



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) & RESPONDENT'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

RFQ TITLE:

**WATER & WASTEWATER RATE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR
OKALOOSA COUNTY WATER & SEWER**

RFQ NUMBER:

RFQ WS 56-19

ISSUE DATE:

April 15, 2019 at 8:00 A.M. CST

LAST DAY FOR QUESTIONS:

April 25, 2019 at 3:00 P.M. CST

RFQ OPENING DATE & TIME:

May 7, 2019 at 3:00 P.M. CST

NOTE: RESPONSES RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

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 Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the bid opening unless otherwise specified.

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

COMPANY NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

FEDERAL EMPLOYER'S IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (FEIN): _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ EXT: _____ FAX: _____

EMAIL: _____

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

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____ PRINTED NAME: _____

TITLE: _____ DATE: _____

**WATER & WASTEWATER RATE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY
WATER AND SEWER**

Pursuant to County policy, the Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) requests qualifications from consultants who can provide Water & Wastewater Consulting Services for Okaloosa County Water & Sewer Department

Individuals and firms desiring consideration should provide an original and one (1) thumb drive of their Statement of Qualifications (Statement) with copies of all licenses and a current business tax receipt issued by the County Tax Collector. Statements should be portrait orientation, unbound, and 8 ½” x 11” where practical. Guidelines detailing form and content requirements for the Statement are available by contacting Okaloosa County Purchasing Department, 5479A Old Bethel Road, Crestview, FL 32536, 850-689-5960, or download them from our website at http://www.myokaloosa.com/dept_purchasing.html and <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/florida>.

Submittals must be delivered to the Okaloosa County Purchasing Department at the address below no later than **May 7 2019 at 3:00 PM CST** to be considered. **NOTE: Crestview, FL is not a next day guaranteed delivery location by most delivery services.** Proposers using mail or delivery services assume all risks of late or non-delivery.

All submittals must be in sealed envelopes reflecting on the outside thereof **“Request for Qualifications for Water & Wastewater Rate Consulting Services for Okaloosa County Water & Sewer.”** Failure to mark outside of envelope as set forth herein shall result in the submittal not being considered.

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

All submittals should be addressed as follows:

Okaloosa County Purchasing Department
RE: Water & Wastewater Rate Consulting Services for Okaloosa
County Water & Sewer
RFQ WS 56-19
5479A Old Bethel Road
Crestview, FL 32536

Jeff Hyde
Purchasing Manager

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OKALOOSA COUNTY, FL

Charles K. Windes Jr., Chairman

RFQ FOR WATER & WASTEWATER RATE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY WATER & SEWER

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Basic Services. The services to be performed under this Agreement shall be specifically described for each Assignment in individual Task Orders written and executed in accordance with this Agreement.

Each Assignment will have the following characteristics:

The consultants' contract will consist of fixed hourly costs for all positions required to complete any public water and wastewater infrastructure tasks for professional rate consulting services including but not limited to:

- review and if necessary, redesign of the potable water and wastewater rates and charges based on cost of services principles, project potable water and wastewater service area, including number of customers and usage for planning and rate evaluation, project annual revenue requirements for potable water and wastewater based on operating and capital funding needs;
- review and update miscellaneous charges which include connect and/or disconnect fees, backflow inspection fees, meter set, meter test, account turned off/on for non-payment, illegal water connection or stolen meter, returned checks, and review and design fees for new service installations;
- review and develop potential wholesale water and wastewater rates;
- review operations of the water and wastewater utility systems to determine if additional service charges and revenue enhancements are appropriate;
- review and recommend proposed connection fees (capacity expansion fees) based on the cost of projected facilities expansion and unused existing capacity, as well as uses of fees for upgrades and expansions as part of the capital funding plan;
- perform annual revenue sufficiency analysis to determine if the current rate plan will meet the financial needs & proposed budgets of the utility;
- assist in the calculation and implementation of a reclaimed water rate structure;
- perform capital financing and bond feasibility studies;
- develop and maintain a highly detailed interactive rate model to include, projected cash inflows, cash outflows, capital outlay, capital improvement program, debt service coverage, and long term borrowing projections;
- based on predetermined cost escalation assumptions project this model out 10 years to assure revenue sufficiency;
- this rate model will need to contain all revenue and expense line items in the annual budget (~150 accounts);
- participate in periodic meetings and presentations to include performing “what if” analysis on the rate model based on multiple scenarios provided by staff;
- any other type of tasks which may be under the purview of the Water & Sewer Department or any other County department.

On an as-needed basis, the County will issue Task Orders to the CONSULTANT describing the work required for each Assignment to be undertaken under this Agreement. In response, the CONSULTANT will prepare a scope of work and cost estimate which shall become part of the Task Order upon execution by both parties. No work will commence until a fully executed Task Order is received by the CONSULTANT

Scoring Criteria

Overall Experience with Water & Wastewater Utilities-25 points

Proposers to provide detailed examples of their experience with water & wastewater utilities of a similar size in either/or geographic coverage area and number of connections. This should include both residential and commercial customers.

Live, Real Time Interactive, What if Model Capability-25 points

Respondents should provide a detailed explanation of how this model will be prepared in conjunction with the description provided in the scope of services. Also, provide examples of a potential finished product.

Staff Qualifications (Experience & Background)-15 points

Provide pertinent details of key staff members who will work on this project. This will include years of experience educational background and any other qualifications (including licenses) deemed relevant to this project.

Florida Experience-15 points

Provide details of any past experience providing rate consulting services to similar utilities within the state of Florida.

Industry References-10 points.

Provide a minimum of 5 industry references with current contact information for utilities comparable to Okaloosa County Water & Sewer, for which these services have been performed.

Response to RFQ -10 points.

Adequately respond to the ability to perform the items outlined in the scope of services. Complete all required sections of the RFQ in their entirety, and return in a timely manner.

Term of Contract

The initial term of this contract shall be from completion of signatures by both parties and shall run for a period of three (3) years from the date of commencement.

Renewal Options:

The placement may be renewed for two (2) additional one (1) year periods with mutual consent by both parties and subject to all other terms and conditions of the agreement.

