimated progress schedule indicating the starting and completion dates of the various stages of the Work:

1.2.1.2. Long lead item(s) shall be identified and scheduled accordingly.

1.2.1.3. A preliminary schedule of Shop Drawing submission; and

1.2.1.4. A preliminary schedule of values for all of the Work which will include quantities and prices of items aggregating the Contract Price and will subdivide the Work into component parts in sufficient detail to serve as the basis for progress payments during construction on form No. CMO:013. Such prices will include an appropriate amount of overhead and profit applicable to each item of Work which will be confirmed in writing by the

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- CONTRACTOR at the time of submission; and specify times for Application for Payment.
- 1.2.1.5. A plan of work for maintenance of traffic, when the Contract Documents require maintenance of traffic.
- 1.2.1.6. For informational purposes, a proposed listing of sub-contractors to be used for the project.
- 1.2.2. **Pre-Construction Conference**  
Within fifteen calendar days after the Effective Date of the Agreement, but before the CONTRACTOR starts the Work at the site, a conference attended by the CONTRACTOR, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, the COUNTY, and Others as appropriate, will be held to discuss the items, to discuss procedures for handling Shop Drawings and other submittals and for processing Applications for Payment, and to establish an understanding among the parties as to the Work.
- 1.2.3 **Finalizing Schedules**  
At least ten calendar days before submission of the first Application for payment, a conference attended by the CONTRACTOR, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, the COUNTY, and Others as appropriate, will be held to finalize the schedules submitted. The finalized progress schedule will be acceptable to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and the COUNTY as providing an orderly progression of the Work to completion within the Contract Time, but such acceptance will neither impose on the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE or the COUNTY responsibility for the progress or scheduling of the Work nor relieve the CONTRACTOR from full responsibility therefor. The finalized schedule of Shop Drawing submissions will be acceptable to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE as providing a workable arrangement for processing the submissions. The finalized schedule of values will be acceptable to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and the COUNTY as to form and substance.

**Definitions**

The following definition of terms associated with this Contract is provided to establish a common understanding between both parties to this Contract as to the intended usage, application and interpretation of such terms pertaining to this Contract.

*ADDENDUM* means any additional Contract provisions in writing signed and sealed by the CONSULTANT, if applicable, issued by the COUNTY prior to the receipt of Bid which clarify, correct, change or interpret the Bidding Documents or the Contract Documents.

*AGREEMENT* means the written agreement between the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR covering the Work to be performed; the Agreement is a part of the Contract Documents.

*BIDDER* is any individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, or corporation submitting a bid for this project, acting directly or through an authorized representative.



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*BID* is a complete and properly signed proposal to do the Work or designated portion thereof for the sums stipulated therein, submitted in accordance with the Bidding Documents.

*BID BOND* is a security in the form and amount required by the COUNTY pledging that the BIDDER will enter into a Contract with the COUNTY on the terms stated in his Bid.

*BID DOCUMENTS* are the Invitation to Bid, the Notice to Bidders, the Invitation to Bid Terms and Conditions, sample forms, the Bid Proposal Form and the proposed Contract Documents (including all Addenda issued prior to receipt of Bids).

*CHANGE ORDERS* are written order to the CONTRACTOR signed by the COUNTY, issued after execution of the Contract, authorizing a change in the Work or an adjustment in the Contract price or the Contract Time. The Contract Price and the Contract Time may be changed only by a Change Order. A Change Order signed by the CONTRACTOR indicates his agreement therewith, including the adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Time.

*COMPLETION (FINAL)* means acceptance of the Project by the COUNTY as evidenced by its signature upon a final payment Certification and approval thereof by the Board of County Commissioners or their designee. The final payment Certification shall be signed only after the COUNTY has assured itself by tests, inspections, or otherwise that all of the provisions of the Contract have been carried out as required.

*COMPLETION (SUBSTANTIAL)* shall mean an acceptance of the Work by the COUNTY when construction is sufficiently complete in accordance with the Contract Documents so the COUNTY can occupy or utilize the Work or designated portion thereof for the use for which it is intended. A certificate of occupancy or compliance, when applicable, issued by the Building Official is required concurrent with or prior to issuance of the Certificate of Substantial Completion.

*CONSTRUCTION* is the erection, fabrication, assembly, remodeling, renovation, addition, modification, repair or demolition of any building or structure or any appurtenances connected or attached to such buildings or structures. The term applies but is not limited to the repair, replacement modification or construction of roads, bridges, sidewalks, traffic devices, parking lots, drainage, underground and overhead utilities.

*CONSULTANT* is the person lawfully licensed to practice Architecture or Engineering and registered in the State of Florida, or an entity lawfully practicing Architecture or Engineering, identified as such in the Construction Contract, and is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number and masculine in genre. The term CONSULTANT means the Architect or Engineer or his authorized representative.

*CONTRACT DOCUMENTS* consist of the Invitation to Bid, Agreement, General and Special Conditions of the Contract, Specifications, the Plans, Supplemental Information, Addenda issued prior to execution of the Contract, all written modifications issued after

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execution of the Contract, all provisions required by law to be inserted in this Contract whether actually inserted or not, and a Contract Number issued by the COUNTY.

A *MODIFICATION* is:

- (1) A written Amendment to the Contract.
- (2) A Change Order.
- (3) A written interpretation necessary for the proper execution or progress of the Work issued by the OWNER'S Representative.
- (4) A Field Change Order.
- (5) A Field Directive Change.

*CONTRACT PRICE* means the total monies payable to the CONTRACTOR under the Contract Documents.

*CONTRACT TIME* means the number of Calendar days stated in the Agreement for the purpose of establishing Substantial Completion and Final Completion dates.

*CONTRACTOR* is the person, firm, joint venture, or corporation with whom the COUNTY has contracted and who has the primary responsibility for performance of the work.

*COUNTY* means the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, its successors and assigns. Also hereinafter referred to as OWNER.

*DAYS* - The term "day" as used in the Contract Documents shall mean calendar day unless otherwise specifically designated. A calendar day constitutes twenty four hours measured from midnight to the next midnight.

*DEFECTIVE* - An adjective which when modifying the word "Work" refers to Work that is unsatisfactory, faulty or deficient, or does not conform to the Contract Documents, or does not meet the requirements of any inspection, reference standard, test or approval referred to in the Contract Documents, or has been damaged prior to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE recommendation of final payment.

*EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AGREEMENT* means the date on which the agreement is signed and delivered by the latter of the two parties.

*ENGINEER* shall mean the Director of the Lee County Department of Transportation or his designated County Project Manager.

*FIELD CHANGE ORDER* is a written change order requested by the OWNER'S Representative, accepted by the CONTRACTOR, and approved by the PROJECT MANAGER for minor changes in the Work, not involving adjustments in the Contract Sum or an extension of Time, and not inconsistent with the overall intent of the Contract Documents.

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*FIELD DIRECTIVE CHANGE* - A written directive to the CONTRACT, issued on or after the effective date of the Agreement ordering an addition, deletion, or revision in the Work, or responding to differing or unforeseen physical conditions under which the Work is to be performed as defined elsewhere in these documents. A Field Directive Change may not change the Contract Price or the Contract Time, but is evidence that the parties expect that the change directed or documented by a Field Directive Change will be incorporated in a subsequently issued Change Order following negotiations by the parties as to its effect, if any, on the Contract Price or the Contract Time.

*FINAL ACCEPTANCE* means acceptance of the Work by the COUNTY upon the expiration of the warranty period as stated in the Contract Documents.

*MATERIALS* - Anything used in the process of, but not limited to, constructing, demolishing, renovating or remodeling of any building, structure, road, bridge, recreational facility, transportation element and utility or any addition thereto utilized for this project.

*NOTICE* means written notice. Notice shall be served upon the CONTRACTOR either personally or by leaving the said Notice at his residence or with his agency in charge of the Work, or addressed to the CONTRACTOR at the residence or place of business stated in the Bid Proposal and deposited in a postpaid wrapper in any United States Mailbox.

*NOTICE TO PROCEED* is a written instrument issued by the COUNTY to the CONTRACTOR, authorizing the CONTRACTOR to commence Work on the Project. The NOTICE TO PROCEED shall include the effective date of Commencement.

*NOTICE OF AWARD* means the written Notice given by the COUNTY to the successful Bidder.

*NOTICE OF TERMINATION* is a written instrument issued in accordance with the Contract Documents by the COUNTY to the CONTRACTOR or by the CONTRACTOR to the COUNTY notifying the receiving party that the Contract is being terminated. The NOTICE shall clearly identify the effective date the Contract is to be terminated.

*OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE* is the CONSULTANT contracted by the COUNTY for Professional Services during the construction phase of this project or a qualified person authorized as his official representative, or in the absence of such a contract, the project Manager will be considered the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for the purpose of this Contract Document. The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE is not authorized to issue change orders to the contract sum, contract time or scope of work without express approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

*PLANS AND/OR DRAWINGS* are a graphic representation of the arrangement of the materials or parts of the construction of the project and are a portion of the Contract Documents.

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*PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT* shall mean the Director of Lee County's Procurement Management Department or designee.

*PROJECT* shall mean the entire improvement of which this contract forms a part.

*PROJECT MANAGER* is an employee or the Department or the COUNTY which requested the Contract and is a designee authorized by or for that Department who is the representative of the Board of County Commissioners in matters concerning the contractor of this project. The project manager will act as the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE in the absence of a contract with a CONSULTANT. The PROJECT MANAGER is not authorized to issue changes to the Contract Sum, Contract Time, or Scope of Work without express approval by the Department Director, County Manager, or Board of County Commissioners.

The PROJECT MANAGER, within the authority conferred by the Board of County Commissioners, acting as the COUNTY'S designated representative shall initiate written Change Orders, and notification to the CONTRACTOR of any and all changes approved by the COUNTY in the CONTRACTOR'S (1) compensation (2) time and/or schedule of service delivery; (3) any Amendment (s) or other change(s) relative to the WORK and ADDITIONAL SERVICES pursuant to this Contract, or AMENDMENTS, or CHANGE ORDERS pertaining thereto. Following COUNTY approval, the Project Manager shall coordinate assurance of any such documents. The PROJECT MANAGER or his designee shall be responsible for acting on the COUNTY'S behalf to administer, coordinate, interpret and otherwise manage the contractual provisions and requirements set forth in this Contract, or any AMENDMENT(S), or CHANGE ORDER(S) issued there under.

*SPECIFICATIONS* are written documents organized into divisions, sections, and articles which provide detailed instructions to the CONTRACTOR pertaining, but not limited to, materials, style, workmanship, fabrication, dimensions, colors, warranties, finishes, quality, manufacturer, grade and operational data of all components to be provided by the CONTRACTOR and incorporated into the Project.

*SUB-CONTRACTOR* is a person, firm, partnership, corporation, or entity who has a direct contract with the CONTRACTOR to perform any of the Work at the site. The term Sub-contractor does not include those whose sole purpose is that of a supplier of materials. A supplier of materials shall be classified as a Sub-contractor if it enters into any agreement, whether written or verbal, for the installation of said materials. The term Sub-contractor means a Sub-contractor or its authorized representative.

*SUPPLIER* - A manufacturer, fabricator, distributor, materialmen or vendor.

*SURETY* is the surety company or individual that is bound by Contract bond with and for the CONTRACTOR who is primarily liable, and is responsible for CONTRACTOR'S acceptable performance of the Project and payment of all debts pertaining to the Contract Documents in accordance with Section 255.05, Florida Statutes.

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*UNDERGROUND FACILITIES* - All pipeline, conduits, ducts, cables, wires, manholes, vaults, tanks, tunnels or other such facilities or attachments, and any encasements containing such facilities which have been installed underground to furnish any of the following services or materials: electricity, gases, steam, liquid petroleum products, telephone or other communications, cable television, sewage and drainage removal, traffic or other control systems or water.

*WORK* is the construction required by the Contract Documents and includes all labor necessary to produce such construction, and all materials and equipment incorporated or to be incorporated in such construction.

## **2. Starting the Work**

Written Notice to Proceed is contingent upon and will be done subsequent to the CONTRACTOR fully satisfying the COUNTY'S stated insurance and Bond submittal requirements. Until the CONTRACTOR receives the COUNTY'S written Notice to Proceed, the CONTRACTOR is advised that the COUNTY will not be liable for any expenses which the CONTRACTOR may incur relative to this Contract before the written Notice to Proceed is issued.

