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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) & RESPONDENT'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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**RFQ TITLE:**  
**DESIGN CRITERIA PROFESSIONAL, OWNER'S  
REPRESENTATIVE & CONSULTING ENGINEERING  
SERVICES FOR THE ARBENNIE PRITCHETT WATER  
RECLAMATION FACILITY SOLIDS HANDLING EXPANSION**

**RFQ NUMBER: WS 74-20**

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<b><u>ISSUE DATE:</u></b>	September 14, 2020
<b><u>LAST DAY FOR QUESTIONS:</u></b>	October 6, 2020 3:00 pm (CST)
<b><u>RFQ OPENING DATE &amp; TIME:</u></b>	October 20, 2020 3:00 pm (CST)

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**NOTE: BIDS RECEIVED AFTER THE BID OPENING DATE & TIME WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

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Okaloosa County, Florida solicits your company to submit a response on the above referenced goods or services. All terms, specifications and conditions set forth in this RFQ are incorporated into your response. A response will not be accepted unless all conditions have been met. All responses must have an authorized signature in the space provided below. All responses must be sealed and received by the Okaloosa County Purchasing Office by the "RFQ Opening Date & Time" referenced above. The official clock for the purpose of receiving bids is located at the Okaloosa County Purchasing Office located at 5479A Old Bethel Rd., Crestview, FL 32536. All envelopes containing sealed bids must reference the "RFQ Title", "RFQ Number" and the "RFQ Opening Date & Time". Okaloosa County is not responsible for lost or late delivery of bids by the U.S. Postal Service or other delivery services used by the respondent. Neither faxed nor electronically submitted bids will be accepted. Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the bid opening unless otherwise specified.

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**RESPONDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND RETURNED AS PART OF YOUR BID. BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THIS FORM, SIGNED BY AN AUTHORIZED AGENT OF THE RESPONDENT.**

COMPANY NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
FEDERAL EMPLOYER'S IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (FEIN): \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EXT: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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I CERTIFY THAT THIS SUBMITTAL IS MADE WITHOUT PRIOR UNDERSTANDING, AGREEMENT, OR CONNECTION WITH ANY OTHER RESPONDENT SUBMITTING FOR THE SAME MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES, AND IS IN ALL RESPECTS FAIR AND WITHOUT COLLUSION OR FRAUD. I AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS SOLICITATION AND CERTIFY THAT I AM AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THESE DOCUMENTS FOR THE RESPONDENT.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ TYPED: \_\_\_\_\_  
OR PRINTED NAME

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESIGN CRITERIA PROFESSIONAL, OWNER’S REPRESENTATIVE & CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE ARBENNIE PRITCHETT WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY SOLIDS HANDLING EXPANSION**

Pursuant to section 287.055, Florida Statutes, and County policy, the Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) requests qualifications from professional engineering firms for a proposed solids handling expansion to the Arbennie Pritchett Water Reclamation Facility (APWRF) to provide the following services, but not limited to:

Serve as the Design Criteria Professional; serve as the Owner’s Representative in procuring, overseeing, and coordinating with a design-build (D/B) contractor; prepare the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the D/B contractor, as well as the Request for Proposal (RFP) and the Design Criteria Package (performance specifications and preliminary engineering); evaluate Statement of Qualifications and bids; perform engineer’s cost estimates; permitting; engineering services during construction; resident observation; coordinate complete system startup; construction administration; perform any miscellaneous engineering and technical service required in support of the project and specifically requested by the County. Services of the consultant shall be under the general direction of the County Department Director initiating the work or his/her designee, who shall act as the County’s representative during the performance of the scope of services.

Agencies desiring consideration should provide an original and one (1) thumb drive of their RFQ submittal with the agency’s areas of expertise identified. Submissions should be portrait orientation, unbound, and 8 ½” x 11” where practical. Guidelines detailing form and content requirements for the statement of qualifications are available by contacting Okaloosa County Purchasing Department, 5479A Old Bethel Road, Crestview, FL 32536, 850-689-5960, or download them from the following websites:

<http://www.myokaloosa.com/purchasing/home>

<https://www.bidnetdirect.com/florida>

[https://www.demandstar.com/supplier/bids/agency\\_inc/bid\\_list.asp?f=search&mi=2442519](https://www.demandstar.com/supplier/bids/agency_inc/bid_list.asp?f=search&mi=2442519)

Submittals must be delivered to the Okaloosa County Purchasing Department at the address below no later than **October 20, 2020 @ 3:00 PM** to be considered. **NOTE: Crestview, FL is not a next day guaranteed delivery location by most delivery services.** Proposers using mail or delivery services assume all risks of late or non-delivery.

All submittals must be in sealed envelopes reflecting on the outside thereof **“Request for Qualifications for a Design Criteria Professional, Owner’s Representative & Consulting Engineering Services for the APWRF Solids Handling Expansion.”** Failure to mark outside of envelope as set forth herein shall result in the submittal not being considered.

The County reserves the right to award to the firm submitting qualifications with a resulting negotiated agreement that is most advantageous and in the best interest of Okaloosa County, and to waive any irregularity or technicality. Okaloosa County shall be the sole judge of the submittal and the resulting negotiating agreement that is in its best interest and its decision will be final.

**All submittals should be addressed as follows:**

Okaloosa County Purchasing Department  
RE: Okaloosa County Water & Sewer’s RFQ WS 74-20  
5479A Old Bethel Road  
Crestview, FL 32536

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Jeff Hyde, Purchasing Manager

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OKALOOSA COUNTY, FL  
Robert A. “Trey” Goodwin III, Chairman

**GUIDELINES FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ):  
DESIGN CRITERIA PROFESSIONAL, OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE & CONSULTING  
ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE ARBENNIE PRITCHETT WATER RECLAMATION  
FACILITY SOLIDS HANDLING EXPANSION**

The purpose of this RFQ is to provide interested consultants with guidelines and information to enhance their RFQ submission.

It is the intent of Okaloosa County, on behalf of its Water & Sewer Department (OCWS), to contract with one (1) professional engineering firm that would serve as both the Design Criteria Professional (DCP) and the Owner's Representative, and perform consulting engineering services to assist in the development and implementation of a solids handling expansion at OCWS' Arbennie Pritchett Water Reclamation Facility (APWRF). It is the intent of Okaloosa County to utilize the Design/Build (D/B) Method for the proposed expansion.

The role of the DCP will be in accordance with FS 287.055 for the D/B of a proposed solids handling expansion to the APWRF. The current APWRF is further described as: *An existing 15.0 MGD annual average daily flow (AADF) permitted capacity, activated sludge, 4-stage biological nutrient removal (BNR) oxygen ditch system activated sludge water reclamation facility (WRF). Treatment facilities include pretreatment with mechanical and manual bar screens, grit removal, odor control and a septage receiving station; biological treatment with bioreactors (oxidation ditches each with anoxic zones, second anoxic zone, and a re-aeration zone), secondary clarifiers, ultraviolet disinfection units and effluent pumping station; biosolids treatment with thickening, aerobic digestion and dewatering. Pretreatment facilities include two 25 MGD mechanical and one 25 MGD manual bar screens, two 37.5 MGD grit chambers and an odor control system; biological treatment includes three bioreactor oxidation ditches, three circular clarifiers, a three-channel ultraviolet disinfection unit with three banks of lamps per channel and an effluent pumping station; two asphalt lined reclaimed water holding ponds with combined capacity of 35 MG for reject storage. The effluent disposal includes a 10.0 MGD AADF rapid infiltration basin system (RIBS) and a 6.0 MGD AADF Part III reclaimed water system. The facility produces Class B biosolids and treatment includes thickening, aerobic digestion, dewatering, and land application. Facilities include a rotary drum thickener with a polymer addition system, two concentric aerobic digester tanks that can be used in parallel or series, and a dewatering centrifuge. The biosolids treatment facility does receive biosolids from the Jerry D. Mitchem WRF and the Russell Stephenson WRF for further treatment, management, use, land application, and disposal.*

To provide additional background, the original APWRF was constructed as a 10.0 MGD facility and went online in 2009. The permitted treatment capacity was increased to 15.0 MGD via an expansion that was completed in 2019. This expansion primarily included a third oxidation ditch, third clarifier, and a septage/FOG (fats, oils, and grease) receiving station; however, this project did not include expansion of the solids handling facilities (digesters, rotary drum thickener, and centrifuge), which are a single point of failure. As the loading of the plant has increased significantly from 2009 to present, increased capacity is needed for the solids handling facilities, as well as redundancy. **The APWRF Solids Handling Expansion project consists of an additional digester, rotary drum thickener, centrifuge, and supporting infrastructure.**

The role of the Owner's Representative will be to assist the Owner, in the overall development and management of the proposed solids handling expansion to the APWRF. Professional engineering services include but are not limited to: procuring, overseeing, and coordinating with a D/B contractor; prepare the RFQ for the D/B contractor, as well as the Request for Proposal (RFP) and the Design Criteria Package (performance specifications and preliminary engineering); evaluate Statement of Qualifications and bids; perform engineer's cost estimates; permitting; engineering services during construction; resident observation; coordinate complete system startup; construction administration; perform any miscellaneous engineering and technical service required in support of the project and specifically requested by the County. Services of the consultant shall be under the general

direction of the County Department Director initiating the work or his/her designee, who shall act as the County's representative during the performance of the scope of services.

It is expected that the consultant's contract will be negotiated either as lump sum and/or as fixed hourly costs for all positions required to complete any of the professional services listed above. These negotiations will conform to the Florida Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA) Chapter 287.057, Florida Statutes and County policy. The County's standard form of consulting agreement is attached and will be utilized.

The overall term of this professional engineering services contract will be for three (3) years and will be automatically renewed for additional one-year periods until final completion of the construction project. **It is expected that the Owner's Representative will oversee and manage the design and process, to have a contract executed with a D/B contractor within 12 months of the professional engineering services contract commencing.**

An original and one (1) thumb drive of the RFQ submittal will be required with all copies having been signed by a company official with the power to bind the company in its contract. All must be completely responsive to the RFQ guidelines for consideration.

The content of the RFQ of the successful firms will become a basis for contractual negotiations.

The selected consultant shall be required to assume responsibility for all services offered in their RFQ. The selected consultant will be the sole point of contact concerning contractual matters including payments of any charges resulting from the contract.

Payment schedule and basis for payment will be negotiated, but will be based upon documented work completed.

**Submittals** to be submitted in the format described below:

1. **Letter of Interest:** including information on location of the firm's office that will be the lead office for this contract.
2. **Past Accomplishments:** How well did the submittal demonstrate a past record of professional accomplishments related to water reclamation facility projects? (20pts)
3. **Firm's Qualifications:** Does the firm demonstrate a sound reputation and high level of competence? Are adequate personnel available with appropriate education and training? What is the extent of repeat business? (15pts)
4. **Performance Assurance:** Firm demonstrates a history and willingness to meet schedule and budget requirements; cites past water and sewer examples. What is the performance record of cost estimates versus actual costs? (15pts)
5. **Responsiveness to Proposal:** Did the submittal comply with the requirements of the request? Were the specified protocols followed? Is the proposal clear and does it indicate an understanding of the services requested? (15pts)
6. **Proposed Project Team:** Proposal provides adequate information regarding the qualifications and responsibilities of the assigned personnel. Clearly identify staff and their role that was assigned to any of the projects listed above that was used to demonstrate the Qualifications of the Firm. If the

lead office or County point of contact is outside of 150 miles the RFQ should address the firm's plan to provide responsiveness to the County needs. (10pts)

7. **Regulatory Experience:** Submittal demonstrates a history of wastewater permitting with FDEP. (10 pts)
8. **References:** Feedback from references, representative of past experience in the State of Florida similar to the services described herein. (5pts)
9. **Additional Information & Comments** – The contents under this heading are to be left to the discretion of the consultant. Material must be pertinent to the RFQ but not be otherwise requested in the Request for Qualifications.

**Evaluation/Selection of Submittals** – The submittals will be reviewed by the County's Review Committee. Submittals should be responsive to the items identified in this RFQ and contain no more than 35 pages. The 35 page maximum includes all required forms and certification copies, but excludes the cover and table of contents. The Committee will select those firms deemed to be most responsive and hear presentations by those firms, if necessary.

The Committee will evaluate all submittals received and:

1. Prepare an alphabetical listing of those proposers determined to be interested and available. Evaluate the submittals meeting minimum submission criteria based upon qualifications and conduct discussions with those firms deemed to be the most highly qualified to provide the services required. Selection as best qualified will be based on the following considerations:
  - a. Responsiveness of the submittals clearly stating an understanding of the work to be performed for the County.
  - b. Experience with projects similar in size and scope to those herein proposed. Cite past project examples, specifically the performance record of cost estimates versus actual costs. Include information on the firm's reputation and competence, including technical education and training, experience in projects outlined in the RFQ, availability of adequate personnel, equipment and facilities, and the extent of repeat business of the firm.
  - c. Present your intended schedule for the project from start to construction completion.
  - d. Financial responsibility and solvency.
  - e. Ability to observe and advise whether plans and specifications are being complied with.
  - f. Past record of professional accomplishments related to the area(s) of work the firm is proposing to perform.
  - g. Qualifications and responsibilities of personnel to be assigned to the program.
  - h. Extent of experience and past performance when working with FDEP in the capacity as an agent attempting to obtain permits.
  - i. Experience with programs similar in size and scope to those herein proposed.