GENERAL SERVICES INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

REVISED: 08/01/2018

CONTRACTORS INSURANCE

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

WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

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

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

BUSINESS AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY

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

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

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

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY and/or ERRORS AND OMISSIONS LIABILITY

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

INSURANCE LIMITS OF LIABILITY

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

- | | <u>LIMIT</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Worker's Compensation | |
| 1.) State | Statutory |
| 2.) Employer's Liability | \$500,000 each accident |

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

NOTICE OF CLAIMS OR LITIGATION

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

INDEMNIFICATION & HOLD HARMLESS

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

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

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

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

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

GENERAL TERMS

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

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

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

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

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

UMBRELLA INSURANCE

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

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. PRE-QUALIFICATION ACTIVITY -

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

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

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

To access the Florida Online Bid System go to: <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/florida> to access the Okaloosa County Web Site go to: <http://www.myokaloosa.com/purchasing/current-solicitations>.

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

2. PREPARATION OF QUALIFICATIONS – Qualifications which contain any omissions, erasures, alterations, additions, irregularities of any kind, or items not called for which shall in any manner fail to conform to the conditions of public notice requesting qualifications may be rejected.

- A. Qualifications submitted by a corporation shall be executed in the corporate name by the president or a vice president or other corporate officer who has legal authority to sign.
- B. Qualifications submitted by a partnership shall be executed in the partnership name and signed by a partner (whose title must appear under the signature). The official address of the partnership shall be shown below the signature.
- C. Qualifications submitted by a limited liability company shall be executed in the name of the firm by a member and accompanied by evidence of authority to sign. The state of formation of the firm and the official address of the firm must be shown below the signature.
- D. Qualifications submitted by an individual shall show the respondent's name and official address.

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

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

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

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

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

If within 24 hours after qualifications are opened any respondent files a duly signed written notice with the County and promptly thereafter demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of the County that there was a material substantial mistake in the preparation of its submittal, that respondent may withdraw its submittal, and the respondent's security will be returned, if any.

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

7. CONDITIONAL & INCOMPLETE QUALIFICATIONS - Okaloosa County specifically reserves the right to reject any conditional submittal and qualifications which make it impossible to determine the true quality of services to be provided by respondent.

8. ADDITION/DELETION OF ITEM – The County reserves the right to add or delete any item from this qualification or resulting contract when deemed to be in the County's best interest.

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

other things, that the Respondent: (a) Keep and maintain public records; (b) Provide the public with access to public records on the same terms and conditions that the public agency would provide the records; (c) ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law; and (d) Meet all requirements for retaining public records and transfer, at no cost, to the public agency all public records in possession of the respondent upon being removed from the Active Contractors List or termination of any contract resulting from this solicitation.

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

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

19. SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE - The County may, at any time, without cause, order Respondent in writing to suspend, delay or interrupt the work in whole or in part for such period of time as the County may determine, or to terminate all or a portion of any contract resulting from this solicitation for the County's convenience.

Upon such termination, the Contract Price earned to the date of termination shall be paid to Respondent, but Respondent waives any claim for damages, including loss of profits arising out of or related to the early termination. Those Contract provisions which by their nature survive final acceptance shall remain in full force and effect. If the County orders a suspension, the Contract price and Contract time may be adjusted for increases in the cost and time caused by suspension, delay or interruption. No adjustment shall be made to the extent that performance is, was or would have been so suspended, delayed or interrupted by reason for which Respondent is responsible; or that an equitable adjustment is made or denied under another provision of this Contract.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All communications shall be directed to the Purchasing Department -see attached form.

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

27. The following documents are to be submitted with the qualifications packet. Failure to provide required forms may result in contractor disqualification.

- A. Drug-Free Workplace Certification Form
- B. Conflict of Interest
- C. Federal E-Verify
- D. Cone of Silence Form
- E. Indemnification and Hold Harmless
- F. Addendum Acknowledgement
- G. Company Data
- H. System Award Management Form
- I. List of References
- J. Certification Regarding Lobbying
- K. Sworn Statement – Public Entity Crimes
- L. Governmental Debarment & Suspension

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION

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

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

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

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

COMPANY: ADDRESS: _____

NAME: _____

(Typed or Printed)

TITLE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PHONE NO.: _____

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE FORM

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

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

YES _____

NO _____

NAME(S)

POSITION(S)

FIRM NAME: _____

BY (PRINTED): _____

BY (SIGNATURE): _____

TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO. _____

E-MAIL _____

FEDERAL E-VERIFY COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

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

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

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

COMPANY: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TITLE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PHONE NO.: _____

CONE OF SILENCE

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

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

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

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

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

I _____ **presenting** _____
Signature **Company Name**

On this _____ day of _____ 2019 hereby agree to abide by the County’s “**Cone of Silence Clause**” and understand violation of this policy shall result in disqualification of my proposal/submittal.

INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS

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

Proposer's Company Name

Authorized Signature – Manual

Physical Address

Authorized Signature – Typed

Mailing Address

Title

Phone Number

FAX Number

Cellular Number

After-Hours Number(s)

Date

ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
RFP WS 56-19

Acknowledgment is hereby made of the following addenda (identified by number) received since issuance of solicitation:

ADDENDUM NO.

DATE

NOTE: Prior to submitting the response to this solicitation, it is the responsibility of the respondent to confirm if any addenda have been issued. If such addenda have been issued, acknowledge receipt by noting number(s) and date(s) above.

COMPANY DATA

Respondent's Company Name: _____

Physical Address & Phone #: _____

Contact Person (Typed-Printed): _____

Phone #: _____

Cell #: _____

Federal ID or SS #: _____

DUNNS/SAM #: _____

Respondent's License #: _____

Additional License – Trade and Number _____

Fax #: _____

Emergency #'s After Hours,
Weekends & Holidays: _____

DBE/Minority Number: _____

SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (OCT 2016)

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) Company legal business name.
- (2) Tradestyle, doing business, or other name by which your entity is commonly recognized.
- (3) Company Physical Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code.
- (4) Company Mailing Address, City, State and Zip Code (if separate from physical).
- (5) Company telephone number.
- (6) Date the company was started.
- (7) Number of employees at your location.
- (8) Chief executive officer/key manager.
- (9) Line of business (industry).
- (10) Company Headquarters name and address (reporting relationship within your entity).