- 2.1. The Contract time shall commence to run from the date specified in the "Notice to Proceed".
- 2.2. The CONTRACTOR is required, before commencing the Work, to deliver to the COUNTY the Public Payment and Performance Bond issued by a surety insurer authorized to do business in the State of Florida as Surety. The Bond must state the name and principal business address of both the principal and the Surety and must contain a description of the project sufficient to identify it and post in conspicuous place at the project site.
- 2.3. The COUNTY will forward to the CONTRACTOR a Notice of Commencement along with a copy of the recorded Public Payment and Performance Bond with instructions to post in a conspicuous spot on the project site.

## **3. Interpretation Intent, Amending and Reuse of Contract Documents**

It is the intent of the Specifications and Plans to describe a complete Project to be constructed in accordance with the Contract Documents.

- 3.1 The Contract Documents are complementary; what is called for by one is as binding as if called for by all. If the CONTRACTOR finds a conflict, error or discrepancy in the Contract Documents, he shall immediately call it to the attention of the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE in writing before proceeding with the Work affected thereby.
- 3.2 Any Work that may be reasonably inferred from the specifications or Drawings as being required to produce the intended result shall be supplied whether or not it is specifically called for.
- 3.3 Work, materials or equipment described in words which have a well-known technical or trade meaning, shall be deemed to refer to such recognized standards.

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3.4 In resolving conflicts, errors, and discrepancies, the order of precedence of the Contract Document is as follows:

- (1) Change Order
- (2) Agreement
- (3) Addenda
- (4) Special Conditions
- (5) General Conditions
- (6) Specifications
- (7) Supplemental Information
- (8) Drawings
- (9) Figure Dimensions
- (10) Scale Dimensions (Large Scale Drawings supersede Small Scale Drawings)
- (11) Terms and Conditions

3.5 Amending and Supplementing Contract Documents

The Contract Documents may be amended to provide for additions, deletions and revisions in the Work or to modify the terms and conditions thereof in one or more of the following ways:

3.5.1 A formal Written Amendment,

3.5.2 A Change Order.

3.5.3 A Field Directive Change.

The Contract Price and the Contract Time may only be changed by a Change Order or Written Amendment.

3.6 In addition, the requirements of the Contract Documents may be supplemented and minor variations and deviations of the Work may be authorized, in one or more of the following ways:

3.6.1 A Field Change Order,

3.6.2 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE approval of a Shop Drawing or sample, or

3.6.3 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE written interpretation or clarification.

3.7 Reuse of Documents

Neither the CONTRACTOR nor any SUB-CONTRACTOR or Supplier or other person or organization performing or furnishing any of the Work under a direct or indirect contract with the COUNTY shall have or acquire any title to or ownership rights in any of the Drawings, Specifications or other documents (or copies of any thereof) prepared by or bearing the seal of the CONSULTANT; and they shall not reuse any of them on extensions of the Project or any other project without written consent of the COUNTY or their CONSULTANT and the specific written verification or adaptation by the CONSULTANT.

#### **4 Availability of Lands**

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The COUNTY will furnish, as indicated in the Contract Documents and not later than the date when needed by the CONTRACTOR, the lands upon which the Work is to be done, rights-of-way for access thereto, and such other lands which are designated for the use of the CONTRACTOR. Easements for permanent structures or permanent changes in existing facilities will be obtained by the COUNTY unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents. If the CONTRACTOR believes that any delay in the COUNTY'S furnishing these lands or easements entitles him to an extension of the Contract Time, he may make a claim therefore. The CONTRACTOR will provide for all additional lands and access thereto that may be required for temporary construction facilities or storage of materials and equipment unless designated otherwise. The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will, upon request, furnish to the CONTRACTOR copies of all available boundary and topographic surveys as required and sub-surface tests. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for staging and storing equipment or materials. All parcels utilized for staging shall be secured. All parcels utilized for staging will be kept in a neat and orderly fashion and then restored to the landowner's satisfaction upon terminating the use of the staging area or improved as noted in the plans. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain on the job site written proof of authorization for the use of any private land. The COUNTY does not condone trespass on private property and will hold the CONTRACTOR liable for any such trespass. Right-of-way maps, if available, of the lands upon which the improvements will be made shall be provided upon request from the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE. The CONTRACTOR may use these lands for work associated with this contract only. The CONTRACTOR shall verify the availability of these lands with the Lee County D.O.T. project manager prior to the issuance of the notice to proceed.

**4.1 Physical Conditions**

Explorations and Reports: Reference is made to the Supplemental Information for identification of those reports of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions at the site that have been utilized by the CONSULTANT and/or the COUNTY in preparation of the Contract Documents. These reports are not part of the contract Documents. The CONTRACTOR may rely upon the accuracy of the technical data contained in such reports but not upon the non-technical data, interpretations or opinions contained therein for the completeness or accuracy thereof for the CONTRACTOR'S purposes of preparing or submitting a bid. Except as indicated in the immediately preceding sentence, the CONTRACTOR shall have full responsibility with respect to subsurface conditions at the site. The technical data which will be made available only at the CONTRACTOR'S request may not be sufficient for construction purposes. Additional investigations may be necessary for the purposes of carrying out the construction project.

**4.2 Existing Structures:** Reference is made to the Supplemental Information for identification of those drawings of physical conditions in or relating to existing surface and subsurface structures (except Underground Facilities) which are at or contiguous to the site that have been utilized by the CONSULTANT and/or the COUNTY in preparation of the Contract Documents. The CONTRACTOR may rely upon the accuracy of the technical data contained in such drawings but not for the completeness thereof for the purposes of preparing or submitting a bid. Except as indicated in the immediately preceding sentence, the CONTRACTOR shall have full responsibility

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- with respect to physical conditions in or relating to such structures.
- 4.3 Unless otherwise stated, the CONTRACTOR shall be fully responsible for the removal of any materials, debris, garbage, vehicles or other such items which would interfere with the undertaking and completion of the project. By submission of a bid, the CONTRACTOR assumes full responsibility for the expenses associated with such removal. There shall not be an increase in time or price associated with such removal.
- 4.4 Report of Differing Conditions: If the CONTRACTOR believes that:
- 4.4.1.1 Any technical data on which the CONTRACTOR is entitled to is inaccurate, or
- 4.4.1.2 Any physical condition uncovered or revealed at the site differs materially from that indicated, reflected or referred to in the Contract Documents.
- 4.4.1.3 The CONTRACTOR shall, promptly after becoming aware thereof and before performing any Work in connection therewith (except in an emergency as permitted) notify the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE in writing about the inaccuracy or difference.
- 4.5 OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE Review: The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will promptly review the pertinent conditions, determine the necessity of obtaining additional explorations or tests with respect thereto and advise the COUNTY in writing (with a copy to the CONTRACTOR) of the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S findings and conclusions.
- 4.6 Possible Document Change: If the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and the COUNTY conclude that there is a material error in the Contract Documents and a change in the Contract Documents is required, a Field Directive Change, a Field Change or a Change Order will be issued as to reflect and document the consequences of the inaccuracy or difference.
- 4.7 Possible Price and Time Adjustments: In each case of a material error in the Contract Documents, an increase or decrease in the Contract Price or an extension or shortening of the Contract Time, or any combination thereof, will be allowable to the extent that they are attributable to any such inaccuracy or difference.
- 4.8 Physical Conditions - Underground Facilities
- Shown or Indicated: The information and data shown or indicated in the Contract Documents with respect to existing Underground Facilities at or contiguous to the site is based on information and data furnished to the COUNTY or the CONSULTANT by the owners of such Underground facilities or by others. Unless it is otherwise expressly provided in the Supplemental Information:
- 4.8.1 The CONTRACTOR shall have full responsibility for reviewing and checking all such information and data, for locating all Underground Facilities shown or indicated in the Contract Documents, for coordination of the Work with the owners of such Underground Facilities during construction, for the safety and protection thereof and for repairing any damage thereto resulting from the Work, the cost of all of which will be considered as having been included in the Contract Price. The CONSULTANT and COUNTY shall not be responsible for the accuracy or completeness of any such information or data.



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4.9 Not Shown or Indicated: If an Underground Facility is uncovered or revealed at or contiguous to the site which was not shown or indicated in the Contract Documents and which the CONTRACTOR could not reasonably have been expected to be aware of, the CONTRACTOR shall, promptly after becoming aware thereof and before performing any Work affected thereby (except in an emergency as permitted) identify the owner of such Underground Facility and give written notice thereof to that owner and to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE. The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will promptly review the Underground Facility to determine the extent to which the Contract Documents should be modified to reflect and document the consequences of the existence of the Underground Facility, and with the COUNTY'S approval, the Contract Documents will be amended or supplemented to the extent necessary. During such time, the CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the safety and protection of such Underground Facility. The CONTRACTOR shall be allowed an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time, or both, to the extent that they are attributable to the existence of any Underground Facility that was not shown or indicated in the Contract Documents and which the CONTRACTOR could not reasonably have been expected to be aware of. Locations of existing underground utilities are not field confirmed. In the case of a conflict between this or any other utility and proposed improvements, it shall be the CONTRACTOR'S duty to coordinate with all utility company relocation activities whether shown or not shown in the plans. Coordination is to include efforts by the CONTRACTOR to minimize time lost due to unexpected utility relocation or modifications.

4.10 Reference Points

The COUNTY shall provide engineering surveys to establish reference points, as specified in the Supplemental Information, for construction which in the judgment of the COUNTY and the CONSULTANT are necessary to enable CONTRACTOR to proceed with the Work. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for laying out the Work (unless otherwise specified in the Technical Specifications), shall protect and preserve the established reference points and shall make no changes or relocations without the prior written approval of the COUNTY. The CONTRACTOR shall report to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE whenever any reference point is lost or destroyed or requires relocation because of necessary changes in grades or locations, and shall be responsible for the accurate replacement or relocation of such reference points by professionally qualified personnel.

**5 Bonds and Insurance**

5.1 Public Payment and Performance Bond

The CONTRACTOR will execute the Public Payment and Performance Bonds included herein as security for the faithful performance and payment of all his obligations under the Contract Documents.

5.2 This Bond shall be in amounts at least equal to the Contract Price and in such form and with such securities as are acceptable to the COUNTY. Prior to execution of the Contract Documents, the COUNTY may require the CONTRACTOR to furnish such other bonds, in such form and with such sureties as it may require. If such bonds are required by written instructions given prior to opening of Bids, the Premiums shall be paid by the CONTRACTOR. If the Contract is increased by a Change Order, it shall be the CONTRACTOR'S responsibility to insure that the Public Payment and

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Performance Bond be amended accordingly and a copy of the amendment forwarded to PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT.

- 5.3 If the surety on any bond furnished by the CONTRACTOR is declared bankrupt or becomes insolvent or its right to do business is terminated in the State of Florida or it ceases to meet the requirements imposed by the Contract Documents, the CONTRACTOR shall within five calendar days thereafter substitute another Bond and Surety, both of which shall be acceptable to the COUNTY.
- 5.4 If the CONTRACTOR cannot obtain another bond and surety within five calendar days the COUNTY will accept and the CONTRACTOR shall submit an irrevocable letter of credit drawn on a Lee County, Florida bank until the bond and surety can be obtained.

**6 Qualifications of Surety Companies**

In order to be acceptable to the COUNTY, a surety company issuing Bid Guaranty Bonds or 100% Public Payment and Performance Bonds, called for in these specifications, shall meet and comply with the following minimum standards:

- 6.1 General  
All Sureties for Lee County projects must be authorized to do business in the State of Florida and shall comply with the provisions of Florida Statute 255.05.
- 6.2 Attorneys-in-Fact who sign bid bonds or Public Payment and Performance Bonds for Lee County projects must file with such bond a certified copy of their Power of Attorney to sign such bond.
- 6.3 Agents of surety companies must list their name, address, and telephone number on all bonds.
- 6.4 The life of all bonds provided to Lee County shall extend twelve months beyond the date of final payment and shall contain a waiver of alteration to the terms of the Contract, extensions of time and/or forbearance on the part of the COUNTY.
- 6.5 To be acceptable to the OWNER on projects not in excess of \$500,000.00, Surety shall comply with these minimum provisions of State Statute 287.0935 as follows:
- 6.5.1 Surety must have twice the minimum surplus and capital required by Florida Insurance Code at the time of bid solicitation.
- 6.5.2 Surety must be in compliance with all provisions of the Florida Insurance Code and hold a currently valid certificate of authority issued by the United States Department of the Treasury under SS.31 U.S.C. 9404-9308.
- 6.5.3 Sureties on projects in excess of \$500,000.00 shall comply with the above minimum provisions as well as being rated thru A.M. Best Company and shall comply with the following provisions:
- 6.5.4 The Surety shall be rated as "B" or better as to General Policyholders Rating and Class VII or better as to financial category by the most current Best's Key Rating Guide, published by A.M. Best Company.
- 6.5.5 Surety must have fulfilled all of its obligations on all other bonds previously given to the COUNTY.
- 6.5.6 Surety must have a minimum underwriting limitation of \$5,000,000 published in the latest edition of the Federal Register for Federal Bonds (U.S. Dept. of Treasury).