2. Review of all submittals received will proceed as follows:
  - a. The Committee will review the Responses received unless determined to be non-responsive or non-responsible. The Committee will rank each Response based on the scoring criteria provided below which demonstrate firm's capabilities, ability, and adequacy of personnel, past record, recent experience, current workload, and the overall adherence to the RFQ. At the sole discretion of the Procurement Selection Committee, oral presentations may be requested.
  - b. The scoring criteria for selection contained above in this RFQ, shall be the basis of selection. No fewer than three (3) firms will be short-listed by the Committee for discussion and possibly public presentations. The Selection Committee shall have the option to request additional information resulting from such presentations.
  - c. The committee may request oral presentations and/or hold discussions from the consultants after establishing the recommended priority or short list, if necessary.
  - d. As it relates to the shortlisting on no fewer than three (3) firms, the Selection Committee shall rank the firms in order of preference of the firms deemed to be most qualified to perform the required services pursuant to the scoring criteria.
3. Presentation of the rankings, selections, agreements and proposed contracts will be made to the Selection Committee in accordance with the Purchasing Department's policy related to the acquisition of services.
4. After ranking and shortlisting the firms, the County shall negotiate a contract with the most qualified firm for professional services at compensation which the County determines as fair, competitive, and reasonable. In making such determination, the County shall conduct a detailed analysis of the cost of the professional services required in addition to considering their scope and complexity. Should the County be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the most qualified at a price the County determines to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with the firm will be formally terminated in writing. The County shall then undertake negotiations with the second most qualified firm. Failing accord with the second most qualified firm, the County must terminate negotiations in writing. The County shall then undertake negotiations with the third most qualified firm. Should the County be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with any of the selected firms, the County may select additional firms, that properly submitted responses to this RFQ in the order of their competency and qualifications and continue negotiations in accordance with the requirements of the County's Purchasing Manual and 287.055, Fla. Stat.
5. Final approval of any Firm and contract shall be made by the Board of County Commissioners.
6. At such time when an approval is granted by the Okaloosa County Board of Commissioners notification will be provided to each firm in accordance with the County's Purchasing Department policy and 287.055, Fla. Stat..'
7. Direct one-on-one contact with the Committee members, County Commissioners or County Administrator is prohibited (1 exception: if the contact pertains to a specific existing Contract/Task Order) when the qualifications are submitted to the County. Any questions during this period should be directed to the Purchasing Manager or their appointed representative. Selection will be on the basis of professional qualifications and experience.

## RFP TIME SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY	DATE (subject to change)
Advertise (30 days)	September 14, 2020
Questions from potential proposers due	October 6, 2020
Issue Addendum (if necessary)	October 8, 2020
Proposal Response Due	October 20, 2020 @ 3:00 P.M. CDT
Review Committee Meeting	Week of November 2, 2020
Short List Announcement	November 6, 2020
Oral Presentation/Demonstration with Responses*if needed	Week of November 16, 2020
Intent to Award	November 20, 2020
Board Approval by	December 15, 2020

## **GENERAL SERVICES INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

REVISED: 08/01/2018

### **CONTRACTORS INSURANCE**

1. The Contractor shall not commence any work in connection with this Agreement until he has obtained all required insurance and such insurance has been approved by the Okaloosa County Risk Manager or designee.
2. All insurance policies shall be with insurers authorized to do business in the State of Florida.
3. All insurance shall include the interest of all entities named and their respective officials, employees & volunteers of each and all other interests as may be reasonably required by Okaloosa County. The coverage afforded the Additional Insured under this policy shall be primary insurance. If the Additional Insured have other insurance that is applicable to the loss, such other insurance shall be on an excess or contingent basis. The amount of the company's liability under this policy shall not be reduced by the existence of such other insurance.
4. Where applicable, the County shall be shown as an Additional Insured with a Waiver of Subrogation on the Certificate of Insurance.
5. The County shall retain the right to reject all insurance policies that do not meet the requirement of this Agreement. Further, the County reserves the right to change these insurance requirements with 60-day notice to the Contractor.
6. The County reserves the right at any time to require the Contractor to provide copies (redacted if necessary) of any insurance policies to document the insurance coverage specified in this Agreement.
7. The designation of Contractor shall include any associated or subsidiary company which is involved and is a part of the contract and such, if any associated or subsidiary company involved in the project must be named in the Workers' Compensation coverage.
8. Any exclusions or provisions in the insurance maintained by the Contractor that excludes coverage for work contemplated in this agreement shall be deemed unacceptable and shall be considered breach of contract.

### **WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE**

1. The Contractor shall secure and maintain during the life of this Agreement Workers' Compensation insurance for all of his employees employed for the project or any site connected with the work, including supervision, administration or management, of this project and in case any work is sublet, with the approval of the County, the Contractor shall require the Subcontractor similarly to provide Workers' Compensation insurance for all employees employed at the site of the project, and such evidence of insurance shall be furnished to the County not less than ten (10) days prior to the commencement of any and all sub-contractual Agreements which have been approved by the County.
2. Contractor must be in compliance with all applicable State and Federal workers' compensation laws,



including the U.S. Longshore Harbor Workers' Act or Jones Act, if applicable.

3. No class of employee, including the Contractor himself, shall be excluded from the Workers' Compensation insurance coverage. The Workers' Compensation insurance shall also include Employer's Liability coverage.

### **BUSINESS AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY**

Coverage must be afforded for all Owned, Hired, Scheduled, and Non-Owned vehicles for Bodily Injury and Property Damage. If the contractor does not own vehicles, the contractor shall maintain coverage for Hired & Non-Owned Auto Liability, which may be satisfied by way of endorsement to the Commercial General Liability policy or separate Business Auto Policy. Contractor must maintain this insurance coverage throughout the life of this Agreement.

### **COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE**

1. The Contractor shall carry other Commercial General Liability insurance against all other Bodily Injury, Property Damage and Personal and Advertising Injury exposures.
2. All liability insurance (other than Professional Liability) shall be written on an occurrence basis and shall not be written on a claims-made basis. If the insurance is issued with an aggregate limit of liability, the aggregate limit of liability shall apply only to the locations included in this Agreement. If, as the result of any claims or other reasons, the available limits of insurance reduce to less than those stated in the Limits of Liability, the Contractor shall notify the County representative in writing. The Contractor shall purchase additional liability insurance to maintain the requirements established in this Agreement. Umbrella or Excess Liability insurance can be purchased to meet the Limits of Liability specified in this Agreement.
3. Commercial General Liability coverage shall include the following:
  - 1.) Premises & Operations Liability
  - 2.) Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability
  - 3.) Independent Contractors Liability
  - 4.) Contractual Liability
  - 5.) Products and Completed Operations Liability
4. Contractor shall agree to keep in continuous force Commercial General Liability coverage for the length of the contract.

### **PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY and/or ERRORS AND OMISSIONS LIABILITY**

Coverage must be afforded for Wrongful Acts. Contractor must keep insurance in force until the third anniversary of expiration of this agreement or the third anniversary of acceptance of work by the County.

### **INSURANCE LIMITS OF LIABILITY**

The insurance required shall be written for not less than the following, or greater if required by law and shall include Employer's liability with limits as prescribed in this contract:

1. Worker's Compensation **LIMIT**

1.)	State	Statutory
2.)	Employer's Liability	\$500,000 each accident
2.	Business Automobile	\$1,000,000 each accident (A combined single limit)
3.	Commercial General Liability	\$1,000,000 each occurrence for Bodily Injury & Property Damage \$1M each occurrence Products and completed operations
4.	Personal and Advertising Injury	\$1,000,000 each occurrence
5.	Professional Liability (E&O)	\$1,000,000 each claim

### **NOTICE OF CLAIMS OR LITIGATION**

The Contractor agrees to report any incident or claim that results from performance of this Agreement. The County representative shall receive written notice in the form of a detailed written report describing the incident or claim within ten (10) days of the Contractor's knowledge. In the event such incident or claim involves injury and/or property damage to a third party, verbal notification shall be given the same day the Contractor becomes aware of the incident or claim followed by a written detailed report within ten (10) days of verbal notification.

### **INDEMNIFICATION & HOLD HARMLESS**

Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officers and employees from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs including but not limited to reasonable attorney fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or wrongful conduct of the Contractor and other persons employed or utilized by the Contractor in the performance of this contract.

**Note: For Contractor's convenience, this certification form is enclosed and is made a part of the bid package.**

### **CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE**

- A. Certificates of insurance indicating the job site and evidencing all required coverage must be submitted not less than 10 days prior to the commencement of any of the work. The certificate holder(s) shall be as follows: Okaloosa County, 5479A Old Bethel Road, Crestview, Florida, 32536.
- B. The contractor shall provide a Certificate of Insurance to the County with a thirty (30) day notice of cancellation; ten (10 days' notice if cancellation is for nonpayment of premium).
- C. In the event that the insurer is unable to accommodate the cancellation notice requirement, it shall be the responsibility of the contractor to provide the proper notice. Such notification shall be in writing by registered mail, return receipt requested, and addressed to the Okaloosa County Purchasing Department at 5479-A Old Bethel Road, Crestview, FL 32536.
- D. In the event the contract term goes beyond the expiration date of the insurance policy, the contractor shall provide the County with an updated Certificate of insurance no later than ten (10) days prior to the

expiration of the insurance currently in effect. The County reserves the right to suspend the contract until this requirement is met.

- E. The certificate shall indicate if coverage is provided under a claims-made or occurrence form. If any coverage is provided on a claims-made form, the certificate will show a retroactive date, which should be the same date of the initial contract or prior.
- F. All certificates shall be subject to Okaloosa County's approval of adequacy of protection and the satisfactory character of the Insurer.
- G. All deductibles or SIRs, whether approved by Okaloosa County or not, shall be the Contractor's full responsibility. In particular, the Contractor shall afford full coverage as specified herein to entities listed as Additional Insured.
- H. In no way will the entities listed as Additional Insured be responsible for, pay for, be damaged by, or limited to coverage required by this schedule due to the existence of a deductible or SIR.

## **GENERAL TERMS**

Any type of insurance or increase of limits of liability not described above which, the Contractor required for its own protection or on account of statute shall be its own responsibility and at its own expense.

Any exclusions or provisions in the insurance maintained by the contractor that excludes coverage for work contemplated in this contract shall be deemed unacceptable and shall be considered breach of contract.

The carrying of the insurance described shall in no way be interpreted as relieving the Contractor of any responsibility under this contract.

Should the Contractor engage a subcontractor or sub-subcontractor, the same conditions will apply under this Agreement to each subcontractor and sub-subcontractor.

The Contractor hereby waives all rights of subrogation against Okaloosa County and its consultants and other indemnities of the Contractor under all the foregoing policies of insurance.

## **UMBRELLA INSURANCE**

The Contractor shall have the right to meet the liability insurance requirements with the purchase of an umbrella insurance policy. In all instances, the combination of primary and umbrella liability coverage must equal or exceed the minimum liability insurance limits stated in this Agreement.

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

### **1. PRE-QUALIFICATION ACTIVITY -**

**Addendum** - Except as provided in this section, respondents are prohibited from contacting or lobbying the County, County Administrator, Commissioners, County staff, and Review Committee members, or any other person authorized on behalf of the County related or involved with the solicitation. All inquiries on the scope of work, specifications, additional requirements, attachments, terms and general conditions or instructions, or any issue must be directed in writing, by US mail or email to:

Okaloosa County Purchasing Department  
5479A Old Bethel Road  
Crestview, FL 32536  
Email: [dmason@myokaloosa.com](mailto:dmason@myokaloosa.com)  
(850) 689-5960

All questions or inquiries must be received no later than the last day for questions (reference RFQ & Respondent's Acknowledgement form). Any addenda or other modification to the bid documents will be issued by the County five (5) days prior to the date and time of bid closing, as a written addenda distributed to all prospective respondents by posting to the Florida Online Bid System (Florida Purchasing Group), the Okaloosa County Web Site and Demand Star at the following websites:

<http://www.myokaloosa.com/purchasing/home>  
<https://www.bidnetdirect.com/florida>  
[https://www.demandstar.com/supplier/bids/agency\\_inc/bid\\_list.asp?f=search&mi=2442519](https://www.demandstar.com/supplier/bids/agency_inc/bid_list.asp?f=search&mi=2442519)

Such written addenda or modification shall be part of the RFQ documents and shall be binding upon each respondent. Each respondent is required to acknowledge receipt of any and all addenda in writing and submit with their documents. No respondent may rely upon any verbal modification or interpretation.

