

PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
400 S. FT. HARRISON AVENUE
ANNEX BUILDING – 6TH FLOOR
CLEARWATER, FL 33756



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

RFP – FORMAL/INFORMAL

*SUBMITTALS ARE OPENED PUBLICLY AND
ARE ACCEPTED VIA PINELLAS EPRO*

THE MISSION OF PINELLAS COUNTY

Pinellas County Government is committed to progressive public policy, superior public service, courteous public contact, judicious exercise of authority and sound management of public resources to meet the needs and concerns of our citizens today and tomorrow.

ISSUE DATE: Thursday, April 14, 2022

SOLICITATION NUMBER: **22-0371-P**

SOLICITATION TITLE: **Adult Drug Court Treatment - Division N and Z**

DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN QUESTIONS: Friday, April 29, 2022 by 3:00 PM Eastern Time

SUBMIT QUESTIONS: ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN PINELLAS EPRO WITHIN THE Q&A - TAB.

ALL SUBMITTALS ARE DUE BY: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 by 3:00 PM Eastern Time

PRE-CONFERENCE INFORMATION: **NON MANDATORY – Friday, April 29, 2022 @ 10:00 A.M.**

SITE VISIT INFORMATION: **NOT APPLICABLE**

SOLICITATION CONTACT INFORMATION:

NAME: **Lucy Nowacki**

EMAIL: **Inowacki@pinellascounty.org**

SUBMITTALS MAY NOT BE WITHDRAWN FOR 120 DAYS AFTER OPENING DATE.

Please Note:

From time to time, addenda may be issued to this solicitation. Any such addenda will be posted on the same Web site, www.pinellascounty.org/purchase/Current_Bids1.htm, from which you obtained this solicitation.

Before submitting, you should check our Web site to download any addenda that may have been issued. Please remember to sign and return Addenda Acknowledgement Form with completed bid package if applicable.

AUTHORIZED BY:

Merry Celeste

Merry Celeste, CPPB

Division Director of Purchasing and Risk Management

CONTRACTOR MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

CONTRACTORS ARE CAUTIONED THAT THE POLICY OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PINELLAS COUNTY, IS TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE SUBMITTAL RECEIVED MEETING SPECIFICATIONS. NO CHANGES REQUESTED BY A CONTRACTOR DUE TO AN ERROR IN PRICING WILL BE CONSIDERED AFTER THE SOLICITATION OPENING DATE AS ADVERTISED. BY SIGNING THIS SUBMITTAL FORM, CONTRACTORS ARE ATTESTING TO THEIR AWARENESS OF THIS POLICY AND ARE AGREEING TO ALL OTHER SOLICITATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS, INCLUDING ANY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED HEREIN.

CONTRACTOR NAME: _____ (As shown on W-9)
DBA: _____ (If applicable)
MAILING ADDRESS: _____ (As shown on W-9)
CITY / STATE / ZIP: _____ (As shown on W-9)
CONTRACTOR EMAIL: _____ (Primary Company Email Address)
REMIT TO NAME: _____ (As Shown on contractors Invoice)
FEIN#: _____ (As shown on W-9)

PAYMENT TERMS: ____% ____DAYS, NET 45 (PER F.S. 218.73)

DEPOSIT, IF REQUIRED, IS ATTACHED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____

Proper Corporate Identity is needed when you submit your quote, especially how your firm is registered with the Florida Division of Corporations. Please visit dos.myflorida.com/sunbiz/ for this information. It is essential to return a copy of your W-9 with your quote. Thank you.

CONTRACTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

CONTACT NAME: _____
PHONE NUMBER: _____
FAX NUMBER: _____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

I HEREBY AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS RFP EXCEPT AS NOTED BY EXCEPTION, INCLUDING ALL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS & CERTIFY I AM AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THIS RFP FOR THE PROPOSER.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

SEE SECTION F FOR PRICING SUMMARY

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR RESPONSE

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SECTION A - GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. CONTRACTOR SUBMISSION

- a. Submittals shall be uploaded utilizing Pinellas ePro procurement website. Failure to comply could result in the submittal being rejected.
- b. Submittals must be on the forms furnished. Submittals sent via email will not be considered.

2. WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR INTERPRETATIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

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 shall 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.

3. 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 shall be required to furnish the items as specified.
- c. contractor submission shall include all data necessary to evaluate and determine the quality of the item(s) they intend to furnish.

4. ALTERNATES

Unless otherwise provided in the solicitation, alternatives may be included in the plans, specifications, and/or solicitation. When the County includes alternates in the solicitation, the contractor shall indicate on the submittal the cost of said alternate and sum to be deducted or added to the base pricing. 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 Pinellas ePro Q & A Tab prior to the question deadline, and receive approval prior to the solicitation opening date in order to be considered for award.

5. RIGHTS OF PINELLAS COUNTY IN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS

In addition to all other rights of the County under Florida law, the County specifically reserves the following:

- a. Pinellas County reserves the right to rank contractors and negotiate with the highest-ranking contractor. Negotiation with an individual vendor does not require negotiation with others.
- b. Pinellas County reserves the right to select the contractor that it believes will serve the best interest of Pinellas County.
- c. Pinellas County reserves the right to reject any or all submittals. 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 shall have 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 the agreement.
- d. Pinellas County reserves the right to cancel the entire submittal.
- e. Pinellas County reserves the right to remedy or waive technical or immaterial errors in the solicitation or submittals received.
- f. Pinellas County reserves the right to request any necessary clarifications or revisions data without changing the terms of the solicitation.

- g. Pinellas County reserves the right to require the contractor to perform the services required on the basis of the original submittal without negotiation.

6. EVALUATION CRITERIA

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 Scope of Work of the solicitation.

7. COSTS INCURRED BY PROPOSERS

All expenses involved with the preparations and submissions to the County and any oral presentations, or any work performed in connection therewith, shall be borne solely by the contractor(s). No payment will be made for any responses received, or for any other effort required of, or made by, the contractor(s) prior to contract commencement unless otherwise specified in the Scope of Work in this solicitation.

8. ORAL PRESENTATION

An oral presentation may be requested of any contractor, at the Evaluation Committee's discretion. If an oral presentation is requested the written evaluation process shall be utilized to short list proposals. If required as part of the evaluation process, the oral presentation shall be scored as specified in the Scope of Work of the RFP. The most qualified contractor as determined by evaluation process shall proceed with the contracting process.

9. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- a. The contractor represents that it presently has no interest and shall 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 no person having any such interest shall be employed during the agreement term and any extensions. In addition, the contractor shall 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 shall 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 shall 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:

Pinellas County Clerk of Circuit Court – Division of Inspector General

Phone – (727) 45FRAUD (453-7283)

Fax – 727-464-8386

10. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL

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

11. LATE PROPOSAL OR MODIFICATIONS

- a. Submittals and modifications received after the time set for the submission will not be considered. This upholds the integrity of the process.

b. Modifications in writing received prior to the time set for the submittal will be accepted.

12. PROPOSALS FROM RELATED PARTIES / MULTIPLE PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM ONE VENDOR

Where two (2) or more related parties each submit a proposal or multiple proposals are received from one (1) vendor, for any contract, such proposals shall be judged non-responsive. Related parties mean proposers or the principles thereof, which have a direct or indirect ownership interest in another proposer for the same contract or in which a parent company or the principles thereof of one (1) proposer have a direct or indirect ownership interest in another bidder or proposer for the same contract.

13. JOINT VENTURES

All 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.

14. PROVISION FOR OTHER AGENCIES

Unless otherwise stipulated by the contractor(s), the contractor(s) agree to make available to all Government agencies, departments, and municipalities the prices submitted in accordance with said terms and conditions therein, should any said governmental entity desire to buy under this solicitation. Eligible users shall mean all State of Florida Agencies, the legislative and judicial branches, 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 agreement.

15. COLLUSION

The contractor, by affixing his signature to this proposal, agrees to the following: "Contractor 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."

16. STATEMENT RELATIVE TO PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES

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.

17. COUNTY INDEMNIFICATION VARIANCE FROM STANDARD TERMS & CONDITIONS

Contractor agrees to indemnify, pay the cost of defense, including attorney's fees, and hold harmless the County, its officers, employees and agents from all damages, suits, actions or claims, including reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the County, of any character brought on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons, or property, or in any way relating to or arising from the Agreement; or on account of any act or omission, neglect or misconduct of Contractor; or by, or on account of, any claim or amounts recovered under the Workers' Compensation Law; or of any other laws, regulations, ordinance, order or decree; or arising from or by reason of any actual or claimed trademark, patent or copyright infringement or litigation based thereon; or for any violation of requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as may be amended, and all rules and regulations issued pursuant thereto (collectively the "ADA") except when such injury, damage, or violation was caused by the sole negligence of the County.

18. VARIANCE FROM STANDARD TERMS & CONDITIONS

All standard terms and conditions stated in this section apply to this Agreement except as specifically stated in the subsequent sections of the document, which take precedence over this section, and should be fully understood by contractors prior to submitting on this requirement.

19. ADA REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLIC NOTICES

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

20. 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 EPA guidelines.
- c. On all quotes over fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) and informal quotes under fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), or as required by law, the Director of Purchasing and Risk Management shall require vendors 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.

21. 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 shall provide such additional requirements as may become necessary.

22. AGREEMENT

In addition to being subject to all terms and conditions in this solicitation, all responses are subject to the terms and conditions in the agreement attached to the solicitation. Additional or modified terms and conditions in the agreement may be necessary depending on the responses to the solicitation, including any exceptions stated by the contractor as required by Section A, PREPARATION OF SUBMITTAL of this solicitation. However, the County may reject any exception proposed by the contractor and shall not be bound by any additional or modified terms and conditions that are in conflict with the terms and conditions in the agreement, or are not acceptable to, or have been declared to be non-negotiable by the County, as determined in its sole discretion.

23. INTEGRITY OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) DOCUMENTS

Contractors shall 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.

24. 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 shall 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 shall 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:

- i. That after notice from the County that a public records request has been made for the materials designated as a trade secret, the contractor shall 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 shall 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;
- ii. 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;
- iii. 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.
- iv. 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.

25. LOBBYING

"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 bidder/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 bidder/proposer, any member of the bidder's/proposer's staff, any agent or representative of the bidder/proposer, or any person employed by any legal entity affiliated with or representing a bidder/proposer/protestor, 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 bidder/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).

26. PROTEST PROCEDURE

As per Section 2-162 of County Code

- a. 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 bidders 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 shall not be reviewed."
- b. "Posting. The purchasing department shall post the recommended award on or through the departmental website."
- c. Requirements to protest.
 1. "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."
 2. "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."
 3. "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."
 4. "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 bidder or proposer."

- d. "Sole remedy. These procedures shall be the sole remedy for challenging the content of the bid or proposal package or the recommended award."
- e. "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."
- f. "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."
- g. "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."
- h. "Review of director's decision."
 - 1. "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 bidder or proposer deems relevant to the issues raised in the request to review the decision of the director."
 - 2. "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."
- i. "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)

27. PUBLIC RECORDS – CONTRACTOR'S DUTY

If the contractor has questions regarding the application of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, to the contractor's duty to provide public records relating to this agreement, the contractor shall contact:

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

Purchasing and Risk Management Division

400 S. Ft. Harrison Ave, 6th Floor,

Clearwater, FL 33756

Public Records Liaison

Phone: 727-464-4485

Email: jpeters@pinellascounty.org

28. E-VERIFY

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

29. 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 shall be considered a material breach and shall be ground for immediate termination of the agreement.

30. 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 shall 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.

SECTION B – SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. INTENT

In accordance with attached specifications, it is the intent of Pinellas County to establish a contract(s) for **Adult Drug Court Treatment - Division N and Z** Services for qualifying, felony drug offenders through the use of Drug Court and supportive services, as and when required.

2. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Each proposal shall at a minimum address and/or include the following information and documentation in sufficient detail for the County to evaluate the Proposer's qualifications, as well as the methods, manner, proposed completion schedule if applicable, and the cost to complete the Section E Scope of Work:

- a. A separate statement describing the Proposer's qualifications and experience in providing the same or similar services as outlined in the RFP Scope of Work. This description should include the names of the person(s) who will provide the services, including any subcontractors, their qualifications, and the years of experience in performing this type of work/services. Also include the reference information requested in Section D.
- b. A separate written narrative describing the methods and/or manner in which the Proposer proposes to satisfy the requirements of the Scope of Work set out in Section E.
- c. A separate proposed Statement of Work (Proposer's Statement of Work) that enumerates and defines the work/services that Proposer will provide to the County to complete the Scope of Work in this RFP, including each task, deliverable, and/or goods or products comprising the services Proposer will provide, as well as a proposed completion schedule for each task or deliverable, if applicable. The Proposer's Statement of Work shall be in a form that can be incorporated into the Services Agreement as an Exhibit at the County's option.
- d. The proposed compensation to be paid by the County for the services identified in the Proposer's Statement of Work required in subsection 2(c) above. Proposer shall complete Section F – Proposal Summary.
- e. Any exceptions to any section of this RFP.