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**6.6 Letter of Credit**

At any time during the life of the letter of credit, should the rating of financial institution fall below both of the minimum ratings as indicated in the Contract Documents, or should the financial institution become insolvent, the CONTRACTOR must, within five calendar days after notification by the COUNTY:

6.6.1 Replace the existing letter of credit with a replacement letter of credit from a financial institution with either of the minimum ratings as specified in the Contract Documents, or

6.6.2 Have the existing letter of credit confirmed by a financial institution with either of the minimum ratings as specified in the Contract Documents.

6.6.3 At the COUNTY'S option, the letter of credit may be replaced by a Public Payment and Performance Bond in accordance with the COUNTY'S existing bond policies.

**6.7 Failure to comply with this provision may result in any or all of the following actions by the COUNTY:**

6.7.1 Suspension of the CONTRACTOR'S right to pull building permits and schedule inspections;

6.7.2 A stop work order; and/or Revocation of the Land Development Permit.

**6.8 Financial Institutions/Letters of Credit**

In order to be acceptable to the COUNTY, a financial institution issuing 100% Letters of Credit, called for in these specifications, shall meet and comply with the following minimum standards:

**6.8.1 General**

The face of the letter of credit must be in a format utilizing Lee County Standard Form and indicate the following:

6.8.1.1 The letter of credit is "clean" and "irrevocable";

6.8.1.2 An exact expiration date. The life of all letters of credit provided to Lee County shall extend twelve months beyond the date of final payment;

6.8.1.3 Statement of the purpose or project for which the letter of credit is issued;

6.8.1.4 A specific amount of the letter of credit, in U.S. dollars;

6.8.1.5 The method of disbursement of draws against the letter of credit;

6.8.1.6 The street address where draws against the letter of credit may be made; and

6.8.1.7 Venue in Lee County.

6.8.1.8 Verification of the status or certification of any financial institution may be made with:

Department of Insurance and Treasurer

Bureau of Collateral Securities

200 East Gaines Street

Tallahassee, FL 32377-0345

Phone (850) 922-3167

Or

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Lee County Procurement Management  
2115 Second Street, 1st Floor  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  
Phone (239) 533-8881

Or

Lee County Risk Management  
2115 Second Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  
Phone (239) 533-2221

- 6.8.1.9 At the time of issuance of the letter of credit, the financial institution must have a minimum “peer group” rating of 50 in the latest Sheshunoff Quarterly Listing or a minimum rating of 125 in the latest IDC Bank Financial Quarterly Listing.
- 6.8.1.10 Letters of Credit from financial institutions which do not meet either of the minimum ratings indicated above must be confirmed by a financial institution with either of the minimum ratings indicated above.
- 6.8.1.11 All financial institutions which issue or confirm any Letter of Credit must be authorized by the Secretary of State to do business in the State of Florida, shall show proof of same upon request by COUNTY staff, and agree to venue in Lee County.
- 6.8.1.12 In addition to the institutions meeting the aforementioned requirements, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta is authorized to issue and confirm letters of credit which are in accordance with the provisions above and all subsequent sub-paragraphs.
- 6.8.1.13 These actions shall be in effect until a satisfactory replacement bond or letter of credit is accepted by the COUNTY. The CONTRACTOR agreement shall so provide for replacement or confirmation in accordance with this policy.

**7 Contractor’s Liability Insurance**

- 7.1 The CONTRACTOR will purchase and maintain such insurance as will protect him from claims under Worker’s Compensation laws, disability benefit laws or other similar employee benefit laws; from claims for damages because of bodily injury, occupational sickness or disease, or death of his employees including claims insured by usual personal injury, sickness and disease, or death of any person other than his employees including claims insured by usual personal injury liability coverage; and from claims for injury to or destruction of tangible property including loss of use resulting there from any or all of which may arise out of or result from the CONTRACTOR’S operations under the Contract Documents, whether such operations be by himself or any Sub-contractor or anyone directly or indirectly

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employed by any of them or for whose acts any of them may be legally liable. This insurance shall be written for no less than the limits of liability specified in the Contract Documents or required by law, whichever is greater, and shall include contractual liability insurance. As a prerequisite to the COUNTY signing the Contract, the CONTRACTOR will file with the COUNTY certificates of such insurance, acceptable to the COUNTY; these certificates shall contain a provision for cancellation.

**7.2 Insurance Requirements**

7.2.1 Before final execution of the Agreement and until acceptance of the Work by the COUNTY, the CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain insurance of the types and the limits specified by the Insurance Guide included in the Solicitation.

7.2.2 All CONTRACTOR'S Certificates of Insurance must be approved by the Lee County Risk Manager (or designee) before the final execution of the agreement by the COUNTY.

7.2.3 An Insurance Certificate shall be required from the successful BIDDER. Such form must be properly executed and submitted by an authorized representative of the insurance company and successful BIDDER within seven calendar days after notification by Lee County of the Board of County Commissioners' approval to award the contract. Such certificate of insurance state that the coverage is primary, and shall be in the types and amounts stated in the Contract Documents. Certificate should include producers' phone number and reference the name of the project.

**8 Contractor's Responsibilities**

**8.2 Supervision and Superintendence**

8.1.1 The CONTRACTOR will supervise and direct the Work efficiently. He will be solely responsible for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, safety, and procedure of construction, unless otherwise specified. The CONTRACTOR will be responsible to see that the finished Work complies with the Contract Documents.

8.1.2 The CONTRACTOR will keep on the site at all times when work is being performed, a competent, resident superintendent who shall not be replaced without prior written notice to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE. The superintendent will be the CONTRACTOR'S representative at the site and shall have authority to act on behalf of the CONTRACTOR. All communications given to the superintendent shall be binding as if given to the CONTRACTOR.

**9 Labor Material and Equipment**

9.1 The CONTRACTOR will provide competent, suitable, qualified personnel to lay out the Work and perform construction as required by the Contract Documents. He will at all times maintain good discipline and order at the site.

9.2 The CONTRACTOR will furnish all materials, equipment, labor, transportation, construction equipment and machinery, tools, appliances, fuel, power, heat, light,

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telephone, water and sanitary facilities and incidentals necessary for the execution, testing, initial operation and completion of the Work unless otherwise specified. All materials and equipment such as concrete pipe, inlets, manhole covers, etc., furnished by the CONTRACTOR shall be made by the same manufacturer, e.g., all pipe by one company, all inlets by one company, etc.

- 9.3 All materials and equipment will be new except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents. If required by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, the CONTRACTOR will furnish satisfactory evidence as to the kind and quality of materials and equipment furnished.
- 9.4 All materials and equipment shall be applied, installed, connected, erected, used, cleaned and conditioned in accordance with the instructions of the applicable manufacturers, fabricator or processors except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents.
- 9.5 In instances where the act is applicable due to the nature of the bid matter with which this bid package is concerned, all material, equipment, etc., as proposed and offered by CONTRACTOR must meet and conform to all O.S.H.A. requirements; the CONTRACTOR'S signature upon the bid proposal form being by this reference considered a certification of such fact.

**10 Adjusting the Progress Schedule**

- 10.1 The CONTRACTOR shall submit to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for acceptance of adjustments in the progress schedule to reflect the impact thereon of new developments; these will conform generally to the progress schedule then in effect and additionally will comply with any provisions of the Contract Documents applicable thereto. The COUNTY reserves the right to reject the progress schedule from the CONTRACTOR which in its judgment does not appear to devote sufficient resources of manpower to enable the timely completion of the project. If the COUNTY requests the progress schedule to be adjusted, the CONTRACTOR shall do so and perform the work according to the adjusted schedule at no additional cost to the COUNTY.

**11 Substitute Materials or Equipment**

- 11.1 If it is indicated in the specifications that the CONTRACTOR may furnish or use a substitute that is equal to any material or equipment specified, and if the CONTRACTOR wishes to furnish or use a proposed substitute, he will, within thirty calendar days after the award of the Contract, make written application to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for approval of such a substitute, certifying in writing that the proposed substitute will perform adequately the duties imposed by the general design, be similar and of equal substance to that specified and be suited to the same use and capable of performing the same function as that specified. No substitute shall be ordered or installed without the written approval of the COUNTY who shall be the judge of quality. Whether or not the COUNTY accepts a proposed substitute, the CONTRACTOR shall reimburse the COUNTY for any charges or cost for evaluating any proposed substitute.

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**12 Concerning Sub-contractors**

- 12.1 The CONTRACTOR will be fully responsible for all acts and omissions of his SUB-CONTRACTORS and of persons directly or indirectly employed by them and of persons for whose acts they may be liable to the same extent that they are employed by him. Nothing in the Contract Documents shall create any contractual relationship between any SUB-CONTRACTOR and the COUNTY. The COUNTY may, upon request, furnish to any SUB-CONTRACTOR, to the extent practicable, evidence of amounts paid to the CONTRACTOR on account of specific Work done.
- 12.2 The divisions and sections of the specifications and the identifications of any Drawings shall not control the CONTRACTOR in dividing the Work among SUB-CONTRACTORS or delineating the Work to be performed by any specific trade.
- 12.3 The CONTRACTOR agrees to bind specifically every SUB-CONTRACTOR to the applicable terms and conditions of these Contract Documents for the benefit of the COUNTY.
- 12.4 All Work performed for the CONTRACTOR by a SUB-CONTRACTOR shall be pursuant to an appropriate agreement between the CONTRACTOR and the SUB-CONTRACTOR which shall contain provisions that waive all rights the contracting parties may have against one another for damages caused by fire or perils covered by insurance, except such rights as they may have to the proceeds of such insurance held by the COUNTY as trustee.

**13 Patent Fees and Royalties**

- 13.1 The costs involved in fees, royalties, or claims for any patented invention, article, process or method that may be used upon, or in a manner connected with the work under this contract, shall be paid by the CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR and his sureties, together with his officers, agents, and employees, shall protect and hold the COUNTY harmless against any and all demands made for such fees or claims brought or made by holder of any invention or patent. Before final payment is made on the account of this Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall, if requested by the COUNTY, furnish acceptable proof of a proper release from all such fees or claims.
- 13.2 Should the CONTRACTOR, his agent, employee, or any of them be enjoined from furnishing or using any invention, article, material or plans supplied or required to be supplied or used under this contract, the CONTRACTOR shall promptly pay such royalties and secure the requisite licenses; or, subject to acceptance by the COUNTY, substitute other articles, materials or appliances in lieu thereof which are of equal efficiency, quality, finish, suitability and market value to those planned or required under the contract. Descriptive information of these substitutions shall be submitted to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for determination of general conformance to the design concept and the construction contract. Should the COUNTY elect to use the substitution, the CONTRACTOR agrees to pay such royalties and secure such valid licenses as may be requisite for the COUNTY, his officers, agents, and employees, or any of them, to use such invention, article, material, or appliance without being disturbed or in any way interfered with by any proceeding in law or equity on account thereof.

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**14 Permits**

14.1 Unless otherwise specified herein, the CONTRACTOR will secure and pay for all permits, impact fees, and licenses and will pay all governmental charges and inspections' fees necessary for the prosecution of the Work which are applicable at the time of his bid. The CONTRACTOR will also pay all public utility charges and connection fees except as provided for in the Contract Documents. Permits and licenses of regulatory agencies which are necessary to be maintained after completion of the guarantee period shall be secured and paid for by the COUNTY.

14.2 Pursuant to the requirements of F.S. 218.80, the following County permits and fees are required to be obtained and paid for by the CONTRACTOR.

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

14.3 This is a disclosure of permits and fees, required by Lee County, for this project and does not relieve the contractor of its responsibility to obtain and pay for permits required by other governmental entities as specified elsewhere in this document.