- 2. PREPARATION OF QUALIFICATIONS** – Qualifications which contain any omissions, erasures, alterations, additions, irregularities of any kind, or items not called for which shall in any manner fail to conform to the conditions of public notice requesting qualifications may be rejected.
- A. Qualifications submitted by a corporation shall be executed in the corporate name by the president or a vice president or other corporate officer who has legal authority to sign.
  - B. Qualifications submitted by a partnership shall be executed in the partnership name and signed by a partner (whose title must appear under the signature). The official address of the partnership shall be shown below the signature.
  - C. Qualifications submitted by a limited liability company shall be executed in the name of the firm by a member and accompanied by evidence of authority to sign. The state of formation of the firm and the official address of the firm must be shown below the signature.
  - D. Qualifications submitted by an individual shall show the respondent's name and official address.

- E. Qualifications submitted by a joint venture shall be executed by each joint venture in the manner indicated in the Request for Qualification. The official address of the joint venture must be shown below the signature.
- F. All signatures shall be in blue ink. All names should be typed or printed below the signature.
- G. The submittal shall contain an acknowledgement of receipt of all Addenda, the numbers of which shall be filled in on the form. The address and telephone # for communications regarding the submittal shall be shown.
- H. If the respondent is an out-of-state corporation, the submittal shall contain evidence of respondent's authority and qualification to do business as an out-of-state corporation in the State of Florida.

**3. INTEGRITY OF QUALIFICATIONS DOCUMENTS** - Respondents shall use the original qualification documents provided by the Purchasing Department and enter information only in the spaces where a response is requested. Respondents may use an attachment as an addendum to the qualification documents if sufficient space is not available. Any modifications or alterations to the original solicitation documents by the respondent, whether intentional or otherwise, will constitute grounds for rejection of submittal. Any such modifications or alterations that a respondent wishes to propose must be clearly stated in the respondent's response and the form of an addendum to the original documents.

**4. SUBMITTAL OF QUALIFICATIONS** – Qualifications shall be submitted no later than the date and time prescribed and at the place indicated in the advertisement or request for qualifications and shall be enclosed in an opaque sealed envelope plainly marked with the project title (and, if applicable, the designated portion of the project for which the qualifications are being submitted for), the name and address of the respondent, and shall be accompanied by the other required documents.

**Note: Crestview is not a next day delivery site for overnight carriers.**

**5. MODIFICATION & WITHDRAWAL OF SUBMITTAL** – Qualifications may be modified or withdrawn by an appropriate document duly executed in the manner that a submittal must be executed and delivered to the place where documents are to be submitted prior to the date and time for the opening of the solicitation.

If within 24 hours after qualifications are opened any respondent files a duly signed written notice with the County and promptly thereafter demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of the County that there was a material substantial mistake in the preparation of its submittal, that respondent may withdraw its submittal, and the respondent's security will be returned. Thereafter, if the work is a re-qualification, that respondent will be disqualified from 1) further purposing on the work, and 2) doing any work on the contract, either as a subcontractor or in any other capacity.

**Note: Crestview, Florida is “not a next day guaranteed delivery location” by delivery services.**

**6. QUALIFICATIONS DOCUMENTS TO REMAIN SUBJECT TO ACCEPTANCE** – All qualifications documents will remain subject to acceptance or rejection for ninety (90) calendar days after the day of the opening, but the County may, in its sole discretion, release any submittal and return the respondent's security prior to the end of this period.

7. **CONDITIONAL & INCOMPLETE QUALIFICATIONS** - Okaloosa County specifically reserves the right to reject any conditional submittal and qualifications which make it impossible to determine the true quality of services to be provided by respondent.
8. **ADDITION/DELETION OF ITEM** – The County reserves the right to add or delete any item from this qualification or resulting contract when deemed to be in the County’s best interest.
9. **APPLICABLE LAWS & REGULATIONS** – All applicable Federal and State laws, County and municipal ordinances, orders, rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over the project shall apply to the qualifications throughout, and they will be deemed to be included in the contract the same as though they were written in full therein.
10. **DISQUALIFICATION OF RESPONDENTS** - Any of the following reasons may be considered as sufficient for the disqualification of a respondent and the rejection of its qualifications:
  - a. Submission of more than one qualification for the same work from an individual, firm or corporation under the same or different name.
  - b. Evidence that the respondent has a financial interest in the firm of another proposer for the same work.
  - c. Evidence of collusion among respondents. Participants in such collusion will receive no recognition as respondents for any future work of the County until such participant has been reinstated as a qualified respondent.
  - d. Uncompleted work which in the judgment of the County might hinder or prevent the prompt completion of additional work if awarded.
  - e. Failure to pay or satisfactorily settle all bills due for labor and material on former contracts in force at the time of advertisement of qualifications.
  - f. Default under previous contract.
  - g. Listing of the respondent by any Local, State or Federal Government on its barred/suspended vendor list.

## **11. AWARD OF CONTRACT-**

**Okaloosa County Review** - Okaloosa County designated selection committee will review all qualifications and will participate in the Recommendation to Award.

The County will award the contract to the most qualified respondent, and the County reserves the right to award the contract to the respondent submitting the most responsive submittal with a resulting negotiated agreement which is most advantageous and in the best interest of the County, and to reject any and all qualifications or to waive any irregularity or technicality in qualifications received. Okaloosa County shall be the sole judge of the qualifications and the resulting negotiated agreement that is in its best interest and its decision shall be final.

Okaloosa County reserves the right to waive any informalities or reject any and all qualifications, in whole or part, to utilize any applicable state contracts in lieu of or in addition to this RFQ and to accept the submittal that in its judgment will best serve the interest of the County.

Okaloosa County specifically reserves the right to reject any conditional qualifications and bids which make it impossible to determine the true quality of services to be provided by respondent.

- 12. PAYMENTS** – The respondent shall be paid upon submission of invoices and approval of acceptance by Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners, Finance Office, 302 N. Wilson St., #203, Crestview FL 32536, for the prices stipulated herein for articles delivered and accepted. Invoices must show Contract #.
- 13. DISCRIMINATION** - An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit qualifications for a contract to provide goods or services to a public entity, may not submit qualifications on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit qualifications on leases of real property to a public entity, may not award or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity.
- 14. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME INFORMATION** - Pursuant to Florida Statute 287.133, a respondent may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in s. [287.017](#) for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months following the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.
- 15. CONFLICT OF INTEREST** - The award hereunder is subject to the provisions of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes. All respondents must disclose with their qualifications the name of any officer, director, or agent who is also a public officer or an employee of the Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners, or any of its agencies. Furthermore, all respondents must disclose the name of any County officer or employee who owns, directly or indirectly, an interest of five percent (5%) or more in the firm or any of its branches.
- 16. REORGANIZATION OR BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS** – Qualifications will not be considered from respondents who are currently involved in official financial reorganization or bankruptcy proceedings.
- 17. INVESTIGATION OF RESPONDENT** – The County may make such investigations, as it deems necessary to determine the stability of the respondent to perform the work and that there is no conflict of interest as it relates to the project. The respondent shall furnish any additional information and financial data for this purpose as the County may request.
- 18. REVIEW OF PROCUREMENT DOCUMENTS** - Per Florida Statute 119.071 (1)(b) 2 sealed bids, proposals, or replies received by an the County pursuant to a competitive solicitation are exempt from public disclosure until such time as the agency provides notice of an intended decision or until 30 days after opening the bids, proposals, or final replies, whichever is earlier.
- 19. COMPLIANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTE 119.0701** - The Respondent shall comply with all the provisions of section 119.0701, Florida Statutes relating to the public records which requires, among other things, that the Respondent: (a) Keep and maintain public records; (b) Provide the public with access to public records on the same terms and conditions that the public agency would provide the

records; (c) 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 (d) Meet all requirements for retaining public records and transfer, at no cost, to the public agency all public records in possession of the respondent upon termination of the contract.

**20. PROTECTION OF RESIDENT WORKERS** – The Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners actively supports the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) which includes provisions addressing employment eligibility, employment verifications, and nondiscrimination. Under the INA, employers may hire only persons who may legally work in the United States (i.e., citizens and nationals of the U.S.) and aliens authorized to work in the U.S. The employer must verify the identity and employment eligibility of anyone to be hired, which includes completing the Employment Eligibility Verifications. The respondent shall establish appropriate procedures and controls so no services or products under the Contract Documents will be performed or manufactured by any worker who is not legally eligible to perform such services or employment. Okaloosa County reserves the right to request documentation showing compliance with the requirements.

Respondents doing construction business with Okaloosa County are required to use the Federal Government Department of Homeland Security's website and use the E-Verify Employment Eligibility Verifications System to confirm eligibility of all employees to work in the United States.

**21. SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE** - The County may, at any time, without cause, order Respondent in writing to suspend, delay or interrupt the work in whole or in part for such period of time as the County may determine, or to terminate all or a portion of the Contract for the County's convenience. Upon such termination, the Contract Price earned to the date of termination shall be paid to Respondent, but Respondent waives any claim for damages, including loss of profits arising out of or related to the early termination. Those Contract provisions which by their nature survive final acceptance shall remain in full force and effect. If the County orders a suspension, the Contract price and Contract time may be adjusted for increases in the cost and time caused by suspension, delay or interruption. No adjustment shall be made to the extent that performance is, was or would have been so suspended, delayed or interrupted by reason for which Respondent is responsible; or that an equitable adjustment is made or denied under another provision of this Contract.

**22. FAILURE OF PERFORMANCE/DELIVERY** - In case of default by the respondent, the County after due notice (oral or written) may procure the necessary supplies or services from other sources and hold the respondent responsible for difference in cost incurred. Continuous instances of default shall result in cancellation of the contract and removal of the respondent from the vendor list for duration of one (1) year, at the option of County.

**23. AUDIT** - If requested, respondent shall permit the County or an authorized, independent audit agency to inspect all data and records of respondent relating to its performance and its subcontracts under this contract from the date of the contract through three (3) years after the expiration of contract.

**24. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY; NON DISCRIMINATION** – Respondent will not discriminate against any employee or an applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, familial status or handicap.

**25. NON-COLLUSION** – Respondent certifies that it has entered into no agreement to commit a fraudulent, deceitful, unlawful or wrongful act, or any act which may result in an unfair advantage over other respondents. See Florida Statute 838.22.



**26. UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS/PATRIOT'S ACT** – The knowing employment by respondent or its subcontractors of any alien not authorized to work by the immigration laws is prohibited and shall be a default of the contract. In the event that the respondent is notified or becomes aware of such default, the respondent shall take steps as are necessary to terminate said employment with 24 hours of notification or actual knowledge that an alien is being employed. Respondent's failure to take such steps as are necessary to terminate the employment of any said alien within 24 hours of notification or actual knowledge that an alien is being employed shall be grounds for immediate termination of the contract. Respondent shall take all commercially reasonable precautions to ensure that it and its subcontractors do not employ persons who are not authorized to work by the immigration laws.

**27. INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS** - The CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless the COUNTY, its officers and employees from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs including but not limited to reasonable attorney fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentional wrongful conduct of the Contractor and other persons employed or utilized by the Contractor in the performance of this contract.

**Note:** For proposer's convenience, this certification form is enclosed and is made a part of the proposal package.

**28. IDENTICAL TIE PROPOSAL** - In cases of identical procurement responses, the award shall be determined either by lot or on the basis of factors deemed to serve the best interest of the County. In the case of the latter, there must be adequate documentation to support such a decision.

**29. CONE OF SILENCE CLAUSE**– The Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners has established a solicitation silence policy (Cone of Silence Clause) that prohibits oral and written communication regarding all formal solicitations for goods and services (formal bids, Request for Proposals, Requests for Qualifications) issued by the Board through the County Purchasing Department. The period commences from the date of advertisement until award of contract.

**30. CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING FOR STATE OF FLORIDA** – Florida Statute 607.1501 requires that all vendors who wish to do business in the State of Florida be licensed to do business through the Department of State of Florida and be in good standing with the State of Florida. As such, to do business with Okaloosa County a vendor must provide a Certificate of Good Standing with their bid/proposal package to the County. For more information on doing business in the State of Florida, please refer to the Florida Department of State. The website to register is <https://dos.myflorida.com/sunbiz>.

**1. The following documents shall be submitted with the bid packet. Failure to provide required forms may result in contractor disqualification.**

- A. Drug-Free Workplace Certification Form
- B. Conflict of Interest
- C. Federal E-Verify
- D. Cone of Silence Form
- E. Indemnification and Hold Harmless
- F. Addendum Acknowledgement
- G. Company Data
- H. System of Awards Management
- I. List of References
- J. Prohibition to Lobbying
- K. Governmental Debarment & Suspension
- L. Vendors on Scrutinized Companies List
- M. Exhibit "B" General Grant Funding Special Proposal Conditions
- N. Exhibit "C" Standard Contract Clauses-(no signature needed)
- O. Certificate of Good Standing for State of Florida-see number 30

## DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION

THE BELOW SIGNED PROPOSER CERTIFIES that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program. In order to have a drug-free workplace program, a business shall:

1. Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
2. Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
3. Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under quote a copy of the statement specified in subsection 1.
4. In the statement specified in subsection 1, notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under quote, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to any violation of Chapter 893 or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.
5. Impose a sanction on, or require the satisfactory participation in, drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in employee's community, by any employee who is convicted.
6. Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of this section.