3. PRICING/PERIOD OF CONTRACT

Unit prices bid of listed items shall be held firm for the duration of the contract. Duration of the contract for Division N shall be for a period of **(5)** year(s) from the effective date and any extension thereof.

Division Z shall be effective from the effective date through June 30, 2027.

4. TERM EXTENSION(S) OF CONTRACT

NOT APPLICABLE

5. FEES AND EXPENSES

The agreed to compensation will include all standard day-to-day administrative, overhead and internal expenses; including, but not limited to:

Costs of bonds and insurance premiums as required by this RFP	Computer/software
Support	Equipment and usage
Office supplies	Telephone charges
Safety equipment	Emails
Consumables	Electronic data transmission fees
Other consulting services	Standard copier usage
Special presentations	Fax charges
Regular and certified postage	Travel, per diem and lodging charges, unless otherwise agreed to by the county in the services agreement

Travel and lodging expenses will be included in the lump sum proposal and will be paid in accordance with Florida Statute 112.061, and/or County Travel Policy, as approved by the County.

6. PRE-CONFERENCE – FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2022 @ 10:00 A.M.

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7. SITE VISIT

NOT APPLICABLE

8. PRE-COMMENCEMENT MEETING

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

9. PERFORMANCE SECURITY

NOT APPLICABLE

10. TIMELINE

Following is a listing of actions and anticipated dates; the County reserves the right to change the dates, if necessary.

Date	
April 14, 2022	Advertising & Publishing RFP
April 29, 2022	Deadline for Questions/Clarifications at 3:00 p.m.
May 10, 2022	Proposals due in Purchasing by May 10, 2022 @ 3:00 p.m. Public bid opening to follow immediately.
TBD	Evaluation of the RFP
TBD	Recommendation due to Purchasing from Human Services
TBD	Submit recommendation to Board for Award of Contract

11. PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL COPIES

The preferred method is PDF conversion from the Proposer's 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

How do I convert my files to PDF format?

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.

Should I scan everything and save as PDF?

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.)

12. BREACH OF CONTRACT

Failure of Contractor to perform any of the services required by this contract within 10 days of receipt of written demand for performance from the County shall constitute breach of contract.

SECTION C – INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY

By submitting a Proposal, the Vendor acknowledges and agrees that the services will be provided without any limitation on the Vendor's liability. The County objects to and shall not be bound by any term or provision that purports to limit the Vendor's liability to any specified amount in the performance of the services. The Vendor shall state any exceptions to this provision in its response, including specifying the proposed limits of liability in the stated exception to be included in the Services Agreement. The Vendor is deemed to have accepted and agreed to provide the services without any limitation on the Vendor's liability that the Vendor does not take exception to in its response. Notwithstanding any exceptions by the Vendor, the County reserves the right to declare its prohibition on any limitation on the Vendor's liability as non-negotiable, to disqualify any Proposal that includes exceptions to this prohibition on any limitation on the Vendor's liability, and to proceed with another responsive, responsible proposal, as determined by the County in its sole discretion.

2. INDEMNIFICATION

Vendor agrees to indemnify, pay the cost of defense, including attorney's fees, and hold harmless the County, its officers, employees and agents from all damages, suits, actions or claims, including reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the County, of any character brought on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons, or property, or in any way relating to or arising from the Agreement; or on account of any act or omission, neglect or misconduct of Contractor; or by, or on account of, any claim or amounts recovered under the Workers' Compensation Law; or of any other laws, regulations, ordinance, order or decree; or arising from or by reason of any actual or claimed trademark, patent or copyright infringement or litigation based thereon; or for any violation of requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as may be amended, and all rules and regulations issued pursuant thereto (collectively the "ADA") except when such injury, damage, or violation was caused by the sole negligence of the County.

3. INSURANCE:

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, 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 two (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 A- VIII or better.

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). **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.**

B. 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. The County reserves the right to require a certified copy of the entire insurance policy, including endorsement(s), at any time during the RFP and/or contract period.

C. 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) should be furnished to Pinellas County Risk Management at InsuranceCerts@pinellascounty.org and to CTrax c/o JDi Data at PinellasSupport@jdidata.com by the Vendor or their agent prior to the expiration date.

- 1) The Vendor shall also notify the County within twenty-four (72) 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.
- D. If subcontracting is allowed under this RFP, 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.

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

- 1) 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;
 - 2) Provide for the assignment of the subcontracts from the Vendor to the County at the election of Owner upon termination of the Contract;
 - 3) Provide that County will be an additional indemnified party of the subcontract;
 - 4) 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;
 - 5) Provide a waiver of subrogation in favor of the County and other insurance terms and/or conditions as outlined below;
 - 6) Assign all warranties directly to the County; and
 - 7) 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.
- E. 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:

- 1) **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

Limits

Employers' Liability Limits	Florida Statutory
Per Employee	\$ 500,000
Per Employee Disease	\$ 500,000
Policy Limit Disease	\$ 500,000

If Vendor/Contractor 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. Failure to obtain required Worker's Compensation Insurance without submitting and receiving a waiver from Risk Management constitutes a material breach of this Agreement.

- 2) **Commercial General Liability Insurance:** including, but not limited to, Independent Vendor, Contractual Liability Premises/Operations, Products/Completed Operations, and Personal Injury. No exclusions for physical abuse or sexual molestation.

Limits

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

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.

- 3) **Business Automobile or Trucker's/Garage Liability Insurance** covering owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles. If the Consultant does not own any vehicles, then evidence of Hired and Non-owned coverage is sufficient. Coverage shall be on an "occurrence" basis, such insurance to include coverage for loading and unloading hazards, unless Consultant can show that this coverage exists under the Commercial General Liability policy.

Limit

Combined Single Limit Per Accident	\$1,000,000
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- 4) **Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions) Insurance** with at least 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.

Limits

Each Occurrence or Claim	\$ 1,000,000
General Aggregate	\$ 1,000,000

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) **Cyber Risk Liability (Network Security/Privacy Liability) Insurance** including cloud computing and mobile devices, for protection of private or confidential information whether electronic or non-electronic, network security and privacy; privacy against liability for system attacks, digital asset loss, denial or loss of service, introduction, implantation or spread of malicious software code, security breach, unauthorized access and use; including regulatory action expenses; and notification and credit monitoring expenses with at least minimum limits as follows:

Limits

Each Occurrence	\$ 1,000,000
General Aggregate	\$ 1,000,000

For acceptance of Cyber Risk 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 Cyber Risk Liability and other coverage combined.

- 6) **Property Insurance:** Vendor will be responsible for all damage to its own property, equipment and/or materials.

SECTION D – CONTRACTOR REFERENCES

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUIRED IN ORDER THAT YOUR PROPOSAL MAY BE REVIEWED AND PROPERLY EVALUATED.

COMPANY NAME: _____

LENGTH OF TIME COMPANY HAS BEEN IN BUSINESS: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

HOW LONG IN PRESENT LOCATION: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

FAX NUMBER: _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF CURRENT EMPLOYEES: _____ FULL TIME _____ PART TIME

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES YOU PLAN TO USE TO SERVICE THIS CONTRACT: _____

All references will be contacted by a County Designee via email, fax or phone call to obtain answers to questions, as applicable before an evaluation decision is made.

Bidders must have experience in work of the same or similar nature, and must provide references that will satisfy the County. Proposer must furnish a reference list of at least four (4) customers for whom they have performed similar services. EITHER LOCAL COMMERCIAL OR GOVERNMENTAL REFERENCE(S) (PINELLAS COUNTY GOVERNMENT REFERENCES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED) THAT YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY PERFORMED SIMILAR CONTRACT SERVICES FOR:

1.	2.
COMPANY:	COMPANY:
ADDRESS:	ADDRESS:
TELEPHONE/FAX:	TELEPHONE/FAX:
CONTACT:	CONTACT:
CONTACT EMAIL:	CONTACT EMAIL:
COMPANY EMAIL ADDRESS:	COMPANY EMAIL ADDRESS:
3.	4.
COMPANY:	COMPANY:
ADDRESS:	ADDRESS:
TELEPHONE/FAX:	TELEPHONE/FAX:
CONTACT:	CONTACT:
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SECTION E – SCOPE OF WORK

A. OBJECTIVE:

Pinellas County (County) seeks to establish contract(s) for Drug Court Treatment Services for County residents within service groups outlined below. Conduction of all services must be in accordance with Chapter 65D-30, Florida Administrative Code, known as the Substance Abuse Standards. It is the desire of the County to utilize geographically diverse organizations with locations throughout the county, and multiple vendors may be considered to ensure capacity, geographic availability, and adult drug court need. Only proposals from vendors located within Pinellas County will be considered.

Vendors may propose for each of the 5 Groupings listed below or may choose to propose for specific Groups for consideration in their response. Please note that vendors proposing to provide outpatient treatment listed in Group 2 and 3 below must respond to both groups and must be willing to provide both the Outpatient Level II and Level III services in accordance with this solicitation. The County, in coordination with the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court, may select one or more vendors for service delivery under each of the proposed groupings. Vendors must indicate that they are willing and able to deliver services for Division N and Z as described below. Please note that the County may require a single agreement with a vendor or may break out the awarded services into 2 agreements to ensure effective delivery of services under Division N and Division Z.

- Group 1 – Residential Drug Court Treatment Services
- Group 2 – Outpatient Level II services for Adult Drug Court
- Group 3 – Outpatient Level III services for Adult Drug Court
- Group 4 – Substance Abuse/Mental Health Screening Assessments
- Group 5 – Transitional Housing

B. BACKGROUND:

The Sixth Judicial Circuit (Court) Adult Drug Court (ADC) program originally operated as an eighteen (18) to twenty-four (24) month, Court-supervised comprehensive treatment for non-violent felony offenders participating the ADC program, known as Division N. In 2001, the ADC was expanded to serve otherwise prison-bound defendants (those scoring prison time), known as Division Z. Both Division N and Z are operated by the Sixth Judicial Circuit serving Pinellas County.

The ADC is a voluntary program involving regular court appearances before a Drug Court judge. The Court exists to provide Drug Court participants the opportunity to avoid a prison sentence by becoming productive, drug-free members of the community. The treatment-based approach begins with an eligible defendant receiving a substance abuse assessment administered by a licensed treatment provider. Following the substance abuse evaluation and based upon the result, the licensed and certified assessor will make a treatment recommendation to the Court.

Frequent judicial review hearings enable the Court to closely monitor a participant's progress in treatment and results of frequent random drug testing. Participants report directly to the Drug Court judge at these hearings, and based upon success or setbacks, the Drug Court judge either rewards compliance or sanctions non-compliance.

Link to information website: <http://www.jud6.org/contactinformation/adultdrugcourt.html>

C. REQUIREMENTS:

1. The Proposer must be incorporated for at least one (1) year in the State of Florida and provide proof of current status with the State of Florida as a licensed for or non-profit organization.
2. The Proposer and the County shall work cooperatively to ensure service delivery is in complete compliance with all such mandates and requirements. All services provided under this contract must meet all applicable local, state and federal ordinances, laws, rules and regulations and any applicable court orders. Should any of the laws, standards, rules or regulations or department procedures change during the course of the contract term, the updated version will take precedence.
3. The Proposer shall ensure that all substance abuse treatment services provided are in accordance with Chapter 397, F.S. Rule 65D-30, Florida Administrative Code (FAC) and all updates, and Code of Federal Regulation 42, Part 2.
4. The Proposer shall provide substance abuse treatment, drug testing, or ancillary services for adult offenders eligible for the Drug Court Expansion Program pursuant to Sections 397.334, 948.01, and 948.06, Florida Statutes, Sixth Judicial Circuit Administrative Order 2016-011 PI_CIR, and any subsequent Administrative Orders. The services under this agreement may be provided by a single Proposer or by multiple Proposers.
5. The Proposer shall have and maintain the level of licensure appropriate to the program type and as specified by Rule 65D-30, FAC and all updates and revisions. Licensure shall be current at all times and prominently displayed at the program site (Chapter 397.401 Florida Statutes, Rule 65D-30 FAC). The Proposer shall pay for all costs associated with local, state and federal licenses, permits and inspection fees required to provide services. The County must be provided with a copy of all licenses. The Proposer will notify the County immediately of any changes to the licensing status. A copy of the Department of Children and Family licensing inspection report must be provided to the County.
6. All substance abuse treatment services shall be provided under the supervision of a "qualified professional" as defined in Chapter 397 Florida Statutes, and Rule 65D-30 FAC. Proposer shall provide an adequate level of professional treatment staff for required services and shall ensure that staff are appropriately trained. The Proposer shall ensure the constant presence of sufficient staff and treatment space to provide the required services.
7. The Proposer agrees to share data as outlined in the Data Sharing Agreement (Attachment A) and provide program and other information in electronic format to the Pinellas County Mental Health and Substance Abuse Data Collaborative for the purpose of research and policy development.
8. The Proposer agrees to sign a HIPAA Business Associate Agreement (Attachment B).
9. Standard Services Agreement - The awarded contractor(s) will be required to execute the attached standard services agreement. No exceptions to the standard services agreement will be executed.