14.4 The CONTRACTOR will give all notices and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations applicable to the Work. If the CONTRACTOR observes that the Specifications or Drawings are at a variance therewith, he will give the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE prompt written notice thereof, and any necessary changes shall be adjusted by an appropriate modification. If the CONTRACTOR performs any Work knowing it to be contrary to such laws, ordinances, rules and regulations and without such notice to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, he will bear all cost arising therefrom; however, it shall not be his primary responsibility to make certain that the Drawings and Specifications are in accordance with such laws, ordinances, rules and regulations.

**15 Licenses**

15.1 The CONTRACTOR must be properly licensed, within the jurisdiction where the project is to be constructed, to perform the work specified in the Scope of Work at the time of bid submittal.

**16 Use of Premises**

16.1 The CONTRACTOR will confine his equipment, the storage of materials and equipment, and the operations of his workmen to the areas permitted by law, ordinances, permits or the requirements of the Contract Documents and shall not unreasonably encumber the premises with materials or equipment.

**17 Record Drawings**

17.1 The CONTRACTOR will keep one record copy of all Specifications, Drawings, Addenda, Modifications and Shop Drawings at the site in good order, and annotated to show all changes made during the construction process or addition and exact location of underground or otherwise concealed components such as, but not limited to, plumbing, air conditioning, electric, culverts, drainage structures, water main, force mains, service lines, wiring, traffic loops, pond or ditch bottoms and banks, signal poles, signs, and conduit which were not installed exactly as shown on the contract drawings. These shall be available to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and shall be verified by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE at 30%, 60%, and 100%



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- completion of the Project. The CONTRACTOR shall submit to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE one complete set of all recorded changes made during Construction entitled "As-Built", and dated. Submittals shall be made in accordance with the above and shall be submitted at the time of substantial completion.
- 17.2 The sum of \$5,000.00 shall be withheld from the final payment until written acceptance or all of the Record Drawings by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE has occurred.
- 17.3 Certified "as-built" information, which the CONTRACTOR must show on marked-up copies of the design drawings, prints, and other materials as specified above shall include both authorized and unauthorized changes to horizontal pavement dimensions, finish pavement grades, finish dimensions, elevations and alignment of the items noted in Article 17.1, and any modifications to material types from that specified in the bid plans and specifications. As a prerequisite to any payments, the CONTRACTOR shall make available to the Engineer all "as-built" information pertinent to the design drawings each month prior to his submission of a monthly application for payment. The CONTRACTOR shall also obtain "as-built" cross-sections of the roadway, ditches, channels, and other drainage ways as shown in the Contract Documents at intervals not to exceed 100 ft. The CONTRACTOR shall set benchmarks on or within 100 ft. of each control structure constructed as part of this project. A complete description including elevation and location of each control structure benchmark shall be provided to the Engineer as part of the "as-built" information. The elevation shall be clearly and permanently indicated on each benchmark.
- 17.4 "As-built" dimensions and elevations shall be obtained by a Professional Land Surveyor registered in the State of Florida pursuant to Chapter 472, Florida Statutes. The "as-built" drawings shall be signed and sealed by the CONTRACTOR'S Professional Land Surveyor in accordance with Section 472.025, Florida Statutes.
- 17.5 All pertinent surveyors' field survey notes containing the "as-built" data shall be sealed and submitted to the Engineer for review and acceptance prior to authorization of the final payment.
- 17.6 "As-built" data shall be secured and the accuracy of measurements shall be 0.01 ft.
- 17.7 All sub-surface improvements considered part of the Work as shown in the Contract Documents shall be "as-built" by the CONTRACTOR prior to backfilling.
- 17.8 A final bench level circuit shall be secured indicating accuracy of vertical closure and a copy of these field notes shall be submitted to the Engineer before final acceptance of the project.
- 17.9 The CONTRACTOR shall annotate and show all "as-built" information on 11" x 17" prints of the bid plans during the course of the construction process. Upon completion of all contract work, but prior to authorization of the final payment by the Engineer, the CONTRACTOR shall deliver one (1) set of such annotated, in neat draftsman-like manner, "as-built" 11" x 17" prints to the Engineer for approval. Upon approval of such "as-built" plans, the CONTRACTOR shall forthwith provide two (2) sets of these drawings containing all "as-built" information, a CD of the "as-built" electronic files in AutoCAD or MicroStation format and data which have been sealed by a Professional Land Surveyor by the CONTRACTOR at the CONTRACTOR'S cost and forthwith become the property of the COUNTY.

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- 17.10 The cost of preparing, maintaining, and providing "as-built" plans and documents as specified in this Article must be included in the Lump Sum payment for mobilization for each part of the Bid Schedule providing for Mobilization.
- 17.11 Shop drawing submittals processed by the Engineer shall not be construed as Change Orders; the purpose of a shop drawing is to demonstrate to the Engineer that the CONTRACTOR understands the design concept, and that his understanding is demonstrated by indicating the equipment and material to be furnished and installed. Corrections or changes indicated by the Engineer in the shop drawings do not constitute authorization to perform extra work.
- 17.12 The review of shop drawings and schedules shall be considered general and shall not be construed as permitting any departures from the contract requirements. The design drawings and contract specifications shall take precedence over the shop drawings in the event of deviations, discrepancy, or conflict.

**18 Safety and Protection**

- 18.1 The CONTRACTOR will be responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work. He will take all necessary precautions for the safety of and will provide the necessary protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to:
- 18.1.1 All employees on the Project and other persons who may be affected thereby;
- 18.1.2 All the Work and all materials or equipment to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the site; and
- 18.1.3 Other property at the site or adjacent thereto including trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures and utilities not designated for removal, relocation or replacement in the course of construction.
- 18.1.4 The CONTRACTOR will comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and orders of any public body having jurisdiction for the safety of persons or property or to protect them from damage, injury or loss. He will erect and maintain, as required by the conditions and progress of the Work, all necessary safeguards for safety and protection and, in addition, he will comply with all applicable recommendations of the "Manual of Accident Prevention in Construction" published by the Associated General Contractors of America, Inc.; "Roadway and Traffic Design Standards" latest edition published by the Florida Department of Transportation, specifically Index 600-650; and Occupational Safety and Health Administration published by the United States Department of Labor. He will notify owners of adjacent utilities when prosecution of the Work may affect them. All damage, injury or loss to any property caused directly or indirectly, in whole or in part by the CONTRACTOR, any SUB-CONTRACTOR, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable will be remedied by the CONTRACTOR; except any damage or loss attributable to the fault of the Drawings or the Specifications or to the acts or omissions of the COUNTY, and not attributable, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, to the fault of negligence of the CONTRACTOR.
- 18.1.5 The CONTRACTOR will designate a member of his organization whose

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responsibility will be to plan for the prevention of accidents at the site. This person shall be the CONTRACTOR'S Superintendent unless otherwise designated in writing by the CONTRACTOR to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE.

**19 Emergencies**

19.1 In emergencies affecting the safety of persons, the Work or property at the site or adjacent thereto, the CONTRACTOR, without special instruction or authorization from the COUNTY, is obligated to act at his discretion to prevent threatened damage, injury or loss. He will give the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE prompt written notice of any significant changes in the Work or deviations from the Contract Documents caused thereby. If the COUNTY and the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE determine that a change to the Contract Documents is required because of the action taken in response to an emergency, a Field Directive Change or Change Order shall thereupon be issued covering the changes and deviations involved.

**20 Shop Drawings and Samples**

- 20.1 After checking and verifying all field measurements, the CONTRACTOR will submit to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for approval, in accordance with the acceptable schedule of Shop Drawing submission, five copies (or at the option of the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, one reproducible copy) of all Shop Drawings, which shall have been checked by and stamped with the approval of the CONTRACTOR and identified as the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may require. The data shown on the Shop Drawings will be complete with respect to dimensions, design criteria, materials of construction and the like to enable the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE to review the information as required.
- 20.2 The CONTRACTOR will also submit to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for approval with such promptness as to cause no delay in the Work, all samples required by the Contract Documents. All samples will have been checked by and stamped with the approval of the CONTRACTOR, identified clearly as to material, manufacturer, any pertinent numbers and the use for which intended.
- 20.3 At the time of each submission, the CONTRACTOR will in writing call the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S attention to any deviations that the Shop Drawing or sample may have from the requirements of the Contract Documents and, in addition, shall cause a specific notation to be made on each shop drawing submitted for review and approval of each such variation.
- 20.4 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will review and approve with reasonable promptness Shop Drawings and Samples, but its review and approval shall be only for conformance with the design concept of the Project and for compliance with the information given in the Contract Documents. The approval of a separate item as such will not indicate approval of the assembly in which the item functions. The CONTRACTOR will make any corrections required by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and will return the required number of corrected copies of Shop Drawings and re-submit new samples until approved. All cost incurred by the COUNTY for the review of a shop drawing in excess of two reviews shall be the

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CONTRACTORS responsibility. The CONTRACTOR'S stamp of approval on any Shop Drawing or sample shall constitute a representation to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE that the CONTRACTOR has either determined and verified all quantities, dimensions, field construction criteria, materials, catalog numbers and similar data or he assumes full responsibility for doing so, and that he has reviewed or coordinated each Shop Drawing or sample with the requirements of the Work and the Contract Document.

20.5 No work requiring a Shop Drawing or sample submissions shall be commenced until the submission has been approved by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE. Any related Work performed prior to review and approval by the COUNTY of the pertinent submission will be the sole expense and responsibility of the CONTRACTOR. A copy of each approved Shop Drawing and each approved sample shall be kept in good order by the CONTRACTOR at the site and shall be available to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE.

20.6 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE approval of Shop Drawings or samples shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR from his responsibility for any deviations from the requirements of the Contract Documents, unless the CONTRACTOR has in writing called the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE attention to such deviation at the time of submission and the COUNTY and the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE have given written approval to the specific deviation; nor shall any approval by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE relieve the CONTRACTOR from responsibility for errors or omissions in the Shop Drawings.

20.6.1 The CONTRACTOR shall, upon completion of the work, furnish to the Engineer two (2) complete sets of prints, neatly bound together, and in good condition, of all the CONTRACTOR'S, Subcontractors' and manufacturers' drawings as finally checked and reviewed by the Engineer with all modifications accepted by the Engineer subsequent thereto, showing the work as actually completed. Such "as-built" information for bridges, culverts, and similar structures shall also be provided by the CONTRACTOR.

## **21 Indemnification**

21.1 The CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, save harmless and defend the COUNTY and all of its officers, agents, consultants and employees from and against all losses, claims, demands, payments, suits, actions, recoveries and judgments of every nature and description brought or recoverable against it or them by reason of any act or omission of the CONTRACTOR, his agent, consultants, employees, sub-contractors etc., in the execution of the work or in consequence of any negligence or carelessness in guarding the same and agrees to assume any related cost.

21.2 The CONTRACTOR shall assume all risk and bear any loss or injury to property or persons occasioned by neglect or accident during the progress of work until the same shall have been completed and accepted. The CONTRACTOR agrees to repair, restore or rebuild any damages he causes to any property of the COUNTY. He shall also assume all blame or loss by reason of neglect or violation of any state or federal law or municipal rule, regulation or order. The CONTRACTOR shall give to the proper authorities all required notices relating to the work, obtain all official permits

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and licenses and pay all proper fees. He shall repair any damage that may have occurred to any adjoining building, structure, utility or private property in the course of this work.

**22 Cleaning Up**

- 22.1 The CONTRACTOR will keep the premises free from accumulations of waste materials, rubbish and other debris resulting from the Work; at the completion of the Work he will remove all waste materials, rubbish and debris from and about the premises as well as all tools, construction equipment and machinery, and surplus materials, and will leave the site clean and ready for occupancy by the COUNTY. The CONTRACTOR will restore to their original condition those portions of the site not designated for alteration by the Contract Documents.
- 22.2 If the CONTRACTOR fails to clean up as provided in the Contract Documents, the COUNTY may do so and the cost thereof shall be deducted from the final retainage due the CONTRACTOR.

**23 Continuing the Work**

- 23.1 The CONTRACTOR shall carry on the Work and adhere to the progress schedule during all disputes and disagreements with the COUNTY. No work shall be delayed or postponed pending resolution of any disputes or disagreements, except as permitted (The COUNTY May Stop Work) or as the CONTRACTOR and the COUNTY may otherwise agree in writing.