As the person authorized to sign this statement, I certify that this firm complies fully with the above requirements.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

(Typed or Printed)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

## CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE FORM

For purposes of determining any possible conflict of interest, all bidders/proposers, must disclose if any Okaloosa Board of County Commissioner, employee(s), elected officials(s), of if any of its agencies is also an owner, corporate officer, agency, employee, etc., of their business.

Indicate either "yes" (a county employee, elected official, or agency is also associated with your business), or "no". If yes, give person(s) name(s) and position(s) with your business.

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME(S)**

**POSITION(S)**

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FIRM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BY (PRINTED): \_\_\_\_\_

BY (SIGNATURE): \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**FEDERAL E-VERIFY COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION**

In accordance with Okaloosa County Policy and Executive Order Number 11-116 from the office of the Governor of the State of Florida, Proposer hereby certifies that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system will be used to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the contractor during the contract term, and shall expressly require any subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to the contract 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 subcontractor during the contract term; and shall provide documentation of such verification to the COUNTY upon request.

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As the person authorized to sign this statement, I certify that this company complies/will comply fully with the above requirements.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Typed or Printed)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONE OF SILENCE**

The Board of County Commissioners have established a solicitation silence policy (**Cone of Silence**) that prohibits oral and written communication regarding all formal solicitations for goods and services (ITB, RFP, ITQ, ITN, and RFQ) or other competitive solicitation between the bidder (or its agents or representatives) or other entity with the potential for a financial interest in the award (or their respective agents or representatives) regarding such competitive solicitation, and any County Commissioner or County employee, selection committee member or other persons authorized to act on behalf of the Board including the County’s Architect, Engineer or their sub-consultants, or anyone designated to provide a recommendation to award a particular contract, other than the Purchasing Department Staff..

The period commences from the time of advertisement until contract award.

Any information thought to affect the committee or staff recommendation submitted after bids are due, should be directed to the Purchasing Manager or an appointed representative. It shall be the Purchasing Manager’s decision whether to consider this information in the decision process.

**Any violation of this policy shall be grounds to disqualify the respondent from consideration during the selection process.**

All respondents must agree to comply with this policy by signing the following statement and including it with their submittal.

I \_\_\_\_\_ representing \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature** **Company Name**

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, hereby agree to abide by the County’s “**Cone of Silence Clause**” and understand that violation of this policy shall result in disqualification of my proposal/submittal.

## INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS

CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless COUNTY, its officers and employees from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs including but not limited to reasonable attorney fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentional wrongful conduct of the CONTRACTOR and other persons employed or utilized by the CONTRACTOR in the performance of this Agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Proposer's Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature – Manual

\_\_\_\_\_  
Physical Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature – Typed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
FAX Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cellular Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
After-Hours Number(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE





**COMPANY DATA**

Respondent's Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address & Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person (Typed-Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal ID or SS #: \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent's License #: \_\_\_\_\_

DUNS#: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency #'s After Hours,  
Weekends & Holidays: \_\_\_\_\_

## SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (OCT 2016)

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision.

“Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) indicator” means a four-character suffix to the unique entity identifier. The suffix is assigned at the discretion of the commercial, nonprofit, or Government entity to establish additional System for Award Management records for identifying alternative EFT accounts (see [subpart 32.11](#)) for the same entity.

“Registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) database” means that.

(1) The Offeror has entered all mandatory information, including the unique entity identifier and the EFT indicator, if applicable, the Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code, as well as data required by the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (see [subpart 4.14](#)) into the SAM database;

(2) The offeror has completed the Core, Assertions, and Representations and Certifications, and Points of Contact sections of the registration in the SAM database;

(3) The Government has validated all mandatory data fields, to include validation of the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The offeror will be required to provide consent for TIN validation to the Government as a part of the SAM registration process; and

(4) The Government has marked the record “Active”.

“Unique entity identifier” means a number or other identifier used to identify a specific commercial, nonprofit, or Government entity. See [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) for the designated entity for establishing unique entity identifiers.

(b)(1) By submission of an offer, the offeror acknowledges the requirement that a prospective awardee shall be registered in the SAM database prior to award, during performance, and through final payment of any contract, basic agreement, basic ordering agreement, or blanket purchasing agreement resulting from this solicitation.

(2) The Offeror shall enter, in the block with its name and address on the cover page of its offer, the annotation “Unique Entity Identifier” followed by the unique entity identifier that identifies the Offeror’s name and address exactly as stated in the offer. The Offeror also shall enter its EFT indicator, if applicable. The unique entity identifier will be used by the Contracting Officer to verify that the Offeror is registered in the SAM database.

(c) If the Offeror does not have a unique entity identifier, it should contact the entity designated at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) for establishment of the unique entity identifier directly to obtain one. The Offeror should be prepared to provide the following information:

(1) Company legal business name.

(2) Tradestyle, doing business, or other name by which your entity is commonly recognized.

(3) Company Physical Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code.

(4) Company Mailing Address, City, State and Zip Code (if separate from physical).

(5) Company telephone number.

(6) Date the company was started.

(7) Number of employees at your location.

(8) Chief executive officer/key manager.

(9) Line of business (industry).

(10) Company Headquarters name and address (reporting relationship within your entity).

(d) If the Offeror does not become registered in the SAM database in the time prescribed by the Contracting Officer, the Contracting Officer will proceed to award to the next otherwise successful registered Offeror.

(e) Processing time, which normally takes 48 hours, should be taken into consideration when registering. Offerors who are not registered should consider applying for registration immediately upon receipt of this solicitation.

(f) Offerors may obtain information on registration at <https://www.acquisition.gov> .

Offerors SAM information:

Entity Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Duns Number: \_\_\_\_\_

CAGE Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**LIST OF REFERENCES**

1. Owner's Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Contract Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Owner's Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contract Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Owner's Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Contract Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Owner's Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Contract Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Owner's Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Contract Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**LOBBYING - 31 U.S.C. 1352, 49 CFR Part 19, 49 CFR Part 20**

APPENDIX A, 49 CFR PART 20--CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements  
(To be submitted with each bid or offer exceeding \$100,000)

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

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an 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.

2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for making lobbying contacts to an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form--LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions [as amended by "Government wide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying," 61 Fed. Reg. 1413 (1/19/96). Note: Language in paragraph (2) herein has been modified in accordance with Section 10 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-65, to be codified at 2 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.* )]

3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31, U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995). 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.

[Note: Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 1352(c)(1)-(2)(A), any person who makes a prohibited expenditure or fails to file or amend a required certification or disclosure form shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such expenditure or failure.]

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_ Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

**SWORN STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 287.133 (3) (a),  
FLORIDA STATUTES, ON PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES**

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC OR OTHER OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS.

1. This sworn statement is submitted for \_\_\_\_\_

2. This sworn statement is submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

Whose business address is: \_\_\_\_\_

and (if applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is.

(If entity has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the individual signing this sworn statement: \_\_\_\_\_

3. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and my relationship to the entity named above is \_\_\_\_\_

4. I understand that a “public entity crime” as defined in Section 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 of the United States, including, but not limited to, any bid or contract for goods or services to be provided to any public entity or an agency or political subdivision of any other state or of the United States and involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.

5. I understand that “convicted” or “conviction” as defined in Section 287.133 (1) (b), Florida Statutes, means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a public entity crime, with or without 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, non-jury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.

6. I understand that an “affiliate” as defined in Section 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 officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of an 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 for fair market value under an arm’s length agreement, shall be a prima 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.

7. I understand that a “person” as defined in Section 287.133(1) (e), 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 into 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 an entity.

8. Based on information and belief, that statement which I have marked below is true in relation to the entity submitting this sworn statement. [Please indicate which statement applies.]

\_\_\_\_ Neither the entity submitting this sworn statement, nor one or more of the officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in the management of the entity, nor any affiliate of the entity, has been charged with and convicted of public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

\_\_\_\_ There has been a proceeding concerning the conviction before a hearing officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings. The final order entered by the hearing officer did not place the person or affiliate on the convicted vendor list. [Please attach a copy of the Final Order.]

\_\_\_\_ The person or affiliate was placed on the convicted vendor list. There has been a subsequent proceeding before a hearing officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings. The final order entered by the hearing officer determined that it was in the public interest to remove the person or affiliate from the convicted vendor list. [Please attach a copy of the Final Order.]

\_\_\_\_ The person or affiliate has not been placed on the convicted vendor list. [Please describe any action taken by or pending with the Department of General Services.]

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, who after first being sworn by me, affixed his/her signature in the space provided above on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year \_\_\_\_\_.

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print, Type, or Stamp of Notary Public

Personally known to me, or Produced Identification:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Type of ID

## Government Debarment & Suspension

### Instructions

1. By signing and submitting this form, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out in accordance with these instructions.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person(s) to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Orders 12549, at Subpart C of OMB 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and 3000.332. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this form that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this form that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management (SAM) database.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph (5) of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.



**Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension,  
Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion  
Lower Tier Covered Transactions**

The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552(a), as amended). This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Orders 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and OMB 2 C.F.R. Part 180, Participants' responsibilities. The regulations were amended and published on August 31, 2005, in 70 Fed. Reg. 51865-51880.

**[READ INSTRUCTIONS ON PREVIOUS PAGE BEFORE COMPLETING  
CERTIFICATION]**

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, 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 or State department or agency;
  
2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal

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Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## VENDORS ON SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES LISTS

By executing this Certificate \_\_\_\_\_, the bid proposer, certifies that it is not: (1) listed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to section 215.4725, Florida Statutes, (2) engaged in a boycott of Israel, (3) listed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to section 215.473, Florida Statutes, or (4) engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria. Pursuant to section 287.135(5), Florida Statutes, the County may disqualify the bid proper immediately or immediately terminate any agreement entered into for cause if the bid proposer is found to have submitted a false certification as to the above or if the Contractor is placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, is engaged in a boycott of Israel, 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, or has been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, during the term of the Agreement. If the County determines that the bid proposer has submitted a false certification, the County will provide written notice to the bid proposer. Unless the bid proposer demonstrates in writing, within 90 calendar days of receipt of the notice, that the County's determination of false certification was made in error, the County shall bring a civil action against the bid proposer. If the County's determination is upheld, a civil penalty shall apply, and the bid proposer will be ineligible to bid on any Agreement with a Florida agency or local governmental entity for three years after the date of County's determination of false certification by bid proposer.

As the person authorized to sign this statement, I certify that this firm complies fully with the above requirements.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

(Typed or Printed)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT B**  
**GENERAL GRANT FUNDING SPECIAL PROPOSAL CONDITIONS**

Respondents shall comply with the clauses as enumerated below, if applicable.

1. **Drug Free Workplace Requirements:** Drug-free workplace requirements in accordance with Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Pub 1 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D) All contractors entering into Federal funded contracts over \$100,000 must comply with Federal Drug Free workplace requirements as Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988.
2. **Contractor Compliance:** The contractor shall comply with all uniform administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements for federal awards.
3. **Conflict of Interest:** The contractor must disclose in writing any potential conflict of interest to the County or pass-through entity in accordance with applicable Federal policy.
4. **Mandatory Disclosures:** The contractor must disclose in writing all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award.
5. **Utilization of Small and Minority Businesses, Women's Business Enterprises and Labor Surplus Area Firms:** The contractor must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that small, minority, and women-owned businesses are utilized when possible, in accordance with 2CFR 200.321. If subcontracts are to be let, prime contractor will require compliance of this provision by all sub-contractors. Prior to contract award, the contractor shall document efforts to assure that such businesses are solicited when there are potential sources; that the contractor made an effort to divide total requirement, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by such businesses; and, that the contractor has established delivery schedules, where permitted, to encourage such businesses respond. Contractor and sub-contractor shall utilize service and assistance from such organizations as SBA, Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce, the Florida Department of Management Services (Office of Supplier Diversity), the Florida Department of Transportation, Minority Business Development Center, and Local Government M/DBE programs, available in many large counties and cities. Documentation, including what firms were solicited as suppliers and/or sub-contractors, as applicable, shall be included with the bid proposal.
6. **Equal Employment Opportunity:** (As per Executive Order 11246) The contractor may not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, color, creed, sex, disability or national origin. The contractor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their age, race, color, creed, sex, disability or national origin. Such action shall include but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training including apprenticeship.
7. **Davis-Bacon Act: (Construction Contracts in excess of \$2,000):** The contractor agrees to comply with all provisions of the Davis Bacon Act as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). Contractors are required to pay wages at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week, submit certified payroll documents to the County, and allow the County or its designee to interview employees regarding wage determinations.

