

AGREEMENT

TITLE: GENERAL PLANNING CONTRACT

23-0749-RFP

This Agreement (the “agreement” or “contract”) is entered into on the date last executed below (“Effective Date”), by and between Pinellas County, a subdivision of the State of Florida whose primary address is 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida 33756 (“COUNTY”) and Regional Economic Consulting, whose primary address is 3604 W. Swann Avenue, FL 33609 (hereinafter “CONTRACTOR”) (jointly, the “Parties”).

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

A. Documents Comprising Agreement

1. This Agreement, including the Exhibits listed below, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the transactions and services contemplated hereby and supersedes all prior agreements, arrangements, and understandings relating to the subject matter of the Agreement. The documents listed below are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement:
 - a. This Agreement
 - b. Pinellas County Standard Terms & Conditions, located on Pinellas County Purchasing's website, effective 6/14/2023, posted at <https://pinellas.gov/county-standard-terms-conditions/>
 - c. Exhibit C – Assignment of Work
 - d. Exhibit D – Rate Sheet
 - e. Exhibit E – Solicitation – RFP#23-0749-P General Planning Contract - ARPA
 - f. Attachment A - Grant Provisions - ARPA
2. In the case of a conflict, the terms of this document govern, followed by the terms of the attached Exhibits, which control in the order listed above.

B. Term

Duration of the Agreement will be for a period of 60 months with unit prices adjustable at 36 months after the date of award and thereafter annually for the life of the contract, in an amount not to exceed the average of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or 5 %, whichever is less, for all Urban Consumers, Series Id: CUUR0000SA0, Not Seasonally Adjusted, Area: U.S. city average, Item: All items, Base Period: 1982-84=100 for the twelve months prior.

C. Term Extension(s) of Contract

The Agreement may be extended subject to written notice of agreement from the County and successful respondent, for 2 additional 12-month period(s) beyond the primary contract period. Term extensions will allow for price adjustments (Decrease/Increase) in an amount not to exceed the average of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or 5 %, whichever is less, for all Urban Consumers, Series Id: CUUR0000SA0, Not Seasonally Adjusted, Area: U.S. city average, Item: All items, Base Period: 1982-84=100 for the twelve months prior to extension. The extension shall be exercised only if all terms and conditions remain the same and the County Administrator or Director of Purchasing grants approval.

It is the Contractor's responsibility to request any pricing adjustment under this provision. For any adjustment to commence annually, the Contractor's request for adjustment will be submitted between 90-120 days prior to Agreement anniversary date, utilizing the available index at the time of request. The Contractor adjustment request will not be in excess of the relevant pricing index change. If no adjustment request is received from the Contractor, the County will assume the Contractor has agreed to continue without a pricing adjustment. Any adjustment request received outside of the 90–120-day period above will not be considered.

C. Pricing & Expenditures Cap

1. Payment and pricing terms for the initial and renewal terms are subject to the cost or fee schedule in Exhibit D – Rate Sheets attached hereto. Notwithstanding the above, County expenditures under the Agreement will not exceed \$250,000.00 for the contract term.

D. Entire Agreement

1. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their undersigned officials, who are duly authorized to bind the Parties to the Agreement.

For Contractor: Regional Economic Consulting

Signature: 

Print Name and Title: **Jared Parker, Managing Partner**

Date: **12/21/23**

For County: Board of County Commissioners

Signature:

Print Name and Title:

Date:

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Keiah Townsend
Office of the County Attorney

EXHIBIT C – WORK ASSIGNMENTS

Work to be performed by the Contractor shall be on an assignment-by-assignment basis. Work assignments shall be made by County's Planning Department Principal Planner or designee. Prior to any work assignments being made, based on mutual discussions between the County and the Contractor; the Contractor shall prepare a detailed scope of work for the assignment which shall include hours and a not to exceed budget amount for the assignment. The budget shall be itemized using the classifications and hourly rates in accordance with the Rate Sheet attached to this agreement and incorporated herein as Exhibit D. The Contractor shall perform no work under this agreement without written authorization through a purchase order. The Contractor hereby agrees to waive any claim for compensation for any work performed without written authorization.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC CONSULTING GROUP, INC. - RATE SHEET**

Rates are all-inclusive of all labor, overhead, expenses and profit of any nature including travel with the Tampa Bay Metropolitan Statistical Area.	Hourly
2 Person Field Survey Crew	
2 Person SUE Crew	
3 Person Field Survey Crew	
3 Person SUE Crew	
4 Person Field Survey Crew	
4 Person SUE Crew	
5 Person Field Survey Crew	
5 Person SUE Crew	
Administrative	
Administrative Assistant	
Administration/Clerical	
Agent	
Appraiser	
Architect	
Architect Intern	
Architectural Associate	
Architectural Illustrator	
Associate	
Associate Architect	
Associate Consultant for Economics	
Associate Engineer	
Associate Planner	
Associate Project Manager	
Associate Registered Designer	
Associate Technician	
Associates - Office	
Associates - Testimony	
Bookkeeper	
Budget & Operations Analyst	
Business Development Coordinator	
CADD/Designer	
Chief Designer	
Chief Economist	\$285.00
Chief Engineer	
Chief Planner	
Chief Professional/Project Director	
Chief Utility Coordinator	
Civil Engineer	
Clerical	

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Construction Director	
Construction Inspector	
Construction Manager	
Consultant	
Controller	
CRA Clerk	
Creative Director	
Day to Day Manager	
Deputy Project Manager/Project Support	
Design Engineer	
Designer	
Director - Business Attraction & Marketing	
Director - Economic Development	
Director - Real Estate	
Director - Urban Design & Planning	
Director of Administration	
Director of Digital Solutions	
Director of Operations	
Economic Development Assistant	
Economic Development Coordinator	
Economic Development Manager	
Editor	
Engineer	
Engineer I	
Engineer II	
Engineering Intern	
Engineering Technician	
Entry Level Designer	
Entry Level Planner	
Environmental Analyst	
Environmental Scientist	
Environmental Technician	
Executive Engineer	
Executive Vice President	
Expert Witness	
Field Engineer	
Field Inspector	
Finance	
Founding Principal	
GIS Specialist	
GIS Technician	
GIS/CAD Operator	
Graphic Designer	
Hydrographic/Bathymetric Crew	
Intern/Marketing Coordinator	
Landscape Architect III	

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Landscape Architect I	
Landscape Architect II	
Landscape Designer	
Laser Scan Crew	
Managing Director	
Marketing Assistant	
Marketing Coordinator	
Marketing Manager	
Office Support	
Photogrammetrist	
Photographer	
Planner	
Planner I	
Planner II	
Planning Assistant	
Planning Manager	
President	
President - Project Management	
Principal	
Principal Engineer	
Principal Environmental Scientist	
Principal Landscape Architect	
Principal Planner	
Principal Surveyor	
Principal-in-Charge	
Professional	
Professional Planner II	
Professional Surveyor	
Program Manager	
Project Aide I	
Project Architect	
Project Coordinator	
Project Engineer	
Project Manager	
Project Manager I	
Project Manager II	
Project Planner	
Project Professional	
Public Involvement Officer	
Public Involvement Specialist	
QA/QC Reviewer	
Real Estate Research Assistant	
Research	\$150
Research Associate	
Roadway Engineer	
Sales Associate	
Sea Level Rise Expert	

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Secretary/Clerical	
Senior Administrative Assistant	
Senior Advisor	
Senior Advisor - Economic Research	\$170
Senior Analyst	
Senior Architect	
Senior Architectural Historian	
Senior Associates - Office	
Senior Associates - Testimony	
Senior Broker	
Senior CADD Designer	
Senior Civil Engineer	
Senior Design Engineer	
Senior Designer	
Senior Economist	\$200
Senior Engineer	
Senior Engineer Intern	
Senior Environmental Scientist	
Senior Landscape Architect	
Senior Marketing Manager	
Senior Planner	
Senior Principal Engineer	
Senior Principal Planner	
Senior Professional	
Senior Professional Surveyor	
Senior Programmer	
Senior Project Engineer	
Senior Project Manager	
Senior Project Planner	
Senior Redevelopment Associate	
Senior Roadway Engineer	
Senior Support	
Senior Survey Technician	
Senior Technician	
Senior Traffic Engineer	
Senior Transportation Engineer	
Senior Transportation Planner	
Senior Urban Designer	
Senior Utility Coordinator	
Senior Vice President	
SUE Technician	
Support Staff	
Survey Intern	
Survey Technician	
Technician I	
Technician II	
Technician/Support Staff	

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Tourism Specialist	
Traffic Engineer	
Traffic/ITS Specialist	
Transportation Analyst	
Transportation Engineer	
Transportation Modeler	
Urban Design Assistant	
Urban Designer I	
Urban Designer II	
Utility Coordinator	
Vice President	

Merry Celeste, CPPB
Division Director
Purchasing and Risk Management

August 18, 2023

TO: ALL INTERESTED PROPOSERS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: GENERAL PLANNING CONTRACT - ARPA
PROPOSAL NUMBER: 23-0749-RFP
PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL IS DUE: AUGUST 22, 2023 @ 3:00 P.M.

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Following is additional information, clarifications, questions and responses relative to referenced Request for Proposal (RFP):

QUESTION(S)/RESPONSE(S):

1. Question: Does the County intend to select multiple firms?

Response: Yes

2. Question: Does the County prefer teaming amongst firms with the intent to provide all services outlined in the RFP?

Response: Teaming is encouraged, but it is not required.

3. Question: Do consultants have to submit a proposal covering all categories or can they just propose on certain categories they are most qualified for?

Response: Consultants can submit a proposal on the specific categories for which they are most qualified.

