



**Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery  
Consulting Services for a Broad-Level Tier 1 Environmental Review  
of Lee County, Florida**

June 19, 2023

**Special Notes:**

1. The proposal cannot include any Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA) Professional Services work (e.g., engineering services) that is covered by Section 287.055, Florida Statutes.
2. The proposal will need to comply with the Rules detailed in the attached Federal Procurement Standards under 2 CFR Part 200 and Appendix II document (Exhibit 1).
3. As part of the proposal, please complete the attached Pricing Form (Exhibit 2).
4. The Vendor must be familiar with the HUD Environmental Review Online System (HEROS) and shall be proficient using HEROS and be able to complete the Broad Level review in HEROS on Lee County's behalf.
5. The Vendor must be authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida.
6. The Vendor must not be on the Federal sam.gov Excluded Party List.
7. Once the environmental review project starts, the timeline to complete the project will be 120 days or less.
8. This work will be authorized under a County purchase order. Proposals should not include any contractual terms and conditions. The County's Purchase Order Terms and Conditions can be found here:  
<https://www.leegov.com/procurement/Documents/Updated%20PO%20Terms%20and%20Conditions%2007-13-2021.pdf>
9. The deadline for proposal submission is Friday, June 23, 2023, at 5:00 PM ET.
10. Send your proposal to Jennifer Posey via email at [jposey@leegov.com](mailto:jposey@leegov.com).

**Project Summary / Objectives**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated \$1.1 billion in Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding directly to Lee County to assist with the county's long-term recovery following Hurricane Ian. The CDBG-DR projects will require compliance with federal environmental regulations contained in 24 CFR Part 58. Lee County's goal is to have the county-wide Broad-Level Tier 1 Environmental Review completed for housing, infrastructure and mitigation projects in parallel with the creation and approval process of our initial Action Plan.

**Project Scope**

1. Review projects proposed by Lee Board of County Commissioners for CDBG-DR funding for Broad-Level Tier 1 Environmental Reviews in compliance with 24 CFR Part 58.
2. Produce a final Broad-Level Tier 1 Environmental Review file in compliance with 24 CFR Part 58, in print and electronic formats, to support the completion of the review; file must be audit ready.
  - a. Conduct required early notification to stakeholders.
  - b. Conduct required public notification, advertisement, and engagement processes.
  - c. Compile the necessary mapping and documentation to support the review.

- d. Conduct all required final notification to stakeholders.
- e. Complete HUD's 8-step decision making process and flood plain management plan in accordance with Executive Order 11988.
- f. Design checklist formats for the following types of site-specific reviews:
  - i. Categorically Excluded, Not Subject to Part 58
  - ii. Categorically Excluded, Subject to Part 58
  - iii. Environmental Assessment

## **Exhibit 1**

### **Federal Procurement Standards under 2 CFR Part 200 and Appendix II**

**The following clauses shall apply to any Purchase Orders issued under declaration of emergency and/or where federal funds apply.**

#### **ANY/ALL THRESHOLD AMOUNTS**

#### **1. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:**

1.1. During the performance of this contract, the contractor 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 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:**

- 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 AGENCY 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 AGENCY pre-approval.

#### **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 AGENCY financial assistance will be used only to fund the services requested. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR will comply with all applicable federal law, regulations, executive orders, GRANT AGENCY policies, procedures, and directives.

#### **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>.

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

- 13.1. 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.

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

- 14.1. 2 C.F.R. § 200.216 prohibits state and non-state entities from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to procure or obtain, extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain, or enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain, equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as a critical technology as part of any system as identified in Section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (FY 2019 NDAA), Pub. L. No. 115-232 (2018) and 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.216, 200.327, 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.

### **OVER \$10K ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE ABOVE**

### **15. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE AND/OR CONVENIENCE:**



- 15.1. 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.
- 15.2. 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.

**OVER \$25K ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE ABOVE**

**16. SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT**

- 16.1. 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).
- 16.2. 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.
- 16.3. This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by the awarded CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR. If it is later determined that the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to Lee County, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.
- 16.4. 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.

## 17. RECOVERED MATERIALS

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

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

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

### **OVER \$100K/SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE ABOVE**

## 18. REMEDIES

18.1. 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:

- 18.1.1. Withhold or suspend payment of all or any part of a request for payment.
- 18.1.2. 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.
- 18.1.3. Exercise any corrective or remedial actions, to include but not be limited to:
- 18.1.4. Requesting additional information from the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR to determine the reasons for or the extent of non-compliance or lack of performance;
- 18.1.5. Issuing a written warning to advise that more serious measures may be taken if the situation is not corrected;

- 18.1.6. Advising the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR to suspend, discontinue or refrain from incurring costs for any activities in question; or
- 18.1.7. Requiring the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR to reimburse the County for the amount of costs incurred for any items determined to be ineligible.

## **19. OTHER REMEDIES AND RIGHTS:**

- 19.1. Pursuing any of the above remedies will not keep the County from pursuing any other rights or remedies, which may be otherwise available under law or in equity. If the County waives any right or remedy in this Agreement or fails to insist on strict performance by the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR, it will not affect, extend or waive any other right or remedy of the County, or affect the later exercise of the same right or remedy by the County for any other default by the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR.
- 19.2. 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.