8. **Copeland Anti Kick Back Act**: If applicable to this contract, contractors shall comply with all the requirements of 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, 29 CFR Part 3 which are incorporated by reference to this contract. Contractors are prohibited from inducing by any means any person employed in the construction, completion or repair of public work to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled.
9. **Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act** (40 U.S.C. 3701–3708): Where applicable, all contracts awarded in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must be in compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor is required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.
10. **Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q.)** and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251–1387): as amended—The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251–1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
11. **Debarment and Suspension** (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689): A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), “Debarment and Suspension. SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549. The contractor shall certify compliance. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions and subcontracts.
12. **Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment** (31 U.S.C. 1352): Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must 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 must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award. The contractor shall certify compliance.
13. **Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement**: Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners, and the Federal Funding Agency, where applicable, shall hold sole rights to all inventions for any experimental, developmental, or research work performed by the Contractor and funded with Government funds through this contract.

14. **Procurement of Recovered Materials:** Contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.
15. **Access to Records and Reports:**  
Contractor will make available to the County's granting agency, the granting agency's Office of Inspector General, the Government Accountability Office, the Comptroller General of the United States, Okaloosa County, Okaloosa County Clerk of Court's Inspector General, or any of their duly authorized representatives any books, documents, papers or other records, including electronic records, of the contractor that are pertinent to the County's grant award, in order to make audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcripts, and copies of such documents. The right also includes timely and reasonable access to the contractor's personnel during normal business hours for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. This right of access shall continue as long as records are retained.
16. **Record Retention:**  
Contractor will retain of all required records pertinent to this contract for a period of three years, beginning on the date of final payment of contract, unless otherwise specified herein.
17. **Federal Changes:** Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal agency regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of the contract.
18. **Termination for Default (Breach or Cause):**  
Contracts in excess of \$10,000 – If Contractor does not deliver supplies in accordance with the contract delivery schedule, or, if the contract is for services, the Contractor fails to perform in the manner called for in the contract, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of the contract, the County may terminate the contract for default. Termination shall be effected by serving a notice of termination on the contractor setting forth the manner in which the Contractor is in default. The contractor will only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the contract.
19. **Safeguarding Personal Identifiable Information**  
Contractor will take reasonable measures to safeguard protected personally identifiable information and other information designated as sensitive by the awarding agency or is considered sensitive consistent with applicable Federal, state and/or local laws regarding privacy and obligations of confidentiality.
20. **Prohibition on utilization of cost plus a percentage of cost contracts:** The County will not award contracts containing Federal funding on a cost plus percentage of cost basis.
21. **Prohibition on utilization of time and material type contracts:** The County will not award contracts based on a time and material basis if the contract contains Federal funding.
22. **Disputes:** Any dispute arising under this Agreement which is not settled by agreement of the parties may be settled by mediation, or other appropriate legal proceedings. Pending any decision, appeal or judgment in such proceedings or the settlement of any dispute arising under this Agreement, shall proceed diligently with the performance of this Agreement in accordance with the decision of the County. This Agreement shall be construed under the laws of the State of Florida, and venue for any actions arising out of this Agreement shall be in the Circuit Court of Okaloosa County.
23. **Energy Policy and Conservation Act (43 U.S.C.§6201)**

Contracts shall comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency, stating in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation act. (Pub. L. 94-163, 89 Stat. 871) [53 FR 8078, 8087, Mar. 11, 1988, as amended at 60 FR 19639, 19645, Apr. 19, 1995].

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As the person authorized to sign this statement, I certify that this company complies/will comply fully with the above requirements.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Standard Contract Clauses

### Exhibit “C”

#### Title VI Clauses for Compliance with Nondiscrimination Requirements

##### Compliance with Nondiscrimination Requirements

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the “contractor”) agrees as follows:

**Compliance with Regulations:** The contractor (hereinafter includes consultants) will comply with the Title VI List of Pertinent Nondiscrimination Acts And Authorities, as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.

**Non-discrimination:** The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Nondiscrimination Acts and Authorities, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR part 21.

**Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment:** In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding, or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by the contractor of the contractor’s obligations under this contract and the Nondiscrimination Acts And Authorities on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.

**Information and Reports:** The contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the sponsor or the Federal Aviation Administration to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Nondiscrimination Acts And Authorities and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish the information, the contractor will so certify to the sponsor or the Federal Aviation Administration, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

**Sanctions for Noncompliance:** In the event of a contractor’s noncompliance with the Non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the sponsor will impose such contract sanctions as it or the Federal Aviation Administration may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

- a. Withholding payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies; and/or
- b. Cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract, in whole or in part.

**Incorporation of Provisions:** The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs one through six in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor will take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the sponsor or the Federal Aviation Administration may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor, or supplier because of such direction, the contractor may request the sponsor to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the sponsor. In addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

## **Title VI List of Pertinent Nondiscrimination Acts and Authorities**

### **Title VI List of Pertinent Nondiscrimination Acts and Authorities**

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the “contractor”) agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin);

49 CFR part 21 (Non-discrimination In Federally-Assisted Programs of The Department of Transportation—Effectuation of Title VI of The Civil Rights Act of 1964);

The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.*), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR part 27;

The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);

Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 USC § 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms “programs or activities” to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);

Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131 – 12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 CFR parts 37 and 38;

The Federal Aviation Administration’s Non-discrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);

Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures non-discrimination against minority populations by



discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;

Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq).

### **FEDERAL FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT (FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE)**

All contracts and subcontracts that result from this solicitation incorporate by reference the provisions of 29 CFR part 201, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), with the same force and effect as if given in full text. The FLSA sets minimum wage, overtime pay, recordkeeping, and child labor standards for full and part time workers.

The *consultant* has full responsibility to monitor compliance to the referenced statute or regulation. The *consultant* must address any claims or disputes that arise from this requirement directly with the U.S. Department of Labor – Wage and Hour Division

### **OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT OF 1970**

All contracts and subcontracts that result from this solicitation incorporate by reference the requirements of 29 CFR Part 1910 with the same force and effect as if given in full text. Contractor must provide a work environment that is free from recognized hazards that may cause death or serious physical harm to the employee. The Contractor retains full responsibility to monitor its compliance and their subcontractor's compliance with the applicable requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (20 CFR Part 1910). Contractor must address any claims or disputes that pertain to a referenced requirement directly with the U.S. Department of Labor – Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

### **E-VERIFY**

Enrollment and verification requirements.

- (1) If the Contractor is not enrolled as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify at time of contract award, the Contractor shall-
  - a. Enroll. Enroll as a Federal Contractor in the E-Verify Program within thirty (30) calendar days of contract award;
  - b. Verify all new employees. Within ninety (90) calendar days of enrollment in the E-Verify program, begin to use E-Verify to initiate verification of employment eligibility of all new hires of the Contractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three (3) business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph (b)(3) of this section); and,

- c. Verify employees assigned to the contract. For each employee assigned to the contract, initiate verification within ninety (90) calendar days after date of enrollment or within thirty (30) calendar days of the employee's assignment to the contract, whichever date is later (but see paragraph (b)(4) of this section.)
- (2) If the Contractor is enrolled as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify at time of contract award, the Contractor shall use E-Verify to initiate verification of employment eligibility of
- a. All new employees.
    - i. Enrolled ninety (90) calendar days or more. The Contractor shall initiate verification of all new hires of the Contractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three (3) business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph (b)(3) of this section); or
    - ii. Employees assigned to the contract. For each employee assigned to the contract, the Contractor shall initiate verification within ninety (90) calendar days after date of contract award or within thirty (30) days after assignment to the contract, whichever date is later (but see paragraph (b)(4) of this section.)
  - b. Enrolled less than ninety (90) calendar days. Within ninety (90) calendar days after enrollment as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify, the Contractor shall initiate verification of all new hires of the contractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three (3) business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph (b)(3) of this section); or
    - ii. Employees assigned to the contract. For each employee assigned to the contract, the Contractor shall initiate verification within ninety (90) calendar days after date of contract award or within thirty (30) days after assignment to the contract, whichever date is later (but see paragraph (b)(4) of this section.)
- (3) If the Contractor is an institution of higher education (as defined at 20 U.S.C. 1001(a)); a State of local government or the government of a Federally recognized Indian tribe, or a surety performing under a takeover agreement entered into with a Federal agency pursuant to a performance bond, the Contractor may choose to verify only employees assigned to the contract, whether existing employees or new hires. The Contractor shall follow the applicable verification requirements of (b)(1) or (b)(2), respectively, except that any requirement for verification of new employees applies only to new employees assigned to the contract.
- (4) Option to verify employment eligibility of all employees. The Contractor may elect to verify all existing employees hired after November 6, 1986 (after November 27, 2009, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands), rather than just those employees assigned to the contract. The Contractor shall initiate verification for each existing employee working in the United States who was hired after November 6, 1986 (after November 27, 2009, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands), within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days of-
- i. Enrollment in the E-Verify program; or
  - ii. Notification to E-Verify Operations of the Contractor's decision to exercise this option, using the contract information provided in the E-Verify program Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

(5) The Contractor shall comply, for the period of performance of this contract, with the requirements of the E-Verify program MOU.

- i. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or the Social Security Administration (SSA) may terminate the Contractor's MOU and deny access to the E-Verify system in accordance with the terms of the MOU. In such case, the Contractor, will be referred to a suspension or debarment official.
- ii. During the period between termination of the MOU and a decision by the suspension or debarment official whether to suspend or debar, the contractor is excused from its obligations under paragraph (b) of this clause. If the suspension or debarment official determines not to suspend or debar the Contractor, then the Contractor must reenroll in E-Verify.
- iii. Web site. Information on registration for and use of the E-Verify program can be obtained via the Internet at the Department of Homeland Security Web site: <http://www.dhs.gov/E-Verify>.

Individuals previously verified. The Contractor is not required by this clause to perform additional employment verification using E-Verify for any employee-

- (a) Whose employment eligibility was previously verified by the Contractor through the E-Verify program;
- (b) Who has been granted and holds an active U.S. Government security clearance for access to confidential, secret, or top secret information in accordance with the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual; or
- (c) Who has undergone a completed background investigation and been issued credentials pursuant to Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-12. Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors.

Subcontracts. The Contractor shall include the requirements of this clause, including this paragraph € (appropriately modified for identification of the parties in each subcontract that-

- (1) Is for-(i) Commercial and noncommercial services (except for commercial services that are part of the purchase of a COTS item (or an item that would be a COTS item, but for minor modifications), performed by the COTS provider, and are normally provided for that COTS item); or  
(ii) Construction;
- (2) Has a value of more than \$3,500; and
- (3) Includes work performed in the United States.

**CONTRACT**  
**AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES (DRAFT)**  
**Design Criteria Professional, Owner's Representative, and Consulting Engineering Services for**  
**the Arbennie Pritchett Water Reclamation Facility Solids Handling Expansion**  
**Between**  
**The Board of County Commissioners of Okaloosa County**  
**And**  
**INSERT CONSULTANT'S NAME**

This Agreement made on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 between *Board of County Commissioners of Okaloosa County* [COUNTY], whose address is *1250 N. Eglin Pkwy, Shalimar, Florida 32579*, and *INSERT CONSULTANT'S NAME* [CONSULTANT], a Florida Corporation *authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida*, having its principal office located at *INSERT CONSULTANT'S ADDRESS*.

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, COUNTY will require the services of a qualified engineering firm to perform certain professional and technical services for the proposed Arbennie Pritchett Water Reclamation Facility Solids Handling Expansion [PROJECT], as determined by the COUNTY; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 287.055, Florida Statutes, the COUNTY has selected CONSULTANT through a competitive selection process; and

**WHEREAS**, the COUNTY, as a recipient of federal assistance, is required to incorporate specific provisions in all contracts, regardless of funding source, with additional provisions being required for federally funded projects. These provisions are hereby incorporated, as stated in Exhibit D attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the CONSULTANT has the expertise, and has thorough knowledge of such services, presented its expertise and knowledge in the statement of qualifications the CONSULTANT submitted to the COUNTY dated October 20, 2020 in response to RFQ #WS 74-20.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises herein, the COUNTY and the CONSULTANT agree as follows:

**SECTION 1. BASIC SERVICES**

**1.1. Recitals.** The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated herein as essential terms of this AGREEMENT. Consultant's proposal submittal to RFQ #WS 68-18 is also made part of this AGREEMENT, attached hereto as Exhibit C and incorporated by reference.

**1.2. Basic Services.** The services to be performed under this AGREEMENT are described in further detail in Exhibit A - Scope of Services, attached to this AGREEMENT, and incorporated by reference. In general, the CONSULTANT agrees to provide the following services:

*Professional services required to complete PROJECT including, but not limited to: serve as the Design Criteria Professional; serve as the Owner's Representative in procuring, overseeing, and coordinating with a design-build (D/B) contractor; prepare the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the D/B contractor, as well as the Request for Proposal (RFP) and the Design Criteria Package (performance specifications and preliminary engineering); evaluate Statement*

*of Qualifications and bids; perform engineer's cost estimates; permitting; engineering services during construction; resident observation; coordinate complete system startup; construction administration; perform any miscellaneous engineering and technical service required in support of the project and specifically request by the County.*

- 1.3. Term of AGREEMENT.** This AGREEMENT will become effective upon full execution of this document by both parties, and will be for a three (3) year period. It will be automatically renewed for additional one (1) year periods until final completion of the construction project.