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

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

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

Offerors SAM information:

Entity Name: _____

Entity Address: _____

Duns Number: _____

CAGE Code: _____

LIST OF REFERENCES

1. Owner's Name and Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Telephone # (_____) _____

Email: _____

2. Owner's Name and Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Telephone # (_____) _____

Email: _____

3. Owner's Name and Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Telephone # (_____) _____

Email: _____

4. Owner's Name and Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Telephone # (_____) _____

Email: _____

5. Owner's Name and Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Telephone # (_____) _____

Email: _____

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

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

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

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

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

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

3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31,U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995). Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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

\$100,000 for each such expenditure or failure.] The Contractor,__, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. A 3801, *et seq.*, apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

_____ Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

_____ Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

_____ Date

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

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

1. This sworn statement is submitted for _____

2. This sworn statement is submitted by _____

Whose business address is: _____

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

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

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

4. I understand that a “public entity crime” as defined in Section 287.133(1)(g), Florida Statutes, means a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any public entity or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or of the United States, including, but not limited to, any bid or contract for goods or services to be provided to any public entity or an agency or political subdivision of any other state or of the United States and involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.

5. I understand that “convicted” or “conviction” as defined in Section 287.133 (1) (b), Florida Statutes, means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a public entity crime, with or without adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record, relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July 1, 1989, as a result of a jury verdict, non-jury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.

6. I understand that an “affiliate” as defined in Section 287.133(1) (a), Florida Statutes, means: (1) A predecessor or successor of a person convicted of a public entity crime; or (2) An entity under the control of any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime. The term “affiliate” includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of an affiliate. The ownership by one person of shares constituting a controlling interest in another person, or a pooling of equipment or income among persons when not for fair market value under an arm’s length agreement, shall be a prima facie case that one person controls another person. A person who knowingly enters into a joint venture with a person who has been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the preceding 36 months shall be considered an affiliate.

7. I understand that a “person” as defined in Section 287.133(1) (e), Florida Statutes, means any natural person or entity organized under the laws of any state or of the United States with the legal power to enter into a binding contract and which bids or applies to bid on contracts for the provision of goods or services let by a public entity, or which otherwise transacts or applies to

transact business with a public entity. The term "person" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of an entity.

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

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

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

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

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

Date: _____ Signature: _____

STATE OF: _____

COUNTY OF: _____

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

My commission expires: _____
Notary Public

Print, Type, or Stamp of Notary Public

Personally known to me, or Produced Identification: _____

Type of ID

Government Debarment & Suspension

Instructions

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

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

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

[READ INSTRUCTIONS ON PREVIOUS PAGE BEFORE COMPLETING CERTIFICATION]

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal or State department or agency;

2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Signature

Date

Standard Contract Clauses

Exhibit “B”

Title VI Clauses for Compliance with Nondiscrimination Requirements

Compliance with Nondiscrimination Requirements

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

1. **Compliance with Regulations:** The contractor (hereinafter includes contractors) will comply with the Title VI List of Pertinent Nondiscrimination Acts And Authorities, as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
2. **Non-discrimination:** The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Nondiscrimination Acts and Authorities, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR part 21.
3. **Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment:** In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding, or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by the contractor of the contractor’s obligations under this contract and the Nondiscrimination Acts And Authorities on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.
4. **Information and Reports:** The contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the sponsor or the Federal Aviation Administration to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Nondiscrimination Acts And Authorities and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish the information, the contractor will so certify to the sponsor or the Federal Aviation Administration, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
5. **Sanctions for Noncompliance:** In the event of a contractor’s noncompliance with the Non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the sponsor will impose such contract sanctions as it or the Federal Aviation Administration may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Withholding payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies; and/or
 - b. Cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract, in whole or in part.
6. **Incorporation of Provisions:** The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs one through six in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor will take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the sponsor or the Federal Aviation Administration may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the contractor becomes

involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor, or supplier because of such direction, the contractor may request the sponsor to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the sponsor. In addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

Title VI List of Pertinent Nondiscrimination Acts and Authorities

Title VI List of Pertinent Nondiscrimination Acts and Authorities

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

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin);
- 49 CFR part 21 (Non-discrimination In Federally-Assisted Programs of The Department of Transportation—Effectuation of Title VI of The Civil Rights Act of 1964);
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.*), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR part 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 USC § 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms “programs or activities” to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131 – 12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 CFR parts 37 and 38;
- The Federal Aviation Administration’s Non-discrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);
- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures non-discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;
- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);

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

FEDERAL FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT (FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE)

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

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

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT OF 1970

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

E-VERIFY

Enrollment and verification requirements.

- (1) If the Contractor is not enrolled as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify at time of contract award, the Contractor shall-
 - a. Enroll. Enroll as a Federal Contractor in the E-Verify Program within thirty (30) calendar days of contract award;
 - b. Verify all new employees. Within ninety (90) calendar days of enrollment in the E-Verify program, begin to use E-Verify to initiate verification of employment eligibility of all new hires of the Contractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three (3) business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph (b)(3) of this section); and,
 - c. Verify employees assigned to the contract. For each employee assigned to the contract, initiate verification within ninety (90) calendar days after date of enrollment or within thirty (30) calendar days of the employee's assignment to the contract, whichever date is later (but see paragraph (b)(4) of this section.)
- (2) If the Contractor is enrolled as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify at time of contract award, the Contractor shall use E-Verify to initiate verification of employment eligibility of
 - a. All new employees.