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

- 20.1. 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.
- 20.2. 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.

- 20.3. 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.
- 20.4. 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.

## **21. CLEAN AIR ACT**

- 21.1. 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.
- 21.2. The contractor agrees to report each violation to the GRANT AGENCY and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency and understands and agrees that the GRANT AGENCY and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the County, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- 21.3. 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 AGENCY.

## **22. FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT**

- 22.1. 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.
- 22.2. The contractor agrees to report each violation to the GRANT AGENCY and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency and understands and agrees that the GRANT AGENCY and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the County, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- 22.3. 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 AGENCY.

### **23. BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT**

- 23.1. 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.

#### **CONSTRUCTION ONLY, if Applicable**

### **24. DAVIS-BACON ACT**

- 24.1. Minimum wages
  - i. All laborers and mechanics employed or working upon the site of the Work (or under the United States Housing Act of 1937 or under the Housing Act of 1949 in the construction or development of the project), will be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except such payroll deductions as are permitted by regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act (29 C.F.R. part 3)), the full amount of wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalents thereof) due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the CONTRACTOR and such laborers and mechanics. Contributions made or

costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under section 1(b)(2) of the Davis - Bacon Act on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions of paragraph (1)(iv) of this section; also, regular contributions made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less often than quarterly) under plans, funds, or programs which cover the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period. Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill, except as provided in 29 C.F.R. Part 5.5(a)(4). Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein; provided, that the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination (including any additional classifications and wage rates conformed under paragraph (a)(ii) of this section) and the Davis-Bacon poster (WH-1321) shall be Posted at all times by the CONTRACTOR and its sub- CONTRACTORS at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen by the workers.

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A. The Contracting Officer shall require that any class of laborers or mechanics, including helpers, which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the Contract shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. The Contracting Officer shall approve an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits therefore only when the following criteria have been met:

1. Except with respect to helpers as defined as 29 C.F.R. 5.2(n)(4), the work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination; and
2. The classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry; and
3. The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination; and
4. With respect to helpers as defined in 29 C.F.R. 5.2(n) (4), such a classification prevails in the area in which the work is performed.

- B. If the CONTRACTOR and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and the Contracting Officer agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action taken shall be sent by the Contracting Officer to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise the Contracting Officer or will notify the Contracting Officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.
- C. In the event the CONTRACTOR, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the classification or their representatives, and the Contracting Officer do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), the Contracting Officer shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of the Contracting Officer, to the Administrator for determination. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination within 30 days of receipt and so advise the Contracting Officer or will notify the Contracting Officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.
- D. The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to paragraphs (a) (ii) (B) or (C) of this section, shall be paid to all workers performing Work in the classification under the Contract from the first day on which Work is performed in the classification.

24.2. Withholding - LCBOCC 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 the CONTRACTOR under the Contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime CONTRACTOR, or any other federally- assisted contract subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements, which is held by the same prime CONTRACTOR, so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics, including apprentices, trainees, and helpers, employed by the CONTRACTOR or any sub-CONTRACTOR the full amount of wages required by the Contract. In the event of failure to pay any laborer or mechanic, including any apprentice, trainee, or helper, employed or working on the site of the Work (or under the United States Housing Act of 1937 or under the Housing Act of 1949 in the construction or development of the project), all or part of the wages required by the Contract, LCBOCC may, after written notice to the CONTRACTOR, sponsor, applicant, or owner, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds until such violations have ceased.

### 24.3. Payrolls and basic records

- i. Payrolls and basic records relating thereto shall be maintained by the CONTRACTOR during the course of the Work and preserved for a period of three years thereafter for all laborers and mechanics working at the site of the Work (or under the United States Housing Act of 1937, or under the Housing Act of 1949, in the construction or development of the project). Such records shall contain the name, address, and social security number of each such worker, his or her correct classification, hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof of the types described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act), daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made and actual wages paid. Whenever the Secretary of Labor has found under 29 C.F.R. 5.5(a)(1)(iv) that the wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act, the CONTRACTOR shall maintain records which show that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is financially responsible, and that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and records which show the costs anticipated or the actual cost incurred in providing such benefits. CONTRACTORS employing apprentices or trainees under approved programs shall maintain written evidence of the registration of apprenticeship programs and certification of trainee programs, the registration of the apprentices and trainees, and the ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs.
- ii.
  - A. The CONTRACTOR shall submit weekly for each week in which any Contract Work is performed a copy of all payrolls to LCBOCC for transmission to the Federal Transit Administration. The payrolls submitted shall set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under section 5.5(a)(3)(i) of Regulations, 29 C.F.R. part 5. This information may be submitted in any form desired. Optional Form WH-347 is available for this purpose and may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents (Federal Stock Number 029-005-00014-1), U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. The prime CONTRACTOR is responsible for the submission of copies of payrolls by all sub- CONTRACTORS.
  - B. Each payroll submitted shall be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance," signed by the CONTRACTOR or sub- CONTRACTOR or his or her agent who pays or supervises the payment of the persons employed under the Contract and shall certify the following:
    1. That the payroll for the payroll period contains the information required to be maintained under section 5.5(a)(3)(i) of Regulations, 29 C.F.R. part 5 and that such information is correct and complete;