4. Question: Does HCD require a comprehensive team to cover all 10 sub-categories in the RFP Scope, or can a submitter propose only on selected sub-categories?

Response: A proposer can submit for selected sub-categories.

5. Question: To submit for a specific sub-category, is the responder required to satisfy all the lettered services listed?

Response: No. A responder can submit for whichever sub-categories meet their qualifications.



6. Question: As currently worded, we believe that the indemnity provision section 3.17 on page 14 of the proposal is not in compliance with FL Statute 725.08 and is unenforceable. Will you agree to reword the indemnification to conform with the statute? Suggested language per FL Statute 725.08: "The design professional shall indemnify and hold harmless the agency, and its officers and employees, from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the design professional and other persons employed or utilized by the design professional in the performance of the contract."

Response: Florida Statute 725.08 does not apply to this solicitation as it is not a Design Professional contract.

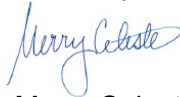
7. Question: In regard to service area 9. Community Development, specifically subarea e. Transitional Housing and Tenant Relocation Services, how does Pinellas County intend to utilize the contractor to provide transitional housing and tenant relocation services? Will these be general planning projects related to transitional housing and tenant relocation, or actual in-field tenant relocation efforts on a site-specific basis? Please provide clarification regarding the scope of subarea e.

Response: We can remove transitional housing from the scope of services. However, for Tenant Relocation Services, it could be both. Activities could include both the planning for and implementation of relocation activities.

All other specifications, terms and conditions remain the same.

Confirm receipt of Addendum(s) in OpenGov.

Sincerely,




Merry Celeste, CPPB
Division Director
Purchasing and Risk Management



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★ Solicitation



 HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

 03594, 90648, 90657, 90664, 91824... show all

Project ID: 23-0749-RFP

Release Date: Friday, July 21, 2023

Due Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 3:00pm

 Posted  Friday, July 21, 2023 9:13am

Bid Sealed

Pricing Sealed

All dates & times in Eastern Time

1. Notice

SOLICITATION

SUBMITTALS ARE OPENED PUBLICLY AND ARE ACCEPTED VIA OPENGOV

RFP - Informal / Formal

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ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN OPENGOV WITHIN THE QUESTION & ANSWER SECTION.

SOLICITATION MEETINGS: Site Visit: None; Pre-Conference: None

SUBMITTALS MAY NOT BE WITHDRAWN FOR 120 DAYS AFTER OPENING DATE.

The Purchasing and Risk Management Division for the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners has transitioned to OpenGov Procurement for contractor/vendor registration, and for posting, submitting and receiving bids, quotes and proposals for active solicitations. Contractors/Vendors must register with OpenGov Procurement (<https://procurement.opengov.com/signup>) to participate in active County solicitations.

Should you need technical assistance with OpenGov, the following options are available:

Phone: (855) 680-4747, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday - Friday

Email: procurement-support@opengov.com

Chat is available in the OpenGov application

Web: <https://help.procurement.opengov.com>

Please Note:

From time to time, addenda may be issued to this solicitation. Any such addenda will be posted to <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/pinellasfl>. Receipt of addenda confirmation is required in OpenGov.

AUTHORIZED BY:

Merry Celeste, CPPB

Division Director of Purchasing and Risk Management

Post Information

Posted At:

Fri, Jul 21, 2023 9:13 AM

Sealed Bid Process:

Yes (Bids Sealed / Pricing Sealed)

Private Bid:

No

2. Introduction

2.1. Summary

The Housing and Community Development Department is seeking proposals for general planning services, including but not limited to: Transportation Planning and Analysis, Economic Analysis, Communications and Public Involvement, Urban Design, Land Use and Redevelopment, Historic Preservation, Community Resilience, and Community Development.

2.2. Background

Pinellas County Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) plays a pivotal role in coordinating countywide objectives and guiding our community toward a sustainable future. Administered by HCD, the Comprehensive Plan defines the vision for Pinellas County and establishes goals, objectives, policies and strategies to help achieve that vision. HCD is responsible for the Land Development Code, historic preservation, hazard mitigation planning, community development block grant funding, affordable housing program administration and special planning projects, housing policy; review of community redevelopment areas and annexations, and strategic initiatives . HCD also provides staff support to the Local Planning Agency and Board of Adjustment and Appeals for unincorporated areas of the County, and provides planning services for smaller municipalities throughout the County, in accordance with F.S. 163.3174.

2.3. Contact Information

Lucy Nowacki

Lead Procurement Analyst
400 South Fort Harrison Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33765
Email: lnowacki@pinellas.gov
Phone: [\(727\) 464-3766](tel:(727)464-3766)

Department:

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2.4. Timeline

Issue Date:

July 21, 2023

Question Submission Deadline:

August 11, 2023, 5:00pm

Proposal Submission Deadline:

August 22, 2023, 3:00pm

3. Instructions & General Conditions for Submittals

3.1. DEFINITIONS

- A. Agreement means the final written agreement between the County and the successful Contractor under this solicitation, regardless of the title of that final document, and may be used interchangeably with “Contract”.
- B. Contractor means the entity submitting a response to this solicitation, and may be used interchangeably with the terms “bidder”, “respondent”, “contractor”, “vendor”, “submitter”, or “proposer”.
- C. County or means Pinellas County, a subdivision of the State of Florida and may be used interchangeably with “Pinellas County”.
- D. Submittal means a Respondent’s submissions in response to this solicitation, and may be used interchangeably with the terms “submission”, “bid”, “quote” or “proposal,” as applicable to the specific solicitation. For example, these terms should be interpreted to mean “bid” if this is an ITB, “quote” if this is an ITQ, and “proposal” if this is an RFP.

3.2. INSTRUCTIONS & PROCEDURES

- A. **PREPARATION OF SUBMITTAL** - Submittal will be prepared in accordance with the following:
 - 1. Submittals must be uploaded on forms furnished, utilizing the OpenGov procurement website. Failure to comply could result in the submission being rejected.
 - 2. If price is factor, unit prices must be shown and where there is an error in extension of price, the unit price will govern.

3. Alternate submittals will not be considered unless authorized by the solicitation.
4. Proposed delivery time must be shown and any date calculations must include weekends and holidays.
5. Contractor is advised that exceptions to any terms and conditions contained or referenced in this solicitation must be stated with specificity in its response to the solicitation. Contractor is deemed to have accepted and to be bound by the solicitation and referenced agreement terms and conditions that contractor does not take exception to in its response. The County reserves the right to modify or add terms and conditions based upon the exceptions stated by the contractor, or to declare any terms and conditions non-negotiable, as determined by the County in its sole discretion.
6. Contractors will thoroughly examine the drawings, specifications, schedule, instructions and/or all other solicitation documents.
7. Contractors will make all investigations necessary to thoroughly inform themselves regarding plant and facilities for delivery of material and equipment as required by the solicitation. Plea of ignorance by the contractor of conditions that exist or that may hereafter exist as a result of failure or omission on the part of the contractor to make the necessary examinations and investigations, or failure to fulfill in every detail the requirements of the solicitation documents, will not be accepted as a basis for varying the requirements of the County or the compensation to the contractor.
8. Contractors are advised that all County solicitations are subject to all legal requirements provided for in the Purchasing Ordinance and/or State and Federal Statutes.

B. SUBMITTAL METHOD & FORMAT

1. Submittals must be uploaded utilizing the OpenGov procurement website (<https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/pinellasfl>). Failure to comply could result in the submittal being rejected.
2. Submittals must be uploaded in the Vendor Questionnaire section of this solicitation. Submittals sent via email will not be considered.
3. The preferred format for submittal is PDF conversion from your source files (to minimize file size and maximize quality and accessibility) rather than scanning. Instructions for Providing Files in PDF Format to Pinellas County Government:
 - a. How do I convert my files to PDF format?
 - b. Answer- If you have a program such as Adobe Acrobat, creating a PDF of any file is a simple print function. Rather than printing to a traditional printer, the file converts to a PDF format copy of your original. Any program (such as Word, PowerPoint, Excel, etc.) can be converted this way by simply selecting the print command and choosing PDF as the printer.
 - c. Should I scan everything and save as PDF?

d. Answer- Not unless you are scanning with OCR (optical character recognition).

Scanning will create unnecessarily large files because a scan is just a picture of a page rather than actual page text. Furthermore, the result of scanning is that your pages will not look nearly as “clean” or professional as simply using the print to PDF method from the program from which the file originates. Additionally, since scan pages are pictures of text, not really text, they may not be considered accessible* under Federal ADA guidelines (*unless the scans are OCR.)

C. SUBMITTALS FROM RELATED PARTIES OR MULTIPLE SUBMITTALS RECEIVED FROM ONE CONTRACTOR

1. Where two (2) or more related parties each upload a submittal, or multiple submittals are received from one (1) contractor, for any solicitation, such submittals will be judged non-responsive. Related parties mean contractors or the principles thereof, which have a direct or indirect ownership interest in another contractor for the same solicitation or in which a parent company or the principles thereof of one (1) contractor have a direct or indirect ownership interest in another contractor for the same solicitation.

D. INTEGRITY OF SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS

1. Contractors will use the original solicitation form(s) provided by the Purchasing & Risk Management Division and enter information only in the spaces where a response is requested. Contractors may use an attachment as an addendum to the solicitation form(s) if sufficient space is not available on the original form for the contractor to enter a complete response. Any modifications or alterations to the original solicitation documents by the contractor, whether intentional or otherwise, will constitute grounds for rejection of a solicitation. Any such modifications or alterations a contractor wishes to propose must be clearly stated in the contractor’s submittal response and presented in the form of an addendum to the original solicitation documents.

E. LATE SUBMISSION OR MODIFICATIONS

1. Submittals and modifications received after the time set for the submission will not be considered. This upholds the integrity of the process.
2. Modifications in writing received prior to the time set for the submittal will be accepted.