- i. Enrolled ninety (90) calendar days or more. The Contractor shall initiate verification of all new hires of the Contractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three (3) business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph (b)(3) of this section); or
 - b. Enrolled less than ninety (90) calendar days. Within ninety (90) calendar days after enrollment as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify, the Contractor shall initiate verification of all new hires of the contractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three (3) business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph (b)(3) of this section; or
 - ii. Employees assigned to the contract. For each employee assigned to the contract, the Contractor shall initiate verification within ninety (90) calendar days after date of contract award or within thirty (30) days after assignment to the contract, whichever date is later (but see paragraph (b)(4) of this section.)
- (3) If the Contractor is an institution of higher education (as defined at 20 U.S.C. 1001(a)); a State or local government or the government of a Federally recognized Indian tribe, or a surety performing under a takeover agreement entered into with a Federal agency pursuant to a performance bond, the Contractor may choose to verify only employees assigned to the contract, whether existing employees or new hires. The Contractor shall follow the applicable verification requirements of (b)(1) or (b)(2), respectively, except that any requirement for verification of new employees applies only to new employees assigned to the contract.
- (4) Option to verify employment eligibility of all employees. The Contractor may elect to verify all existing employees hired after November 6, 2009 (after November 27, 2009, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands), rather than just those employees assigned to the contract. The Contractor shall initiate verification for each existing employee working in the United States who was hired after November 6, 2009 (after November 27, 2009, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands), within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days of-
 - i. Enrollment in the E-Verify program; or
 - ii. Notification to E-Verify Operations of the Contractor's decision to exercise this option, using the contract information provided in the E-Verify program Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- (5) The Contractor shall comply, for the period of performance of this contract, with the requirements of the E-Verify program MOU.
 - i. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or the Social Security Administration (SSA) may terminate the Contractor's MOU and deny access to the E-Verify system in accordance with the terms of the MOU. In such case, the Contractor, will be referred to a suspension or debarment official.
 - ii. During the period between termination of the MOU and a decision by the suspension or debarment official whether to suspend or debar, the contractor is excused from its obligations under paragraph (b) of this clause. If the suspension or debarment official determines not to suspend or debar the Contractor, then the Contractor must reenroll in E-Verify.

iii. Web site. Information on registration for and use of the E-Verify program can be obtained via the Internet at the Department of Homeland Security Web site: <http://www.dhs.gov/E-Verify>.

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

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

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

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

**WATER & WASTEWATER RATE CONSULTING FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY WATER & SEWER
RFP WS 56-19
RANKING SHEET**

RANKING CRITERIA			
Overall Experience with Water & Sewer Wastewater Utilities 25 points			
Live, Real Time, Interactive, What if Model Capability 25 points max			
Staff Qualifications (Experience and Background) 15 points max			
Florida Experience 15 points max			
Industry References 10 points max			
Response to RFQ 10 points max			
TOTAL POSSIBLE – 100 PTS			

**CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL
CONSULTING SERVICES
DRAFT**

This Contract is made and entered into this _____ day of, 201, by and between OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA (“COUNTY”), a political subdivision of the State of Florida, located at _____, and _____, whose principal place of business is at _____ (the “Consultant”), whose Federal I.D. number is _____, in connection with Okaloosa County Request for Qualifications No. _____ and the professional services set forth therein.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the County has pursued the professional services selection process contemplated under section 287.055, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Okaloosa County desires to obtain the professional consulting services of the Consultant concerning said services being more fully described in the exhibits attached to this Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein, the County and the Consultant agree as follows:

**ARTICLE ONE
CONSULTANT’S RESPONSIBILITY**

1.1. Consultant shall provide to County continuing professional engineering consulting services for the duration of the Contract.

1.2. The Services required under this Contract to be performed by Consultant shall be those set forth in Article Two and Exhibit ___ and shall be issued periodically as Notice to Proceeds. The basis of compensation to be paid Consultant by the County for Services is set forth in Article Five and Schedule A, “Basis of Compensation” attached to each Notice to Proceed, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein. Work Authorization requests will be made to Consultant as may be warranted-items requested are listed in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part of the contract.

1.3. The Consultant agrees to obtain and maintain throughout the period of this Contract all such licenses as are required to do business in the State of Florida, including, but not limited to, all licenses required by the respective state boards, and other governmental agencies responsible for regulating and licensing the professional services to be provided and performed by the Consultant pursuant to this Contract.

1.4. The Consultant agrees that, when the services to be provided hereunder relate to a professional service which, under Florida Statutes, requires a license, certificate of authorization or other form of legal entitlement to practice such services, it shall employ and/or retain only qualified personnel to provide such services.

1.5. Consultant agrees that the Project Manager for the term of this Contract shall be:

INSERT NAME

The Consultant agrees that the Project Manager shall devote whatever time is required to satisfactorily manage the services to be provided and performed by the Consultant hereunder. The person selected by the Consultant to serve as the Project Manager shall be subject to the prior approval and acceptance of the County, such approval or acceptance shall not be unreasonably withheld.

1.6. Consultant agrees, within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of a written request from the County, to promptly remove and replace from the project team the Project Manager, or any other personnel employed or retained by the Consultant, or any subconsultants or subcontractors or any personnel of any such subconsultants or subcontractors engaged by the Consultant to provide and perform services or work pursuant to the requirements of this Contract, whom the County shall

request in writing to be removed, which request may be made by the County with or without cause.

1.7. The Consultant has represented to the County that it has expertise in the type of professional services that will be required for the Project. The Consultant agrees that all services to be provided by Consultant pursuant to this Contract shall be subject to the County's review and approval and shall be in accordance with the generally accepted standards of professional practice in the State of Florida, as well as in accordance with all published laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules, regulations and requirements of any governmental agencies which regulate or have jurisdiction over the Project or the services to be provided and performed by Consultant hereunder. In the event of any conflicts in these requirements, the Consultant shall notify the County of such conflict and utilize its best professional judgment to advise County regarding resolution of the conflict.

1.8. Consultant agrees not to divulge, furnish or make available to any third person, firm or organization, without County's prior written consent, or unless incident to the proper performance of the Consultant's obligations hereunder, or in the course of judicial or legislative proceedings where such information has been properly subpoenaed, any non-public information concerning the services to be rendered by Consultant hereunder, and Consultant shall require all of its employees, agents, subconsultants and subcontractors to comply with the provisions of this paragraph.