D. BACKGROUND CHECKS:

Proposers agree that the Court requires criminal history records checks on any Proposer staff, employees, or subcontractor staff that has access to confidential information, resources, or facilities operated in whole, or in part, with funding from this agreement unless formally waived, in writing, by the Court's contract manager. The cost of performing the criminal history records checks is an allowable expense under this agreement, if the Proposer is not already required to pay for criminal records check as part of its normal operations.

The criminal history records check must be completed in accordance with Sections 394.4572, 408.809 and 435.12, Florida Statutes, within thirty (30) calendar days after the start of employment. A letter certifying that no disqualifying crimes were identified must be submitted to the Court's contract manager. If the Proposer adds additional employees during the term of the agreement, the names of those staff, employees or subcontractor staff must be provided to the Court's contract manager within seven (7) days of beginning work. The Proposer shall resubmit updated Criminal History Records Checks certification letters every five (5) years from the prior criminal history records check as long as the agreement is in force.

If any disqualifying crimes are present on the record, the Proposer agrees to remove the employee from the worksite, terminate the employee's access to confidential information resources, participants, and the participant's family members, and ban the employee from working on services under this contract.

During the term of the agreement, the Proposer shall report, in writing, to the Court's contract manager, the arrest, charge or Notice to Appear for an alleged commission of a disqualifying crime in any state or other jurisdiction for any Proposer's staff, employee or subcontractor assigned to this agreement within one (1) business day of Proposer's knowledge. The notice shall include the County's name, the staff member's name and the location and nature of the alleged violation. The Court reserves the right to require the Proposer to immediately suspend or terminate the staff member's work under this agreement and access to confidential information obtained or maintained under this agreement. The Proposer shall notify the Court within ten (10) calendar days of case disposition.

E. SCOPE OF WORK:

1. Target Population: The target population for this program is non-violent felony drug offenders.

- a) Proposer must demonstrate at least one (1) year of experience providing service to the Target Population.
- b) Proposer must describe relevant experience with similar projects/Target Population.
- c) Proposer must describe agency's criminal justice service experience.
- d) Proposer must describe community resources used in meeting the needs of the Target Population.

2. Services to be Performed:

- a) Group 1 – Residential Drug Court Treatment Services
Proposer will provide a variable length (8-18 months), two-part residential drug treatment service for each defendant in Adult Drug Court, as referred by the Court. All services will be provided in accordance with Chapter 65D-30, Florida Administrative Code.

Part 1:

- i. Two (2) months of intensive drug treatment, wherein the participant remains at the facility twenty-four (24) hours per day;
- ii. At least ten (10) hours of treatment per week; and
- iii. At least one (1) individual and three (3) group counseling sessions per week.

Part 2:

- i. Four (4) months of employment/re-entry treatment and training where the participant resides at the facility. The participant must leave the facility for full-time employment but is required to return each evening for additional services.
- ii. At least six (6) hours of treatment per week; and
- iii. At least one (1) individual counseling session and two (2) group sessions per week.

Throughout the program:

- iv. Frequent random drug testing using either urine drug screenings or oral swab screens at a minimum of once a week for multiple drugs during the course of treatment, and up to twenty-six weeks thereafter on a frequency basis as ordered by the Court.
- v. Provide consultation or referral arrangements for any mental health, medical or other social service needs, as deemed appropriate.
- vi. Provide means of transportation to bring offenders to Court as needed; and

After the treatment program:

- vii. Provide aftercare counseling sessions as needed for clients completing active residential treatment for up to an additional twelve (12) weeks.

Proposer is to provide the Adult Drug Court with the following:

- i. Notification of client's arrival for screening process inclusive of client's acceptance or non-acceptance into treatment setting.
 - ii. Notification of treatment start date.
 - iii. Evaluation recommendations.
 - iv. Reports for judicial reviews **no later than forty-eight (48) hours** prior to a regularly scheduled judicial review hearing (including attendance, UDS results, treatment progress reports). Reports will be electronically submitted to the Drug Court via secure connections, which can include direct submission through the Drug Court's web-based Drug Court case management system.
 - v. Immediate notification of termination, discharge or elopements.
 - vi. Immediate notification of violation of terms of treatment (i.e., failed drug screens, missed treatment appointments, etc);
 - vii. Immediate notification of hospitalization or significant disruption of treatment process.
 - viii. Discharge information will be supplied to the Court, and a copy will be forwarded to the Department of Corrections.
 - ix. Court appearances by the Proposer will be made as required by the Court;
 - x. Client-related data and status information will be provided in a manner and in a format as required by the Court. This format may include electronic data submission meeting Court-determined specifications; and
 - xi. Weekly written reports to the Court on treatment availability status and size of wait lists.
- b) **Group 2 – Outpatient Level II Services for Drug Court:**
Proposer will provide Outpatient Level II drug treatment services for defendants in Adult Drug Court, as directed by the Court.

All services will be provided in accordance with Chapter 65D-30, Florida Administrative Code. In addition to the standards proscribed in 65D-30.010(1), each defendant/respondent will be provided with counseling services that are consistent with Drug Court Level II outpatient treatment. The following required services exceed the standards for outpatient treatment as defined in 65D-30.010(1).

The following services will be provided to defendants and respondents within fourteen (14) days of receipt of Court referral:

- i. Services will be offered in both North and South Pinellas County.
- ii. Group counseling services will be available day and night.
- iii. Group counseling will be offered two (2) hours daily, twice weekly for a minimum of twelve (12) weeks.
- iv. Screenings, assessments and subsequent recommendations, if any, will be provided to the Court.
- v. Individual treatment and discharge planning will be made within thirty (30) days of referral by the Court. Treatment evaluations will be made every thirty (30) days.
- vi. Random urine drug screenings or oral swab drug screenings will be given on a random basis at least weekly for multiple drugs during the course of treatment and up to twelve (12) weeks thereafter on a frequency basis as ordered by the Court. Consultation or referral arrangements will be made where psychiatric, medical or other social services are deemed appropriate.
- vii. Participation by clients in community self-help groups such as NA or AA will be encouraged. Attendance at these meetings shall not, however, constitute part of the requirement for substance abuse counseling; and
- viii. Counseling groups will be no larger than twenty (20) persons per group.

Proposer is to provide the Adult Drug Court with the following:

- i. Notification of client's arrival for screening process inclusive of client's acceptance or non-acceptance into treatment setting.
- ii. Notification of treatment start date.
- iii. Evaluation recommendations.
- iv. Reports for judicial reviews **no later than forty-eight (48) hours** prior to a regularly scheduled judicial review hearing (including attendance, UDS results, treatment progress reports). Reports will be electronically submitted to the Drug Court via secure connections, which can include direct submission through the Drug Court's web-based Drug Court case management system.
- v. Immediate notification of termination, discharge or elopements.
- vi. Immediate notification of violation of terms of treatment (i.e., failed drug screens, missed treatment appointments, etc.);
- vii. Immediate notification of hospitalization or significant disruption of treatment process.
- viii. Discharge information will be supplied to the Court, and a copy will be forwarded to the Department of Corrections.
- ix. Court appearances by the Proposer will be made as required by the Court.
- x. Client-related data and status information will be provided in a manner and in a format as required by the Court. This format may include electronic data submission meeting Court-determined specifications; and
- xi. Weekly written reports to the Court on treatment availability status and size of wait lists.

c) Group 3 – Outpatient Level III Services for Drug Court:

Proposer will provide Outpatient Level III drug treatment services for defendants in Adult Drug Court, as directed by the Court.

All services will be provided in accordance with Chapter 65D-30, Florida Administrative Code. In addition to the standards proscribed in 65D-30.010(1), each defendant/respondent will be provided with counseling services that are consistent with Drug Court Level II outpatient treatment. The following required services exceed the standards for outpatient treatment as defined in 65D-30.010(1).

The following services will be provided to defendants and respondents within fourteen (14) days of receipt of Court referral:

- i. Services will be offered in both North and South Pinellas County.
- ii. Group counseling services will be available day and night.
- iii. Group counseling will be offered two (2) hours daily, twice weekly for a minimum of twelve (12) weeks.
- iv. Screenings, assessments and subsequent recommendations, if any, will be provided to the Court;
- v. Individual treatment and discharge planning will be made within thirty (30) days of referral by the Court. Treatment evaluations will be made every thirty (30) days.
- vi. Random urine drug screenings or oral swab drug screenings will be given on a random basis at least weekly for multiple drugs during the course of treatment and up to twelve (12) weeks thereafter on a frequency basis as ordered by the Court;
- vii. Consultation or referral arrangements will be made where psychiatric, medical or other social services are deemed appropriate.
- viii. Participation by clients in community self-help groups such as NA or AA will be encouraged. Attendance at these meetings shall not, however, constitute part of the requirement for substance abuse counseling; and
- ix. Counseling groups will be no larger than twenty (20) persons per group.

Proposer is to provide the Adult Drug Court with the following:

- i. Notification of client's arrival for screening process inclusive of client's acceptance or non-acceptance into treatment setting.
 - ii. Notification of treatment start date.
 - iii. Evaluation recommendations.
 - iv. Reports for judicial reviews **no later than forty-eight (48) hours** prior to a regularly scheduled judicial review hearing (including attendance, UDS results, treatment progress reports). Reports will be electronically submitted to the Drug Court via secure connections, which can include direct submission through the Drug Court's web-based Drug Court case management system;
 - v. Immediate notification of termination, discharge or elopements.
 - vi. Immediate notification of violation of terms of treatment (i.e., failed drug screens, missed treatment appointments, etc);
 - vii. Immediate notification of hospitalization or significant disruption of treatment process;
 - viii. Discharge information will be supplied to the Court, and a copy will be forwarded to the Department of Corrections.
 - ix. Court appearances by the Proposer will be made as required by the Court.
 - x. Client-related data and status information will be provided in a manner and in a format as required by the Court. This format may include electronic data submission meeting Court-determined specifications; and
 - xi. Weekly written reports to the Court on treatment availability status and size of wait lists.
- d) **Group 4 – Substance Abuse/Mental Health Screening Assessments:**
- i. Perform short (30-45 minute) assessments per month of Drug Court clients and prospective Drug Court clients who are not represented by private counsel.
 - ii. Assessments will be performed in person for out-of-custody clients at a provider location or in-custody at the Pinellas County Jail (proper security clearance for access to the jail required);
 - iii. Assessment tool must be an evidence-based tool which looks at drug use severity and identified major mental health problems, motivation for treatment, and criminal thinking patterns; Part of the assessment process may involve conducting a drug screen.
 - iv. Proposer must demonstrate staff qualifications for the administration of the chosen instruments. Please provide with your proposal a list of relevant qualifications for all staff members who will administer the tool.
 - v. The assessment tool should produce a concise report that will help the Court determine proper treatment considerations, including recommended drug treatment level and recommended ancillary services;
 - vi. Reports will be electronically submitted to the Drug Court via secure connections, which can include direct submission through the Drug Court's web-based Drug Court case management system;
 - vii. Reports must be timely submitted three (3) weeks from time of referral or seven (7) days prior to the next scheduled court date, whichever is sooner;
 - viii. Proposer must provide available appointment slots for arraignment/pretrial hearings so that defendants can be assigned assessment appointments;
 - ix. Copayments, or fees paid directly to the provider by the defendants to be assessed can be proposed for each scheduled assessment appointment that is not cancelled with at least forty-eight (48) hour notice; and
 - x. Copayments may be charged in advance of all out-of-custody assessments. Advance collection of copayments for defendants in custody may not be possible, and the Adult Drug Court will offer some assistance in collecting these copayments at later phases of Drug Court for all defendants remaining in Drug Court who have not yet remitted these copayments. However, some copayments must be assumed to be uncollectible in pricing these services.

e) **Group 5 – Transitional Housing:**

Proposer will provide transitional housing to eligible Division N or Z Drug Court defendants.

- i. Staff is to be on call twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week.
- ii. Staff must be onsite and have contact with each participant at least once per week. Multiple visits may be required until all residents are contacted.
- iii. Proposer program staff will conduct face-to-face visits with eligible adult Drug Court defendants for screening/assessment, coordination of services, client registration and follow-up.
- iv. Proposer program staff will coordinate services with Non-Adjudicatory Adult Drug Court Expansion partners to meet the needs of participating Drug Court defendants throughout Pinellas County, Florida.
 - v. Client-related data and status information will be provided in a manner and in a format as required by the Court. This format may include electronic data submission meeting court-determined specifications.
- vi. Proposer shall notify Adult Drug Court of service termination no later than the next drug court judicial review hearing; and
- vii. Frequent communication with Court staff regarding transitional housing bed availability and wait lists.
- viii. Court appearances by the Proposer shall be made as required by the court.