F. WITHDRAWAL OF SUBMITTAL

1. The submittal may be withdrawn prior to the solicitation opening date, however, a submittal may not be withdrawn for a period of time as specified in this solicitation document.

G. WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR INTERPRETATIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

1. No oral interpretations will be made to any firms as to the meaning of specifications or any other contractor documents. All questions pertaining to the terms and conditions or scope of work of this solicitation must be sent in writing (electronically) to the Purchasing and Risk Management Division and received by the date specified in solicitation. Responses to

questions may be handled as an addendum if the response would provide clarification to requirements of the solicitation. All such addenda will become part of the agreement documents. The County will not be responsible for any other explanation or interpretation of the proposed solicitation made or given prior to the award of the agreement. The Purchasing and Risk Management Division will be unable to respond to questions received after the specified time frame.

H. REJECTION OF SUBMISSION

1. The County may reject a submittal if:
 - a. The contractor incorrectly states or conceals any material fact in the solicitation.
 - b. The solicitation does not strictly conform to the law or requirements of solicitation including insurance requirements.
 - c. The solicitation is conditional, except that the contractor may qualify its submittal for acceptance by the County on an "all or none" basis, or a "low item" basis. An "all or none" basis submittal must include all items upon which the contractor was invited.
 - d. The respective constitutional officer, County Administrator, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners or within their delegated financial approval authority, or Director of Purchasing, within their delegated financial approval authority, has the authority when the public interest will be served thereby to reject all submittals or parts of submittals at any stage of the procurement process through the award of an agreement.
 - e. The County reserves the right to waive minor informalities or irregularities in any submittal.

I. PUBLIC REVIEW AT OPENING

1. Pursuant to Florida Statute, Section 119.071(1)(b)2, all submittals will be subject to review as public records after 30-days from opening, or earlier if an intended decision is reached before the thirty-day period expires. Unless a specific exemption exists, all documents submitted will be released pursuant to a valid public records request. All trade secrets claims must be dispositively determined by a court of law prior to trade secret protection being granted.

J. TABULATION INQUIRIES

1. Inquiries relating to the results of this solicitation, prior to the official award by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners may be made by visiting OpenGov or calling the Purchasing Office after 30 days to comply with Florida Statute, Section 119.071(1)(b)2.

3.3. JOINT VENTURES

Contractors intending to submit as a joint venture are required to have filed proper documents with the Florida Department of State, the Division of Professions, Construction Industry Licensing Board and any other state or local licensing Agency prior to submitting (see Section 489.119 Florida Statutes). Joint ventures must provide an affidavit attesting to the formulation of a joint venture and provide either proof of incorporation as a joint venture or a copy of the formal joint venture agreement between all joint venture parties, indicating their respective roles, responsibilities and levels of participation for the project.

3.4. EVALUATION CRITERIA - RFP

The evaluation criteria define the factors that will be used by the Evaluation Committee to evaluate and score responsive, responsible and qualified submittals. Contractor shall include sufficient information to allow the Evaluation Committee to thoroughly evaluate and score their submittal. Each submission shall be evaluated and ranked by an Evaluation Committee. The contract will be awarded to the most qualified contractor, per the evaluation criteria listed in the solicitation.

3.5. PROTEST PROCEDURE

Protest procedures are governed by Pinellas County Code Section 2-162, which states:

Right to Protest. "A vendor who is aggrieved by the contents of the bid or proposal package, or a vendor who is aggrieved in connection with the recommended award on a bid or proposal solicitation, may file a written protest to the director, as provided herein. This right to protest is strictly limited to those procurements of goods and/or services solicited through invitations to bid or requests for proposals, including solicitations pursuant to F.S. § 287.055, the "Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act." No other actions or recommendations in connection with a solicitation can be protested, including: (i) requests for quotations, negotiations, qualifications or letters of interest; (ii) rejection of some, all or parts of bids or proposals; (iii) disqualification of respondents or proposers as non-responsive or non-responsible; or (iv) recommended awards less than the mandatory bid or proposal amount. Protests failing to comply with the provisions of this section will not be reviewed."

"Posting. The purchasing department will post the recommended award on or through the departmental website."

Requirements to protest.

"If the protest relates to the content of the bid or proposal package, a formal written protest must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on the fifth full business day after issuance of the bid or proposal package."

"If the protest relates to the recommended award of a bid or proposal, a formal written protest must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on the fifth full business day after posting of the award recommendation."

"The formal written protest shall identify the protesting party and the solicitation involved; include a statement of the grounds on which the protest is based; refer to the statutes, laws, ordinances or other legal authorities which the protesting party deems applicable to such grounds; and specifically request the relief to which the protesting party deems itself entitled by application of such authorities to such grounds."

"A formal written protest is considered filed with the county when the purchasing department receives it. Accordingly, a protest is not timely filed unless it is received within the time specified above by the purchasing department. Failure to file a formal written protest within the time period specified shall constitute a waiver of the right to protest and result in relinquishment of all rights to protest by the respondent or proposer."

"Sole remedy. These procedures shall be the sole remedy for challenging the content of the bid or proposal package or the recommended award."

"Lobbying. Protestors and anyone acting on their behalf, are prohibited from attempts to influence, persuade, or promote a bid or proposal protest through any other channels or means, and contacting any county official, employee, advisory board member, or representative to discuss any matter relating in any way to the solicitation being protested, other than the purchasing department's or county attorney's office to address situations such as clarification and/or pose questions related to the procurement process. The prohibitions provided for herein shall begin with the filing of the protest and end upon the final disposition of the protest; provided, however, at all times protestors shall be subject to the procurement lobbying prohibitions in section 2-189 of this Code. Failure to adhere to the prohibitions herein shall result in the rejection of the protest without further consideration."

"Time limits. The time limits in which protests must be filed as specified herein may be altered by specific provisions in the bid or proposal."

"Authority to resolve. The director shall resolve the protest in accordance with the documentation and applicable legal authorities and shall issue a written decision to the protestor no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on the tenth full business day after the filing thereof."

"Review of director's decision."

"The protesting party may request a review of the director's decision to the county administrator by delivering written request for review of the decision to the director by 5:00 p.m. EST on the fifth full business day after the date of the written decision. The written notice shall include any materials,

statements, and arguments which the respondent or proposer deems relevant to the issues raised in the request to review the decision of the director."

"The county administrator shall issue a decision in writing stating the reason for the action with a copy furnished to the protesting party no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on the seventh full business day after receipt of the request for review. The decision shall be final and conclusive as to the county unless a party commences action in a court of competent jurisdiction."

"Stay of procurement during protests. There shall be no stay of procurement during protests."

(Ord. No. 94-51, § 5, 6-7-94; Ord. No. 04-87, § 1, 12-7-04; Ord. No. 14-11, § 2, 2-11-14; Ord. No. 18-34, 10-23-18)

3.6. ADA REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLIC NOTICES

Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding/event, should call 727-464-4062 (voicedd) fax 727-464-4157, not later than seven days prior to the proceeding.

3.7. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The County reserves the right to request additional goods or services relating to this agreement from the contractor. When approved by the County as an amendment to this agreement and authorized in writing, the contractor will provide such additional requirements as may become necessary.

3.8. COLLUSION

The Contractor, by affixing a signature to their response, certifies that its submittal is made without previous understanding, agreement, or connection with any person, firm or corporation making a submittal for the same item(s) and is in all respects fair, without outside control, collusion, fraud, or otherwise illegal action.

3.9. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- A. The Contractor, by affixing a signature to their response, represents that it presently has no interest and will acquire no interest, either direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance or services required hereunder. The contractor further represents that, if it is

awarded a contract under this solicitation, no person having any such interest will be employed during the contract term and any extensions. In addition, the contractor will not offer gifts or gratuities to County employees as County employees are not permitted to accept gifts or gratuities. By signing this document, the contractor acknowledges that no gifts or gratuities have been offered to County employees or anyone else involved in this competitive solicitation process.

- B. The contractor will promptly notify the County's representative, in writing, by certified mail, of all potential conflicts of interest for any prospective business association, interest, or other circumstance, which may influence or appear to influence the contractor's judgment or quality of services being provided hereunder. Such written notification will identify the prospective business association, interest or circumstance, the nature of work that the contractor may undertake and request an opinion of the County as to whether the association, interest or circumstance would, in the opinion of the County, constitute a conflict of interest if entered into by the contractor. The County agrees to notify the contractor of its opinion, by certified mail, within thirty days of receipt of notification by the contractor.
- C. It is essential to government procurement that the process be open, equitable and ethical. To this end, if potential unethical practices including but not limited to collusion, receipt or solicitation of gifts and conflicts of interest (direct/indirect) etc. are observed or perceived, please report such activity to:
1. Pinellas County Clerk of Circuit Court – Division of Inspector General
 2. Phone – (727) 45FRAUD (453-7283)
 3. Fax – 727-464-8386

3.10. CONTRACT STANDARD TERMS & CONDITIONS

The awarded contract resulting from this solicitation will be subject to the County's Standard Terms and Conditions effective as of the date of the contract award, available at <https://pinellas.gov/county-standard-terms-conditions/>, and any Special Conditions outlined in this solicitation.

The successful Contractor must be prepared for the County to accept its response as submitted, subject to the Standard and Special Terms & Conditions. The successful Contractor's response will be incorporated into the final contract as the Scope of Work. The County may reject any exception to the Standard or Special Terms & Conditions proposed by the Contractor, and will not be bound by any additional or modified terms and conditions included in the successful Contractor's response that are in conflict with the Standard or Special Terms and Conditions, or are not acceptable to, or have been declared to be non-negotiable by the County, as determined in its sole discretion.