1.9. Evaluations of the County's adopted capital improvement budget, preliminary estimates of construction cost and detailed estimates of construction cost prepared by the Consultant represent the Consultant's best judgment as a design professional familiar with the construction industry. The Consultant cannot and does not guarantee that bids or negotiated prices will not vary from any estimate of construction cost or evaluation prepared or agreed to by the Consultant. Notwithstanding anything above to the contrary, Consultant shall revise and modify Construction Documents and assist in the rebidding of the work at no additional cost to County, if all responsive and responsible bids exceed the estimates of construction costs prepared by Consultant.

1.10. Consultant shall not be responsible for means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures of construction selected by contractors or the safety precautions and programs incident to the work of contractors.

ARTICLE TWO SERVICES OF CONSULTANT

2.1 As authorized or required by the County in a Notice to Proceed, and agreed to by Consultant, Consultant shall furnish or obtain from others Services of the types listed in Exhibit _____. These services will be paid for by the County as indicated in Article Five and Schedule A and as confirmed in each Notice to Proceed.

ARTICLE THREE COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1. The County shall designate in writing a representative to act as County's representative with respect to the services to be rendered under this Contract (hereinafter referred to as the "County's Representative"). The County's Representative shall have County transmit instructions, receive information, interpret and define County's policies and decisions with respect to Consultant's services for the Project. However, the County's Representative is not authorized to issue any verbal or written orders or instructions to the Consultant that would have the effect, or be interpreted to have the effect, of modifying or changing in any way whatever:

- a. The scope of services to be provided and performed by the Consultant hereunder;
- b. The time the Consultant is obligated to commence and complete all such services; or
- c. The amount of compensation the County is obligated or committed to pay the Consultant.

3.2. The County's Representative shall:

- a. Review and make appropriate recommendations on all requests submitted by the Consultant for payment for services and work provided and performed in accordance with this Contract;

b. Provide all criteria and information requested by Consultant as to County's requirements, for the Project, including design objectives and constraints, space, capacity and performance requirements, flexibility and expandability, and any budgetary limitations;

c. Upon request from Consultant, assist Consultant by placing at Consultant's disposal all available information in the County's possession pertinent to the Project, including existing drawings, specifications, shop drawings, product literature, previous reports and any other data relative to design or construction of the Project;

d. Arrange for access to and make all provisions for Consultant to enter the Project site to perform the services to be provided by Consultant under this Contract; and

e. Provide notice to Consultant of any deficiencies or defects discovered by the County with respect to the services to be rendered by Consultant hereunder.

3.3. Consultant acknowledges that access to the Project Site, to be arranged by County for Consultant, may be provided during times that are not the normal business hours of the Consultant.

3.4. County shall be responsible for the acquisition of all easements, property sites, rights-of-way, or other property rights required for the Project and for the costs thereof, including the costs of any required land surveys in connection with such acquisition.

3.5. For the purposes of this Contract, the County's Representative shall be:

Jeff Littrell, Water and Sewer Director

ARTICLE FOUR TIME

4.1. Services to be rendered by Consultant shall be commenced subsequent to the execution of any Notice to Proceeds issued pursuant to this Contract, after receiving written Notice to Proceed from County for all or any designated portion of the Project and shall be performed and completed in accordance with the Project Schedule attached to the Notice to Proceed for the Project.

4.2. Should Consultant be obstructed or delayed in the prosecution or completion of its services as a result of unforeseeable causes beyond the control of Consultant, and not due to its own fault or neglect, including but not restricted to acts of God or of public enemy, acts of government or of the County, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine regulations, strikes or lock-outs, then Consultant shall notify County in writing within five (5) working days after commencement of such delay, stating the cause or causes thereof, or be deemed to have waived any right which Consultant may have had to request a time extension.

4.3. No interruption, interference, inefficiency, suspension or delay in the commencement or progress of Consultant's services from any cause whatsoever, including those for which County may be responsible in whole or in part, shall relieve Consultant of its duty to perform or give rise to any right to damages or additional compensation from County. Consultant's sole remedy against County will be the right to seek an extension of time to its schedule. This paragraph shall expressly apply to claims for early completion, as well as claims based on late completion. Provided, however, if through no fault or neglect of the Consultant, the services to be provided hereunder have not been completed within the schedule identified in the Notice to Proceed, the Consultant's compensation shall be equitably adjusted, with respect to those services that have not yet been performed, to reflect the incremental increase in costs experienced by Consultant.

4.4. Should the Consultant fail to commence, provide, perform or complete any of the services to be provided hereunder in a timely and reasonable manner, in addition to any other rights or remedies available to the County hereunder, the County at its sole discretion and option may withhold any and all payments due and owing to the Consultant until such time as the Consultant resumes performance of its obligations hereunder in such a manner so as to reasonably establish to the County's satisfaction that the Consultant's performance is or will shortly be back on schedule.

**ARTICLE FIVE
COMPENSATION**

5.1. Compensation and the manner of payment of such compensation by the County for services rendered hereunder by Consultant shall be as prescribed in Schedule A, entitled "Basis of Compensation," and Exhibit _____ which are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

5.2. The total amount to be paid by the County under this Contract for all services and materials, including "out of pocket" expenses and any approved subcontracts, shall not exceed the amount set forth in the approved Notice to Proceeds without prior approval of the County. The Consultant shall notify the County's Representative in writing when 90% of the "not to exceed amount" has been reached.

5.3. Invoices received by the County from the Consultant pursuant to this Contract will be reviewed and approved in writing by the County's Representative, who shall indicate whether services have been rendered in conformity with the Contract, and then sent to the County's Office of Management and Budget for processing payment. All invoices shall contain a detailed breakdown of the services provided for which payment is being requested. Invoices shall be paid within thirty (30) days following the County Representative's approval, who shall process all payments in accordance with the Florida Prompt Payment Act or advise Consultant in writing of reasons for not processing same. In addition to detailed invoices, upon request of the County's Representative, Consultant will provide County with detailed periodic Status Reports on the project.