## **SECTION 2. ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

- 2.1. Written Authorization.** Additional services may be required in carrying out the work. These Additional Services will be undertaken only upon written Amendment to the AGREEMENT and upon written authorization by both parties.

## **SECTION 3. OBLIGATIONS OF THE COUNTY**

- 3.1. The COUNTY's Responsibilities.** It is agreed that certain obligations shall be performed or furnished by the COUNTY. These obligations include:

- 3.1.1.** Designating a representative who shall have authority to transmit instructions, receive information and enunciate the COUNTY's policies and decisions; COUNTY's representative shall be identified in the AGREEMENT. The COUNTY shall have the right, from time to time, to change the Designated Representative under the AGREEMENT, by sending notice at least ten (10) business days prior to the change in writing.
- 3.1.2.** Arranging for and holding promptly any required meetings.
- 3.1.3.** Making available to the CONSULTANT all known existing information which may, in any way, be pertinent to the work herein described. CONSULTANT will reasonably rely upon the accuracy, timeliness, and completeness of the information provided by the COUNTY.
- 3.1.4.** Respond within a reasonable time to the CONSULTANT's requests for written decisions or determinations, pertaining to the work, so as not to delay the services of the CONSULTANT.
- 3.1.5.** Giving prompt written notice to the CONSULTANT whenever the COUNTY becomes aware of any event, occurrence, condition or circumstance which may substantially affect the CONSULTANT's performance of services under this AGREEMENT.

## **SECTION 4. General CONSULTANT Obligations.**

- 4.1.** In addition to the specific scope(s) of service required under Exhibit A, CONSULTANT shall be responsible for the following:
- 4.1.1.** CONSULTANT shall designate in writing a person to act as CONSULTANT's representative with respect to the services to be rendered under this AGREEMENT. Such person shall have complete authority to receive instructions and information from the COUNTY and interpret and define CONSULTANT's policies, specifications, and reports. CONSULTANT shall have the right, from time to time, to change the Designated Representative under the AGREEMENT, by sending notice at least ten (10) business days prior to the change in writing.
- 4.1.2.** CONSULTANT shall retain complete and accurate analytical and financial records of all work performed pursuant to this AGREEMENT for the longer of (1) the period of five years following completion of services; or (2) the minimum period specified by the Florida Department of State. This record retention period may, upon notice to the CONSULTANT by the COUNTY, be automatically extended during the course of any administrative or judicial action involving the COUNTY regarding matters to which the records are relevant.

**4.1.3.** CONSULTANT shall maintain books, records, and documents directly pertinent to the performance under this AGREEMENT in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applies. The United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, the Department of Environmental Protection, the State, Okaloosa County, or their authorized representatives shall have access to such records for audit purposes during the term of this AGREEMENT and for five years following this AGREEMENT's completion.

## **SECTION 5. Contractor Indemnification and Claims.**

- 5.1.** The COUNTY agrees to include within contracts pertaining to construction under this AGREEMENT provisions providing contractor indemnification of the COUNTY and CONSULTANT for other contractor's negligence.
- 5.2.** The COUNTY shall require construction contractor(s) to name the COUNTY and CONSULTANT as additional insureds on the contractor's general liability insurance policy.
- 5.3. Changes.** The COUNTY may make or approve changes within the Scope of Services. If such changes affect CONSULTANT's cost of or time for performance of the Services, an equitable adjustment may be made through an amendment in writing fully executed by both parties to the AGREEMENT.
- 5.4. Indemnification.** CONSULTANT to the fullest extent permitted by law, shall indemnify and hold harmless the COUNTY, its officers and employees for any claims, damages, losses, and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees and litigation costs, arising out of claims by third parties for property damage or bodily injury, including death, to the proportionate extent caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of CONSULTANT, CONSULTANT's employees, affiliated corporations, and subcontractors in connection with Services performed. The Parties further agree that nothing contained herein is intended to nor shall be construed a waiver of the COUNTY rights and immunities under Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

## **SECTION 6. TIME SCHEDULE**

- 6.1. Authorization.** Unless otherwise directed by the COUNTY, in writing, the CONSULTANT shall commence the performance of the Basic Services upon execution of the AGREEMENT by both parties which shall constitute Authorization to Proceed.
- 6.2. Additional Services.** Performance of any of the Additional Services described in Section 2 will commence as described in an executed written amendment to the AGREEMENT by both parties and shall be completed in accordance with a schedule set forth in the authorization.

## **SECTION 7. AMOUNT AND METHOD OF PAYMENT**

- 7.1. Method of Payment.** For services provided under Section 1, Basic Services, and Section 2, Additional Services, payment shall be made in accordance with Exhibit B – Compensation and Hourly Per Diem Rate Schedule, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein. CONSULTANT will submit invoices to the COUNTY covering services completed to date and for those deliverables being completed and submitted. Each invoice will be prepared in CONSULTANT's standard form and supported by documentation according to CONSULTANT's standard practice. CONSULTANT shall submit a progress report with each invoice. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the invoice, the COUNTY shall give detailed, written notice of any sums which it may reasonably dispute or contest. If the parties are unable to resolve the matter within thirty (30) days, only that portion so reasonably contested may be

withheld from payment. Invoices will be numbered sequentially and specify the time period for charges, the work performed, the amount requested for that invoice and a total amount paid to date and budget remaining. The CONSULTANT shall clearly state "Final Invoice" on the CONSULTANT's final/last invoice to the COUNTY. This shall indicate that contracted services have been performed and all charges and costs have been invoiced to the COUNTY. This invoice shall close all future billings and future charges shall be waived by CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT shall deliver to the COUNTY for approval and acceptance, and before being eligible for final payment of any amounts due, all documents and materials required.

**7.2. Payment by the COUNTY.** The COUNTY will process payment to the CONSULTANT within thirty (30) days after receipt of CONSULTANT's invoice.

**7.3. Compensation.** The compensation for the various work tasks associated with this AGREEMENT are defined in Exhibit A - Scope of Services. Payment will be calculated and invoiced as either a percent complete for identified Lump Sum (LS) tasks or rate based Time and Material (T&M) tasks. T&M tasks will be billed based on CONSULTANT's rates, included as Exhibit B - Compensation and Hourly Per Diem Rate Schedule, for the actual time worked on each task. Rates are not subject to change for the term of this AGREEMENT. Reimbursement for Direct Expenses is also included in Exhibit B.

**7.3.1.** Direct Expenses are those necessary costs and charges incurred for the PROJECT and further explained in Exhibit B. CONSULTANT has represented that they are local providers; therefore, in general, travel expenses are not allowed expenses and will not be reimbursed. However, travel expenses may only be approved/reimbursed by the COUNTY for specialized technical support, which would be authorized in advance in the specific work task. Any and all direct expenses requested by the CONSULTANT shall only be eligible for reimbursement when proper documentation is provided with the invoice and payment request form. Fees not expressly provided on the rate schedule are not eligible for payment or reimbursement unless specifically authorized through a subsequent written and fully executed Amendment of this AGREEMENT.

**7.3.2.** Rates to be utilized for the duration of this AGREEMENT are as described in the fee schedule included as Exhibit B. These rates include all allowances for salary, overhead, and fees, but do not include allowances for Direct Expenses, as outlined in Exhibit B.

## **SECTION 8. CHANGES**

**8.1. Written Authorization.** The COUNTY may, at any time, by written fully executed amendment to the AGREEMENT, make changes in the services or work to be performed within the general scope of this AGREEMENT, including alterations, reductions, therein or additions thereto.

**8.2. Equitable Adjustment.** Upon receipt by the CONSULTANT of the COUNTY's notification of a contemplated change, the CONSULTANT shall (1) if requested by the COUNTY, provide an estimate for the increase or decrease in cost due to the contemplated change, (2) notify the COUNTY of any estimated change in the completion date, and (3) advise the COUNTY in writing if the contemplated change shall affect the CONSULTANT's ability to meet the completion dates or schedules. If such changes cause an increase or decrease in the Consultant's cost of, or time required for, performance of any services, an equitable adjustment may be made and the AGREEMENT shall be modified in a fully executed written amendment.

## **SECTION 9. DISPUTES**

**9.1. Dispute Resolution.** If a dispute or complaint [Dispute] arises concerning this AGREEMENT, CONSULTANT and the COUNTY will use their best efforts to negotiate a resolution of the Dispute.

## **SECTION 10. DELAY OR SUSPENSION OF WORK**

- 10.1. Convenience of the COUNTY.** The COUNTY may order the CONSULTANT to suspend, delay, or interrupt all or any part of the CONSULTANT's services for such period of time as the COUNTY may determine to be appropriate for the convenience of the COUNTY.
- 10.2. Adjustment for Delay or Suspension of Work.** If the performance of all or any part of the CONSULTANT's services is suspended, delayed, or interrupted for the convenience of the COUNTY, an appropriate extension of time and compensation shall be made, and the AGREEMENT modified in writing accordingly. In the event CONSULTANT is delayed in performance of Services by any act or neglect of the COUNTY, or anyone for whom the COUNTY is responsible, then CONSULTANT's compensation and the work schedule shall be equitably adjusted in writing. CONSULTANT's work schedule shall be equitably adjusted in writing for delays due to or by Acts of God, strikes, lockouts, accidents, or other events beyond the control of CONSULTANT and the COUNTY. In the event delays are encountered for any reason, the parties agree to undertake reasonable steps to mitigate the effect of such delays.

## **SECTION 11. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT**

- 11.1. Written Notice.** This AGREEMENT may be terminated by the COUNTY, without cause or for convenience, with thirty (30) calendar days' written notice. Furthermore, this AGREEMENT may be terminated with written notice for cause if either party fails substantially to perform through no fault of the other and does not commence correction of such nonperformance within five (5) calendar days of written notice and diligently complete the correction thereafter.
- 11.2. Adjustment for Services Performed.** In the event that this AGREEMENT is terminated by either party, the CONSULTANT shall be compensated for all services satisfactorily performed to the date of termination including reimbursable expenses, then due, and subcontractor termination costs. Such compensation shall be based on the arrangement set forth in the AGREEMENT or subsequent Amendments, unless otherwise agreed.
- 11.3. Termination for non-adherence to Public Records.** This AGREEMENT may be unilaterally canceled by the COUNTY for unlawful refusal by the CONSULTANT to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other material made or received by the CONSULTANT in conjunction with this AGREEMENT and subject to disclosure under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Section 24(a), Art. 1, Florida Constitution.

## **SECTION 12. INSURANCE**

- 12.1. CONSULTANT's Coverage. Prior to** commencing work, the CONSULTANT shall obtain and maintain in effect for the duration of this AGREEMENT at its own cost and expense the following insurance with insurance companies licensed in the State of Florida and shall provide certificates evidencing such insurance, including coverage for contractual liability, to the COUNTY in a form acceptable to the COUNTY.
- 12.2. Additional Insured.** The CONSULTANT's policies or certificates for general and motor vehicle liability insurance shall name the COUNTY as an Additional Insured.
- 12.3. Certificate of Insurance.** All policies or certificates therefore, shall provide that thirty (30) days prior to cancellation or material change in the policies, notice of same shall be given to the COUNTY by certified mail, return receipt requested, for all policies so affected.
- 12.4. Minimum Coverage.** The minimum required coverage is the following:



**12.4.1. Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability.** Worker's Compensation in compliance with the statutory requirements of the State and Employer's Liability in compliance with the statutory requirements of the State.

**12.4.2. General Liability.** Comprehensive general liability insurance covering operations, completed operations, contractual agreements, and independent contractors, each with minimum limits of liability as set forth below, issued to and covering the liability of the CONSULTANT with respect to all work performed by the CONSULTANT under this AGREEMENT.

Bodily Injury, including death:  
\$1,000,000 each person  
\$1,000,000 each accident  
Property Damage: \$500,000 each accident

**12.4.3. Motor Vehicle Liability.** Motor vehicle liability insurance including all owned, hired, or non-owned vehicle equipment for minimum limits of:

Bodily Injury, including death:  
\$1,000,000 each person  
\$1,000,000 each accident  
Property Damage: \$500,000 each accident

**12.4.4. Professional Liability.** Professional liability insurance in an amount of at least \$1,000,000 total limit of liability per claim and aggregate.

## **SECTION 13. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**13.1. Successors.** This AGREEMENT is binding on the successors and assigns of the COUNTY and CONSULTANT. The AGREEMENT may not be assigned by CONSULTANT in whole or in part to any third parties without the written consent of the COUNTY.

**13.2. Independent Contractor.** CONSULTANT represents that it is an independent contractor and is not an employee of the COUNTY and CONSULTANT shall be solely responsible for, at its own expense, withholding of all taxes, social security and insurance payments for its employees or agents. Under no circumstances shall CONSULTANT or any of CONSULTANT's employees look to the COUNTY as his/her employer, or as partner, agent or principal. Neither CONSULTANT nor its employees shall be entitled to any benefits accorded to the COUNTY's employees, including without limitation worker's compensation, disability insurance, vacation or sick pay.