If the successful Contractor fails to sign all documents necessary to successfully execute the final contract within a reasonable time following the award, or (if applicable) negotiations do not result in an acceptable agreement, the County may reject the response or revoke the award, and may begin negotiations with another Contractor. Final contract terms must be approved or signed by the appropriately authorized County official(s).

3.11. CONTRACTOR CAPABILITY / REFERENCES

Prior to agreement award, any contractor may be required to show that the company has the necessary facilities, equipment, ability and financial resources to perform the work specified in a satisfactory manner and within the time specified. In addition, the company must have experience in work of the same or similar nature, and can provide references, which will satisfy the County. Contractors must furnish a reference list of at least four (4) customers for whom they have performed similar services.

3.12. CONTRACTOR LICENSE REQUIREMENT

All Contractors performing construction and related work in Pinellas County must comply with our regulatory legislation, Chapter 75-489, Laws of Florida, as amended. Failure to have a competency license in a regulated trade will be cause for rejection of any submittal and/or award.

3.13. CORPORATE REGISTRATION

An award may not be issued without proof that your firm is registered with the Florida Division of Corporations, as per Florida Statute §607.1501 www.flsenate.gov/Laws/Statutes/2011/607.1501.

A foreign corporation (foreign to the State of Florida) may not transact business in this state until it obtains a certificate of authority from the Department of State. Please visit dos.myflorida.com/sunbiz/ for this information on how to become registered.

3.14. DESCRIPTION OF GOODS/SERVICES/SUPPLIES

- A. Any manufacturer's names, trade names, brand name, or catalog numbers used in specifications are for the purpose of describing and establishing general quality levels. Such references are not

intended to be restrictive. Submittals will be considered for all brands which meet the quality of the specifications listed for any items.

- B. Contractors are required to state exactly what they intend to furnish otherwise they will be required to furnish the items as specified.
- C. Contractor submission must include all data necessary to evaluate and determine the quality of the item(s) they intend to furnish.
- D. **ALTERNATES:** Alternates will not be considered unless authorized by the solicitation. Such alternates may or may not be accepted by the County. If approved, it is at the County's discretion to accept said alternate(s) in any sequence or combination therein. If the contractor is proposing an alternate that is not provided in the solicitation, alternate(s) must be submitted within the OpenGov Q & A section prior to the question deadline, and receive approval prior to the solicitation opening date in order to be considered for award.
- E. **OR EQUAL DETERMINATION:** Where submitting other than specified, the determination of equivalency will be at the sole discretion of Pinellas County and its specialized personnel.

3.15. E-VERIFY

The contractor and their subcontractor(s) must register with and use the E-verify system in accordance with Florida Statute 448.095. A contractor and subcontractor may not enter into a contract with the County unless each party registers with and uses the E-verify system.

If a contractor enters a contract with a subcontractor, the subcontractor must provide the contractor with an affidavit stating that the Subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with unauthorized aliens. The contractor must maintain a copy of the affidavit for the duration of the contract.

If the County, Contractor, or Subcontractor has a good faith belief that a person or entity with which it is contracting has knowingly violated Florida Statute 448.09(1) they must immediately terminate the contract with the person or entity.

If the County has a good faith belief that a Subcontractor knowingly violated this provision, but the Contractor otherwise complied with this provision, the County will notify the Contractor and order that the Contractor immediately terminate the contract with the Subcontractor.

A contract terminated under the provisions of this section is not a breach of contract and may not be considered such. Any contract termination under the provisions of this section may be challenged to Section 448.095(2)(d), Florida Statute. Contractor acknowledges upon termination of this agreement by the County for violation of this section by Contractor, Contractor may not be awarded a public contract for at least one (1) year. Contractor acknowledges that Contractor is liable for any additional costs incurred by the County as a result of termination of any contract for a violation of this section.

Contractor or Subcontractor will insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in this section, requiring the subcontracts to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. Contractor will be responsible for compliance by any Subcontractor or Lower Tier Subcontractor with the clause set for in this section.

3.16. EXCEPTIONS

Contractor is advised that if it wishes to take exception to any of the terms contained or referenced in this solicitation it must explicitly identify the term and the exception in its response to the solicitation.

Contractor's stated exception to a non-negotiable term may disqualify it from consideration for award.

3.17. INDEMNIFICATION

By submitting a response to this solicitation, Contractor understands and agrees that if awarded the indemnification provisions in the <https://pinellas.gov/county-standard-terms-conditions/> apply, subject to Pinellas County Resolution 2006-70 ("Indemnification").

3.18. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986

Contractor acknowledges that it is functioning as an independent contractor in performing under the terms of this agreement, and it is not acting as an employee of Pinellas County. The contractor acknowledges that it is responsible for complying with the provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, located at 8 U.S.C. Section 1324, et seq., and regulations relating thereto. Failure to comply with the above provisions of the agreement will be considered a material breach and grounds for immediate termination of the agreement.

3.19. INSURANCE

The contractor must provide a certificate of insurance and endorsement in accordance with the insurance requirements listed in the insurance section below. Failure to provide the required insurance within a ten (10) day period following the determination or recommendation of award may result in the County to vacate the original determination or recommendation and proceed with recommendation to another contractor.

3.20. LOBBYING

All Contractors agree to adhere to Pinellas County Code Section 2-189, which states:

Lobbying shall be prohibited on all county competitive selection processes and purchasing contract awards pursuant to this division, including, but not limited to, requests for proposals, requests for quotations, requests for qualifications, bids or the award of purchasing contracts of any type. The purpose of this prohibition is to protect the integrity of the procurement process by shielding it from undue influences prior to the contract award, or the competitive selection process is otherwise concluded. However, nothing herein shall prohibit a prospective respondent/proposer/protestor from contacting the Purchasing Department or the County Attorney's Office to address situations such as clarification and/or pose questions related to the procurement process.

Lobbying of evaluation committee members, county government employees, elected/appointed officials, or advisory board members regarding requests for proposals, requests for quotations, requests for qualifications, bids, or purchasing contracts, by the respondent, any member of the respondent's staff, any agent or representative of the respondent, or any person employed by any legal entity affiliated with or representing a respondent, is strictly prohibited from the date of the advertisement, or on a date otherwise established by the Board, until either an award is final, or the competitive selection process is otherwise concluded. Any lobbying activities in violation of this section by or on behalf of a respondent/proposer shall result in the disqualification or rejection of the proposal, quotation, statement of qualification, bid or contract.

For purposes of this provision, "lobbying" shall mean influencing or attempting to influence action or non-action, and/or attempting to obtain the goodwill of persons specified herein relating to the selection, ranking, or contract award in connection with any request for proposal, request for quotation, request for qualification, bid or purchasing contract through direct or indirect oral or written communication. The final award of a purchasing contract shall be the effective date of the purchasing contract.

Any evaluation committee member, county government employee, elected/appointed official, or advisory board member who has been lobbied shall immediately report the lobbying activity to the director.

(Ord. No. 02-35, 5-7-02; Ord. No. 04-64, § 12, 9-21-04; Ord. No. 04-87, § 1, 12-7-04; Ord. No. 10-09, § 6, 2-16-10; Ord. No. 11-23, § 2, 7-26-11; Ord. No. 14-11, § 5, 2-11-14; Ord. No. 18-34, 10-23-18).

3.21. LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

The laws of the State of Florida apply to any purchase made under this solicitation. Contractors must comply with all local, state, and federal directives, orders and laws as applicable to this solicitation and subsequent agreement(s) including but not limited to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504

of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) as applicable to this agreement.

3.22. NON-EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT

Award of this agreement will impose no obligation on the County to utilize the contractor for all work of this type, which may develop during the agreement period. This is not an exclusive agreement. The County specifically reserves the right to concurrently contract with other companies for similar work if it deems such action to be in the County's best interest. In the case of multiple-term agreements, this provision will apply separately to each term.

3.23. PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR RECYCLED MATERIALS

- A. Pinellas County wishes to encourage its contractors to use recycled products in fulfilling contractual obligations to the County and that such a policy will serve as a model for other public entities and private sector companies.
- B. When awarding a purchase or recommending a purchase for products, materials, or services, the Director of Purchasing and Risk Management may allow a preference to a responsive contractor who certifies that their product or material contains the greatest percentage of postconsumer material. If solicitation includes paper products, contractor must certify that their materials and/or products contain at least the content recommended by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines.
- C. On all quotes, or as required by law, the Director of Purchasing and Risk Management require Contractors to specify which products have recycled materials, what percentage or amount is postconsumer material, and to provide certification of the percentages of recycled materials used in the manufacture of goods and commodities procured by the County.
- D. Price preference is not the preferred practice the County wishes to employ in meeting the goals of this resolution. If a price preference is deemed to serve the best interest of the County and further supports the purchase of recycled materials, the Director of Purchasing will make a recommendation that a price preference be allowed up to an amount not to exceed 10% above the lowest complying submittal received.

Definitions for Recycled Materials:

Recovered Materials: Materials that have recycling potential, can be recycled, and have been diverted or removed from the solid waste stream for sale, use or reuse, by separation, collection, or processing.

Recycled Materials: Materials that contain recovered materials. This term may include internally generated scrap that is commonly used in industrial or manufacturing processes, waste or scrap purchased from another manufacturer and used in the same or a closely related product.

Postconsumer Materials: Materials which have been used by a business or a consumer and have served their intended end use, and have been separated or diverted from the solid waste stream for the purpose of recycling, such as; newspaper, aluminum, glass containers, plastic containers, office paper, corrugated boxes, pallets or other items which can be used in the remanufacturing process.