3. Approach (Best Practices, Models, Timeline):

- a) Proposer must describe processes and procedures for delivering services as part of a court-related treatment program.
 - i. Proposer must describe how the agency plans to work within the court environment and culture, including but not limited to, how the agency envisions working with the court personnel (including the Judge, attorneys, and the Court Program Manager).
 - ii. Proposer must demonstrate ability to collaborate with local service delivery partners and other community organizations including crisis stabilization units and the county jail. Describe previous and current collaborations as appropriate.
- b) Proposer must describe best/evidence-based practices to be utilized in delivering the services as outlined in this *Scope of Work Section E(2) Services to be Performed*.
- c) Proposer must describe approach to providing individual and group treatment modalities.
- d) Proposer must describe how the proposed model and services will achieve treatment results.
- e) Proposer must develop and continually adapt the method and mechanisms for reviewing and providing treatment modalities.
- f) Proposer must describe efforts to outreach to and engage referred clients.
- g) Proposer must describe any connection to post-program services and treatment, and costs or barriers to a client's continued success.
- h) Proposer must discuss potential barriers and established resources and strategies to overcome.
- i) Proposer must be willing to travel to off-site locations such as for court appearances, and for assessment services, have the capacity to conduct assessments remotely such as at the Pinellas County jail, as necessary.
- j) The facility service location must meet all state, county and city zoning, permitting and licensing at the time of contract award, as well as any other requirements necessary to operate the service location. The Proposer must provide such documentation to the County as requested. Location of the facility should promote client accessibility, such as reasonable access to public transportation or the courts.
- k) Proposer must provide foreign language interpreters in order to effectively communicate with clients during the delivery of contracted services, as necessary.
- l) Any proposed treatment copayments or fees incurred by the client while participating in the treatment program must be fully disclosed to the offender during orientation. All fees for which the Proposer will request reimbursement from the client must be approved, in advance, by the County and deducted from the project costs from which the Proposer requests County contract reimbursement. Proposer will provide a receipt to the client for each payment made. The Adult Drug Court does not enforce the collection of provider copayments.

- m) The Court will order appropriate treatment and Drug Court staff will contact the Proposer, or the client will be given pre-set Proposer orientation appointment information. Treatment must be made available within fourteen (14) days of referral by the Drug Court.
- n) Proposer must describe staffing plan and program strategy, including the responsibilities and qualifications for person(s) who will provide services under the program.
 - i. Describe staff-to-client ratio (excluding any applicable administrative personnel).
 - ii. Provide an organizational chart showing which individuals will be providing services for the Adult Drug Court.
 - iii. Hire, onboard and staff within 45 days of the contract award in a competitive labor market.
- o) Proposer must demonstrate the ability and process to track staff time and resources dedicated to a state grant, including accounting of program generated income.
- p) Proposer must describe systems in place to collect, store, and securely report required data, including client-level data, in a timely manner to the County to ensure submission of all grant reports by the stated due dates.
- q) Proposer must describe how services and outcomes (short-term, intermediate, and long-term) will be collected, monitored, and evaluated.

4. Program Oversight and Administration:

- a) The contract will be administered by Human Services. However, the proposer awarded the contract will work with Human Services and any partnering funders to coordinate services among service providers, enhance service delivery, address issues that arise within the program.
- b) The awarded proposer will attend programmatic and contractual meetings no less than monthly.
- c) Proposer should demonstrate quality assurance efforts which will support the efficiency and fidelity of the program.

5. Performance Requirements for All Groups:

- a) Program Monitoring
Program Monitoring will occur at intervals as determined by the County. Program monitoring will determine program compliance or non-compliance, and will consist of (but not be limited to) reviews of the following program functions:
 - i. Administrative issues
 - ii. Program facilities
 - iii. Program staff
 - iv. Program operation
 - v. Clinical records review
 - vi. Interviews with program staff/clients

When issues of non-compliance are identified, the Proposer will be required to submit a written corrective action plan (CAP) to the County within a specified timeframe. Failure to correct deficiencies may result in a determination of breach of contract and termination of services.

- b) Financial Consequences for Division Z- funded services ONLY as a State issued grant award for services:

The County may impose the following financial penalties on the Proposer if the Proposer does not meet the relevant performance standard, including:

- i. Housing that does not meet the standards set by Rule 65D-30, Florida Statutes, will be considered a material breach of the obligation to provide residential treatment services. The County may refuse to pay any invoices for the residential treatment services that do not meet the standards until the breach is cured, cancel the contract with the Proposer and find a new provider, or both.
- ii. If Proposer does not timely notify the Adult Drug Court of any of the events for which notice is required herein, the invoice reimbursement may be reduced by \$25.00 for each day notification is late.
- iii. If Proposer fails to make a required Court appearance, the invoice reimbursement may be reduced by \$25.00 for each appearance missed.

- iv. If client-related data and status information is not available in the required format, the invoice reimbursement may be reduced by \$25.00 for each day data is unavailable.
- v. If Proposer does not timely provide a weekly report to the Court on treatment availability, the invoice reimbursement may be reduced by \$50.00 for each missed report.
- vi. For Outpatient Drug Court Treatment Services: outpatient and medical services appointments not scheduled within seven (7) business days of the completion of the individual treatment plan may result in a reduction in the amount equal to \$25.00 for each Participant not scheduled from the invoice reimbursement.
- vii. For Transitional Housing: each instance that a staff member cannot be reached within two (2) hours of a call may result in a \$25.00 assessment against the invoice reimbursement, up to a maximum of \$500.00 per day.
- viii. For Transitional Housing: each day that Provider is late providing notification of termination or communication with Court staff regarding bed availability, \$25.00 may be deducted from the invoice reimbursement.
- ix. For Mental Health/Substance Abuse Assessments: If any assessment reports are not submitted within three (3) weeks of referral or seven (7) days before the next scheduled Court date, whichever is sooner, \$50.00 may be reduced from the invoice reimbursement.

F. EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Listed below are the criteria that will be used by the County to evaluate and score responsive proposals. Proposers shall include sufficient information to allow the County to thoroughly evaluate and score their proposals. Each proposal submitted shall be evaluated and ranked by an evaluation committee. The contract will be awarded to the most qualified proposer, per the following evaluation criteria:

1. Qualifications (100 Points)

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

- a) Provide an attestation agreeing to the minimum qualifications with brief description as necessary to demonstrate compliance for each requirement as described in Section C.

2. Experience with Target Population (150 Points)

A separate statement describing the Proposer's qualifications and experience in providing the same or similar services as outlined in the RFP Scope of Work, Section E(1) Target Population. The evaluation committee will evaluate the experience the proposer has had working with the targeted population. Detail of the Proposer's experience that meets this requirement should be provided in narrative form and in sufficient detail, so the evaluation committee is able to judge its complexity and relevance. Where possible, this should include case studies detailed previous or current programs providing the same or similar services, and the number of years of experience in providing the same or similar services. The evaluation criteria for this area includes, but is not limited to:

- a) Years of experience and success in serving the target population in Pinellas County.
- b) Proposer's explanation of the issues and barriers regularly impacting the target population and affecting the success of delivered services. Please include potential methods to address the issues in a coordinated manner.

3. Approach (250 Points)

A separate written narrative describing the methods and/or manner in which the Proposer proposes to satisfy the requirements of the Scope of Work.

- a) Proposer's experience, knowledge, ability, and approach/rationale to meet each item enumerated in *this Scope of Work, Section E(3), Approach*. Including reference to existing programs, policies, collaborations, trainings, and technologies as appropriate to demonstrate qualifications.

4. Statement of Work (250 Points)

A separate proposed Statement of Work that enumerates and defines the work/services that Proposer will provide to the County to complete the Scope of Work in this RFP, including each task, deliverable, and/or goods or products comprising the services Proposer will provide, as well as a proposed completion schedule for each task or deliverable, if applicable. The Proposer's Statement of Work shall be in a form that can be incorporated into the Services Agreement at the County's option.

The evaluation criteria for this area includes, but is not limited to:

- a) Addressing each item enumerated in the *Scope of Work Sections E(2) Services to be Performed, E(4) Program Oversight and Administration, and E(5) Performance Requirements for All Groups*, including process, ability, and rationale for approach.
- b) Demonstrate the Proposer's ability to overcome barriers and adjust process to meet needs of community and target population.

5. Compensation (100 Points)

The proposed compensation to be paid by the County for the services identified in the Statement of Work, including the methodology for determining the compensation. Unless the method of compensating Proposer for the services is otherwise specified in Section B, paragraph 5, Proposer shall specify the cost as presented in Section F – Proposal Summary.

6. No Exceptions to RFP (50 Points)

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.

G. ITEMS TO BE RETURNED WITH PROPOSAL:

Proposal Organization: Proposers are expected to organize their proposals in such a manner as to facilitate the evaluation process. Proposals should be keyed or indexed to correspond with this Request for Proposal. Responses should be correlated to the specific submittal, Criterion, section or paragraph number of the request for proposal being addressed. Evaluators will make a reasonable effort to locate information in the proposals; however failure to follow this suggested format may make location of critical submittal information difficult, possibly resulting in a loss of appropriate point credit.

a)	Page 1	Proposal Signature Page
b)	Section B	Item 2 Proposal Requirements
c)	Section B	Proposal Submittal Copies
d)	Section D	Vendor References
e)	Section E	Proposal Submittal
f)	Section F	ePayables Form
g)	Section F	Fee Schedule
h)	Section F	W-9 Form
i)	Section G	Addendum Acknowledgement Form (If Applicable)
j)	Section H	Statement of No Submittal (If Applicable)
k)	Appendix 1	E-Verify Affidavit
l)	Agreement	Signed Sample Agreement in acknowledgement of County Terms and Conditions

SECTION F – PROPOSAL SUMMARY

Proposal Title: ADULT DRUG COURT TREATMENT – DIVISIONS N and Z

Proposal Number: 22-0371-P(LN)

Pricing is to be **ALL INCLUSIVE** of all requirements for services as specified in the Scope of Work, including, but not limited to:

- Compensation for all standard day-to-day administration
- Reporting
- Court Appearances
- Communications with the County or Court
- Overhead and internal expenses, including:
 - administrative support
 - office supplies
 - consumables
 - other consulting services
 - special presentations
 - regular and certified postage
 - travel
 - computer/software usage
 - telephone charges
 - e-mails
 - electronic data transmission fees
 - standard copier usage
 - fax charges

GROUP	DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	
1	Residential Drug Court Treatment Services	\$	Per Bed Per Day
	Aftercare Counseling Sessions	\$	Optional Services- Per Counseling Session
2	Outpatient Level II Services for Drug Court	\$	Per counseling session with requisite drug screening and ALL-INCLUSIVE services
		\$	Optional Services - Per post-treatment drug screen as ordered
3	Outpatient Level III Services for Drug Court	\$	Per counseling session with requisite drug screening and ALL-INCLUSIVE services
		\$	Optional Services - Per post-treatment drug screen as ordered
4	Substance Abuse / Mental Health Screening Assessments	\$	Per Assessment
5	Transitional Housing	\$	Per Bed Day

OPTIONAL SERVICES WILL NOT BE USED IN COMPENSATION SCORING

*Referral level of clients may fluctuate.

Note: The referrals to different types of services may vary based on the needs of each client.

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.

Company Name

ELECTRONIC PAYMENT (EPAYABLES)

The Board of County Commissioners (County) is offering faster payments. The County would prefer to make payment using credit card through the ePayables system. See above.

Would your company accept to participate in the ePayables credit card program?

Yes _____ No _____

For more information about ePayables credit card program please visit Purchasing Department website

www.pinellascounty.org/purchase/

Company Name

Signature

Printed Signature

Phone Number

Email

W-9 REQUEST FOR TAXPAYER ID NUMBER AND CERTIFICATION

***Instructions to form W-9 available upon request**

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.

SECTION G - ADDENDUM

PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF ADDENDA FOR THIS SOLICITATION BY SIGNING AND DATING BELOW:

ADDENDA NO.	SIGNATURE/PRINTED NAME	DATE RECEIVED

Note: Prior to submitting the response to this solicitation, it is the responsibility of the firm submitting a response to confirm if any addenda have been issued. If such document(s) have been issued, acknowledge receipt by signature and date in section above. Failure to do so may result in response being considered non-responsive or result in lowering the rating of a firm's proposal.

Information regarding addenda issued is available on the Pinellas ePro website, www.ebids.pinellas.gov/bsol, listed under the bid attachments.

SECTION H – STATEMENT OF NO BID

NOTE: If you do not intend to bid on this requirement, please complete this form. **Thank you.**

We, the undersigned have declined to submit a bid for No. 22-0371-P for Adult Drug Court Treatment - Division N and Z.

- _____ Specifications too "tight", i.e., geared toward one brand or manufacturer only (explain below).
- _____ Insufficient time to respond to the Invitation to Bid.
- _____ We do not offer this product or service.
- _____ Our schedule would not permit us to perform.
- _____ Unable to meet specifications.
- _____ Unable to meet Bond requirement.
- _____ Specifications unclear (explain below).
- _____ Unable to Meet Insurance Requirements.
- _____ Remove Us from Your "Notification List" Altogether
- _____ Other (specify below).

REMARKS:

COMPANY NAME: _____

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

TYPED NAME OF ABOVE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

FAX: _____

COMPANY EMAIL: _____

APPENDIX 1 – E-VERIFY AFFIDAVIT

I hereby certify that _____ [insert contractor company name] does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien, and is otherwise in full compliance with Section 448.095, Florida Statutes.

All employees hired on or after January 1, 2021, have had their work authorization status verified through the E-Verify system.