**13.3. Notices.** Written notices may be delivered in person or by certified mail, or by facsimile, or by courier. All notices shall be effective upon the date of receipt by the party. Notices shall be delivered or sent to the designated representative of the other party. All notices required in this AGREEMENT shall be in writing to the Designated Representative listed below:

### **13.3.1. Representatives.**

13.3.1.1. The authorized representatives of the COUNTY shall be:

Name: Jeff Littrell  
Title: Director  
Company: Okaloosa County Water and Sewer  
Department  
Address: 1804 Lewis Turner Boulevard  
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547

Telephone: 850.651.7172  
Facsimile: 850.651.7193  
E-Mail: jlittrell@myokaloosa.com

13.3.1.2. The authorized representative for CONSULTANT shall be:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

13.3.1.3 Courtesy copy to:

Contracts & Lease Coordinator  
Okaloosa County Purchasing Department  
5479A Old Bethel Road  
Crestview, FL 32536  
dmason@myokaloosa.com

An address change may be sent to the other party at least ten (10) business days prior to its effective date.

**13.4. Entire AGREEMENT.** This AGREEMENT, including any Amendments, schedules, attachments and referenced documents, is the entire agreement between the COUNTY and the CONSULTANT. Any prior or contemporaneous agreements, promises, negotiations or representations not expressly stated herein are of no force and effect. Any changes to this AGREEMENT shall be in writing and fully executed by the COUNTY and CONSULTANT. Attachments included and incorporated herein by reference are:

- 13.4.1.** Exhibit A – Scope of Services
- 13.4.2.** Exhibit B – Compensation and Hourly Per Diem Rate Schedule
- 13.4.3.** Exhibit C – CONSULTANT’s proposal submitted to the COUNTY for RFQ #WS 74-20
- 13.4.4.** Exhibit D – Standard Contract Clauses

**13.5. Governing Law & Venue** This AGREEMENT shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida without regard to its principles of conflicts of laws. Venue for any legal proceedings arising out of this AGREEMENT shall be in Okaloosa County, Florida.

**13.6. Compliance with the Law.** CONSULTANT shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local rules and regulations in providing services to the Department under this AGREEMENT. CONSULTANT acknowledges that this requirement includes, but is not limited to, compliance with all applicable federal, state and local health and safety rules and regulations.

**13.7. Waivers and Severability.** Unless otherwise specified in this AGREEMENT, a waiver or breach of any term, condition, or covenant by a party shall not constitute a waiver or breach of any other term, condition or covenant. If any court of competent jurisdiction declares a provision of this AGREEMENT invalid, illegal, or otherwise unenforceable, the remaining

provisions of the AGREEMENT shall remain in full force and effect. Limitations of liability, indemnities, and other express representations shall survive termination of this AGREEMENT for any cause.

### **13.8. Covenants.**

**13.8.1.** The standard of care applicable to CONSULTANT's engineering or related services will be the degree of skill and diligence normally employed by professional engineers or consultants performing the same or similar services at the time said services are performed. CONSULTANT will re-perform any engineering or related services not meeting this standard without additional compensation. CONSULTANT represents that it has or will secure at its own expense all necessary personnel, software, and equipment required to perform the services required by this AGREEMENT, unless modified by an Amendment. Such personnel shall not be employees of, or have a contractual relationship with the COUNTY. CONSULTANT shall be solely responsible for adequate management and supervision of its employees, agents, and its subcontractors, the means, methods and techniques of performing its services and the technical accuracy and adequacy of reports of analysis and other deliverables required under this AGREEMENT.

**13.8.2.** CONSULTANT warrants that it will perform its services in accordance with and comply with applicable Federal, State and local laws, ordinances, and regulations, including but not limited to, applicable provisions of the Federal Clean Air Act, as amended and the Federal Occupational Health and Safety Act, as amended at the time said services are performed.

**13.9. Lower-Tier Subcontracts.** CONSULTANT warrants that it will not subcontract any portion of the services to be performed under this AGREEMENT without the prior written consent of the COUNTY, which consent may be withheld at the COUNTY's sole discretion. CONSULTANT warrants that it will bind all approved, lower-tier subcontractors to the provisions of this AGREEMENT. However, neither this AGREEMENT, nor any lower-tier subcontracts will create any contractual relationship between any lower tier subcontractor and the COUNTY, nor shall the COUNTY have any liability to any lower-tier subcontractor. The CONSULTANT shall be solely responsible for the satisfactory performance of services subcontracted by the CONSULTANT.

**13.10. Unauthorized Employment.** The employment of unauthorized aliens by CONSULTANT and any subcontractors subcontracted by the CONSULTANT is considered a violation of Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. If the CONSULTANT knowingly employs unauthorized aliens, such violation shall be cause for unilateral cancellation of this Agreement.

### **13.11. Confidentiality and Public Records.**

**13.11.1.** CONSULTANT warrants that it will not disclose and will hold confidential all technical data or other information furnished to CONSULTANT by the COUNTY, or reviewed or generated by CONSULTANT, including without limitation, all data reports, opinions, conclusions, or recommendations prepared by CONSULTANT.

**13.11.2.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, CONSULTANT shall not be obligated to maintain confidentiality of any such information if (1) its disclosure is required by applicable law or regulation, including but not limited to, Florida Statutes Chapter 119; (2) its disclosure is ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or other governmental order or directive; (3) the COUNTY consents in writing (4) the information is/or becomes part of the public domain through no fault or negligence of CONSULTANT; or (5) CONSULTANT lawfully possessed the information prior to receipt from the COUNTY, provided however, in the event the CONSULTANT shall be so required to disclose any such information pursuant to (1) or (2)

above, CONSULTANT shall prior to disclosure, give notice to the COUNTY, who shall have the right, at its own expense, to interpose all objections it may have to the disclosure of the information.

- 13.11.3. Public Records.** **IF THE CONSULTANT HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONSULTANT'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT OKALOOSA COUNTY RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT 302 N. WILSON ST., CRESTVIEW, FL 32536. PHONE: (850) 689-5977 [riskinfo@myokaloosa.com](mailto:riskinfo@myokaloosa.com).** CONSULTANT must comply with the public records laws, Florida Statute Chapter 119, specifically CONSULTANT must: (1) Keep and maintain public records required by the COUNTY to perform the service; (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 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 for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the contract if the contractor does not transfer the records to the COUNTY; (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 CONSULTANT transfers all public records to the public agency 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 CONSULTANT keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining the public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the public agency, upon the request from the public agency's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the public agency.
- 13.12. Conflict of Interest.** CONSULTANT warrants that it and its employees do not have, nor shall they acquire any interest, direct or indirect which would constitute a conflict of interest in the performance of the services required under this AGREEMENT. A conflict of interest is defined to be any interest which in the COUNTY's reasonable judgment has the affect or appearance of affecting CONSULTANT's impartial performance of its services.
- 13.13. Third Party Beneficiaries.** It is specifically agreed between the parties executing this AGREEMENT that it is not intended by any of the provisions of any part of the AGREEMENT to create in the public or any member thereof, a third party beneficiary under this AGREEMENT, or to authorize anyone not a party of this AGREEMENT to maintain a suit for personal injuries or property damage pursuant to the terms or provisions of this AGREEMENT.
- 13.14. Order of Precedence.** In the event of conflict between provisions of this AGREEMENT, the conflict or ambiguities shall be resolved by giving precedence as follows: the more specific and detailed provision shall take precedence.
- 13.15. Publicity.** CONSULTANT shall not disclose the COUNTY's name or the nature of its services being provided or engage in any other publicity or public media disclosures with respect to its services to be performed under this AGREEMENT without the prior written consent of the COUNTY.

**13.16. Taxes.** CONSULTANT agrees to pay all sales, use, or other taxes, assessments and other similar charges when due now or in the future, required by any local, state or federal law, as it pertains to this AGREEMENT. CONSULTANT further agrees that it shall protect, reimburse, and indemnify the COUNTY and assume all liability for its tax and assessment obligations under the terms of this AGREEMENT.

**13.17. CONSULTANT's Personnel at Construction Site.**

**13.17.1.** The presence or duties of CONSULTANT's personnel at a construction site, whether as onsite representatives or otherwise, does not make CONSULTANT or CONSULTANT's personnel in any way responsible for those duties that belong to the Client and/or the construction contractors or other entities, and do not relieve the construction contractors or any other entity of their obligations, duties, and responsibilities, including, but not limited to, all construction methods, means, techniques, sequences, and procedures necessary for coordinating and completing all portions of the construction work in accordance with the construction contract documents and any health or safety precautions required by such construction work.

**13.17.2.** CONSULTANT and CONSULTANT's personnel have no authority to exercise any control over any construction contractor or other entity or their employees in connection with their work or any health or safety precautions and have no duty for inspecting, noting, observing, correcting, or reporting on health or safety deficiencies of the construction contractor(s) or other entity or any other persons at the site except CONSULTANT's own personnel.

**13.17.3.** The presence of CONSULTANT's personnel at a construction site is for the purpose of providing to the COUNTY a greater degree of confidence that the completed construction work will conform generally to the construction documents and that the integrity of the design concept as reflected in the construction documents has been implemented and preserved by the construction contractor(s). CONSULTANT neither guarantees the performance of the construction contractor(s) nor assumes responsibility for construction contractor's failure to perform work in accordance with the construction documents.

**SECTION 14. SPECIAL PROVISIONS, EXHIBITS AND SCHEDULE**

**14.1. This AGREEMENT is subject to the following special provisions:**

**14.1.1. Opinions of Cost, Financial Considerations, and Schedules.** In providing opinions of cost, financial analyses, economic feasibility projections, and schedules, CONSULTANT has no control over cost or price of labor and materials; unknown or latent conditions of existing equipment or structures that may affect operation or maintenance costs; competitive bidding procedures and market conditions; time or quality of performance by operating personnel or third parties; and other economic and operational factors that may materially affect the ultimate cost or schedule. Therefore, CONSULTANT makes no warranty that actual costs, financial aspects, economic feasibility, or schedules will not vary from CONSULTANT's opinions, analyses, projections, or estimates. The COUNTY will employ an independent cost estimator, contractor, or other appropriate advisor if the COUNTY requires greater assurance as to any element of cost, feasibility, or schedule.

**14.1.2. Advertisements, Permits, and Access.** Unless otherwise agreed to in Exhibit A – Scope of Services, the COUNTY will obtain, arrange, and pay for all advertisements for bids; permits and licenses required by local, state, or federal

authorities; and land, easements, rights-of-way, and access necessary for CONSULTANT's services or project construction.

- 14.1.3. CONSULTANT's Deliverables.** CONSULTANT's deliverables, including record drawings, are limited to the sealed and signed hard copies. Computer-generated drawing files furnished by CONSULTANT are for the COUNTY's convenience. Any conclusions or information derived or obtained from these files will be at user's sole risk.
- 14.1.4. Legal Assistance.** The Scope of Services in this AGREEMENT does not include costs of CONSULTANT for required or requested assistance to support, prepare, document, bring, defend, or assist in litigation undertaken or defended by the COUNTY. All such services required or requested of CONSULTANT by the COUNTY, except for suits or claims between the parties to this AGREEMENT, or where both are parties to a suit or claim, will be reimbursed to the COUNTY as mutually agreed, and payment for such services will be in accordance with a separate fully executed written Amendment to this AGREEMENT.
- 14.1.5. Audit and Record Keeping.** The COUNTY and/or its designee shall have the right from time to time at its sole expense to audit the compliance by the CONSULTANT with the terms, conditions, obligations, limitations, restrictions and requirements of this AGREEMENT and such right shall extend for a period of five (5) years after termination of this AGREEMENT. The CONSULTANT shall maintain books, records and documents directly pertinent to performance under this Agreement in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied.

## **SECTION 15. AUTHORIZATION FOR EXECUTION**

- 15.1.1 Execution Authority.** This AGREEMENT is a valid and authorized undertaking of the COUNTY and CONSULTANT. The representatives of the COUNTY and CONSULTANT who have signed below have been authorized to do so.

## **SECTION 16. MINORITY/WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**

- 16.1.1.** The Consultant must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible, in accordance with 2CFR 200.321. If subcontracts are to be let, prime Consultant will require compliance by all sub-contractors. Prior to contract award, the Consultant shall document efforts to utilize M/WBE firms including what firms were solicited as suppliers and/or subcontractors as applicable and submit this information with their bid submittal. Information regarding certified M/WBE firms can be obtained from:

Florida Department of Management Services (Office of Supplier Diversity)  
Florida Department of Transportation  
Minority Business Development Center in most large cities and  
Local Government M/DBE programs in many large counties and cities

## **SECTION 17. PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS**

- 17.1.1.** Consultant must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds

\$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

## **SECTION 18. ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY POLICIES**

**18.1.1** The Consultant shall comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency, stating in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act. (Pub. L. 94-163, 89 Stat. 871) [53 FR 8078, 8087, Mar. 11, 1988, as amended at 60 FR 19639, 19645, Apr. 19, 1995].

### **18.1.2. Clean Air Act.**

- a. The Consultant 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.
- b. The Consultant agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the State of Florida, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- c. The Consultant agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance under this Contract.