3.24. PROVISION FOR OTHER AGENCIES

Unless otherwise stipulated, the Contractor(s) agree to make available to all "Eligible Users" the prices submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract resulting from this solicitation. Eligible Users means all State of Florida government agencies, the legislative and judicial branches, and political subdivisions (counties, local district school boards, community colleges, municipalities, or other public agencies or authorities), which may desire to purchase under the terms and conditions of the resulting contract.

3.25. PUBLIC EMERGENCIES

It is hereby made a part of this solicitation that before, during, and after a public emergency, disaster, hurricane, tornado, flood, or other acts of God that Pinellas County will require a first priority for goods and services. It is vital and imperative that the majority of citizens are protected from any emergency situation that threatens public health and safety, as determined by the County. contractor agrees to rent/sell/lease all goods and services to the County or governmental entities on a first priority basis. The County expects to pay a fair and reasonable price for all products and services rendered or contracted in the event of a disaster, emergency, hurricane, tornado or other acts of God.

3.26. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES STATEMENT

Contractor is directed to the Florida Public Entity Crime Act, Fla. Stat. 287.133, and Fla. Stat. 287.135 regarding Scrutinized Companies, and contractor agrees that its submittal and, if awarded, its performance of the agreement will comply with all applicable laws including those referenced herein. contractor represents and certifies that contractor is and will at all times remain eligible to submit for and

perform the services subject to the requirements of these, and other applicable, laws. contractor agrees that any agreement awarded to contractor will be subject to termination by the County if contractor fails to comply or to maintain such compliance.

3.27. PUBLIC RECORDS/TRADE SECRETS

Pinellas County Government is subject to the Florida Public Records law (Chapter 119, Florida Statutes), and all documents, materials, and data submitted to any solicitation as part of the response are governed by the disclosure, exemption and confidentiality provisions relating to public records in Florida Statutes. Except for materials that are “trade secrets” or “confidential” as defined by applicable Florida law, ownership of all documents, materials, and data submitted in response to the solicitation will belong exclusively to the County.

To the extent that contractor desires to maintain the confidentiality of materials that constitute trade secrets pursuant to Florida law, trade secret material submitted must be identified by some distinct method that the materials that constitute a trade secret, and contractor will provide an additional copy of the contractor’s submittal that redacts all designated trade secrets. By submitting materials that are designated as trade secrets and signature of the contractor signature page, contractor acknowledges and agrees:

- A. That after notice from the County that a public records request has been made for the materials designated as a trade secret, the contractor will be solely responsible for defending its determination that submitted material is a trade secret that is not subject to disclosure at its sole cost, which action will be taken immediately, but no later than ten (10) calendar days from the date of notification or contractor will be deemed to have waived the trade secret designation of the materials;
- B. That to the extent that the contractor with trade secret materials is evaluated, the County and its officials, employees, agents, and representatives in any way involved in processing, evaluating, negotiating agreement terms, approving any agreement based on the contractor, or engaging in any other activity relating to the competitive selection process are hereby granted full rights to access, view, consider, and discuss the materials designated as trade secrets through the final agreement award;
- C. To indemnify and hold the County, and its officials, employees, agents and representatives harmless from any actions, damages (including attorney’s fees and costs), or claims arising from or related to the designation of trade secrets by the contractor, including actions or claims arising from the County’s non-disclosure of the trade secret materials.
- D. That information and data it manages as part of the services may be public record in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes and Pinellas County public record policies. contractor agrees

prior to providing goods/services it will implement policies and procedures to maintain, produce, secure and retain public records in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and County policies, which are subject to approval by the County, including but limited to the Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes.

Notwithstanding any other provision in the solicitation, the classification as trade secret of the entire submission document, line item and/or total contractor prices, the work, services, project, goods, and/or products to be provided by contractor, or any information, data, or materials that may be part of or incorporated into an agreement between the County and the contractor is not acceptable to the County and will result in a determination that the contractor submittal is nonresponsive; the classification as trade secret of any other portion of a submittal document may result in a determination that the submittal is nonresponsive.

3.28. TRUTH IN NEGOTIATIONS

The contractor certifies to truth-in-negotiation and that wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are accurate, complete and current at the time of contracting. Further, the original agreement amount and any additions thereto will be adjusted to exclude any significant sums where the County determines the agreement price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete or non-current wage rates and other factual unit costs. Such adjustments must be made within one (1) year following the end of the agreement.



4. Special Terms & Conditions

4.1. INTENT

It is the intent of Pinellas County to establish Agreements with firms for General Planning Contract - ARPA services to be ordered, as and when required.

Work will be performed for the The Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) on a work assignment basis. A work assignment and scope will be generated for each task performed. No minimum amount of work resulting from this solicitation is guaranteed.

4.2. NON-NEGOTIABLE TERMS

While the County prefers that no exceptions to its contract terms be taken, the solicitation does authorize respondent to take exception to terms as part of its submittal. The County has deemed the following contract terms in the County's Standard Terms & Conditions <https://pinellas.gov/county-standard-terms-conditions/> to be non-negotiable:

Section 3: Compliance with Applicable Laws (all terms)

Section 7: Indemnification & Liability (all terms)

Section 8: Insurance & Conditions Precedent

Section 10(G): Governing Law & Venue

Section 12(A): Fiscal Non-Funding

Section 13: Confidential Records, Public Records, & Audit (all terms)

Section 19: Digital Content (all terms) (*if the Agreement includes software, online, or digital content services*)

Any terms required by law

4.3. PRICING/PERIOD OF CONTRACT

Duration of the Agreement will be for a period of 60 months with unit prices adjustable at 36 months after the date of award and thereafter annually for the life of the contract, in an amount not to exceed the average of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or 5 %, whichever is less, for all Urban Consumers, Series Id: CUUR0000SA0, Not Seasonally Adjusted, Area: U.S. city average, Item: All items, Base Period: 1982-84=100 for the twelve months prior.

It is the Contractor's responsibility to request any pricing adjustment under this provision. For any adjustment to commence annually, the Contractor's request for adjustment will be submitted between 90-120 days prior to Agreement anniversary date, utilizing the available index at the time of request. The Contractor adjustment request will not be in excess of the relevant pricing index change. If no adjustment request is received from the Contractor, the County will assume the Contractor has agreed to continue without a pricing adjustment. Any adjustment request received outside of the 90-120 day period above will not be considered.

4.4. TERM EXTENSION(S) OF CONTRACT

The Agreement may be extended subject to written notice of agreement from the County and successful respondent, for 2 additional 12 month period(s) beyond the primary contract period. Term extensions will allow for price adjustments (Decrease/Increase) in an amount not to exceed the average of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or 5 %, whichever is less, for all Urban Consumers, Series Id: CUUR0000SA0, Not Seasonally Adjusted, Area: U.S. city average, Item: All items, Base Period: 1982-84=100 for the twelve months prior to extension. The extension shall be exercised only if all terms and conditions remain the same and the County Administrator or Director of Purchasing grants approval.

It is the vendor's responsibility to request any pricing adjustment under this provision. For any adjustment to commence on the first day of any exercised extension period, the vendor's request for adjustment should be submitted at time of the extension request from the County, utilizing the available index at the time of request. The vendor adjustment request should not be in excess of the relevant pricing index change. If no adjustment request is received from the vendor, the County will assume the vendor has agreed that the extension term may be exercised without pricing adjustment. Any adjustment request received after the commencement of a new extension period may not be considered. County has the right to request pricing decreases at any time. The extension shall be exercised only if all terms and conditions remain the same and the County grants approval.

4.5. PRE-COMMENCEMENT MEETING

Upon award of the Agreement, the County will coordinate a pre-commencement meeting with the successful Contractor. The meeting will require Contractor and the County Representative to review specific Agreement details and deliverable documents at this meeting to ensure the scope of work and work areas are understood.

4.6. ORDERS

Within the term of this Agreement, County may place one or more orders for goods and/or services at the prices listed on the Rate Sheets of this solicitation, which is incorporated by reference hereto.

Proposals shall include rate sheet with listing classifications and fully burdened rates for consultant and subconsultant(s). The rates are all-inclusive of all labor, overhead, expenses and profit of any nature including travel with the Tampa Bay Metropolitan Statistical Area.

Rate sheets will not be scored or used to determine award. Attachment (B)

4.7. ASBESTOS MATERIALS

The contractor must perform all Work in compliance with Federal, State and local laws, statutes, rules, regulations and ordinances, including but not limited to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)'s asbestos requirements, 40 CFR Part 61, Subpart M, and OSHA Section 29 CFR 1926.58. Additionally, the contractor must be properly licensed and/or certified for asbestos removal as required under Federal, State and local laws, statutes, rules, regulations and ordinances. The County is responsible for filing all DEP notifications and furnish a copy of the DEP notification and approval for demolition to the successful contractor. The County will furnish a copy of the asbestos survey to the successful contractor. The contractor must keep this copy on site at all times during the actual demolition.

4.8. SERVICES

The terms below are applicable if the Solicitation includes the provision of SERVICES:

- A. **ADD/DELETE LOCATIONS SERVICES** - The County reserves the right to unilaterally add or delete locations/services, either collectively or individually, at the County's sole option, at any time after award has been made as may be deemed necessary or in the best interests of the County. In such case, the contractor(s) will be required to provide services to this agreement in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications.

4.9. GOODS & PRODUCTS

The terms below are applicable if the Solicitation includes the purchase of GOODS or PRODUCTS:

- A. **DELIVERY/CLAIMS** - Prices quoted will be FOB Destination, freight included and unloaded to location(s) within Pinellas County. Actual delivery address(s) will be identified at time of order. Successful contractor(s) will be responsible for making any and all claims against carriers for missing or damaged items.

4.10. QUANTITIES

Any quantities stated are an estimate only and no guarantee is given or implied as to quantities that will be used during the Agreement period. Estimated quantities are based upon previous use and/or anticipated needs.