**24 Anti-Discrimination**

- 24.1 The CONTRACTOR for itself, its successors in interest, and assignees, as part of the consideration thereof covenant and agree that:
- 24.2 In the furnishing of services to the COUNTY hereunder, no person on the grounds of race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, handicap or marital status shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination.
- 24.3 The CONTRACTOR will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, handicap or marital status. The CONTRACTOR will make affirmative efforts to insure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, handicap or marital status. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, acts of employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment advertising; layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training, including apprenticeships.
- 24.4 CONTRACTOR agrees to post in a conspicuous place, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this anti-discrimination clause.
- 24.5 CONTRACTOR will provide all information and reports required by relevant regulations and/or applicable directives. In addition, the CONTRACTOR shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the COUNTY to be pertinent to ascertain

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- compliance. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain and make available relevant data showing the extent to which members of minority groups are beneficiaries under these contracts.
- 24.6 Where any information required of the CONTRACTOR is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the CONTRACTOR shall so certify to the COUNTY its efforts made toward obtaining said information. The CONTRACTOR shall remain obligated under this paragraph until the expiration of three years after the termination of this CONTRACT.
- 24.7 In the event of breach of any of the above anti-discrimination covenants, the COUNTY shall have the right to impose sanctions as it may determine to be appropriate, including withholding payment to the CONTRACTOR or canceling, terminating or suspending this CONTRACT, in whole or in part.
- 24.8 Additionally, the CONTRACTOR may be declared ineligible for further COUNTY contracts by rule, regulation or order of the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, or as otherwise provided by law.
- 24.9 The CONTRACTOR will send to each labor union, or representative of workers with which the CONTRACTOR has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract of understanding, a notice informing the labor union or worker's representative of the CONTRACTOR'S commitments under this assurance, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to the employees and the applicants for employment.
- 24.10 The CONTRACTOR will include the provisions in every sub-contract under this contract to insure its provisions will be binding upon each Sub-contractor. The CONTRACTOR will take such action with respect to any Sub-contractor, as the contracting agency may direct, as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for non-compliance.

**25 Work by Others**

- 25.1 The COUNTY may perform additional Work related to the Project by itself, or it may let other direct contracts which shall contain General Conditions similar to these.
- 25.2 The CONTRACTOR will afford the other Contractors who are parties to such direct contracts (or the COUNTY, if it is performing the additional Work itself), reasonable opportunity for the introduction and storage of materials and equipment and the execution of the Work, and shall properly connect and coordinate his work with theirs. Should the Contract entail relocation of facilities not a part of this Contract, the CONTRACTOR will coordinate and cooperate with the applicable entity responsible for this portion of the Work.
- 25.3 Water lines, gas lines, wire lines, service connections, water and gas meter boxes, water and gas valve boxes, light standards, cableways, signals, and all other utility appurtenances within the limits of the proposed construction which are to be relocated or adjusted are to be moved by the owners at their expense, unless otherwise provided in the Contract. It is understood and agreed that the CONTRACTOR has considered in his bid all of the permanent and temporary utility appurtenances in their present or relocated positions as shown on the plans and that no additional compensation will be allowed for any delays, inconveniences, or damage sustained to him due to any interference from the said utility appurtenances or the operation of moving them. If

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any part of the CONTRACTOR'S work depends (for proper execution) upon the Work of any such other Contractor (or the COUNTY), the CONTRACTOR will inspect and promptly report to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE in writing, any defects, deficiencies or delays in such Work that render it unsuitable for such proper execution and results. His failure to report shall constitute an acceptance of the Work, except as to defects, deficiencies and delays which may appear in the other Work after the execution of his Work.

- 25.4 The CONTRACTOR will do all cutting, fitting and patching of his Work, which is consistent with the Contract Documents that may be required to make its several parts come together properly and fit it to receive or be received by such other Work. The CONTRACTOR will not endanger any Work of others by cutting, excavating or otherwise altering such other Work and will only cut or alter such other work with the written consent of the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE.
- 25.5 If the performance of additional Work by other Contractors or the COUNTY is not noted in the Contract Documents prior to the execution of the Contract, written notice thereof shall be given to the CONTRACTOR prior to starting any such additional Work.
- 25.6 The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for coordination with all activities with adjacent projects.

**26 Owner's Representative Status During Construction**

- 26.1 County's Representatives
- 26.1.1 The COUNTY shall issue all communications to the CONTRACTOR through the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE.
- 26.2 Clarifications and Interpretations
- 26.2.1 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will issue with reasonable promptness, through the COUNTY, such written clarifications or interpretations of the requirements of the Contract Documents (in the form of Drawings or otherwise) as the COUNTY may determine necessary, which shall be consistent with or reasonably inferable from the overall intent of the Contract Documents. If the CONTRACTOR believes that a written clarification or interpretation justifies an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time and the parties are unable to agree to the amount or extent thereof, the CONTRACTOR may make a claim.
- 26.3 Authorized Variations in Work
- 26.3.1 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may authorize, with prior approval from the COUNTY minor variations in the Work from the requirements of the Contract Documents which do not involve an adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Time and are consistent with the overall intent of the Contract Documents. These may be accomplished by a Field Change Order and the CONTRACTOR shall perform the Work involved promptly. If the CONTRACTOR believes that a Field Change Order justifies an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time and the parties are unable to agree as to the amount or extent thereof, the CONTRACTOR may make a claim.

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**27 Changes in Work**

- 27.1 Without invalidating the Agreement, the COUNTY may unilaterally and at any time or from time to time order additions, deletions or revisions in the Work; these will be authorized by Change Orders or Field Directive Change. Upon receipt of a Change Order or Field Directive Change, the CONTRACTOR will proceed with the Work involved.
- 27.2 All such Work shall be executed under the applicable conditions of the Contract Documents.
- 27.3 If any Change Order or Field Directive Change causes an increase or decrease in the Contract Price or any extension or shortening of the Contract Time, an equitable adjustment will be made.
- 27.4 Additional Work performed by the CONTRACTOR without written authorization of a change in the form of an approved Change Order will not entitle him to an increase in the Contract Price or any extension of the Contract Time, except in the case of an emergency.
- 27.5 It is the CONTRACTOR'S responsibility to notify the Surety of any changes affecting the general scope of the Work or change of the Contract Price and the amount of the applicable Bonds shall be adjusted accordingly. The Surety's Acceptance must be submitted to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, by the CONTRACTOR, within ten calendar days of the initiation of the change.

**28 Change of Contract Price**

- 28.1 The Contract Price constitutes the total compensation payable to the CONTRACTOR for performing the Work. All duties, responsibilities and obligations assigned to or undertaken by the CONTRACTOR shall be at his expense without change in the Contract Price.
- 28.2 The Contract Price may only be changed by a Change Order. Any claim for an increase or decrease in the Contract Price shall be in writing and delivered to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE within fifteen calendar days of the occurrence of the event giving rise to the claim and stating the general nature of the claim. Notice of the amount of the claim with supporting data shall be delivered within sixty calendar days after such occurrence (unless COUNTY allows an additional period of time to ascertain more accurate data in support of the claim) and shall be accompanied by the CONTRACTOR'S written statement that the amount claimed covers all known amounts (direct, indirect, and consequential) to which the CONTRACTOR has reason to believe it is entitled as a result of the occurrence of said event. No claim for an adjustment in the Contract Price will be valid if not submitted in accordance. All claims for adjustment in the Contract Price shall be reviewed by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE. Any change in the Contract Price shall be incorporated in a Change Order and approved by the COUNTY. No claim by the CONTRACTOR for an equitable adjustment hereunder shall be allowed if asserted after final payment under this Contract.
- 28.3 Where the Work involved is covered by unit prices contained in the Contract Documents or subsequently agreed upon, by application of unit prices to the quantities of the items involved.



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- 28.4 By mutual acceptance of a lump sum properly itemized and supported by sufficient substantiating data to permit evaluation.
- 28.5 By cost of the Work and mutually acceptable fixed amount for overhead and profit agreed upon by the parties.
- 28.6 If none of the above methods is agreed upon, the value shall be determined by the COUNTY on the basis of cost of the Work and a percentage for overhead and profit. Cost shall only include labor (payroll, payroll taxes, fringe benefits, worker's compensation, etc.), materials, equipment, and other incidentals directly related to the Work involved.
- 28.7 In such cases the CONTRACTOR will submit in the form prescribed by the COUNTY an itemized cost breakdown together with supporting data. The amount of credit to be allowed by the CONTRACTOR to the COUNTY for any such change which results in a net decrease in cost will be the amount of the actual net decrease as determined by the COUNTY. When both additions and credits are involved in any one change, the combined overhead and profit shall be figured on the basis of the net decrease, if any.

**29 Cash Allowance**

- 29.1 It is understood that the CONTRACTOR has included in the Contract Price any allowances so named in the Contract Documents and shall cause the Work so covered to be done by such materialmen, suppliers, or SUB-CONTRACTORS and for such sums within the limit of the allowances as the COUNTY may approve. Upon final payment, the Contract Price shall be adjusted as required and an appropriate Change Order issued. The CONTRACTOR agrees that the original Contract Price includes such sums as he deems proper for cost and profit on account of cash allowances. No demand for an additional sum for overhead or profit in connection therewith will be allowed.
- 29.2 Unit Price Work
- 29.2.1 Where the Contract Documents provide that all or part of the Work is to be Unit Price Work, the Contract Price will be deemed to include for all Unit Price Work an amount equal to the sum of the established unit prices for each separately identified item of Unit Price Work times the estimated quantity of each item as indicated in the Agreement. The estimated quantities of items of Unit Price Work are not guaranteed and are solely for the purpose of comparison of Bids and determining an initial Contract Price.
- 29.2.2 Each unit price will be deemed to include an amount considered by the CONTRACTOR to be adequate to cover the CONTRACTOR'S overhead and profit for each separately identified item.
- 29.2.3 The unit price of an item of Unit Price Work shall be subject to revaluation and adjustment under the following conditions:
- 29.2.3.1 If the total cost of a particular item of Unit Price Work amounts to 5% or more of the Contract Price and the variation in the quantity of that particular item of Unit Price Work performed by the CONTRACTOR differs by more than 15% from the estimated quantity of such item indicated in the

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- Agreement; and,
- 29.2.3.2 If there is no corresponding adjustment with respect to any other item of Work; and
- 29.2.3.3 If the CONTRACTOR believes that it has incurred additional expense as a result thereof; or
- 29.2.3.4 If the COUNTY believes that the quantity variation entitles it to an adjustment in the unit price, either the COUNTY or the CONTRACTOR may make a claim for an adjustment in the Contract Price if the parties are unable to agree as to the effect of any such variations in the quantity of Unit Price Work performed.

**30 Change of Contract Time**

- 30.1 The Contract Time may only be changed by a Change Order. Any claim for an extension in the Contract Time shall be in writing and delivered to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE within fifteen calendar days of the occurrence of the event giving rise to the claim and stating general nature of the claim. Notice of the extent of the claim with supporting data (analysis and documentation) shall be delivered within sixty calendar days after such occurrence (unless the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE allows an additional period of time to ascertain more accurate data in support of the claim) and shall be accompanied by the CONTRACTOR'S written statement that the adjustment claimed is the entire adjustment to which the CONTRACTOR has reason to believe it is entitled as a result of the occurrence of said event. If adverse weather conditions are the basis for a claim for additional time, such claim shall be documented by data substantiating that weather conditions were abnormal for the period of time and could not have been reasonably anticipated, and that the weather conditions had an adverse effect on the scheduled construction. No claim by the CONTRACTOR under this provision shall be allowed unless the CONTRACTOR has given the notice and the analysis and documentation required in this paragraph. All claims for adjustment in the Contract Time shall be determined by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE. Any change in the Contract Time resulting from any such claim shall be incorporated in a Change Order.
- 30.2 The COUNTY shall not be responsible for any delay in the completion of the project where the delay is beyond the control or without fault or negligence on behalf of the COUNTY. The COUNTY shall not be held accountable for extra compensation or an extension of time due to default by the CONTRACTOR, SUB-CONTRACTORS, or suppliers in the furnishing of labor or materials for the project, or having to replace defective materials.
- 30.3 The CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to a claim for an extension of time when a delay or hindrance is caused by an act of God, or any act or omission on the part of the COUNTY, provided the CONTRACTOR gives notice to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE within fifteen calendar days of the occurrence of the event giving rise to the claim and having stated the general nature of the claim. The CONTRACTOR'S sole remedy shall be an extension of Contract Time.
- 30.4 No extension of Contract Time or increases in Contract Price shall be granted for

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any delay caused either by (1) inadequate crewing, default or bankruptcy of lower tier contract, slow submittals, etc., or (2) by severe though not unusual weather conditions (other than hurricanes and tornadoes) or (3) any delay impacting a portion of the Work within the available total float or slack time and not necessarily preventing completion of the Work within the Contract Time unless otherwise agreed to by the COUNTY in its sole discretion or (4) for any delay which is caused by the CONTRACTOR having to replace defective material or equipment or (5) delays attributable to the lack of performance by Sub-contractors regardless of the reasons.