5.4. "Out-of-pocket" expenses shall be reimbursed in accordance with Florida law and Schedule A. All requests for payment of "out-of-pocket" expenses eligible for reimbursement under the terms of this Contract shall include copies of paid receipts, invoices, or other documentation acceptable to the County's Representative. Such documentation shall be sufficient to establish that the expense was actually incurred and necessary in the performance of the Scope of Work described in this Contract.

5.5. In order for both parties herein to close their books and records, the Consultant will clearly state "final invoice" on the Consultant's final/last billing to the County for each Notice to Proceed. This final invoice shall also certify that all services provided by Consultant have been performed in accordance with the applicable Notice to Proceed and all charges and costs have been invoiced to the County. Because this account will thereupon be closed, any and other further charges not included on this final invoice are waived by the Consultant. Acceptance of final payment by Consultant shall constitute a waiver of all claims and liens against County for additional payment.

**ARTICLE SIX
WAIVER OF CLAIMS**

6.1. Consultant's acceptance of final payment shall constitute a full waiver of any and all claims related to the obligation of payment by it against County arising out of this Contract or otherwise related to the Project, except those previously made in writing and identified by Consultant as unsettled at the time of the final payment. Neither the acceptance of Consultant's services nor payment by County shall be deemed to be a waiver of any of County's rights against Consultant.

**ARTICLE SEVEN
TRUTH IN NEGOTIATION REPRESENTATIONS**

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

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

accordingly.

ARTICLE EIGHT TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION

8.1. Consultant shall be considered in material default of this Contract and such default will be considered cause for County to terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, as further set forth in this section, for any of the following reasons: (a) failure to begin work under the Contract within a reasonable time after issuance of the Notice(s) to Proceed of a Notice to Proceed, or (b) failure to properly and timely perform the services to be provided hereunder or as directed by County pursuant to this Contract, or (c) the bankruptcy or insolvency or a general assignment for the benefit of creditors by Consultant or by any of Consultant's principals, officers or directors, or (d) failure to obey laws, ordinances, regulations or other codes of conduct, or (e) failure to perform or abide by the terms or spirit of this Contract, or (f) for any other just cause. The County may so terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, by giving the Consultant seven (7) calendar days' written notice.

8.2. If, after notice of termination of this Contract as provided for in paragraph 8.1 above, it is determined for any reason that Consultant was not, in default, or that its default was excusable, or that County otherwise was not entitled to the remedy against Consultant provided for in paragraph 8.1, then the notice of termination given pursuant to paragraph 8.1 shall be deemed to be the notice of termination provided for in paragraph 8.3 below and Consultant's remedies against County shall be the same as and limited to those afforded Consultant under paragraph 8.3 below.

8.3. County shall have the right to terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, without cause upon seven (7) calendar days' written notice to Consultant. In the event of such termination for convenience, Consultant's recovery against County shall be limited to that portion of the fee earned through the date of termination, together with any retainage withheld and any costs reasonably incurred by Consultant that are directly attributable to the termination, but Consultant shall not be entitled to any other or further recovery against County, including, but not limited to, anticipated fees or profits on work not required to be performed.

8.4. Upon termination, the Consultant shall deliver to the County all original papers, records, documents, drawings, models, and other material set forth and described in this Contract.

8.5. The County shall have the power to suspend all or any portions of the services to be provided by Consultant hereunder upon giving Consultant two (2) calendar days prior written notice of such suspension. If all or any portion of the services to be rendered hereunder are so suspended, the Consultant's sole and exclusive remedy shall be to seek an extension of time to its schedule in accordance with the procedures set forth in Article Four herein.

ARTICLE NINE PERSONNEL

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

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

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

9.4. Any changes or substitutions in the Consultant's key personnel, as may be listed in Consultant's statement of

qualifications, must be made known to the County's Representative and written approval must be granted by the County's Representative before said change or substitution can become effective, said approval for which shall not unreasonably be withheld.

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

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

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

ARTICLE TEN SUBCONTRACTING

10.1. Consultant shall not subcontract any services or work to be provided to County without the prior written approval of the County's Representative. The County reserves the right to accept the use of a subcontractor or to reject the selection of a particular subcontractor and to inspect all facilities of any subcontractors in order to make a determination as to the capability of the subcontractor to perform properly under this Contract. The County's acceptance of a subcontractor shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Consultant is encouraged to seek minority and women business enterprises for participation in subcontracting opportunities.

ARTICLE ELEVEN FEDERAL AND STATE TAX

11.1. The County is exempt from payment of Florida state sales and use taxes. The Consultant shall not be exempted from paying sales tax to its suppliers for materials used to fulfill contractual obligations with the County, nor is the Consultant authorized to use the County's tax exemption number in securing such materials.

11.2. The Consultant shall be responsible for payment of its own and its share of its employees' payroll, payroll taxes, and benefits with respect to this Contract.

ARTICLE TWELVE OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

12.1. Upon completion or termination of this Contract, all records, documents, tracings, plans, specifications, maps, evaluations, reports, computer assisted design or drafting disks and other technical data, other than working papers, prepared or developed by Consultant under this Contract shall be delivered to and become the property of County. Consultant, at its own expense, may retain copies for its files and internal use.

12.2. The County and the Consultant shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, pertaining to public records. Consultant assumes no liability for the use of such documents by the County or others for purposes not intended under this Contract.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS & PUBLIC RECORDS

13.1. Consultant will keep adequate records and supporting documentation which concern or reflect its services hereunder. The records and documentation will be retained by Consultant for a minimum of three (3) years from the date of termination of this Contract or the date the Project is completed, whichever is later. County, or any duly authorized agents or

representatives of County, shall have the right to audit, inspect and copy all such records and documentation as often as they deem necessary during the period of this Contract and during the three (3) year period noted above; provided, however, such activity shall be conducted only during normal business hours.

13.2 Contractor must comply with the public records laws, Florida Statute chapter 119, specifically Contractor must:

- a) Keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service.
- b) Upon request from the County's custodian of public records, provide the County with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in chapter 119 Florida Statutes or as otherwise provided by law.
- c) Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the contract if the contractor does not transfer the records to the County.
- d) Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the County all public records in possession of the contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service. If the contractor transfers all public records to the public agency upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining the public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the public agency, upon the request from the public agency's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the public agency.