4.11. GRANT PROVISIONS

CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR CONTRACTS UNDER FEDERAL AWARDS – AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA):

This solicitation is either fully or partially funded with federal funds from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds made available under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). In addition to other terms and conditions required by Pinellas County and the applicable federal agency, all contracts awarded to the qualified consultant are subject to the provisions provided in the RFP as applicable to the services provided. During the contract period, current or new grant funding requirements may apply to individual purchase orders. (Attachment A)

4.12. PERFORMANCE SECURITY

Not Applicable

5. Insurance Requirements

5.1. INSURANCE (General)

The Vendor must provide a certificate of insurance and endorsement in accordance with the insurance requirements listed below, prior to recommendation for award. The Vendor shall obtain and maintain, and require any subcontractor to obtain and maintain, at all times during its performance of the Agreement in Phase 1 insurance of the types and in the amounts set forth. For projects with a Completed Operations exposure, Vendor shall maintain coverage and provide evidence of insurance for 2 years beyond final acceptance. All insurance policies shall be from responsible companies duly authorized to do business in the State of Florida and have an AM Best rating of VIII or better.

5.2. INSURANCE (Requirements)

- A. Submittals should include, the Vendor's current Certificate(s) of Insurance. If Vendor does not currently meet insurance requirements, Vendor shall also include verification from their broker or agent that any required insurance not provided at that time of submittal will be in place prior to the award of contract. Upon selection of Vendor for award, the selected Vendor shall email certificate that is compliant with the insurance requirements. If the certificate received is compliant, no further action may be necessary. The Certificate(s) of Insurance shall be signed by authorized representatives of the insurance companies shown on the Certificate(s).
- B. The Certificate holder section shall indicate Pinellas County, a Subdivision of the State of Florida, 400 S Fort Harrison Ave, Clearwater, FL 33756. Pinellas County shall be named as an Additional Insured for General Liability. A Waiver of Subrogation for Workers Compensation shall be provided if Workers Compensation coverage is a requirement.**
- C. Approval by the County of any Certificate(s) of Insurance does not constitute verification by the County that the insurance requirements have been satisfied or that the insurance policy shown on the Certificate(s) of Insurance is in compliance with the requirements of the Agreement. County reserves the right to require a certified copy of the entire insurance policy, including endorsement(s), at any time during the Bid and/or contract period.
- D. If any insurance provided pursuant to the Agreement expires or cancels prior to the completion of the Work, you will be notified by CTrax, the authorized vendor of Pinellas County. Upon notification, renewal Certificate(s) of Insurance and endorsement(s) shall be furnished to Pinellas County Risk Management at InsuranceCerts@pinellascounty.org and to CTrax c/o JDi Data at PinellasSupport@ididata.com by the Vendor or their agent prior to the expiration date.
1. Vendor shall also notify County within twenty-four (24) hours after receipt, of any notices of expiration, cancellation, nonrenewal or adverse material change in coverage received by said Vendor from its insurer Notice shall be given by email to Pinellas County Risk Management at InsuranceCerts@pinellascounty.org. Nothing contained herein shall absolve Vendor of this requirement to provide notice.
 2. Should the Vendor, at any time, not maintain the insurance coverages required herein, the County may terminate the Agreement,.
- E. If subcontracting is allowed under this Bid, the Primary Vendor shall obtain and maintain, at all times during its performance of the Agreement, insurance of the types and in the amounts set forth; and require any subcontractors to obtain and maintain, at all times during its performance of the Agreement, insurance limits as it may apply to the portion of the Work performed by the subcontractor; but in no event will the insurance limits be less than \$500,000 for Workers' Compensation/Employers' Liability, and \$1,000,000 for General Liability and Auto Liability if required below.

1. All subcontracts between the Vendor and its Subcontractors shall be in writing and are subject to the County's prior written approval. Further, all subcontracts shall
 - a. Require each Subcontractor to be bound to the Vendor to the same extent the Vendor is bound to the County by the terms of the Contract Documents, as those terms may apply to the portion of the Work to be performed by the Subcontractor;
 - b. Provide for the assignment of the subcontracts from the Vendor to the County at the election of Owner upon termination of the Contract;
 - c. Provide that County will be an additional indemnified party of the subcontract;
 - d. Provide that the County will be an additional insured on all insurance policies required to be provided by the Subcontractor except workers compensation and professional liability;
 - e. Provide a waiver of subrogation in favor of the County and other insurance terms and/or conditions
 - f. Assign all warranties directly to the County; and
 - g. Identify the County as an intended third-party beneficiary of the subcontract. The Vendor shall make available to each proposed Subcontractor, prior to the execution of the subcontract, copies of the Contract Documents to which the Subcontractor will be bound by this Section C and identify to the Subcontractor any terms and conditions of the proposed subcontract which may be at variance with the Contract Documents.

F. Each insurance policy and/or certificate shall include the following terms and/or conditions:

1. The Named Insured on the Certificate of Insurance and insurance policy must match the entity's name that responded to the solicitation and/or is signing the agreement with the County.
2. Companies issuing the insurance policy, or policies, shall have no recourse against County for payment of premiums or assessments for any deductibles which all are at the sole responsibility and risk of Vendor.
3. The term "County" or "Pinellas County" shall include all Authorities, Boards, Bureaus, Commissions, Divisions, Departments and Constitutional offices of County and individual members, employees thereof in their official capacities, and/or while acting on behalf of Pinellas County.
4. All policies shall be written on a primary, non-contributory basis.

The minimum insurance requirements and limits for this Agreement, which shall remain in effect throughout its duration and for two (2) years beyond final acceptance for projects with a Completed Operations exposure, are as follows:

5.3. WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Worker's Compensation Insurance is required if required pursuant to Florida law. If, pursuant to Florida law, Worker's Compensation Insurance is required, employer's liability, also known as Worker's Compensation Part B, is also required in the amounts set forth herein.

A. Limits

1. Employers' Liability Limits Florida Statutory
 - a. Per Employee \$ 500,000
 - b. Per Employee Disease \$ 500,000
 - c. Policy Limit Disease \$ 500,000

If Vendor is not required by Florida law, to carry Workers Compensation Insurance in order to perform the requirements of this Agreement, County Waiver Form for workers compensation must be executed, submitted, and accepted by Risk Management. The County Waiver Form is found at <https://pinellas.gov/services/submit-a-workers-compensation-waiver-request/>. Failure to obtain required Worker's Compensation Insurance without submitting and receiving a waiver from Risk Management constitutes a material breach of this Agreement.

5.4. COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

Includes, but not limited to, Independent Vendor, Contractual Liability Premises/Operations, Products/Completed Operations, and Personal Injury.

A. Limits

1. Combined Single Limit Per Occurrence \$ 1,000,000
2. Products/Completed Operations Aggregate \$ 2,000,000
3. Personal Injury and Advertising Injury \$ 1,000,000
4. General Aggregate \$ 2,000,000

5.5. PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY (ERRORS AND OMISSIONS) INSURANCE

Minimum limits as follows. If "claims made" coverage is provided, "tail coverage" extending three (3) years beyond completion and acceptance of the project with proof of "tail coverage" to be submitted with the invoice for final payment. In lieu of "tail coverage", Proposer may submit annually to the County, for a three (3) year period, a current certificate of insurance providing "claims made" insurance with prior acts coverage in force with a retroactive date no later than commencement date of this contract.

A. Limits

- 1. Each Occurrence or Claim \$ 1,000,000
- 2. General Aggregate \$ 1,000,000

B. For acceptance of Professional Liability coverage included within another policy required herein, a statement notifying the certificate holder must be included on the certificate of insurance and the total amount of said coverage per occurrence must be greater than or equal to the amount of Professional Liability and other coverage combined.

5.6. PROPERTY INSURANCE

Vendor will be responsible for all damage to its own property, equipment and/or materials.



6. Scope of Work / Specifications

6.1. OBJECTIVE/JUSTIFICATION

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) is seeking proposals for general planning services, including but not limited to: Housing, Transportation Planning and Analysis, Economic Analysis, Communications and Public Involvement, Urban Design, Parks/Public Open Space Planning/Design, Land Use and Redevelopment, Historic Preservation, Community Resilience, and Community Development.

6.2. BACKGROUND

Pinellas County Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) plays a pivotal role in coordinating countywide objectives and guiding the community toward a sustainable future. Administered by HCD, the Comprehensive Plan defines the vision for Pinellas County and establishes goals, objectives, policies and strategies to help achieve that vision.

HCD is responsible for the Land Development Code, historic preservation, hazard mitigation planning, community development block grant funding, affordable housing program administration and special planning projects. HCD provides staff support to the Local Planning Agency and Board of Adjustment and Appeals for unincorporated areas of the County.