A true and correct copy of _____ [insert contractor company name] proof of registration in the E-Verify system is attached to this Affidavit.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Federal Work Authorization User Identification No.: _____

Name of Pinellas County Contract and Contract No.: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of 1) physical presence ___ or 2) online notarization ___, this _____ (date) by _____ (name of officer or agent, title of officer or agent) of _____ (name of contractor company acknowledging), a _____ (state or place of incorporation) corporation, on behalf of the _____ corporation. He/she is personally known to me or has produced _____ (type of identification) as identification.

[Notary Seal]

Notary Public: _____

Name typed, printed, or stamped: _____

My Commission Expires: _____

SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS SERVICES AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made as of this ____ day of _____, 2022 (“Effective Date”), by and between Pinellas County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida (“County”), and _____, _____ (“Contractor”) (individually, “Party,” collectively, “Parties”).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the County requested proposals pursuant to 22-0371-P(LN) (“RFP”) for Adult Drug Court Treatment – Division N and Z services; and

WHEREAS, based upon the County's assessment of Contractor's proposal, the County selected the Contractor to provide the Services as defined herein; and

WHEREAS, Contractor represents that it has the experience and expertise to perform the Services as set forth in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above recitals, the mutual covenants, agreements, terms and conditions herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby mutually acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Definitions.

A. “Agreement” means this Agreement, including all Exhibits, which are expressly incorporated herein by reference, and any amendments thereto.

B. “County Confidential Information” means any County information deemed confidential and/or exempt from Section 119.07, Florida Statutes, and Section 24(a), Article 1 of the Florida Constitution, or other applicable law, including, but not limited to, data or information referenced in HIPAA, and any other information designated in writing by the County as County Confidential Information.

C. “Contractor Confidential Information” means any Contractor information that is designated as confidential and/or exempt by Florida’s public records law, including information that constitutes a trade secret pursuant to Chapter 688, Florida Statutes, and is designated in this Agreement or in writing as a trade secret by Contractor (unless otherwise determined to be a public record by applicable Florida law). Notwithstanding the foregoing, Contractor Confidential Information does not include information that: (i) becomes public other than as a result of a disclosure by the County in breach of the Agreement; (ii) becomes available to the County on a non-confidential basis from a source other than Contractor, which is not prohibited from disclosing such information by obligation to Contractor; (iii) is known by the County prior to its receipt from Contractor without any obligation or confidentiality with respect thereto; or (iv) is developed by the County independently of any disclosures made by Contractor.

D. “Contractor Personnel” means all employees of Contractor, and all employees of subcontractors of Contractor, including, but not limited to temporary and/or leased employees, who are providing the Services at any time during the project term.

E. “Services” means the work, duties and obligations to be carried out and performed safely by Contractor under this Agreement, as described throughout this Agreement and as specifically described in Exhibit A (“Statement of Work”) attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. As used in this Agreement, Services shall include any component task, subtask, service, or function inherent, necessary, or a customary part of the Services, but not specifically described in this Agreement, and shall include the provision of all standard day-to-day administrative, overhead, and internal expenses, including costs of bonds and insurance as required herein, labor, materials, equipment, safety equipment, products, office supplies, consumables, tools, postage, computer hardware/software, telephone charges, copier usage, fax charges, travel, lodging, and per diem and all other costs required to perform Services except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement.

2. **Conditions Precedent.** This Agreement, and the Parties' rights and obligations herein, are contingent upon and subject to the Contractor securing and/or providing the performance security, if required in Section 3, and the insurance coverage(s) required in Section 13, within ten (10) days of the Effective Date. No Services shall be performed by the Contractor and the County shall not incur any obligations of any type until Contractor satisfies these conditions. Unless waived in writing by the County, in the event the Contractor fails to satisfy the conditions precedent within the time required herein, the Agreement shall be deemed not to have been entered into and shall be null and void.

3. **Services.**

A. **Services.** The County retains Contractor, and Contractor agrees to provide the Services. All Services shall be performed to the satisfaction of the County, and shall be subject to the provisions and terms contained herein and the Exhibits attached hereto.

B. **Services Requiring Prior Approval.** Contractor shall not commence work on any Services requiring prior written authorization in the Statement of Work without approval from Director of the Human Services Department.

C. **Additional Services.** From the Effective Date and for the duration of the project, the County may elect to have Contractor perform Services that are not specifically described in the Statement of Work attached hereto but are related to the Services ("Additional Services"), in which event Contractor shall perform such Additional Services for the compensation specified in the Statement of Work attached hereto. Contractor shall commence performing the applicable Additional Services promptly upon receipt of written approval as provided herein.

D. **De-scoping of Services.** The County reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to de-scope Services upon written notification to the Contractor by the County. Upon issuance and receipt of the notification, the Contractor and the County shall enter into a written amendment reducing the appropriate Services Fee for the impacted Services by a sum equal to the amount associated with the de-scoped Services as defined in the payment schedule in this Agreement, if applicable, or as determined by mutual written consent of both Parties based upon the scope of work performed prior to issuance of notification.

E. **Independent Contractor Status and Compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act.** Contractor is and shall remain an independent contractor and is neither agent, employee, partner, nor joint venturer of County. 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. 1324, et seq, and regulations relating thereto, as either may be amended from time to time. Failure to comply with the above provisions shall be considered a material breach of the Agreement.

F. **Non-Exclusive Services.** This is a non-exclusive Agreement. During the term of this Agreement, and any extensions thereof, the County reserves the right to contract for another provider for similar services as it determines necessary in its sole discretion.

G. **Project Monitoring.** During the term of the Agreement, Contractor shall cooperate with the County, either directly or through its representatives, in monitoring Contractor's progress and performance of this Agreement.

4. **Term of Agreement.**

A. **Initial Term.** The term of this Agreement for Division N shall commence on the Effective Date; and shall remain in full force and for five (5) years, or until termination of the Agreement, whichever occurs first.

The term of this Agreement for Division Z shall commence on the Effective Date; and shall remain in full force through June 30, 2027.

B. Term Extension.

The term of this Agreement may not be extended. All Services shall be completed by the expiration of the initial term as defined in 4.A.

5. Compensation and Method of Payment.

A. Services Fee. As total compensation for the Services, the County shall pay the Contractor the sums as provided in this Section 5 (“Services Fee”), pursuant to the terms and conditions as provided in this Agreement. It is acknowledged and agreed by Contractor that this compensation constitutes a limitation upon County's obligation to compensate Contractor for such Services required by this Agreement, but does not constitute a limitation upon Contractor's obligation to perform all of the Services required by this Agreement. In no event will the Services Fee paid exceed the not-to-exceed sums set out in subsections 5.B. and C., unless the Parties agree to increase this sum by written amendment as authorized in Section 21 of the Agreement.

B. The County agrees to pay the Contractor the not-to-exceed sum of \$_____, for Services completed and accepted as provided in Section 15 herein if applicable, payable on a fixed-fee basis for the deliverables as set out in Exhibit_C, payable upon submittal of an invoice as required herein.

C. Travel Expenses.

The Services Fee includes all travel, lodging and per diem expenses incurred by Contractor in performing the Services.

D. Taxes. Contractor acknowledges that the County is not subject to any state or federal sales, use, transportation and certain excise taxes.

E. Payments. Contractor shall submit invoices for payments due as provided herein and authorized reimbursable expenses incurred with such documentation as required by County. Invoices shall be submitted to:

the designated person as set out in Section 19 herein;

For time and materials Services, all Contractor Personnel shall maintain logs of time worked, and each invoice shall state the date and number of hours worked for Services authorized to be billed on a time and materials basis. All payments shall be made in accordance with the requirements of Section 218.70 et seq., Florida Statutes, “The Local Government Prompt Payment Act.” The County may dispute any payments invoiced by Contractor in accordance with the County’s Invoice Payments Dispute Resolution Process established in accordance with Section 218.76, Florida Statutes, and any such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the County’s Dispute Resolution Process.

6. Personnel.

A. E-Verify. The Contractor and Subcontractor 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 Subcontract has a good faith belief that a person or entity with which it is contracting has knowingly violated Florida Statute 448.09(1) shall 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 shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in this section, requiring the subcontracts to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. Contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any Subcontractor or Lower Tier Subcontractor with the clause set for in this section.

B. Qualified Personnel. Contractor agrees that each person performing Services in connection with this Agreement shall have the qualifications and shall fulfill the requirements set forth in this Agreement.

C. Approval and Replacement of Personnel. The County shall have the right to approve all Contractor Personnel assigned to provide the Services, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Prior to commencing the Services, the Contractor shall provide at least ten (10) days written notice of the names and qualifications of the Contractor Personnel assigned to perform Services pursuant to the Agreement. Thereafter, during the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall promptly and as required by the County provide written notice of the names and qualifications of any additional Contractor Personnel assigned to perform Services. The County, on a reasonable basis, shall have the right to require the removal and replacement of any of the Contractor Personnel performing Services, at any time during the term of the Agreement. The County will notify Contractor in writing in the event the County requires such action. Contractor shall accomplish any such removal within forty-eight (48) hours after receipt of notice from the County and shall promptly replace such person with another person, acceptable to the County, with sufficient knowledge and expertise to perform the Services assigned to such individual in accordance with this Agreement. In situations where individual Contractor Personnel are prohibited by applicable law from providing Services, removal and replacement of such Contractor Personnel shall be immediate and not subject to such forty-eight (48) hour replacement timeframe and the provisions of Section 7. A.1. shall apply if minimum required staffing is not maintained.

7. Termination.

A. **Contractor Default Provisions and Remedies of County.**

1. Events of Default. Any of the following shall constitute a "Contractor Event of Default" hereunder: (i) Contractor fails to maintain the staffing necessary to perform the Services as required in the Agreement, fails to perform the Services as specified in the Agreement, or fails to complete the Services within the completion dates as specified in the Agreement; (ii) Contractor breaches Section 9 (Confidential Information); (iii) Contractor fails to gain acceptance of a deliverable per Section 15, if applicable, for two (2) consecutive iterations; or (iv) Contractor fails to perform or observe any of the other material provisions of this Agreement.

2. Cure Provisions. Upon the occurrence of a Contractor Event of Default as set out above, the County shall provide written notice of such Contractor Event of Default to Contractor ("Notice to Cure"), and Contractor shall have thirty (30) calendar days after the date of a Notice to Cure to correct, cure, and/or remedy the Contractor Event of Default described in the written notice.

3. Termination for Cause by the County. In the event that Contractor fails to cure a Contractor Event of Default as authorized herein, or upon the occurrence of a Contractor Event of Default as specified in Section 7.A.1.(iii), the County may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part, effective upon receipt by Contractor of written notice of termination pursuant to this provision, and may pursue such remedies at law or in equity as may be available to the County.

B. County Default Provisions and Remedies of Contractor.

1. Events of Default. Any of the following shall constitute a “County Event of Default” hereunder: (i) the County fails to make timely undisputed payments as described in this Agreement; (ii) the County breaches Section 9 (Confidential Information); or (iii) the County fails to perform any of the other material provisions of this Agreement.

2. Cure Provisions. Upon the occurrence of a County Event of Default as set out above, Contractor shall provide written notice of such County Event of Default to the County (“Notice to Cure”), and the County shall have thirty (30) calendar days after the date of a Notice to Cure to correct, cure, and/or remedy the County Event of Default described in the written notice.

3. Termination for Cause by Contractor. In the event the County fails to cure a County Event of Default as authorized herein, Contractor may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part effective on receipt by the County of written notice of termination pursuant to this provision, and may pursue such remedies at law or in equity as may be available to the Contractor.

C. Termination for Convenience. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, the County may terminate this Agreement, without cause, by giving thirty (30) days advance written notice to the Contractor of its election to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this provision.

8. **Time is of the Essence.** Time is of the essence with respect to all provisions of this Agreement that specify a time for performance, including the Services as described in Exhibits attached hereto; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not be construed to limit a Party’s cure period allowed in the Agreement.

9. **Confidential Information and Public Records.**

A. County Confidential Information. Contractor shall not disclose to any third party County Confidential Information that Contractor, through its Contractor Personnel, has access to or has received from the County pursuant to its performance of Services pursuant to the Agreement, unless approved in writing by the County Contract Manager. All such County Confidential Information will be held in trust and confidence from the date of disclosure by the County, and discussions involving such County Confidential Information shall be limited to Contractor Personnel as is necessary to complete the Services.

B. Contractor Confidential Information. All Contractor Confidential Information received by the County from Contractor will be held in trust and confidence from the date of disclosure by Contractor and discussions involving such Contractor Confidential Information shall be limited to the members of the County’s staff and the County’s subcontractors who require such information in the performance of this Agreement. The County acknowledges and agrees to respect the copyrights, registrations, trade secrets and other proprietary rights of Contractor in the Contractor Confidential Information during and after the term of the Agreement and shall at all times maintain the confidentiality of the Contractor Confidential Information provided to the County, subject to federal law and the laws of the State of Florida related to public records disclosure. Contractor shall be solely responsible for taking any and all action it deems necessary to protect its Contractor Confidential Information except as provided herein. Contractor acknowledges that the County is subject to public records legislation, including but not limited to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, and that any of the County’s obligations under this Section may be superseded by its obligations under any requirements of said laws.