### **18.1.3. Federal Water Pollution Control Act.**

- a. The Consultant 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.
- b. The Consultant agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the State of Florida, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- c. The Consultant agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance under this Contract.

## **SECTION 19. FEDERAL SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT**

**19.1.1** This Agreement may be covered in part as transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such the Consultant is required to verify that none of the contractor, 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).

- a. The Consultant 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.
- b. This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by the County. If it is later determined that the Consultant 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 the State of Florida and the County, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/ or debarment.

- c. The Consultant 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 Consultant further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

## **SECTION 20. LOBBYING**

**20.1.1** Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment. Consultant 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 non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

## **SECTION 21. COMPLAINTS WITH FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAWS**

- 21.1.1** The Consultant and all its agents shall comply with all federal, state and local regulations, including, but not limited to, nondiscrimination, wages, social security, workers' compensation, licenses, and registration requirements. The Consultant shall include this provision in all subcontracts issued as a result of this Agreement.
- 21.1.2** No person, on the grounds of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, or disability, shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the proceeds or benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in performance of this Agreement.
- 21.1.3.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.
- 21.1.4.** Any dispute concerning performance of this Contract shall be processed as described herein. Jurisdiction for any damages arising under the terms of this Contract will be in the courts of the State of Florida, and venue will be in the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Okaloosa County. Except as otherwise provided by law, the parties agree to be responsible for their own attorney fees incurred in connection with disputes arising under the terms of this Contract.

## **SECTION 22. FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

**22.1.1** The parties agree to comply with the Federal Regulations, including, but not limited to, as set forth in Exhibit D, which is expressly incorporated herein as part of the AGREEMENT.

## **SECTION 23. ENFORCEMENT COSTS**

**23.1.1** If any legal action or other proceeding is brought for the enforcement of this AGREEMENT, or because of an alleged dispute, breach, default or misrepresentation in connection with any provisions of this AGREEMENT, the successful or prevailing party or parties shall be entitled to recover reasonable



attorney's fees, court costs and all expenses (including taxes) even if not taxable as court costs (including, without limitation, all such fees, costs and expenses incident to appeals), incurred in that action or proceeding, in addition to any other relief to which such party or parties may be entitled.

## **SECTION 24. DEBT**

**24.1.1** The CONSULTANT shall not pledge the COUNTY's credit or make it a guarantor of payment or surety for any contract, debt, obligation, judgment, lien or any form of indebtedness. The CONSULTANT further warrants and represents that it has no obligation or indebtedness that would impair its ability to fulfill the terms of this CONTRACT.

## **SECTION 25. PERSONNEL**

**25.1.1** The CONSULTANT is, and shall be, in the performance of all work services and activities under this AGREEMENT, an Independent Contractor, and not an employee, agent, or servant of the COUNTY. All persons engaged in any of the work or services performed pursuant to this AGREEMENT shall at all times, and in all places, be subject to the CONSULTANT's sole direction, supervision, and control. The CONSULTANT shall exercise control over the means and manner in which it and its employees perform the work, and in all respects the CONSULTANT's relationship and the relationship of its employees to the COUNTY shall be that of an Independent Contractor and not as employees or agents of the COUNTY.

**25.1.2** The CONSULTANT represents that it has, or will secure at its own expense, all necessary personnel required to perform the services under this AGREEMENT. Such personnel shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with the COUNTY, nor shall such personnel be entitled to any benefits of the COUNTY including, but not limited to, pension, health and workers' compensation benefits.

**25.1.3** All of the services required hereunder shall be performed by the CONSULTANT or under its supervision, and all personnel engaged in performing the services shall be fully qualified and, if required, authorized or permitted under state and local law to perform such services.

**25.1.4** Any changes or substitutions in the CONSULTANT's key personnel, as may be listed in CONSULTANT's statement of qualifications, must be made known to the COUNTY's Representative and written approval must be granted by the COUNTY's Representative before said change or substitution can become effective, said approval for which shall not unreasonably be withheld.

**25.1.5** The CONSULTANT warrants that all services shall be performed by skilled and competent personnel to professional standards applicable to firms of similar local and national reputation.

**25.1.6** The CONSULTANT warrants that it fully complies with all Federal Executive Orders, statutes and regulations regarding the employment of undocumented workers and others and that all employees performing work under this AGREEMENT meet the citizenship or immigration status requirements set forth in Federal Executive Orders, statutes and regulations. CONSULTANT shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the COUNTY, its officers and employees from and against any sanctions and any other liability which may be assessed against the CONSULTANT in connection with any alleged violation of any Federal statutes or regulations pertaining to the eligibility for employment of any persons performing work hereunder.

**25.1.7** The employees and agents of each party, shall while on the premises of the other party, comply with all rules and regulations of the premises, including, but not limited to, security requirements.

**SECTION 26. TRUTH IN NEGOTIATION REPRESENTATIONS**

**26.1.1** CONSULTANT warrants that CONSULTANT has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for CONSULTANT, to solicit or secure this AGREEMENT and that CONSULTANT has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for CONSULTANT, any fee, commission, percentage, gift or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this AGREEMENT.

**26.1.2** In accordance with provisions of Section 287.055(5)(a), Florida Statutes, the signature of this CONTRACT by the CONSULTANT shall also act as the execution of a truth in negotiation certificate certifying that the wage rates, overhead charges, and other costs used to determine the compensation provided for in this AGREEMENT are accurate, complete and current as of the date of the AGREEMENT and no higher than those charged the CONSULTANT's most favored customer for the same or substantially similar service. Should the COUNTY determine that said rates and costs were significantly increased due to incomplete, noncurrent or inaccurate representation, then said rates and compensation provided for in this AGREEMENT shall be adjusted accordingly.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have made and executed this AGREEMENT as of the day and year shown on first page of this AGREEMENT.

**The COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners of**  
**Okaloosa County**  
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**CONSULTANT**  
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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert A. "Trey" Goodwin III

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Chairman

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
J.D. Peacock II, Clerk

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## Standard Contract Clauses

### Exhibit “D”

#### Title VI Clauses for Compliance with Nondiscrimination Requirements

##### Compliance with Nondiscrimination Requirements

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the “contractor”) agrees as follows:

**Compliance with Regulations:** The contractor (hereinafter includes consultants) will comply with the Title VI List of Pertinent Nondiscrimination Acts And Authorities, as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.

**Non-discrimination:** The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Nondiscrimination Acts and Authorities, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR part 21.

**Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment:** In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding, or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by the contractor of the contractor’s obligations under this contract and the Nondiscrimination Acts And Authorities on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.

**Information and Reports:** The contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the sponsor or the Federal Aviation Administration to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Nondiscrimination Acts And Authorities and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish the information, the contractor will so certify to the sponsor or the Federal Aviation Administration, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

**Sanctions for Noncompliance:** In the event of a contractor’s noncompliance with the Non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the sponsor will impose such contract sanctions as it or the Federal Aviation Administration may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

- c. Withholding payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies; and/or
- d. Cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract, in whole or in part.

**Incorporation of Provisions:** The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs one through six in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor will take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the sponsor or the Federal Aviation Administration may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor, or supplier because of such direction, the contractor may request the sponsor to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the sponsor. In addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

## **Title VI List of Pertinent Nondiscrimination Acts and Authorities**

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During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the “contractor”) agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin);

49 CFR part 21 (Non-discrimination In Federally-Assisted Programs of The Department of Transportation—Effectuation of Title VI of The Civil Rights Act of 1964);

The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.*), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR part 27;

The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);

Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 USC § 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms “programs or activities” to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);

Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131 – 12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 CFR parts 37 and 38;

The Federal Aviation Administration’s Non-discrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);

Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures non-discrimination against minority populations by

discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;

Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq).

### **FEDERAL FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT (FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE)**

All contracts and subcontracts that result from this solicitation incorporate by reference the provisions of 29 CFR part 201, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), with the same force and effect as if given in full text. The FLSA sets minimum wage, overtime pay, recordkeeping, and child labor standards for full and part time workers.

The *consultant* has full responsibility to monitor compliance to the referenced statute or regulation. The *consultant* must address any claims or disputes that arise from this requirement directly with the U.S. Department of Labor – Wage and Hour Division

### **OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT OF 1970**

All contracts and subcontracts that result from this solicitation incorporate by reference the requirements of 29 CFR Part 1910 with the same force and effect as if given in full text. Contractor must provide a work environment that is free from recognized hazards that may cause death or serious physical harm to the employee. The Contractor retains full responsibility to monitor its compliance and their subcontractor's compliance with the applicable requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (20 CFR Part 1910). Contractor must address any claims or disputes that pertain to a referenced requirement directly with the U.S. Department of Labor – Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

### **E-VERIFY**

Enrollment and verification requirements.

- (6) If the Contractor is not enrolled as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify at time of contract award, the Contractor shall-
  - a. Enroll. Enroll as a Federal Contractor in the E-Verify Program within thirty (30) calendar days of contract award;
  - b. Verify all new employees. Within ninety (90) calendar days of enrollment in the E-Verify program, begin to use E-Verify to initiate verification of employment eligibility of all new hires of the Contractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three (3) business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph (b)(3) of this section); and,

- c. Verify employees assigned to the contract. For each employee assigned to the contract, initiate verification within ninety (90) calendar days after date of enrollment or within thirty (30) calendar days of the employee's assignment to the contract, whichever date is later (but see paragraph (b)(4) of this section.)
- (7) If the Contractor is enrolled as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify at time of contract award, the Contractor shall use E-Verify to initiate verification of employment eligibility of
- a. All new employees.
    - i. Enrolled ninety (90) calendar days or more. The Contractor shall initiate verification of all new hires of the Contractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three (3) business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph (b)(3) of this section); or
    - ii. Employees assigned to the contract. For each employee assigned to the contract, the Contractor shall initiate verification within ninety (90) calendar days after date of contract award or within thirty (30) days after assignment to the contract, whichever date is later (but see paragraph (b)(4) of this section.)
  - b. Enrolled less than ninety (90) calendar days. Within ninety (90) calendar days after enrollment as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify, the Contractor shall initiate verification of all new hires of the contractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three (3) business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph (b)(3) of this section); or
    - ii. Employees assigned to the contract. For each employee assigned to the contract, the Contractor shall initiate verification within ninety (90) calendar days after date of contract award or within thirty (30) days after assignment to the contract, whichever date is later (but see paragraph (b)(4) of this section.)
- (8) If the Contractor is an institution of higher education (as defined at 20 U.S.C. 1001(a)); a State of local government or the government of a Federally recognized Indian tribe, or a surety performing under a takeover agreement entered into with a Federal agency pursuant to a performance bond, the Contractor may choose to verify only employees assigned to the contract, whether existing employees or new hires. The Contractor shall follow the applicable verification requirements of (b)(1) or (b)(2), respectively, except that any requirement for verification of new employees applies only to new employees assigned to the contract.
- (9) Option to verify employment eligibility of all employees. The Contractor may elect to verify all existing employees hired after November 6, 1986 (after November 27, 2009, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands), rather than just those employees assigned to the contract. The Contractor shall initiate verification for each existing employee working in the United States who was hired after November 6, 1986 (after November 27, 2009, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands), within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days of-
- i. Enrollment in the E-Verify program; or
  - ii. Notification to E-Verify Operations of the Contractor's decision to exercise this option, using the contract information provided in the E-Verify program Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

(10) The Contractor shall comply, for the period of performance of this contract, with the requirements of the E-Verify program MOU.

- i. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or the Social Security Administration (SSA) may terminate the Contractor's MOU and deny access to the E-Verify system in accordance with the terms of the MOU. In such case, the Contractor, will be referred to a suspension or debarment official.
- ii. During the period between termination of the MOU and a decision by the suspension or debarment official whether to suspend or debar, the contractor is excused from its obligations under paragraph (b) of this clause. If the suspension or debarment official determines not to suspend or debar the Contractor, then the Contractor must reenroll in E-Verify.
- iii. Web site. Information on registration for and use of the E-Verify program can be obtained via the Internet at the Department of Homeland Security Web site: <http://www.dhs.gov/E-Verify>.

Individuals previously verified. The Contractor is not required by this clause to perform additional employment verification using E-Verify for any employee-

- (d) Whose employment eligibility was previously verified by the Contractor through the E-Verify program;
- (e) Who has been granted and holds an active U.S. Government security clearance for access to confidential, secret, or top secret information in accordance with the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual; or
- (f) Who has undergone a completed background investigation and been issued credentials pursuant to Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-12. Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors.

Subcontracts. The Contractor shall include the requirements of this clause, including this paragraph € (appropriately modified for identification of the parties in each subcontract that-

- (4) Is for-(i) Commercial and noncommercial services (except for commercial services that are part of the purchase of a COTS item (or an item that would be a COTS item, but for minor modifications), performed by the COTS provider, and are normally provided for that COTS item); or  
(ii) Construction;
- (5) Has a value of more than \$3,500; and
- (6) Includes work performed in the United States.