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, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT OKALOOSA COUNTY RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT 5479 OLD BETHEL ROAD CRESTVIEW, FL 32536 PHONE: (850) 689-5977 riskinfo@myokaloosa.com.

13.3 The County reserves the right to unilaterally cancel this Contract for refusal by the Contractor or any contractor, sub-contractor or materials vendor to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters or other material subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and made or received in conjunction with this Contract unless the records are exempt.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN INSURANCE

14.1. During the life of the Contract the Consultant shall provide, pay for, and maintain, with companies satisfactory to the County, the types of insurance described herein. All insurance shall be from responsible companies duly authorized to do business in the State of Florida and/or responsible risk retention group insurance companies registered with the State of Florida. Prior to execution of this Contract by County, the insurance coverages and limits required must be evidenced by properly executed Certificates of Insurance on forms which are acceptable to the County. The Certificates must be personally, manually signed by the Authorized Representatives of the insurance company/companies shown on the Certificates with proof that he/she is an authorized representative thereof. In addition, certified, true and exact copies of all insurance policies required shall be provided to the County, on a timely basis, if required by the County. These Certificates and policies shall contain provisions that sixty (60) days' written notice by registered or certified mail shall be given the County of any cancellation, intent not to renew, or reduction in the policies' coverages, except in the application of the Aggregate Limits Provisions. In the event of a reduction in the Aggregate Limit of any policy, the Consultant shall immediately take steps to have the Aggregate Limit reinstated to the full extent permitted under such policy. All insurance coverages of the Consultant shall be primary to any insurance or self-insurance program carried by the County applicable to this Project.

14.2. The acceptance by the County of any Certificate of Insurance for this Project evidencing the insurance coverages and

limits required in this Contract does not constitute approval or agreement by the County that the insurance requirements have been met or that the insurance policies shown on the Certificates of Insurance are in compliance with the requirements of this Contract.

14.3. Before starting and until acceptance of the work by County, Consultant shall maintain insurance of the types and to the limits specified in paragraph 14.7 entitled "Required Insurance." Consultant shall require each of its subconsultants and subcontractors to procure and maintain, until the completion of that subconsultant's or subcontractor's work, insurance of the types and to the limits specified in paragraph 14.7, unless such insurance requirement for the subconsultant or subcontractor is expressly waived in writing by the County. Said waiver shall not be unreasonably withheld upon Consultant representing in writing to County that Consultant's existing coverage includes and covers the subconsultants and subcontractors for which a waiver is sought, and that such coverage is in conformance with the types and limits of insurance specified in paragraph 14.7. All liability insurance policies, other than the Professional Liability, Worker's, Compensation and Employers' Liability policies, obtained by Consultant to meet the requirements of this Contract shall name County as an additional insured as to the operations of the Consultant under this Contract and the Contract Documents and shall contain severability of interests provisions.

14.4. If any insurance provided pursuant to this Contract expires prior to the completion of the work, renewal Certificates of Insurance and, if requested by County, certified, true copies of the renewal policies shall be furnished by Consultant sixty (60) days prior to the date of expiration. Should at any time the Consultant not maintain the insurance coverages required in this Contract, the County may cancel this Contract or at its sole discretion shall be authorized to purchase such coverages and charge the Consultant for such coverages purchased. The County shall be under no obligation to purchase such insurance, nor shall it be responsible for the coverages purchased or the insurance company or companies used. The decision of the County to purchase such insurance coverages shall in no way be construed to be a waiver of its rights under this Contract.

14.5. Certificates of insurance, reflecting evidence of the required insurance, shall be filed with the County's Representative prior to the commencement of the work. The Consultant shall not commence work under this Contract until it has obtained all insurance required under this paragraph and such insurance has been approved by the County's Representative, nor shall the Consultant allow any subcontractor to commence work on its sub-contract until all similar such insurance required of the subcontractor has been obtained and approved.

14.6. Policies shall be issued by companies authorized to do business under the laws of the State of Florida and shall have adequate Policyholders and Financial ratings in the latest ratings of A.M. Best, Rating of VI or better.

14.7. Required Insurance

- a. Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the State of Florida.
- b. Employers Liability Insurance with limits of \$100,000 per Accident, \$500,000 Disease, policy limits, \$100,000 Disease each employee.
- c. Professional Liability Insurance with limits of \$1,000,000 per claim.
- d. Comprehensive business automobile and vehicle liability insurance covering claims for injuries to members of the public and/or damages to property of others arising from use of motor vehicles, including onsite and offsite operations, and owned, hired or non-owned vehicles, with minimum limits of \$100,000 Combined Single Limit, and if split limits are provided, the minimum acceptable limits shall be \$50,000 per person, \$100,000 per occurrence, \$25,000 property damage.
- e. Commercial general liability covering claims for injuries to members of the public or damage to property of others arising out of any covered act or omission of Consultant or any of its employees, agents or subcontractors or sub consultants, including Premises and/or Operations, Independent Contractors; Broad Form Property Damage and a Contractual Liability Endorsement with \$300,000 Combined Single Limit, and if split limits are provided, the minimum acceptable limits shall be \$100,000 per person, \$300,000 per occurrence, \$50,000 property damage.
- f. County, State of Florida and Federal Government shall be named as an additional insured with respect to

Consultant's liabilities hereunder in insurance coverage's identified in Paragraphs c. and d.

g. Consultant shall require its subcontractors to be adequately insured at least to the limits prescribed above, and to any increased limits of Consultant if so required by County during the term of this Contract. County will not pay for increased limits of insurance for subcontractors.

The County reserves the right to require any other insurance coverage it deems necessary depending upon the exposures.

**ARTICLE FIFTEEN
INDEMNIFICATION**

15.1. The Consultant shall indemnify and hold harmless the County, and its officers and employees, from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the Consultant and other persons employed or utilized by the Consultant in the performance of the Contract.