C. Public Records. Contractor acknowledges that information and data it manages as part of the services may be public records in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes and Pinellas County public records policies. Contractor agrees that prior to providing services it will implement policies and procedures to maintain, produce, secure, and retain public records in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and County policies, including but not limited to the Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement relating to compensation, the Contractor agrees to charge the County, and/or any third parties requesting public records only such fees allowed by Section 119.07, Florida Statutes, and County policy for locating and producing public records during the term of this Agreement.

If the Contractor has questions regarding the application of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, to the Contractor's duty to provide public records relating to this contract, contact the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, Purchasing and Risk Management Department, Operations Manager custodian of public records at 727-464-3311, purchase@pinellascounty.org, Pinellas County Government, Purchasing and Risk Management Department, Operations Manager, 400 S. Ft. Harrison Ave, 6th Floor, Clearwater, FL 33756.

10. Audit. Contractor shall retain all records relating to this Agreement for a period of at least five (5) years after final payment is made. All records shall be kept in such a way as will permit their inspection pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. In addition, County reserves the right to examine and/or audit such records.

11. Compliance with Laws.

Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, county and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including the procurement of permits and certificates where required, and including but not limited to laws related to Workers Compensation, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), occupational safety and health and the environment, equal employment opportunity, privacy of medical records and information, as applicable. Failure to comply with any of the above provisions shall be considered a material breach of the Agreement.

12. Digital Accessibility

Supplier acknowledges and warrants that all digital content and services provided under this contract conforms and shall continue to conform during the Term of this Agreement to the W3C Web Content Accessibility Guidelines, version 2.0 ("WCAG 2.0") at conformance Level A and AA. If all digital content and services does not fully conform to WCAG 2.0 A and AA, Supplier shall advise Pinellas County in writing of the nonconformance prior to execution of this Agreement and shall provide Pinellas County a plan to achieve conformance to WCAG 2.0 A and AA, including but not limited to, an intended timeline for conformance. Failure to achieve conformance, as determined in Pinellas County's sole discretion, on its intended timeline shall be considered a material breach of this Agreement and grounds for termination by Pinellas County.

If during the Term of this Agreement, Supplier fails to maintain compliance with WCAG 2.0 A and AA or Pinellas County otherwise identifies an issue related to accessibility of the product (the "Accessibility Issue") that renders the product inaccessible, then Pinellas County shall notify Supplier of non-compliance. Within 30 days of Supplier's receipt of a non-compliance notice ("Notice"), Supplier and Pinellas County shall meet and mutually agree upon an appropriate timeline for resolution of the Accessibility Issue(s) ("Initial Meeting").

Should Supplier:

- i. fail to acknowledge receipt of the notice within 30 days of receipt of the Notice;
- ii. unreasonably and solely withhold agreement regarding a timeline for resolution for more than 30 days following the Initial Meeting; or
- iii. fail to materially resolve the Accessibility Issue(s) within the agreed-upon timeline,

Failure to comply with the requirements of this section shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and shall be grounds for termination of this Agreement by Pinellas County and subject Supplier to section 14(b) of this Agreement, "Indemnification."

13. Public Entities Crimes

Contractor is directed to the Florida Public Entities Crime Act, Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, as well as Florida Statute 287.135 regarding Scrutinized Companies, and represents to County that Contractor is qualified to transact business with public entities in Florida, and to enter into and fully perform this Agreement subject to the provisions state therein. Failure to comply with any of the above provisions shall be considered a material breach of the Agreement.

14. Liability and Insurance.

- A. **Insurance.** Contractor shall comply with the insurance requirements set out in Exhibit _____, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
- B. **Indemnification.** Contractor agrees to indemnify, pay the cost of defense, including attorney's fees, and hold harmless the County, its officers, employees and agents from all damages, suits, actions or claims, including reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the County, of any character brought on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons, or property, or in any way relating to or arising from the Agreement; or on account of any act or omission, neglect or misconduct of Contractor; or by, or on account of, any claim or amounts recovered under the Workers' Compensation Law; or of any other laws, regulations, ordinance, order or decree; or arising from or by reason of any actual or claimed trademark, patent or copyright infringement or litigation based thereon; or for any violation of requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as may be amended, and all rules and regulations issued pursuant thereto (collectively the "ADA") except when such injury, damage, or violation was caused by the sole negligence of the County.
- C. **Liability.** Neither the County nor Contractor shall make any express or implied agreements, guaranties or representations, or incur any debt, in the name of or on behalf of the other Party. Neither the County nor Contractor shall be obligated by or have any liability under any agreements or representations made by the other that are not expressly authorized hereunder. The County shall have no liability or obligation for any damages to any person or property directly or indirectly arising out of the operation by Contractor of its business, whether caused by Contractor's negligence or willful action or failure to act.
- D. **Contractor's Taxes.** The County will have no liability for any sales, service, value added, use, excise, gross receipts, property, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, withholding or other taxes, whether levied upon Contractor or Contractor's assets, or upon the County in connection with Services performed or business conducted by Contractor. Payment of all such taxes and liabilities shall be the responsibility of Contractor.

15. County's Funding. The Agreement is not a general obligation of the County. It is understood that neither this Agreement nor any representation by any County employee or officer creates any obligation to appropriate or make monies available for the purpose of the Agreement beyond the fiscal year in which this Agreement is executed. No liability shall be incurred by the County, or any department, beyond the monies budgeted and available for this purpose. If funds are not appropriated by the County for any or all of this Agreement, the County shall not be obligated to pay any sums provided pursuant to this Agreement beyond the portion for which funds are appropriated. The County agrees to promptly notify Contractor in writing of such failure of appropriation, and upon receipt of such notice, this Agreement, and all rights and obligations contained herein, shall terminate without liability or penalty to the County.

16. Acceptance of Services. For all Services deliverables that require County acceptance as provided in the Statement of Work, the County, through the Director of Human Services Department or designee, will have ten (10) calendar days to review the deliverable(s) after receipt or completion of same by Contractor, and either accept or reject the deliverable(s) by written notice to *[Proposer]* _____. If a deliverable is rejected, the written notice from the County will specify any required changes, deficiencies, and/or additions necessary. Contractor shall then have seven (7) calendar days to revise the deliverable(s) to resubmit and/or complete the deliverable(s) for review and approval by the County, who will then have seven (7) calendar days to review and approve, or reject the deliverable(s); provided however, that Contractor shall not be responsible for any delays in the overall project schedule that result from the County's failure to timely approve or reject deliverable(s) as provided herein. Upon final acceptance of the deliverable(s), the County will accept the deliverable(s) in writing.

17. Subcontracting/Assignment.

A. Subcontracting. Contractor is fully responsible for completion of the Services required by this Agreement and for completion of all subcontractor work, if authorized as provided herein. Contractor shall not subcontract any work under this Agreement to any subcontractor other than the subcontractors specified in the proposal and previously approved by the County, without the prior written consent of the County, which shall be determined by the County in its sole discretion.

B. Assignment.

This Agreement, and any rights or obligations hereunder, shall not be assigned, transferred or delegated to any other person or entity. Any purported assignment in violation of this section shall be null and void.

18. Survival. The following provisions shall survive the expiration or termination of the Term of this Agreement: 7, 9, 10, 13, 20, 23, and any other which by their nature would survive termination.

19. Notices. All notices, authorizations, and requests in connection with this Agreement shall be deemed given on the day they are: (1) deposited in the U.S. mail, postage prepaid, certified or registered, return receipt requested; or (2) sent by air express courier (e.g., Federal Express, Airborne, etc.), charges prepaid, return receipt requested; or (iii) sent via email and addressed as set forth below, which designated person(s) may be amended by either Party by giving written notice to the other Party:

For County:

For Contractor:

Attn: Ms. Abigail Stanton,
Director of Contracts
Human Services Department
440 Court Street, 2nd Floor
Clearwater, FL 33756

Attn:

with a copy to:
Ms. Merry Celeste
Purchasing and Risk Management Division Director
Pinellas County Purchasing Department
400 South Fort Harrison Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33756

20. Conflict of Interest.

A. The Contractor represents that it presently has no interest and shall acquire no interest, either direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of the Services required hereunder, and that no person having any such interest shall be employed by Contractor during the agreement term and any extensions; and during the term of this Agreement.

B. The Contractor shall promptly notify the County in writing of any business association, interest, or other circumstance which constitutes a conflict of interest as provided herein. If the Contractor is in doubt as to whether a prospective business association, interest, or other circumstance constitutes a conflict of interest, the Contract may identify the prospective business association, interest or circumstance, the nature of work that the Contractor may undertake and request an opinion as to whether the business association, interest or circumstance constitutes a conflict of interest if entered into by the Contractor. The County agrees to notify the Contractor of its opinion within (10) calendar days of receipt of notification by the Contractor, which shall be binding on the Contractor.

21. Right to Ownership. All work created, originated and/or prepared by Contractor in performing Services pursuant to the Agreement, including reports and other documentation or improvements related thereto, to the extent that such work, products, documentation, materials or information are described in or required by the Services (collectively, the “Work Product”) shall be County’s property when completed and accepted, if acceptance is required in this Agreement, and the County has made payment of the sums due therefore. The ideas, concepts, know-how or techniques developed during the course of this Agreement by the Contractor or jointly by Contractor and the County may be used by the County without obligation of notice or accounting to the Contractor. Any data, information or other materials furnished by the County for use by Contractor under this Agreement shall remain the sole property of the County.

22. Amendment. This Agreement may be amended by mutual written agreement of the Parties hereto.

23. Severability. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be deemed to be severable. Consequently, if any clause, term, or condition hereof shall be held to be illegal or void, such determination shall not affect the validity or legality of the remaining terms and conditions, and notwithstanding any such determination, this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect unless the particular clause, term, or condition held to be illegal or void renders the balance of the Agreement impossible to perform.

24. Applicable Law and Venue. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida (without regard to principles of conflicts of laws). The Parties agree that all actions or proceedings arising in connection with this Agreement shall be tried and litigated exclusively in the state or federal (if permitted by law and a Party elects to file an action in federal court) courts located in or for Pinellas County, Florida. This choice of venue is intended by the Parties to be mandatory and not permissive in nature, and to preclude the possibility of litigation between the Parties with respect to, or arising out of, this Agreement in any jurisdiction other than that specified in this section. Each Party waives any right it may have to assert the doctrine of *forum non conveniens* or similar doctrine or to object to venue with respect to any proceeding brought in accordance with this section.

25. Waiver. No waiver by either Party of any breach or violation of any covenant, term, condition, or provision of this Agreement or of the provisions of any ordinance or law, shall be construed to waive any other term, covenant, condition, provisions, ordinance or law, or of any subsequent breach or violation of the same.

26. Due Authority. Each Party to this Agreement represents and warrants that: (i) it has the full right and authority and has obtained all necessary approvals to enter into this Agreement; (ii) each person executing this Agreement on behalf of the Party is authorized to do so; (iii) this Agreement constitutes a valid and legally binding obligation of the Party, enforceable in accordance with its terms.

27. No Third Party Beneficiary. The Parties hereto acknowledge and agree that there are no third party beneficiaries to this Agreement. Persons or entities not a party to this Agreement may not claim any benefit from this Agreement or as third party beneficiaries hereto.

28. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the Parties and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements either oral or written.

(Signature Page Follows)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year first written.

PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By and through its

Board of County Commissioners

Name of Firm

By: Charlie Justice

By:

Signature

Print Name

ATTEST:

Ken Burke,

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Title

By:

Deputy Clerk

Approved as to Form

By:

Office of the County Attorney

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PAYMENT/INVOICES:

SUPPLIER shall submit invoices for payment due as provided herein with such documentation as required by Pinellas County and all payments shall be made in accordance with the requirements of Section 218.70 *et. seq.*, Florida Statutes, "The Local Government Prompt Payment Act." Invoices shall be submitted to the address below unless instructed otherwise on the purchase order, or if no purchase order, by the ordering department:

Finance Division Accounts Payable
Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners
P. O. Box 2438
Clearwater, FL 33757

Each invoice shall include, at a minimum, the Supplier's name, contact information and the standard purchase order number. In order to expedite payment, it is recommended the Supplier also include the information shown in below. The County may dispute any payments invoiced by SUPPLIER in accordance with the County's Dispute Resolution Process for Invoiced Payments, established in accordance with Section 218.76, Florida Statutes, and any such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the County's Dispute Resolution Process.

INVOICE INFORMATION:

Supplier Information Company name, mailing address, phone number, contact name and email address as provided on the PO

Remit To	Billing address to which you are requesting payment be sent
Invoice Date	Creation date of the invoice
Invoice Number	Company tracking number
Shipping Address	Address where goods and/or services were delivered
Ordering Department	Name of ordering department, including name and phone number of contact person
PO Number	Standard purchase order number
Ship Date	Date the goods/services were sent/provided
Quantity	Quantity of goods or services billed
Description	Description of services or goods delivered
Unit Price	Unit price for the quantity of goods/services delivered
Line Total	Amount due by line item
Invoice Total	Sum of all of the line totals for the invoice

Pinellas County offers a credit card payment process (ePayables) through Bank of America. Pinellas County does not charge vendors to participate in the program; however, there may be a charge by the company that processes your credit card transactions. For more information please visit Pinellas County purchasing website at www.pinellascounty.org/purchase.