- 30.5 All time limits stated in the Contract Documents are of the essence of the Agreement. Shall not exclude recovery for damages (including but not limited to fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys and other professionals and court cost) for delay by either party.

**31 Warranty and Guarantee: Acceptance of Defective Work**

31.1 Warranty and Guarantee

31.1.1 The CONTRACTOR warrants and guarantees to the COUNTY that all materials and equipment will be new unless otherwise specified and that all Work will be of good quality, free from faults or defects and in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents and any inspections, test or approvals referred to in this Article. All unsatisfactory Work, all faulty Work, and all Work not conforming to the requirements of the Contract Documents or such inspections, tests or approvals shall be considered defective. Prompt notice of all defects shall be given to the CONTRACTOR. All defective Work, whether or not in place, may be rejected, corrected or accepted as provided herein. Contractor is to assign any and all warranties or guarantees on equipment, materials, etc. to the COUNTY.

31.2 Tests and Inspections

31.2.1 If the Contract Documents, laws, ordinances, rules, regulations or order of any public authority having jurisdiction require any Work to specifically be inspected, tested or approved by someone other than the CONTRACTOR, the CONTRACTOR will give the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE forty-eight (48) hours' notice of readiness therefore. The CONTRACTOR will furnish the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE with the required certificates of inspection, testing or approval. All such tests will be in accordance with the methods prescribed by the American Society for Testing and Materials or such other applicable organizations as may be required by law or the Contract Documents. If any such Work required to be inspected, tested or approved is covered without written approval of the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, it shall, if requested by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, be uncovered for observation at the CONTRACTOR'S expense. The cost of all such inspections, tests and approvals shall be borne by the CONTRACTOR unless otherwise provided.

31.2.2 Project field testing of materials required by the specifications or the

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- OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE shall be provided by and at the expense of the COUNTY. The CONTRACTOR shall coordinate and schedule the required testing. The Contractor shall pay for all retests when the initial test result reveals that the materials failed to meet the requirements of the specifications. The CONTRACTOR shall notify the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE twenty-four (24) hours prior to conducting any test so the OWNER's REPRESENTATIVE may be present.
- 31.2.3 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE shall have the right to require all materials to be submitted to tests prior to incorporation in the Work. In some instances, it may be expedient to perform these tests at the source of supply, and for this reason, it is required that the CONTRACTOR furnish the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE with the information concerning the location of his source before incorporating material into the Work. This does not in any way obligate the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE to perform tests for acceptance of material and does not relieve the CONTRACTOR of his responsibility to furnish satisfactory material. The CONTRACTOR shall furnish manufacturer's certificates of compliance with these specifications covering manufactured items incorporated in the Work.
- 31.2.4 Neither observations by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, nor inspections, tests or approvals by persons other than the CONTRACTOR shall relieve the CONTRACTOR from his obligations to perform the Work in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.
- 31.2.5 Testing/Permits: The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for performing any testing and the cost for all items that may be required as part of the NPDES, FDEP, USACOE and SFWMD permits.

## **32 Close Out Procedure**

- 32.1 General Operating/Maintenance Instructions & Manuals
- 32.1.1 The CONTRACTOR shall organize maintenance operating manual information into four suitable sets of manageable size, and bind into individual binders properly identified and indexed (thumb-tabbed). Emergency instructions, spare parts listing, warranties, wiring diagrams, recommended "turn around" cycles, inspection procedures, shop drawings, product data, and similar acceptable information shall be included. The CONTRACTOR shall bind each manual of each set in a heavy duty, 3-ring vinyl covered binder, and include pocket folders for folded sheet information. Mark identification on both front and spine of each binder.
- 32.1.2 Arrange for each installer of work requiring continuing maintenance (by the OWNER) or operation, to meet with the OWNER'S personnel, at the project site, to provide basic instructions needed for proper operation and maintenance of the entire work. Include instructions by manufacturer's representatives where installers are not expert in the required procedures. Review maintenance manuals, record documentation, tools, spare parts and materials, lubricants, fuels, identification system, control sequences, hazards, cleaning and similar procedures and facilities. For operational

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equipment, demonstrate start-up, shut-down, emergency operations, noise and vibration adjustments, safety, economy/efficiency adjustments, and similar operations. Review maintenance and operations in relation with applicable guaranties, warranties, agreements to maintain, bonds, and similar continuing commitments.

**33 Access to the Work**

33.1 The COUNTY and the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE shall at all times have access to the Work. The CONTRACTOR shall provide proper facilities for such access and observation of the Work and also for any inspection or testing thereof by others.

**34 Uncovering the Work**

34.1 If any work has been covered which the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE has not specifically requested to observe prior to its being covered, or if the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE considers it necessary or advisable that covered Work be inspected or tested by others, the CONTRACTOR, at the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S request, will uncover, expose or otherwise make available for observation, inspection or testing as the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may require, that portion of the Work in question, furnishing all necessary labor, material and equipment. If it is found that such Work is defective, the CONTRACTOR will bear all the expense of such uncovering, exposure, observation, inspection and testing, and of satisfactory reconstruction. If, however, such Work is not found to be defective, the CONTRACTOR will be allowed an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time, or both, directly attributable to such uncovering, exposure, observation, inspection, testing and reconstruction, if he makes a claim therefore.

**35 County May Stop Work**

35.1 If the Work is defective, if the CONTRACTOR fails to supply sufficient skilled workmen or suitable materials or equipment, or if the CONTRACTOR fails to make prompt payments to SUB-CONTRACTORS for labor, materials or equipment: the COUNTY may order the CONTRACTOR to stop the Work, or any portion thereof, until the cause for such order has been eliminated; however, this right of the COUNTY to stop the work shall not give rise to any duty on the part of the COUNTY to exercise this right for the benefit of the CONTRACTOR or any other party.

35.2 Notwithstanding Paragraph 35.1, the COUNTY may also issue a Stop Work Order for the following reasons:

35.2.1 Insufficient Maintenance of Traffic practices.

35.2.2 Failure to comply with permits regarding pollution control.

35.2.3 Insufficient construction materials or methods.

35.2.4 Failure to provide a safe working environment in accordance with the US Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

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- 35.3 Upon notice of the Stop Work Order, the CONTRACTOR shall cease all contracted work except for the activities required to correct the problem and as directed by the COUNTY.
- 35.4 If the CONTRACTOR fails to correct the problem causing the Stop Work Order and there is immediate threat to the public's health, safety, or environmental protection, the COUNTY may perform any remedial activities necessary to protect the public and environment. Any costs incurred by the County in the performance of this work shall be deducted from monies due the Contractor or paid by the Contractor to the County.
- 35.5 No increase in the Contract Price or extension of the Contract Time will be granted for any delays or loss of time due to a Stop Work Order.

**36 Correction or Removal of Defective Work**

- 36.1 If required by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE prior to approval of final payment, the CONTRACTOR will, promptly, without cost to the COUNTY and as specified by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, either correct any defective Work whether or not fabricated, installed or completed or, if the Work has been rejected by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, remove it from the site and replace it with non-defective Work. If the CONTRACTOR does not correct such defective Work or remove and replace such rejected Work within ten calendar days, all as specified in a written notice from the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may have the deficiency corrected or the rejected Work removed and replaced. All direct or indirect costs of such correction or removal and replacement shall be paid by the CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR will also bear the expense of making good all Work of others destroyed or damaged by his correction, removal or replacement of his defective Work.

**37 One Year Correction Period**

- 37.1 If, after the approval of the final payment and prior to the expiration of one year after the date of Final Completion or such longer period of time as may be prescribed by law or by the terms of any applicable special guarantee required by the Contract Documents, any Work is found to be defective, the CONTRACTOR will promptly, without cost to the COUNTY, and in accordance with the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S written instructions, either correct such defective Work or, if it has been rejected by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, remove it from the site and replace it with non-defective Work. If, within seven calendar days, the CONTRACTOR does not comply with the terms of such instructions, the Bonding Company shall be notified of default and requested to make repairs or replacement, the COUNTY may have the defective Work corrected or the rejected Work removed and replaced. All direct and indirect costs of such removal and replacement shall be paid by the CONTRACTOR.

**38 Acceptance of Defective Work**

- 38.1 If, instead of requiring correction or removal and replacement of defective Work, the COUNTY prefers to accept it, the COUNTY may do so. In such case, if

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acceptance occurs prior to approval of final payment, a Change Order shall be issued incorporating the appropriate revisions to the Contract Documents including an appropriate reduction in the Contract Price. If the acceptance occurs after approval of the final payment, an appropriate amount shall be paid by the CONTRACTOR to the COUNTY.

**39 Neglected Work By Contractor**

39.1 If the CONTRACTOR should neglect to prosecute the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, including any requirements of the progress schedule, the COUNTY may, after three calendar days written notice to the CONTRACTOR and without prejudice to any other remedy it may have, make good such deficiency and the cost thereof shall be charged against the CONTRACTOR. A Change Order shall be issued incorporating the appropriate revision to the Contract Documents including an appropriate reduction in the Contract Price. If the payments then or thereafter due the CONTRACTOR are not sufficient to cover such amount, the CONTRACTOR shall pay the difference to the COUNTY.

**40 Payment and Completion**

40.1 Schedule of Values

40.1.1 Within ten (10) calendar days after the effective date of the Agreement, the CONTRACTOR must submit a schedule of values of the Work including quantities and unit prices totaling to the Contract Price. This schedule shall be satisfactory in form and substance to the COUNTY and shall subdivide the Work into sufficient detail to serve as the basis for progress payments during construction. Upon approval of the schedule of values by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, it shall be incorporated into the Estimate and Requisition for Payment prescribed by the COUNTY. Unit Price Contracts shall have the bid proposal prices incorporated into the Estimate and Requisition for Payment.

40.2 Application for Progress Payment

40.2.1 Bid proposal units and unit prices shall serve as the basis for progress payments during construction. The bid proposal process shall be incorporated into the Estimate and Requisition for Payment Form No. CSD:505(4) prescribed by the COUNTY.

40.2.2 Not more often than once a month, nor less often than specified in the approved payment schedule, and on a date established at the Project Pre-Construction Conference, the CONTRACTOR will submit to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for review the Estimate and Requisition for Payment form filled out and signed by the CONTRACTOR covering the Work completed as of the date of the Application and supported by such data as the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may reasonably require. Also, if payment is requested on the basis of materials and equipment not incorporated in the Work but delivered and suitably stored at the site or at another location agreed to in writing, the Application for Payment shall also be accompanied by such supporting data, satisfactory to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, as will establish the COUNTY'S title to

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the material and equipment and protect its interest therein, including applicable insurance. All progress payments will be subject to the retainage percentage specified in the Contract Documents. Such retainage shall be paid and will be issued in the final payment after acceptance by the COUNTY of the Work.

**41 Contractor's Warranty of Title**

41.1 The CONTRACTOR warrants and guarantees that title to all Work, materials and equipment covered by an application for progress payment, whether incorporated in the Project or not, will be passed to the COUNTY prior to the next making of application for progress payment, free and clear of all liens, claims, security interest and encumbrances; and that no Work, materials or equipment covered by an Application for Payment will have been acquired by the CONTRACTOR or by any other person performing the Work at the site or furnishing materials and equipment for the Project subject to an agreement under which an interest therein or encumbrance thereon is retained by the seller or otherwise imposed by the CONTRACTOR or such other person.