6.3. SCOPE OF WORK

HCD is seeking teams that have applicable experience in many of the planning support service areas listed below:

1. Housing Planning and Analysis (including Affordable Housing)

Housing efforts may include, but are not limited to:

- a. Housing Market Data/Analysis
- b. Housing Needs
- c. Housing Development Project Review: Development & Cash Flow Proforma (Credit Underwriting)
- d. Housing Policy/Regulations
- e. Missing Middle
- f. Best Practices

2. Multimodal Transportation Planning and Analysis

Transportation efforts may include, but are not limited to:

- a. Demographics
- b. Mobility and Demand Management
- c. Transportation/Mobility Impact Fees
- d. Parking and Circulation
- e. Feasibility Studies
- f. Complete Streets
- g. Resilience and Sustainability
- h. Corridor Planning
- i. Micro mobility strategies

3. Economic Analysis

Potential economic analysis efforts could include, but are not limited to:

- a. Market Studies and Analysis
- b. Property or Facility Valuation
- c. Fiscal Impact Analysis
- d. Development Finance and Joint Development

- e. Economic Modeling
- f. Cost-Benefit Analysis
- g. Financial Analysis
- h. Financial/Scenario Planning
- i. Economic Development Capital Project Planning
- j. Land Assembly Planning
- k. Infrastructure Planning
- l. Best Practices and Case Studies

4. Communications and Public Involvement

Communication and public involvement support may include, but is not limited to:

- a. Community Outreach, Engagement and Facilitation
- b. Graphic Design and Visualization
- c. Writing, Editing and Digital Publication
- d. Digital and Thematic Storytelling
- e. Website Design and Maintenance
- f. Market and Survey Research
- g. ADA document compliance reviews and updates

5. Urban Design

Urban Design efforts may include, but are not limited to:

- a. Site and Area Master Plans
- b. Corridor and Streetscape Design
- c. Visualization/Illustrations
- d. Gateway, Wayfinding and Signage Plans
- e. Parking
- f. Open Space and Public Realm Design
- g. Park Master Planning

6. Land Use and Redevelopment

Land Use and Redevelopment efforts may include, but are not limited to:

- a. Comprehensive, Activity Center & Multimodal Corridor Plans
- b. Land Development Codes
- c. Form Based Codes
- d. Sign Regulations
- e. Golf Course Redevelopment
- f. Station Area Plans/Transit Oriented Development
- g. Scenario Planning

- h. Growth Management and Comprehensive Planning
- i. Food Access
- j. Healthy Communities (connection across focus areas, e.g., land use, economic growth, transportation, housing, etc.)

7. Historic Preservation

Historic Preservation efforts may include, but are not limited to:

- a. Archaeological and Historic Resource Surveys
- b. Preservation Planning
- c. National Register of Historic Places, National Historic Landmark and Local Register Evaluations and Nominations
- d. Archaeological Monitoring and Excavations
- e. Memoranda of Understanding and Memoranda of Agreement
- f. Training and Workshops
- g. Historic District and Building Surveys
- h. Cultural Resource Assessment Survey (CRAS) Reports
- i. Historic District Guidelines and Regulations

8. Community Resilience

Community Resilience efforts may include, but are not limited to:

- a. Hazard Mitigation
- b. Disaster Recovery
- c. Vulnerability and Risk Assessments
- d. Adaptation Planning
- e. Resilient Design/Critical Infrastructure Protection
- f. Green Infrastructure Planning
- g. Pre-Disaster Mitigation
- h. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program activities
- i. National Flood Insurance Program activities
- j. Post Disaster Housing Plan

9. Community Development

Community Development planning projects may include, but are not limited to:

- a. 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan identifying the County's priority housing, homeless, special populations, and community development needs as required by HUD.

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/consolidated-plan/consolidated-plan-process-grant-programsand-related-hud-programs/>

- b. Assessment of Fair Housing / Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Equity Plan

- c. Housing Rehabilitation Construction Standards and Guidelines
- d. Housing Design Plans
- e. Transitional Housing and Tenant Relocation Services
- f. Housing Design Plans
- g. Transitional Housing and Tenant Relocation Services

10. Redevelopment Planning

Redevelopment Planning efforts may include, but are not limited to:

- a. Architectural Services
- b. Landscape Architectural Services
- c. Developer Qualifications Evaluations
- d. Construction Administration Services
- e. Permit Ready Residential Plans and Renderings
- f. Splash Pad / Spray Park Design Build Services
- g. Splash Pad / Spray Park Water Quality and General Maintenance Services
- h. Redevelopment Real Estate / Real Property Services (Marketing, Acquisition and Disposition)
- i. Community Facilities Management
- j. Grounds / Landscape Maintenance Services
- k. On-Call Surveying Services
- l. Escrow and Title Services
- m. Lead Base Paint Inspection, Lead Risk Assessment and Lead-Based Paint Removal Companies
- n. Demolition and Abatement Services
- o. Residential Appraisal Services

6.4. DELIVERABLES

Specific deliverables will be clearly identified on a project-by-project basis.



7. Evaluation Criteria

1. Qualifications

A separate statement describing the Proposer's qualifications and experience in providing the same or similar services as outlined in the Scope of Work. This description should include the names and titles of the person(s) who will provide the services, project managers for subcategories including any subcontractors, their qualifications, and the years of experience in performing this type of work/services.

Scoring Method:

Points Based

Weight (Points):

350 (35% of Total)

2. Experience with Projects of Similar Scope

A separate narrative describing examples of project experience relevant to the sub areas. A maximum of four (4) pages shall be submitted per subcategory. Resumes will not count towards the subcategory page limit and should be included as part of an appendix.

Scoring Method:

Points Based

Weight (Points):

300 (30% of Total)

3. Approach

A separate written narrative describing technical strengths, unique concepts and methods that qualify the Proposer to satisfy the requirements of the Scope of Work.

Scoring Method:

Points Based

Weight (Points):

300 (30% of Total)

4. No Exceptions

Proposer is advised that exceptions to any terms and conditions contained in this RFP or the Services Agreement must be stated with specificity in its response to the RFP. The points available under this criterion will be deducted if the Proposer takes exception to any language to this RFP package. Failure to provide exceptions with the submittal shall result in the mandatory acceptance of the agreement as submitted herein by default. Exceptions must be submitted on a separate sheet titled: exceptions

Scoring Method:

Points Based

Weight (Points):

50 (5% of Total)

8. Vendor Questionnaire

1. VENDOR QUESTIONNAIRE

Respondents are expected to organize their submittals in such a manner as to facilitate the evaluation process. Submittals should be keyed or indexed to correspond with this solicitation. Responses should be correlated to the specific submittal, criterion, section or paragraph number of the solicitation being addressed.

Evaluators will make a reasonable effort to locate information in the responses; however failure to follow this suggested format may make location of critical submittal information difficult, possibly resulting in a loss of appropriate credit.

Additional documentation may be requested by the County to ensure contract compliance.

1.1. CONTRACTOR ACCEPTANCE FORM*

Download the below documents, complete, and upload.

 [1.6.2023.ContractorAcceptance.pdf](#)

*Response required

1.2. CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE*

Upload your Certificate of Insurance here.

*Response required

1.3. CONTRACTOR REFERENCES*

Download the below documents, complete, and upload.

 [1.6.2023.CONTRACTOR REFERENCES.pdf](#)

*Response required

1.4. OPENGOV ELECTRONIC PRICING PROPOSAL AND DELIVERY DAYS*

See OpenGov electronic [Pricing Proposal](#). Pricing must be submitted within the OpenGov electronic [Pricing Proposal](#) and all pricing must be completed.

DELIVERY _____ DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF ORDER

An award may not be issued without proof that your firm is registered with the Florida Division of Corporations, as per Florida Statute §607.1501 www.flsenate.gov/Laws/Statutes/2011/607.1501.

A foreign corporation (foreign to the State of Florida) may not transact business in this state until it obtains a certificate of authority from the Department of State. Please visit dos.myflorida.com/sunbiz/ for this information on how to become registered.

Enter response

*Response required

1.5. ELECTRONIC PAYMENT*

Download the below documents, complete, and upload.

 [1.6.2023.ELECTRONIC_PAYMENT.pdf](#)

*Response required

1.6. W-9 REQUEST FOR TAXPAYER ID NUMBER AND CERTIFICATION*

The contractor must complete and submit to the County Form W-9 available: Through the following link:

www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-w-9

Section 119.071(5), Florida Statutes Notice:

Your Tax Identification Number (which for individuals is your social security number) is collected on Form W9 for use in filing information returns with the IRS as described more fully below. Collection of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C § 6109).

Privacy Act Notice:


Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons who must file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, and certain other income paid to you, mortgage interest you paid, the acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA, or Archer MSA or HAS. The IRS may also provide this information to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation, and to cities, states, and District of Columbia, and U.S. possessions to carry out their tax laws. We may also disclose this information to other countries under the tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism.

You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Payers must generally withhold 28% of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to a payer.

*Response required

1.7. E-VERIFY AFFIDAVIT*

Download the below documents, complete and have notarized. An online notarization option will be provided for you when responding.

 [1.6.2023.E.verify.pdf](#)

*Response required


1.8. SUBMITTAL DOCUMENTS*

Upload all other documents relating to this solicitation.

*Response required







1.9. Attachment A - Rate Sheets*

Please download the below documents, complete, and upload.

 [RATE_SHEET.xlsx](#)




*Response required

9. Attachments

⋮	 A - ATTACHMENT A - Grant_Provisions_ARPA	 
⋮	 B - ATTACHMENT B - RATE SHEET	 

Upload Attachments

Drop some files here or click to select files to upload.

10. Sample Agreement

General Planning Contract - ARPA

RFP No. 23-0749-RFP

AGREEMENT

23-0749-RFP

The sample agreement below reflects the contract terms and conditions specific to this solicitation. For purposes of this sample, the “Contractor” is the successful Respondent. By submitting a submission in response to this solicitation, the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that if they are awarded a contract under this solicitation, they will enter a contract in substantially this form and subject to these terms.

This Agreement (the “agreement” or “contract”) is entered into on the date last executed below (“Effective Date”), by and between Pinellas County, a subdivision of the State of Florida whose primary address is 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida 33756 (“COUNTY”) and [CONTRACTOR’S NAME] whose primary address is [Address] (hereinafter “CONTRACTOR”) (jointly, the “Parties”).