Payment of invoices for work performed for Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners (County) is made, by standard, in arrears in accordance with Section 218.70, et. seq., Florida Statutes, the Local Government Prompt Payment Act.

If a dispute should arise as a result of non-payment of a payment request or invoice the following Dispute Resolution process shall apply:

- A. Pinellas County shall notify a vendor in writing within ten (10) days after receipt of an improper invoice, that the invoice is improper. The notice should indicate what steps the vendor should undertake to correct the invoice and resubmit a proper invoice to the County. The steps taken by the vendor shall be that of initially contacting the requesting department to validate their invoice and receive a sign off from that entity that would indicate that the invoice in question is in keeping with the terms and conditions of the agreement. Once sign off is obtained, the vendor should then resubmit the invoice as a "Corrected Invoice" to the requesting department which will initiate the payment timeline.
 - 1.) Requesting department for this purpose is defined as the County department for whom the work is performed.
 - 2.) Proper invoice for this purpose is defined as an invoice submitted for work performed that meets prior agreed upon terms or conditions to the satisfaction of Pinellas County.
- B. Should a dispute result between the vendor and the County about payment of a payment request or an invoice then the vendor should submit their dissatisfaction in writing to the Requesting Department. Each Requesting Department shall assign a representative who shall act as a "Dispute Manager" to resolve the issue at departmental level.
- C. The Dispute Manager shall first initiate procedures to investigate the dispute and document the steps taken to resolve the issue in accordance with section 218.76 Florida Statutes. Such procedures shall be commenced no later than forty-five (45) days after the date on which the payment request or invoice was received by Pinellas County, and shall not extend beyond sixty (60) days after the date on which the payment request or invoice was received by Pinellas County.
- D. The Dispute Manager should investigate and ascertain that the work, for which the payment request or invoice has been submitted, was performed to Pinellas County's satisfaction and duly accepted by the Proper Authority. Proper Authority for this purpose is defined as the Pinellas County representative who is designated as the approving authority for the work performed in the contractual document. The Dispute Manager shall perform the required investigation and arrive at a solution before or at the sixty (60) days timeframe for resolution of the dispute, per section 218.76, Florida Statutes. The County Administrator or his or her designee shall be the final arbiter in resolving the issue before it becomes a legal matter. The County Administrator or his or her designee will issue their decision in writing.
- E. Pinellas County Dispute Resolution Procedures shall not be subject to Chapter 120 of the Florida Statutes. The procedures shall also, per section 218.76, Florida Statutes, not be intended as an administrative proceeding which would prohibit a court from ruling again on any action resulting from the dispute.

- F. Should the dispute be resolved in the County's favor interest charges begin to accrue fifteen (15) days after the final decision made by the County. Should the dispute be resolved in the vendor's favor the County shall pay interest as of the original date the payment was due.

- G. For any legal action to recover any fees due because of the application of sections 218.70 et. seq., Florida Statutes, an award shall be made to cover court costs and reasonable attorney fees, including those fees incurred as a result of an appeal, to the prevailing party. If it is found that the non-prevailing party held back any payment that was the reason for the dispute without having any reasonable lawful basis or fact to dispute the prevailing party's claim to those amounts.

Data Sharing Agreement

WHEREAS, homelessness, substance abuse, mental health services, and human services are issues which cross many systems; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County is interested in including program and service related information in the Pinellas County Data Collaborative (hereinafter referred to as (“Data Collaborative”)), to better understand cross-system involvement; and

WHEREAS, organizations within Pinellas County are interested in understanding the extent that client populations move within systems to better serve the population needs; and

WHEREAS, the County is a member of the Data Collaborative; and

WHEREAS, the Data Collaborative has the ability to receive and analyze data in a secure manner to provide valuable system information.

NOW, THEREFORE in consideration of the following agreements, the parties do hereby covenant and agree to the following:

1. The Agency will provide program information to include operational, fiscal, client service, and other program information in electronic format to the County for the sole purpose of research and policy development. This information will be provided quarterly or on an as needed basis as defined by the County.
2. This information will be crossed through the Data Collaborative with systems containing state and local information about involvement in criminal justice, human services, mental health, substance abuse, EMS and other systems as available for the sole purpose of understanding cross-system involvement for policy and planning.
3. The County will assure that the information used by the Data Collaborative will not be released, shared, or transferred in an identifiable manner to any organization and will be stored in a HIPAA compliant location.
4. The County will assure that confidential nature of any and all information with respect to any records and reports created or disseminated is maintained. The Parties also agree that the information will be used only for the purpose for which it was provided.
5. Modification of this agreement shall be made only by the consent of both Parties and shall include a written document setting forth the modifications and signed by both Parties. This agreement may be terminated with 30 days written notice to the other party.
6. The Parties shall assist in the investigation of injury or damages for or against either party pertaining to their respective areas of responsibility or activities under this contract and shall contact the other party regarding the legal actions deemed appropriate to remedy such damage or claims.

HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT

This Agreement (hereinafter referred to as AGREEMENT) is entered into by and between Pinellas County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida (hereinafter referred to as COVERED ENTITY) and the business associate named on the signature page hereof (hereinafter referred to as BUSINESS ASSOCIATE) (each hereinafter referred to as PARTY and collectively hereinafter referred to as the PARTIES) on this ____ day of _____, 2022.

WHEREAS, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE performs functions, activities, or services for, or on behalf of COVERED ENTITY, and BUSINESS ASSOCIATE receives, has access to or creates Health Information in order to perform such functions, activities or services; and

WHEREAS, COVERED ENTITY is subject to the Administrative Simplification requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and regulations promulgated there under (hereinafter referred to as HIPAA), including but not limited to, the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information and the Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information found at 45 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 160, 162 and 164; and

WHEREAS, HIPAA requires COVERED ENTITY to enter into a contract with BUSINESS ASSOCIATE to provide for the protection of the privacy and security of Health Information, and HIPAA prohibits the disclosure to or use of Health Information by BUSINESS ASSOCIATE if such a contract is not in place; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the requirements of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (hereinafter referred to as HITECH ACT), as incorporated in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and its implementing regulations and guidance issued by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (hereinafter referred to as SECRETARY), all as amended from time to time, the PARTIES agree to this AGREEMENT in order to document the PARTIES' obligations under the HITECH ACT.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, the PARTIES agree as follows:

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

1.1 "Business Associate" shall generally have the same meaning as the term "business associate" at 45 CFR 160.103, and in reference to the party to this agreement, shall mean

1.2 "Covered Entity" shall generally have the same meaning as the term "covered entity" at 45 CFR 160.103, and in reference to the party to this agreement, shall mean Pinellas County by and through its Department of Human Services.

1.3 “Disclose” and “Disclosure” shall mean, with respect to Health Information, the release, transfer, provision of access to, or divulging in any other manner of Health Information outside BUSINESS ASSOCIATE’s internal operations or to other than its employees.

1.4 “Health Information” shall mean information that: (a) relates to the past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual; the provision of health care to an individual, or the past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual; (b) identifies the individual (or for which there is a reasonable basis for believing that the information can be used to identify the individual); and (c) is received by BUSINESS ASSOCIATE from or on behalf of COVERED ENTITY, or is created by BUSINESS ASSOCIATE, or is made accessible to BUSINESS ASSOCIATE by COVERED ENTITY.

1.5 “HIPAA Rules”. “HIPAA Rules” shall mean the Privacy, Security, Breach Notification, and Enforcement Rules at 45 CFR Part 160 and Part 164.

1.6 “Privacy Regulations” shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Covered Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 160 and 164, promulgated under HIPAA.

1.7 “Services” shall mean the services provided by BUSINESS ASSOCIATE pursuant to the Underlying Agreement, or if no such agreement is in effect, the services BUSINESS ASSOCIATE performs with respect to the COVERED ENTITY.

1.8 “Underlying Agreement” shall mean the services agreement executed by the COVERED ENTITY and BUSINESS ASSOCIATE, if any.

1.9 “Use” or “Uses” shall mean, with respect to Health Information, the sharing, employment, application, utilization, examination or analysis of such Health Information within BUSINESS ASSOCIATE’s internal operations.

1.10 Catch-all definition: The following terms used in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as those terms in the HIPAA Rules: Breach, Data Aggregation, Designated Record Set, Disclosure, Health Care Operations, Individual, Minimum Necessary, Notice of Privacy Practices, Protected Health Information, Required By Law, Secretary, Security Incident, Subcontractor, Unsecured Protected Health Information, and Use, unless otherwise specifically defined or referred under this Agreement.

ARTICLE II OBLIGATIONS OF BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

2.1 Initial Effective Date of Performance. The obligations created under this AGREEMENT shall become effective immediately upon execution of this AGREEMENT or the agreement to which it is appended.

2.2 Obligations and Activities of Business Associate. Business Associate agrees to:

- a. Not use or disclose protected health information other than as permitted or required by the Agreement or as required by law.
- b. Use appropriate safeguards, and comply with Subpart C of 45 CFR Part 164 with respect to electronic protected health information, to prevent use or disclosure of protected health information other than as provided for by the Agreement.
- c. Report to covered entity any unauthorized acquisition, access, use or disclosure of protected health information not provided for by the Agreement of which it becomes aware, including breaches of unsecured protected health information as required at 45 CFR 164.410, and any security incident of which it becomes aware.
- d. In accordance with 45 CFR 164.502(e)(1)(ii) and 164.308(b)(2), if applicable, ensure that any subcontractors that create, receive, maintain, or transmit protected health information on behalf of the business associate agree to the same restrictions, conditions, and requirements that apply to the business associate with respect to such information.
- e. Make available protected health information in a designated record set to the COVERED ENTITY as necessary to satisfy covered entity's obligations under 45 CFR 164.524.
- f. Make any amendment(s) to protected health information in a designated record set as directed or agreed to by the covered entity pursuant to 45 CFR 164.526, or take other measures as necessary to satisfy covered entity's obligations under 45 CFR 164.526.
- g. Maintain and make available the information required to provide an accounting of disclosures to the "covered entity" as necessary to satisfy covered entity's obligations under 45 CFR 164.528.
- h. To the extent the business associate is to carry out one or more of covered entity's obligation(s) under Subpart E of 45 CFR Part 164, comply with the requirements of Subpart E that apply to the covered entity in the performance of such obligation(s).
- i. Make its internal practices, books, and records available to the Secretary for purposes of determining compliance with the HIPAA Rules.

2.3 Permitted Uses and Disclosures of Health Information. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE is authorized to:

- a. Use and Disclose Health Information as necessary to perform Services for, or on behalf of COVERED ENTITY.

b. Use Health Information to create aggregated or de-identified information consistent with the requirements of the Privacy Regulations.

c. Use or Disclose Health Information (including aggregated or de-identified information) as otherwise directed by COVERED ENTITY provided that COVERED ENTITY shall not request BUSINESS ASSOCIATE to use or disclose Health Information in a manner that would not be permissible if done by COVERED ENTITY.

d. To the extent required by the HITECH ACT, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall limit its use, disclosure or request of PHI to the Limited Data Set or, if needed, to the minimum necessary to accomplish the intended use, disclosure or request, respectively. Effective on the date the SECRETARY issues guidance on what constitutes “minimum necessary” for purposes of HIPAA, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall limit its use, disclosure or request of PHI to only the minimum necessary as set forth in such guidance.

e. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall not use Health Information for any other purpose that would violate Subpart E of 45 CFR Part 164, except that if necessary, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE may use Health Information for the proper management and administration of BUSINESS ASSOCIATE or to carry out its legal responsibilities; provided that any use or disclosure described herein will not violate the Privacy Regulations or Florida law if done by COVERED ENTITY. Except as otherwise limited in this Agreement, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE may disclose Health Information for the proper management and administration of the BUSINESS ASSOCIATE, provided that with respect to any such disclosure either: (a) the disclosure is required by law (within the meaning of the Privacy Regulations) or (b) the disclosure would not otherwise violate Florida law and BUSINESS ASSOCIATE obtains reasonable written assurances from the person to whom the information is to be disclosed that such person will hold the information in confidence and will not use or further disclose such information except as required by law or for the purpose(s) for which it was disclosed by BUSINESS ASSOCIATE to such person, and that such person will notify BUSINESS ASSOCIATE of any instances of which it is aware in which the confidentiality of the information has been breached.

2.4 Compliance with Security Provisions. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall:

a. Implement and maintain administrative safeguards as required by 45 CFR § 164.308, physical safeguards as required by 45 CFR § 164.310 and technical safeguards as required by 45 CFR § 164.312.

b. Implement and document reasonable and appropriate policies and procedures as required by 45 CFR § 164.316.

c. Be in compliance with all requirements of the HITECH ACT related to security and applicable as if BUSINESS ASSOCIATE were a covered entity, as such term is defined in HIPAA.

d. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall use its best efforts to implement and maintain technologies and methodologies that render PHI unusable, unreadable or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals as specified in the HITECH ACT.