**42 Approval of Payments**

- 42.1 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will, within ten calendar days after receipt of each Application for Payment, either indicate his approval of payment and deliver the application to the COUNTY or return the Application to the CONTRACTOR indicating in writing the reason for refusing to approve payment. In the latter case, the CONTRACTOR may make the necessary corrections and re-submit the Application. The COUNTY will, within five calendar days after receipt of each approved application for payment, either indicate their approval of payment, and within fifteen calendar days pay the CONTRACTOR the amount approved, or return the application to the CONTRACTOR thru the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE indicating in writing the reason for refusing to approve payment. In the latter case, the CONTRACTOR may make the necessary corrections and resubmit the application to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE.
- 42.2 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S approval of any payment requested in an Application for Payment shall constitute a representation by him to the COUNTY, based on the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S on-site observations of the Work in progress and on his review of the Application for Payment and the supporting data that the CONTRACTOR is entitled to payment of the amount approved.
- 42.3 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S approval of final payment shall constitute an additional representation by him to the COUNTY that the conditions precedent to the CONTRACTOR'S being entitled to final payment as set forth have been fulfilled.
- 42.4 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may refuse to approve the whole or any part of any payment if in his opinion; he is unable to make such representations to the COUNTY. He may then refuse to approve any such payment because of subsequently discovered evidence or the results of subsequent inspections or test, nullify any such payment previously approved, to such extent as may be necessary in his opinion to protect the COUNTY from loss because:



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- 42.4.1 The Work is defective;
- 42.4.2 A portion of such payment is the subject of a dispute or claim that has been filed;
- 42.4.3 The Contract Price has been reduced because of Modifications;
- 42.4.4 The COUNTY has been required to correct defective Work or complete the Work, or of unsatisfactory prosecution of the Work, including failure to clean up as required.

**43 Substantial Completion**

- 43.1 Prior to final payment, the CONTRACTOR shall, in writing to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, certify that the entire Project is substantially complete and request that the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE issue a Certificate of Substantial Completion. Within fourteen calendar days thereafter, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and the CONTRACTOR will make an inspection of the Project to determine the status of completion. If the COUNTY does not consider the Project substantially complete, it will notify the CONTRACTOR in writing giving the reasons therefore. If the COUNTY considers the Project substantially complete, a Certificate of Substantial Completion will be issued. This certificate shall fix the date of Substantial Completion and the responsibilities between the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR for maintenance, heat and utilities. The Certificate of Substantial Completion will also include a punch list of items to be completed or corrected, said time to be within the Contract Time. The COUNTY shall have the right to exclude the CONTRACTOR from the Project after the date of Substantial Completion but the COUNTY will allow the CONTRACTOR reasonable access to complete items on the punch list.

**44 Partial Utilization**

- 44.1 Prior to final payment, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may request the CONTRACTOR to permit the use of a specified part of the Project which the COUNTY believes it may use without significant interference with construction of the other parts of the Project. If the CONTRACTOR agrees, he will certify to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE that said part of the Project is substantially complete and request the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE to issue a Certificate of Substantial Completion for that part of the Project. Within fourteen calendar days thereafter, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and the CONTRACTOR will make an inspection of that part of the Project to determine its status of completion. If the COUNTY considers that part of the Project to be substantially complete, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will deliver to the CONTRACTOR a certificate to that effect, fixing the date of Substantial Completion as to that part of the Project, and listing the punch list of items to be completed or corrected before final payment and fixing the responsibility between the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR for maintenance, heat and utilities as to that part of the Project. The COUNTY shall have the right to exclude the CONTRACTOR from any part of the Project which is so certified to be substantially complete but the COUNTY will allow the CONTRACTOR reasonable access to complete or correct items on the punch list.

**45 Final Inspection**

45.1 Upon written notice from the CONTRACTOR that the Project is complete, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will make a final inspection with the CONTRACTOR and will notify the CONTRACTOR in writing of any particulars which this inspection reveals that the Work is defective. The CONTRACTOR shall immediately make such corrections as are necessary to remedy the defects within a reasonable time.

**46 Final Inspection for Payment**

46.1 After the CONTRACTOR has completed any such corrections to the satisfaction of the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and delivered all maintenance and operating instructions, schedules, guarantees, bonds, Certificates of Inspection and other documents as required by the Contract Documents, he may make application for final payment following the procedure for progress payments. The final Application for Payment shall be accompanied by legally effective final releases or waivers of liens from the CONTRACTOR and all SUB-CONTRACTORS which performed services for the CONTRACTOR pursuant to the Contract Documents and the consent of surety, if applicable to final payment.

**47 Approval of Final Payment**

47.1 If, on the basis of its observations and review of the Work during construction, its final inspection and its review of the final Estimate and Requisition for Payment, all as required by the Contract Documents, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE is satisfied that the Work has been completed and the CONTRACTOR has fulfilled all of his obligations under the Contract Documents, it will, within ten calendar days after receipt of the final Application for Payment, indicate in writing its approval of payment and deliver the application to the COUNTY. Otherwise, it will return the Application to the CONTRACTOR, indicating in writing its reason for refusing to approve final payment, in which case the CONTRACTOR will make the necessary corrections and re-submit the Application. The COUNTY will, within fifteen calendar days after receipt of approved application for final payment, either indicate their approval of the estimate and requisition application for payment and within fifteen calendar days pay the CONTRACTOR the amount approved by the COUNTY and issue a Certificate of Final Completion or return the application thru the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE indicating in writing the reason for refusing to approve payment. In the latter case, the CONTRACTOR may make the necessary corrections and resubmit the application to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE.

47.2 If, after substantial Completion of the Work, final completion is materially delayed through no fault of the CONTRACTOR, and the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE so confirms, the COUNTY shall and without terminating the Agreement, make payment of the balance due for that portion of the Work fully completed and accepted. If the remaining balance for Work not fully completed or corrected is less than the retainage stipulated in the Agreement, and if bonds have been furnished as required, the written consent of the Surety to the payment of the balance due for that portion of the Work fully completed and accepted shall be

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submitted by the CONTRACTOR to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, prior to certification of such payment. Such payment shall be made under the terms and conditions governing final payment, except that it shall not constitute a waiver of claims.

- 47.3 If liquidated damages are to be deducted from the final payment, the COUNTY shall so notify the CONTRACTOR in writing at least seven calendar days prior to the COUNTY'S submittal to Finance.
- 47.4 The Contractor will be required to submit with his final payment documents a DBE Participation Certification, indicating all DBE sub-contractor(s) and amount(s) utilized for the project.
- 47.5 If the CONTRACTOR did not utilize the DBE firm(s) listed on the Bid Proposal, a letter of justification, as to why shall be submitted along with the DBE Participation Certification.
- 47.6 At the final completion of the construction project if the county project manager experienced problems with the CONTRACTOR the project manager will prepare a Contractor Performance Evaluation, and forward to the Contractor for review, comment and signature.
- 47.7 Upon receipt of the Contractor Performance Evaluation the CONTRACTOR will have seven calendar days, from the date received, to review, comment, sign and return back to the project manager. If the evaluation has not been received back from the CONTRACTOR within the seven calendar days, the COUNTY will assume the CONTRACTOR fully agrees with and has no comments to the evaluation. The evaluation will then be placed on file with Lee County Procurement Management.

**48 Contractor's Continuing Obligation**

- 48.1 The CONTRACTOR'S obligation to perform the Work and complete the Project in accordance with the Contract Documents shall be absolute. Neither approval of any progress or final payment by the COUNTY, the issuance of the Certificates of Completion, any payment by the COUNTY to the CONTRACTOR under the Contract Documents, any use or occupancy of the Project or any part thereof by the COUNTY, any act of acceptance by the COUNTY, any failure to do so, nor any correction of defective Work by the COUNTY shall constitute an acceptance of Work not in accordance with the Contract Documents.

**49 Waiver of Claims**

- 49.1 The making and acceptance of final payment shall constitute:
  - 49.1.1 A waiver of all claims by the COUNTY against the CONTRACTOR other than those arising from unsettled liens, from defective Work appearing after final payment or from failure to comply with the requirements of the Contract Documents, or from the terms of any special guarantees specified therein, and,
  - 49.1.2 A waiver of all claims by the CONTRACTOR against the COUNTY other than those previously made in writing and still unsettled.

**50 Suspension of Work and Termination**

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**50.1 County May Suspend Work**

50.1.1 The COUNTY may at any time and without cause suspend the Work or any portion thereof for a period of not more than ninety calendar days by notice in writing to the CONTRACTOR. The COUNTY shall fix the date on which Work shall be resumed and the CONTRACTOR will resume the Work on the date so fixed. The CONTRACTOR will be allowed an increase in the Contract Price, an extension of the Contract Time or both, if such increases are justified and directly attributable to any COUNTY suspension and if he makes a claim thereof.

**51 County May Terminate**

- 51.1 If the CONTRACTOR is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent, if he makes a general assignment for the benefit of his creditors, if a trustee or receiver is appointed for the CONTRACTOR or for any of his property, if he files a petition to take advantage of any debtor's act or reorganizes under the bankruptcy or similar laws, if he repeatedly fails to supply sufficient skilled workmen or suitable materials or equipment, if he repeatedly fails to make prompt payments to SUB-CONTRACTORS for labor, materials or equipment, if he disregards laws, ordinances, rules, regulations or orders of any public body having jurisdiction, if he disregards the authority of the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, or if he otherwise substantially violates any provisions of the Contract Documents, then the COUNTY may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy and after giving the CONTRACTOR and his surety seven (7) calendar days' written notice, terminate the services of the CONTRACTOR and take possession of the Project and all materials, equipment, tools, construction equipment and machinery thereon owned by the CONTRACTOR and finish the Work by whatever method the COUNTY may deem expedient or arrange with the Surety to complete the project. The CONTRACTOR, if notified by the COUNTY to do so, shall promptly remove any part of his equipment and supplies from the property of the COUNTY; failing, the COUNTY shall have the right to remove such equipment and supplies at the expense of the CONTRACTOR.
- 51.2 In such case the CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to receive any further payment until the Work is finished. If the unpaid balance of the Contract Price exceeds the direct and indirect cost of completing the Project, including compensation for additional professional services, such excess shall be paid to the CONTRACTOR. If such cost exceeds such unpaid balance, the CONTRACTOR will pay the difference to the COUNTY. Such cost incurred by the COUNTY will be determined by the COUNTY and incorporated in a Change Order.
- 51.3 Where the CONTRACTOR'S services have been so terminated by the COUNTY, said termination shall not affect any rights of the COUNTY against the CONTRACTOR then existing or which may thereafter accrue.
- 51.4 If so terminated, any retention or payment of monies by the COUNTY due the CONTRACTOR will not release the CONTRACTOR from liability accruing under this Contract.
- 51.5 If after notice of termination of the CONTRACTOR'S right to proceed under the provisions of this clause, it is determined for any reason that the CONTRACTOR

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was not in default under the provisions or that the delay was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had not been issued.

- 51.6 Upon thirty (30) calendar days' written notice to the CONTRACTOR, the COUNTY may without cause and without prejudice to any other right or remedy elect to abandon the Project and terminate the Agreement. In such case the CONTRACTOR shall be paid for all Work executed and any expense sustained plus a reasonable profit.

**52 Contractor May Stop Work or Terminate The Contract**

- 52.1 If through no fault of the CONTRACTOR, or a Sub-contractor, or their agents or employees or any other persons performing portions of the Work under Contract with the CONTRACTOR, the WORK is suspended for a period of more than ninety calendar days by the COUNTY or under an order of court or other public authority, or the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE has not issued a certificate for payment and has not notified the CONTRACTOR of the reason for withholding certification or because the COUNTY has not made payment on a certificate for payment within the time stated in the Contract Documents, then the CONTRACTOR may, upon seven calendar days written notice to the COUNTY and the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, terminate the Agreement and recover from the COUNTY payment for all Work executed and proven loss with respect to materials, equipment, tools and construction equipment and machinery, including reasonable overhead, profit and damages.
- 52.2 In addition and in lieu of terminating the Agreement, if the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE has failed to act on an application for payment or the COUNTY has failed to make any payment as aforesaid, the CONTRACTOR may upon seven calendar days written notice to the COUNTY and the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE stop the Work until payment of all amounts then due. The provisions of this paragraph shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR of the obligation to carry on the Work in accordance with the progress schedule and without delay during disputes and disagreements with the COUNTY.