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

A. Documents Comprising Agreement

1. This Agreement, including the Exhibits listed below, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the transactions and services contemplated

hereby and supersedes all prior agreements, arrangements, and understandings relating to the subject matter of the Agreement. The documents listed below are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement:

- a. This Agreement
- b. Pinellas County Standard Terms & Conditions, located on Pinellas County Purchasing's website, effective 6/14/2023, posted at <https://pinellas.gov/county-standard-terms-conditions/>
- c. Solicitation Section 4, Titled Special Conditions
- d. Solicitation Section 5, Titled Insurance Requirements
- e. Contractor's response to Solicitation Section 6, Scope of Work / Specifications
- f. Contractor's Pricing
- g. Attachment A - Grant Provisions - ARPA

2. In the case of a conflict, the terms of this document govern, followed by the terms of the attached Exhibits, which control in the order listed above.

B. Term

Duration of the Agreement will be for a period of 60 months with unit prices adjustable at 36 months after the date of award and thereafter annually for the life of the contract, in an amount not to exceed the average of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or 5 %, whichever is less, for all Urban Consumers, Series Id: CUUR0000SA0, Not Seasonally Adjusted, Area: U.S. city average, Item: All items, Base Period: 1982-84=100 for the twelve months prior.

C. Term Extension(s) of Contract

The Agreement may be extended subject to written notice of agreement from the County and successful respondent, for 2 additional 12 month period(s) beyond the primary contract period. Term extensions will allow for price adjustments (Decrease/Increase) in an amount not to exceed the average of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or 5 %, whichever is less, for all Urban Consumers, Series Id: CUUR0000SA0, Not Seasonally Adjusted, Area: U.S. city average, Item: All items, Base Period: 1982-84=100 for the twelve months prior to extension. The extension shall be exercised only if all terms and conditions remain the same and the County Administrator or Director of Purchasing grants approval.

It is the Contractor's responsibility to request any pricing adjustment under this provision. For any adjustment to commence annually, the Contractor's request for adjustment will be submitted between 90-120 days prior to Agreement anniversary date, utilizing the available index at the time of request. The Contractor adjustment request will not be in excess of the relevant pricing index change. If no adjustment request is received from the Contractor, the County will assume the Contractor has agreed to continue without a pricing adjustment. Any adjustment request received outside of the 90-120 day period above will not be considered.

C. Pricing & Expenditures Cap

- 1. Payment and pricing terms for the initial and renewal terms are subject to the cost or fee schedule in the CONTRACTOR's Statement of Work. Notwithstanding the above, County expenditures under the Agreement will not exceed [TBD \$XXX] .

D. D. Exceptions

- A. The following provisions of the T&Cs are amended as follows. Except as expressly provided in this Section 2, the terms of documents composing the Agreement remain in full force and effect:

- 1. [List any exceptions here]
- 2. [List any exceptions here]

E. Entire Agreement

- 1. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their undersigned officials, who are duly authorized to bind the Parties to the Agreement.

For Contractor:

Signature:

Print Name and Title:

Date:

For County:

Signature:

Print Name and Title:

Date:

CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR CONTRACTS UNDER FEDERAL AWARDS
BID OR PROPOSAL NUMBER: 23-0749-P
BID OR PROPOSAL TITLE: GENERAL PLANNING CONTRACT

This solicitation is either fully or partially funded with federal funds from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds made available under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). In addition to other terms and conditions required by Pinellas County and the applicable federal agency, all contracts awarded to the qualified bidder are subject to the following provisions, as applicable to the services provided.

Equal Employment Opportunity: Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of “federally assisted construction contract” in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity” (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, “Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,” and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, “Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.”

If this contract meets the definition of a “federally assisted construction contract”, during the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

- (1) The CONTRACTOR will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The CONTRACTOR will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The CONTRACTOR agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- (2) The CONTRACTOR will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- (3) The CONTRACTOR will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.

(4) The CONTRACTOR will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the Contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(5) The CONTRACTOR will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(6) The CONTRACTOR will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(7) In the event of the CONTRACTOR's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the CONTRACTOR may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(8) The CONTRACTOR will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) in every subcontract unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor.

Davis-Bacon Act as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148): When required by federal program legislation, for all prime construction contracts awarded in excess of \$2,000, Contractors are required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics 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. If the applicable grant award contains Davis-Bacon provisions, the County will place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in the solicitation document. The decision to award a contract shall be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination [Appendix II to 2 CFR Part 200].

Copeland Anti Kick Back Act: If Davis-Bacon is applicable, CONTRACTOR shall also comply with all the requirements of 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 [Appendix II to 2 CFR Part 200].

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 [Appendix II to 2 CFR Part 200].

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) [Appendix II to 2 CFR Part 200].

Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689): A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) will 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. If applicable, the CONTRACTOR must verify that none of their subcontractors (for contracts expected to equal or exceed \$25,000), appear on the federal government’s Excluded Parties List. The Excluded Parties List is accessible at <http://www.sam.gov> [Appendix II to 2 CFR Part 200].

Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352): CONTRACTORS that apply or bid for an award **exceeding \$100,000** must submit a completed “Disclosure of Lobbying Activities” [Form SF-LLL]. 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. [Appendix II to 2 CFR Part 200]. **The bidder shall complete Form SF-LLL and submit with bid. Bidders may be deemed nonresponsive for failure to submit this certification.**

Conflict of Interest [2 CFR §200.112]: The CONTRACTOR must disclose in writing any potential conflict of interest to the Federal awarding agency or COUNTY in accordance with applicable Federal awarding agency policy.

Mandatory Disclosures [2 CFR §200.113]: The CONTRACTOR must disclose in writing all violations of federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the federal award. Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies described in 2 CFR §200.339 - Remedies for

noncompliance, including suspension or debarment.

Certifications and representations. [2 CFR § 200.209]

Unless prohibited by the U.S. Constitution, Federal statutes or regulations, CONTRACTOR may be required to submit certifications and representations required by this agreement, Federal statutes, or regulations on an annual basis. Submission may be required more frequently if the CONTRACTOR fails to meet a requirement of these provisions for contracts under federal awards.

Protected Personally Identifiable Information (Protected PII) [CFR §200.303(e)]:

The CONTRACTOR must take reasonable measures to safeguard protected personally identifiable information and other information the federal awarding agency or COUNTY designates as sensitive or the County considers sensitive consistent with other applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding privacy and obligations of confidentiality. Per 2 CFR § 200.82, Protected PII means an individual's first name or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more of types of information, including, but not limited to, social security number, passport number, credit card numbers, clearances, bank numbers, biometrics, date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, criminal, medical and financial records, educational transcripts. This does not include PII that is required by law to be disclosed.

Prohibition on utilization of time and material type contracts [2 CFR §200.318 (j) (1)]: The COUNTY will not award contracts based on a time and material basis if the contract contains federal funding.

Contracting with Small and Minority Businesses, Women's Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area Firms [2 CFR § 200.321]: If using subcontractors, the CONTRACTOR must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible. Affirmative steps must include:

- (1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
- (2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
- (3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- (4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- (5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.
- (6) Affirmative Action Requirements per 41 CFR 60-4.1 Goals for Women and Minorities in Construction (for contracts in excess of \$10,000): Goals and timetables for minority and female utilization may be set which shall be based on appropriate workforce, demographic or other relevant data and which shall cover construction projects or construction contracts performed in specific geographical areas. The goals, which shall be applicable to each construction trade in a covered Contractor's or subcontractor's entire workforce which is working in the area covered by the goals and timetables, shall be

published as notices in the Federal Register, and shall be inserted by the contracting officers and applicants, as applicable, in the Notice required by 41 CFR 60-4.2. Covered construction Contractors performing construction work in geographical areas where they do not have a federal or federally assisted construction contract shall apply the minority and female goals established for the geographical area where the work is being performed.

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.

Domestic preferences for procurements. [2 CFR § 200.322]

(a) As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the non-Federal entity should, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award.

(b) For purposes of this section:

(1) “Produced in the United States” means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.

(2) “Manufactured products” means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

Procurement of Recovered Materials [2 CFR §200.323]: CONTRACTOR 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.

Prohibition on utilization of cost plus a percentage of cost contracts [2 CFR §200.324 (d)]: The COUNTY will not award contracts containing federal funding on a cost plus percentage of cost basis.

Retention of Records [2 CFR 200.334]: Financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other records pertinent to a Federal award must be retained for a period of three years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report or invoice. Record retention may be required to be longer if any of the provisions of 2 CFR 200.334(a)-(f) apply.

Access to Records [2 CFR 200 § 200.337]: The County, Pass-through agency or Federal awarding agency have the right of timely and unrestricted access to any documents,

papers or other records, including electronic records, of the CONTRACTOR which are pertinent to the Federal award in order to make audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcripts, and copies of such documents.

This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the CONTRACTOR'S personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. This right of access shall continue as long as records are required to be retained.

Remedies for noncompliance. [2 CFR § 200.339]

If CONTRACTOR fails to comply with the U.S. Constitution, Federal statutes, regulations or the terms and conditions of a Federal award, the Federal awarding agency or COUNTY may impose additional conditions, as described in 2 CFR § 200.208. If the Federal awarding agency or COUNTY determines that noncompliance cannot be remedied by imposing additional conditions, the Federal awarding agency or COUNTY may take one or more of the following actions, as appropriate in the circumstances:

- (a) Temporarily withhold cash payments pending correction of the deficiency by the CONTRACTOR or more severe enforcement action by the Federal awarding agency or COUNTY.
- (b) Disallow (that is, deny both use of funds and any applicable matching credit for) all or part of the cost of the activity or action not in compliance.
- (c) Wholly or partly suspend or terminate the Agreement.
- (d) Initiate suspension or debarment proceedings as authorized under 2 CFR part 180 and Federal awarding agency regulations (or in the case of the COUNTY, recommend such a proceeding be initiated by a Federal awarding agency).
- (e) Take other remedies that may be legally available.