2. That each laborer or mechanic (including each helper, apprentice, and trainee employed on the Contract during the payroll period has been paid the full weekly wages earned, without rebate, either directly or indirectly, and that no deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the full wages earned, other than permissible deductions as set forth in Regulations, 29 C.F.R. part 3;
  3. That each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the applicable wage rates and fringe benefits or cash equivalents for the classification of Work performed, as specified in the applicable wage determination incorporated into the Contract.
- C. The weekly submission of a properly executed certification set forth on the reverse side of Optional Form WH-347 shall satisfy the requirement for submission of the "Statement of Compliance" required by paragraph (c) (i) (B) of this section.
- D. The falsification of any of the above certifications may subject the CONTRACTOR or sub-CONTRACTOR to civil or criminal prosecution under section 1001 of title 18 and section 231 of title 31 of the United States Code.
- iii. The CONTRACTOR or sub- CONTRACTOR shall make the records required under paragraph (a)(3)(i) of this section available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the Federal Transit Administration or the Department of Labor, and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. If the CONTRACTOR or sub- CONTRACTOR fails to submit the required records or to make them available, the Federal agency may, after written notice to the CONTRACTOR, sponsor, applicant, or owner, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds. Furthermore, failure to submit the required records upon request or to make such records available may be grounds for debarment action pursuant to 29 C.F.R. 5.12.

#### 24.4. Apprentices and trainees

- i. Apprentices. Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the Work they performed when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Bureau, or if a person is employed in his or her first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training or a State Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice. The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeymen on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the CONTRACTOR as to the entire Work force under the registered program.

Any worker listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated above, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of Work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing Work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the Work actually performed. Where a CONTRACTOR is performing construction on a project in a locality other than that in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journeyman's hourly rate) specified in the CONTRACTOR's or sub- CONTRACTOR's registered program shall be observed. Every apprentice must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered program for the apprentice's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeymen hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Apprentices shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship program. If the apprenticeship program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification. If the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor determines that a different practice prevails for the applicable apprentice classification, fringes shall be paid in accordance with that determination. In the event the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Bureau, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the CONTRACTOR will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the Work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

- ii. Trainees - Except as provided in 29 C.F.R. 5.16, trainees will not be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the Work performed unless they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. The ratio of trainees to journeymen on the job site shall not be greater than permitted under the plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration. Every trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the approved program for the trainee's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the trainee program. If the trainee program does not mention fringe benefits, trainees shall be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination unless the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division determines that there is an apprenticeship program associated with the corresponding journeyman wage rate on the wage determination which provides for less than full fringe benefits for apprentices. Any employee listed on the payroll at a trainee rate who is not registered and participating in a training plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of Work actually performed. In addition, any trainee performing Work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for

the Work actually performed. In the event the Employment and Training Administration withdraws approval of a training program, the CONTRACTOR will no longer be permitted to utilize trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the Work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

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

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

24.6. Subcontracts. The CONTRACTOR or sub-CONTRACTOR shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses contained in 29 C.F.R. 5.5(a)(1) through (10) and such other clauses as the Federal Transit Administration may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the sub-CONTRACTORS to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the compliance by any sub-CONTRACTOR or lower tier sub- CONTRACTO with all the Contract clauses in 29 C.F.R. 5.5.

24.7. Contract termination: debarment. A breach of the Contract clauses in 29 C.F.R. 5.5 may be grounds for termination of the Contract, and for debarment as a CONTRACTOR and a sub-CONTRACTOR as provided in 29 C.F.R. 5.12.

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

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

24.10. Certification of eligibility

- i. By entering into the Contract, the CONTRACTOR certifies that neither it (nor he or she) nor any person or firm who has an interest in the CONTRACTOR's

firm is a person or firm ineligible to be awarded Government Contracts by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 C.F.R. 5.12(a)(1).

- ii. No part of the Contract shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible for award of a Government contract by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 C.F.R. 5.12(a)(1).
- iii. The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U.S. Criminal Code, 18 U.S.C. 1001.

## EXHIBIT 2 – Pricing Form



### Lee County, FL

#### Proposal Summary - Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Consulting Services for a Broad-Level Tier 1 Environmental Review

Pricing is required for each item below.

#	Project Scope / Admin Breakdown	Price
1	Review Projects Proposed by Lee Board of County Commissioners for CDBG-DR funding for Tier 1 Environmental reviews in compliance with 24 CFR Part 58.	\$
2	Produce a final Tier Environmental Review File in compliance with 24 CFR Part 58, in print and electronic, to support the completion of the review, file must be audit ready and able to be uploaded in HEROS.	\$
3	Design checklists for various types of site-specific reviews.	\$
4	Administrative Costs	\$
5	Other Costs (Please specify)	\$
	GRAND TOTAL	\$