**53 Miscellaneous**

53.1 General

- 53.1.1 All Specifications, Drawings and copies thereof furnished by the COUNTY, to the CONTRACTOR, shall remain the COUNTY'S property. They shall not be used on another Project.
- 53.1.2 The duties and obligations imposed by these General Conditions and the rights and remedies available hereunder, and, in particular but without limitation, the warrants, guarantees and obligations imposed upon the CONTRACTOR and the rights and remedies available to the COUNTY thereunder shall be in addition to and not a limitation of any otherwise imposed or available by law, by special guarantee or other provisions of the Contract Documents.
- 53.1.3 Should the COUNTY or the CONTRACTOR suffer injury or damage to its person or property because of any error, omission or act of the other or

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- any of his employees, agents, or others for whose acts he is legally liable, claim should be made in writing to the other party within seven calendar days of the first observance of such injury or damage.
- 53.1.4 The Contract Documents shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida, the County of Lee, and the municipality in which the project is being done.
- 53.2 **Right-of-Way Station Boards:** The CONTRACTOR must establish and maintain throughout construction the right-of-way station boards at every even station within ten (10) days after the Notice to Proceed to assist and expedite construction and utility coordination. No additional compensation or separate pay item will be made for this work.
- 53.3 **Abbreviations:** Reference in the technical specifications to the specifications or requirements of technical societies, associated organization, or bodies shall mean their most current specifications. These groups are identified in the technical specifications.
- 53.4 **Use of Public Streets:** The use of public streets and roads shall be such as to minimize any inconvenience to the public and to other traffic. Any earth or other excavation materials spilled from trucks shall be removed by the CONTRACTOR and the streets and roads shall be cleaned by the CONTRACTOR to the satisfaction of the COUNTY.
- 53.5 **Damage to Existing Property, Structures and Utilities:** The CONTRACTOR shall be held responsible for and shall repair all damage to pavement beyond the limits of the contract or outside the right-of-way. Also, the CONTRACTOR shall repair if damaged buildings, telephone or other cables, poles, signs, mailboxes, irrigation piping, water pipes, sanitary pipes, or other structures which may be encountered, whether or not they are shown on the Drawings. Information shown on the Drawings as to the location of existing utilities has been prepared from the most reliable data available to the Engineer. However, this information is not guaranteed, and it shall be the CONTRACTOR'S responsibility to determine the location, character, and depth of any existing utilities. The CONTRACTOR shall assist the utility companies, by every means possible, to determine said locations. The CONTRACTOR shall exercise extreme caution to eliminate any possibility of any damage to utilities resulting from his activities.
- 53.5.1 At least two (2) business days prior to excavating any section of the Work, the CONTRACTOR shall call the utility companies noted on the plans and inform them that Work on the specific section is about to commence and request that they field locate their underground utilities.
- 53.5.2 When proceeding with the Work, the CONTRACTOR shall exercise due caution to protect all underground and overhead utilities and existing structures from damage. In keeping with the Trench Safety Act, the CONTRACTOR shall provide all sheeting, shoring, and bracing that may be required to properly protect adjacent property, structures and people. The CONTRACTOR shall repair, to the satisfaction of the OWNER, any surface or subsurface Improvement damaged during the course of the Work (unless such improvement is shown to be abandoned or removed) whether or not such improvement is shown on the Drawing. Should any

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- utilities be encountered that are not shown on the Drawing, the CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and shall take all due caution necessary to protect the utility.
- 53.6 Adjustment of Grades: Adjustments of grades shown on Drawings may be necessary to conform to actual field conditions or to maintain cover under proposed future grades. Such adjustments shall be considered part of the job conditions and no extra compensation will be allowed for such changes, except where specifically otherwise noted in the plans or specifications. Such adjustments must be approved by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE prior to being made.
- 53.7 Existing Drainage: Existing drainage shall be maintained at all times and drainage under construction shall be left open so as not to cause flooding due to blockage. Any damage to construction caused by this requirement shall be the responsibility of the CONTRACTOR.
- 53.8 Reference to Other Specifications
- 53.8.1 Reference to FDOT Specifications shall mean the State of Florida Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction dated July 2016 and supplements thereto unless specifically stated otherwise in the Contract Documents. Where an FDOT Specification section cites or contains references to other sections, they shall also be included as though cited herein. Where FDOT Specifications refer to the "Engineer", "Engineer of Test" or "Division of Test", it shall be understood to mean the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE or his designee. Where FDOT Specifications refer to the "Department", it shall mean the Department of Transportation of Lee County, Florida.
- 53.8.2 In case of conflict between the referenced FDOT Specifications and the Contract Documents, the Contract Documents shall govern.
- 53.8.3 Reference to AASHTO and ASTM are to the latest editions of published text of the American Association of Highway and Transportation Officials and the American Society for Testing and Materials, respectively.
- 53.9 Shoring
- 53.9.1 Unless trench banks are cut back on a stable slope, sheet and brace trenches shall be used as necessary to prevent caving or sliding, to provide protection for workmen and the pipe, and to protect adjacent structures and facilities. The CONTRACTOR shall not brace sheeting against the pipe, but shall brace it so that no concentrated loads of horizontal thrust are transmitted to the pipe. If portable metal box is used for bracing the slopes, the CONTRACTOR shall take care not to disturb the pipe when the box is removed.
- 53.9.2 The CONTRACTOR must comply with the Trench Safety Act, Florida Statutes Sections 553.60 – 553.64. Cost of compliance is not a separate pay item. Costs shall be included in the cost of pipe placement.
- 53.10 Dewatering: Dewatering of excavations, trenches, structures and utilities may be required. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for obtaining water use permits for dewatering operations, as necessary, from the South Florida Water Management District. No separate payment will be made for dewatering operations

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or procurement of dewatering permits. Costs shall be included in the cost of items as included in the Bid Form.

- 53.11 Excess Excavated Material: Unless otherwise specified, all excavated material in excess of the needs for backfill and area fill shall become the property of the CONTRACTOR, and the CONTRACTOR shall remove same from the project.
- 53.12 Asphalt Paving Conference: A pre-paving conference shall be held prior to any asphalt placement. The conference is intended to closely coordinate the CONTRACTOR'S plant and site personnel with the COUNTY'S plant and field inspectors and establish expected quality assurance procedures. The CONTRACTOR shall not perform any paving prior to this conference.
- 53.13 Rock Excavation: All excavations for the installation of pipes, structures, foundations, or other contract items shall be unclassified and no additional or separate payment for rock excavation shall be provided nor shall additional or separate payment be made for backfill required to compensate for excavated rock material that cannot be reused as backfill.
- 53.14 Permits
- 53.14.1 Copies of permits for this project other than for dewatering or NPDES will be provided by the COUNTY.
- 53.14.2 The CONTRACTOR shall abide by all conditions, statutes, and regulations issued by the jurisdiction authorities, boards and agencies of the COUNTY, State and Federal Governments. The CONTRACTOR shall be fully responsible for the execution and adherence to all directives, instructions, conditions, issuance of notices, special conditions, and limiting conditions contained in permits specifically issued for this project and which pertain to or affect the construction phase of this project. Except as may be provided elsewhere in these documents, the cost of materials, supplies, labor testing, permit fees and other direct or indirect expenses required to abide by or execute conditions of the permits shall be paid for by the CONTRACTOR. There is no direct or specific payment item in the bid for cost due to compliance with said permits. The CONTRACTOR'S reimbursement for said costs shall be distributed within the various items of work and materials associated with the construction of the project.
- 53.15 Field Office: CONTRACTOR is not required to provide a field office within the project limits as long as CONTRACTOR has a field office within Lee, Collier or Charlotte County prior to bidding. If CONTRACTOR does not have an established office within Lee, Collier or Charlotte County, then the CONTRACTOR shall provide and staff a field office within the project limits for the entire project duration, per FDOT requirements. This item shall be compensated under the mobilization item and no separate payment will be made. The CONTRACTOR shall coordinate the location of this field office with the Lee County Project Manager prior to the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

**54 Computation of Time**

- 54.1 When any period of time is referred to in the Contract Documents by days, it will be computed to exclude the first and include the last day of such period. If the last day of any such period falls on a Saturday or Sunday or on a day made a legal holiday by the law of the applicable jurisdiction, such day will be omitted from the



computation.

## 55 Maintenance of Records

55.1 The CONTRACTOR shall keep adequate records and supporting documents applicable to this contractual matter. Said records and documentation will be retained by the CONTRACTOR for a minimum of five years from the date of termination of this Contract. The COUNTY and its authorized agents shall have the right to audit, inspect and copy records and documentation as often as the COUNTY deems necessary during the period of this Contract and during the period of five years thereafter; provided, however, such activity shall be conducted only during normal business hours. The COUNTY, during the period of time expressed by the preceding sentence, shall also have the right to obtain a copy of, and otherwise inspect, any audit made at the direction of the CONTRACTOR as concerns the aforesaid records and documentation.

55.2 Vendor specifically acknowledges its obligations to comply with §119.0701, F.S., with regard to public records, and shall:

55.2.1 keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the County in order to perform the services required under this Agreement;

55.2.2 provide the public with access to public records on the same terms and conditions that the County would provide the records and at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law;

55.2.3 ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed, except as authorized by law; and

55.2.4 meet all requirements for retaining public records and transfer, at no cost to the County, all public records in possession of Vendor upon termination of this Agreement and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the County in a format that is compatible with the information technology system of the County.

55.3 **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>.**

## 56 Federal Requirements

56.1 In the event this Contract is paid in whole or in part from any Federal Governmental agency or source, the specific terms, regulations and requirements governing the disbursement of these funds are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Contract as if attached hereto and become a part of this clause.

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**End of General Conditions Section**



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The following represents clarification, additions, deletions, and/or modifications to the above referenced bid. This addendum shall hereafter be regarded as part of the solicitation. Items not referenced herein remain unchanged, including the response date. Words, phrases or sentences with a strikethrough represent deletions to the original solicitation. Underlined words and bolded, phrases or sentences represent additions to the original solicitation.

## 1. QUESTIONS/ANSWERS

1.	Per the request to direct all questions to you, has Lee County established a budget for the community needs assessment described in the above-referenced Request for Proposals (RFP)?
<b>Answer</b>	<b>Please refer to Page 7, Section 14.3 of the solicitation package.</b>

**BIDDER/PROPOSER IS ADVISED, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS ADDENDUM WHEN SUBMITTING A BID/PROPOSAL. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS REQUIREMENT MAY RESULT IN THE BIDDER/PROPOSER BEING CONSIDERED NON-RESPONSIVE.**

**ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS ARE AND SHALL REMAIN THE SAME.**

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**1. CLARIFICATION**

**a. Page 13, Section 36:**

**LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE**

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

**2. QUESTIONS/ANSWERS**

1.	Is this Solicitation open for vendors registered in other US states?
<b>Answer</b>	<b>Yes, this solicitation is open to all qualified firms that meet the qualifications of this solicitation package to propose.</b>

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**Solicitation No.:** RFP230204BAG

**Solicitation Name:** Community Needs Assessment

**Subject:** Addendum Number 3

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### 1. QUESTIONS/ANSWERS

1.	<p>Terms &amp; Conditions, 1.7 Liquidated Damages          3 of 111          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.  <u>Will the County consider taking out liquidated damages considering the scope of work?</u></p>
<b>Answer</b>	<b>This does not apply to this type of project.</b>
2.	<p>Terms &amp; Conditions, 11. Additions, Revisions, Deletions          6 of 111          11.1. Additions, revisions, or deletions to the Terms and Conditions, specifications that change 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.  <u>Will proposer be able to submit redlines to the contract without penalty?</u></p>
<b>Answer</b>	<b>Contract is negotiated after the award, all requested changes are subject to County Attorney approval.</b>
3.	<p>Forms Description and Instructions          36 of 111          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 vendors.  <u>When is it applicable to obtain a local business tax account issued by the City and/or County? Will this be needed prior to award and will Sunbiz suffice for the proposal? Is this not applicable to those companies not organized in Florida?</u></p>
<b>Answer</b>	<b>The awarded Vendor will need to have a Local Business Tax license for the county they are located in or Lee County Local Business Tax.</b>

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4.	PSA 4 of 24 Lump Sum Fees vs. NTE Fees Will the County use Lump Sum or NTE fees?
<b>Answer</b>	<b>This will be LumpSum fees.</b>
5.	PSA, Payment for Services Performed 11-12 of 24 the COUNTY reserves the right to retain five percent (5%) of the amount invoiced until such service requirements are fully completed. Would the County consider eliminating the retainage based on the scope of services?
<b>Answer</b>	<b>This does not apply to this type of project.</b>

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**1. OPEN DATE/BIDS DUE EXTENSION:**

FROM: May 19, 2023 at 2:30 PM

TO: May 26, 2023 at 2:30 PM

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