2.5 Compliance with Privacy Provisions. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall only use and disclose PHI in compliance with each applicable requirement of 45 CFR § 164.504(e). BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall comply with all requirements of the HITECH ACT related to privacy and applicable as if BUSINESS ASSOCIATE were a covered entity, as such term is defined in HIPAA.

2.6 Mitigation. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to BUSINESS ASSOCIATE of a use or disclosure of Health Information by BUSINESS ASSOCIATE in violation of the requirements of this AGREEMENT.

2.7 Breach of Unsecured PHI. The provisions of this Section are effective with respect to the discovery of a breach of unsecured PHI occurring on or after September 23, 2009.

a. With respect to any unauthorized acquisition, access, use or disclosure of COVERED ENTITY's PHI by BUSINESS ASSOCIATE, its agents or subcontractors, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall:

- 1) Investigate such unauthorized acquisition, access, use or disclosure;
- 2) Determine whether such unauthorized acquisition, access, use or disclosure constitutes a reportable breach under the HITECH ACT; and
- 3) Document and retain its findings under clauses 1) and 2) of this Section.

b. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall notify COVERED ENTITY of all suspected breaches within five (5) business days of discovery. If the BUSINESS ASSOCIATE discovers that a reportable breach has occurred, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall notify COVERED ENTITY of such reportable breach in writing within three (3) days of the date BUSINESS ASSOCIATE discovers and determines that such breach is reportable. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall notify COVERED ENTITY immediately upon discovering a reportable breach of more than 500 individuals.

c. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall be deemed to have discovered a breach as of the first day that breach is either known to BUSINESS ASSOCIATE or any of its employees, officers or agents, other than the person who committed the breach, or by

through exercise of reasonable diligence, should have been known to BUSINESS ASSOCIATE or any of its employees, officers or agents, other than the person who committed the breach.

d. To the extent the information is available to BUSINESS ASSOCIATE, it's written notice shall include the information required by 45 CFR §164.410.

e. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall promptly supplement the written report with additional information regarding the breach as it obtains such information.

f. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall cooperate with COVERED ENTITY in meeting the COVERED ENTITY's obligations under the HITECH ACT with respect to such breach. COVERED ENTITY shall have sole control over the timing and method of providing notification of such breach to the affected individual(s), the SECRETARY and, if applicable, the media, as required by the HITECH ACT.

g. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall reimburse COVERED ENTITY for its reasonable costs and expenses in providing the notification, including, but not limited to, any administrative costs associated with providing notice, printing and mailing costs, and costs of mitigating the harm for affected individuals whose PHI has or may have been compromised as a result of the breach. In order to be reimbursed by BUSINESS ASSOCIATE, COVERED ENTITY must provide to BUSINESS ASSOCIATE a written accounting of COVERED ENTITY's actual costs and to the extent applicable, copies of receipts or bills with respect thereto.

2.8 Availability of Internal Practices, Books and Records. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE agrees to make its internal practices, books and records relating to the use and disclosure of Health Information available to the SECRETARY, for purposes of determining COVERED ENTITY's compliance with the Privacy Regulations.

2.9 Agreement to Restriction on Disclosure. If COVERED ENTITY is required to comply with a restriction on the disclosure of PHI pursuant to Section 13405 of the HITECH ACT, then COVERED ENTITY shall, to the extent needed to comply with such restriction, provide written notice to BUSINESS ASSOCIATE of the name of the individual requesting the restriction and the PHI affected thereby. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall, upon receipt of such notification, not disclose the identified PHI to any health plan for the purposes of carrying out payment or health care operations, except as otherwise required by law.

2.10 Accounting of Disclosures. Upon COVERED ENTITY's request, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall:

a. Provide to COVERED ENTITY an accounting of each disclosure of Health Information made by BUSINESS ASSOCIATE or its employees, agents, representatives or subcontractors as required by the Privacy Regulations. For each Disclosure that requires an accounting under this Section 2.10, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

shall track the information required by the Privacy Regulations, and shall securely maintain the information for six (6) years from the date of the Disclosure.

b. If BUSINESS ASSOCIATE is deemed to use or maintain an Electronic Health Record on behalf of COVERED ENTITY, then BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall maintain an accounting of any disclosures made through an Electronic Health Record for treatment, payment and health care operations, as applicable. Such accounting shall comply with the requirements of the HITECH ACT.

c. Upon request by COVERED ENTITY, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall provide such accounting to COVERED ENTITY in the time and manner specified by the HITECH ACT.

d. Where COVERED ENTITY responds to an individual's request for an accounting of disclosures made through an Electronic Health Record by providing the requesting individual with a list of all business associates acting on behalf of COVERED ENTITY; BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall provide such accounting directly to the requesting individual in the time and manner specified by the HITECH ACT.

2.11 Use of Subcontractors and Agents. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall require each of its agents and subcontractors that receive Health Information from BUSINESS ASSOCIATE to execute a written agreement obligating the agent or subcontractor to comply with all the terms of this AGREEMENT with respect to such Health Information.

2.12 Access to Electronic Health Records.

a. If BUSINESS ASSOCIATE is deemed to use or maintain an Electronic Health Record on behalf of COVERED ENTITY with respect to PHI, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall provide an individual with a copy of the information contained in such Electronic Health Record in an electronic format and, if the individual so chooses, transmit such copy directly to an entity or person designated by the individual upon request, to the extent an individual has the right to request a copy of the PHI maintained in such Electronic Health Record pursuant to 45 CFR § 164.524 and makes such a request to BUSINESS ASSOCIATE.

b. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE may charge a fee to the individual for providing a copy of such information, but such fee may not exceed BUSINESS ASSOCIATE's labor costs in responding to the request for the copy.

c. The provisions of 45 CFR § 164.524, including the exceptions to the requirement to provide a copy of PHI shall otherwise apply and BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall comply therewith as if BUSINESS ASSOCIATE were the COVERED ENTITY.

d. At COVERED ENTITY's request, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall provide COVERED ENTITY with a copy of an individual's PHI maintained in an

Electronic Health Record in an electronic format in a time and manner designated by COVERED ENTITY in order for COVERED ENTITY to comply with 45 CFR § 164.524, as amended by the HITECH ACT.

2.13 Limitations on Use of PHI for Marketing Purposes.

a. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall not use or disclose PHI for the purpose of making a communication about a product or service that encourages recipients of the communication to purchase or use the product or service, unless such communication:

- 1) Complies with the requirements the definition of marketing contained in 45 CFR § 164.501; and
- 2) Complies with the requirements of Subparagraphs a, b or c of Section 13406(a)(2) of the HITECH ACT.

b. COVERED ENTITY shall cooperate with BUSINESS ASSOCIATE to determine if the foregoing requirements are met with respect to any such marketing communication.

**ARTICLE III
TERM AND TERMINATION**

3.1 Term. Subject to the provisions of Sections 3.2 and 3.3, the term of this AGREEMENT shall be the term of the Underlying Agreement.

3.2 Termination of AGREEMENT.

a. Upon becoming aware of a pattern of activity or practice of either PARTY that constitutes a material breach or violation of obligations under the AGREEMENT, the non-breaching PARTY shall immediately notify the PARTY in breach.

b. Notification shall be provided in writing and shall specify the nature of the breach.

c. With respect to such breach or violation, upon receiving notice of the violation the non-breaching PARTY shall:

- 1) Allow the breaching PARTY thirty (30) days to take reasonable steps to cure such breach or end such violation; and
- 2) Terminate this AGREEMENT, if cure is either not possible or unsuccessful; and
- 3) Report the breach or violation to the SECRETARY if such termination is not feasible.

d. Upon termination of this AGREEMENT for any reason, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall return or destroy all PHI consistent with Section 3.4 as follows:

- 1) BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall destroy PHI in a manner that renders the PHI unusable, unreadable or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals as specified in the HITECH ACT and shall certify in writing to COVERED ENTITY that such PHI has been destroyed in compliance with such standards; or
- 2) Return of PHI shall be made in a mutually agreed upon format and timeframe and at no additional cost to BUSINESS ASSOCIATE.

e. Where return or destruction are not feasible, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall continue to extend the protections of the AGREEMENT to such PHI and limit further uses and disclosures of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction of such PHI not feasible.

3.3 Termination for Breach. COVERED ENTITY may terminate the Underlying Agreement and this AGREEMENT upon thirty (30) days written notice in the event: (a) BUSINESS ASSOCIATE does not promptly enter into negotiations to amend this AGREEMENT when requested by COVERED ENTITY pursuant to Section 4.2 or (b) BUSINESS ASSOCIATE does not enter into an amendment to this AGREEMENT providing assurances regarding the safeguarding of Health Information that the COVERED ENTITY, deems sufficient to satisfy the standards and requirements of HIPAA and the HITECH ACT.

3.4 Disposition of Health Information Upon Termination or Expiration. Upon termination or expiration of this AGREEMENT, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall either return or destroy, in COVERED ENTITY's sole discretion and in accordance with any instructions by COVERED ENTITY, all Health Information in the possession or control of BUSINESS ASSOCIATE and its agents and subcontractors. In such event, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall retain no copies of such Health Information. If BUSINESS ASSOCIATE determines that neither return nor destruction of Health Information is feasible, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall notify COVERED ENTITY of the conditions that make return or destruction infeasible, and may retain Health Information provided that BUSINESS ASSOCIATE: (a) continues to comply with the provisions of this AGREEMENT for as long as it retains Health Information, and (b) further limits uses and disclosures of Health Information to those purposes that make the return or destruction of Health Information infeasible.

ARTICLE IV MISCELLANEOUS

4.1 Indemnification. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Underlying Agreement, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless COVERED ENTITY and COVERED ENTITY's employees, directors, officers, subcontractors or agents against all damages, losses, lost profits, fines, penalties, costs or expenses (including

reasonable attorneys' fees) and all liability to third parties arising from any breach of this AGREEMENT by BUSINESS ASSOCIATE or its employees, directors, officers, subcontractors, agents or other members of BUSINESS ASSOCIATE's workforce. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE's obligation to indemnify shall survive the expiration or termination of this AGREEMENT.

4.2 Amendment to Comply with Law. The PARTIES acknowledge that state and federal laws relating to electronic data security and privacy are rapidly evolving and that amendment of this AGREEMENT may be required to provide for procedures to ensure compliance with such developments. The PARTIES specifically agree to take such action as is necessary to implement the standards and requirements of HIPAA, the HITECH ACT and other applicable laws relating to the security or confidentiality of Health Information. The PARTIES understand and agree that COVERED ENTITY must receive satisfactory written assurance from BUSINESS ASSOCIATE that BUSINESS ASSOCIATE will adequately safeguard all Health Information that it receives or creates on behalf of COVERED ENTITY. Upon COVERED ENTITY's request, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE agrees to promptly enter into negotiations with COVERED ENTITY, concerning the terms of any amendment to this AGREEMENT embodying written assurances consistent with the standards and requirements of HIPAA, the HITECH ACT or other applicable laws.

4.3 Modification of Agreement. No alteration, amendment, or modification of this AGREEMENT shall be valid or effective unless in writing and signed the PARTIES.

4.4 Non-Waiver. A failure of any PARTY to enforce at any time any term, provision or condition of this AGREEMENT, or to exercise any right or option herein, shall in no way operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise preclude any other right or option herein. Waiver of any term, provision or condition of this AGREEMENT shall not be valid unless in writing, signed by the waiving PARTY and only to the extent set forth in such writing.

4.5 Agreement Drafted By All Parties. This AGREEMENT is the result of arm's length negotiations between the PARTIES and shall be construed to have been drafted by all PARTIES such that any ambiguities in this AGREEMENT shall not be construed against either PARTY.

4.6 Severability. If any provision of this AGREEMENT is found to be invalid or unenforceable by any court, such provision shall be ineffective only to the extent that it is in contravention of applicable laws without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof.

4.7 No Third Party Beneficiaries. There are no third party beneficiaries to this AGREEMENT.

4.8 Counterparts. This AGREEMENT may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and will become effective and binding upon the PARTIES as of the effective date at such time as all the signatories hereto have signed a counterpart of this AGREEMENT.

4.9 Notices. The PARTIES designate the following to accept notice on their behalf:

If to BUSINESS ASSOCIATE:

If to COVERED ENTITY:

Abigail Stanton, HIPAA Privacy Officer
440 Court Street, 2nd Floor
Clearwater, FL 33756

4.10 Applicable Law and Venue. This AGREEMENT shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. The PARTIES agree that all actions or proceedings arising in connection with this AGREEMENT shall be tried and litigated exclusively in the state or federal courts located in or nearest to Pinellas County, Florida.

4.11 Interpretation. This AGREEMENT shall be construed in a manner that will cause the PARTIES to comply with the requirements of HIPAA and the HITECH ACT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned has caused this AGREEMENT to be duly executed in its name and on its behalf effective as of this ____ day of _____, 2022.

COVERED ENTITY:

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE:

Pinellas County Human Services

By: _____

By: _____

Print Name: _____

Print Name: _____

Print Title: _____

Print Title: _____

**APPROVED AS TO FORM
OFFICE OF COUNTY ATTORNEY**

By: _____
Assistant County Attorney