15.2. Consultant acknowledges that the general conditions of any construction contract shall include language, satisfactory to the County's attorney, in which the contractor agrees to hold harmless and to defend County, Consultant, their agents and employees, from all suits and actions, including attorney's fees, and all costs of litigation and judgments of any name and description arising out of or incidental to the performance of the construction contract or work performed thereunder. County acknowledges that Consultant shall be expressly named as an indemnified party, and shall be held harmless, in the general conditions of any construction contract, and shall be named as an additional insured in any contractor's insurance policies.

15.3 The first ten dollars (\$10.00) of remuneration paid to Consultant under this Contract shall be in consideration for the indemnification provided for in this section.

Consultant under this Contract shall be in consideration for the indemnification provided for in this section.

**ARTICLE SIXTEEN
SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

16.1. The County and the Consultant each binds itself and its successors, executors, administrators and assigns to the other party of this Contract and to the successors, executors, administrators and assigns of such other party, in respect to all covenants of this Contract. Except as above, neither the County nor the Consultant shall assign, sublet, convey or transfer its interest in this Contract without the written consent of the other. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any officer or agent of the County which may be a party hereto, nor shall it be construed as giving any rights or benefits hereunder to anyone other than the County and the Consultant.

**ARTICLE SEVENTEEN
REMEDIES**

17.1. This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any and all legal action necessary to enforce the Contract shall be held in Okaloosa County. No remedy herein conferred upon any party is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by any party of any right, power, or remedy hereunder shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof.

**ARTICLE EIGHTEEN
CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

18.1. The Consultant represents that it has no interest and shall acquire no interest, either direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of services required hereunder, as provided for in the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees (Chapter 112, Part III, Florida Statutes). The Consultant further represents that no person having any interest shall be employed for said performance.

18.2. The Consultant shall promptly notify the County 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 Consultant'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 Consultant may undertake and request an informed determination from the County Representative as to whether the association, interest or circumstance would be viewed by the County Representative as constituting a conflict of interest if entered into by the Consultant. The County Representative agrees to notify the Consultant of its opinion by certified mail within thirty (30) days of receipt of notice by the Consultant. Such determination may be appealed to the Board of County Commissioners by the Consultant within thirty (30) days of the County Representative's notice to the Consultant. If, in the opinion of the County Representative or County, the prospective business association, interest or circumstance would not constitute a conflict of interest by the Consultant, the County Representative or County shall so state in the notice and the Consultant shall, at its option, enter into said association, interest or circumstance and it shall be deemed not in conflict of interest with respect to services provided to the County by the Consultant under the terms of this Contract.

**ARTICLE NINETEEN
DEBT**

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

**ARTICLE TWENTY
NONDISCRIMINATION**

20.1. The Consultant warrants and represents that all of its employees are treated equally during employment without regard to race, color, religion, disability, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, or sexual orientation.

20.2 Additionally, (As per Executive Order 11246) Contractor may not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, color, creed, sex, disability or national origin. Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their age, race, color, creed, sex, disability or national origin. Such action shall include but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training including apprenticeship.

**ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE
ENFORCEMENT COSTS**

21.1. If any legal action or other proceeding is brought for the enforcement of this Contract, or because of an alleged dispute, breach, default or misrepresentation in connection with any provisions of this Contract, the successful or prevailing party or parties shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees, court costs and all expenses (including taxes) even if not taxable as court costs (including, without limitation, all such fees, costs and expenses incident to appeals), incurred in that action or proceeding, in addition to any other relief to which such party or parties may be entitled.

**ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO
NOTICE**

22.1. All notices required in this Contract shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested to the Consultant's Representative and the County Representative at the addresses shown in Articles One and Three hereof.

**ARTICLE TWENTY-THREE
MODIFICATION OF SCOPE OF WORK**

23.1. It is the intent of this Contract that County shall from time to time issue Notice to Proceeds for Consultant to perform work. Notice to Proceeds shall be duly approved by the County prior to issuance. Consultant shall expediently perform such work within the schedule indicated in the work order in accordance with Article Four above. Consultant shall timely cooperate with County Representative in negotiating the cost and schedule of said work orders prior to submission to the County for

approval. The County reserves the right to make changes in the Scope of Work, including alterations, reductions therein or additions thereto. Upon receipt by the Consultant of the County's notification of a contemplated change, the Consultant shall, in writing: (1) provide a detailed estimate for the increase or decrease in cost due to the contemplated change, (2) notify the County of any estimated change in the completion date, and (3) advise the County if the contemplated change shall effect the Consultant's ability to meet the completion dates or schedules of this Contract.

23.2. If the County so instructs in writing, the Consultant shall suspend work on that portion of the Scope of Work or work order affected by a contemplated change, pending the County's decision to proceed with the change. Consultant shall be entitled to invoice County for that portion of the work completed prior to receipt of the written notice.

23.3. If the County elects to make the change, the County shall initiate a Contract Amendment and the Consultant shall not commence work on any such change until such written amendment is signed by the Consultant and the County.

ARTICLE TWENTY-FOUR MODIFICATION

24.1. The County and the Consultant agree that this Contract together with the Exhibits hereto, sets forth the entire agreement between the parties, and that there are no promises or understandings other than those stated herein. None of the provisions, terms and conditions contained in this Contract may be added to, modified, superseded or otherwise altered, except by written instrument executed by the parties hereto in accordance with Article Twenty Three - Modification of Scope of Work. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between this Contract and the provisions in the incorporated Exhibits, the terms of this Contract shall supersede and prevail over the terms in the Exhibits.

ARTICLE TWENTY FIVE MISCELLANEOUS

25.1. Consultant, in representing County, shall promote the best interest of County and each party agrees to assume toward the other party a duty of good faith and fair dealing.

25.2. No modification, waiver, suspension or termination of the Contract or of any terms thereof shall impair the rights or liabilities of either party.

25.3. This Contract is not assignable, in whole or in part, by Consultant without the prior written consent of County.

25.4. Waiver by either party of a breach of any provision of this Contract shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any other breach and shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this Contract.

25.5. The headings of the Articles, Schedules, Parts and Attachments as contained in this Contract are for the purpose of convenience only and shall not be deemed to expand, limit or change the provisions in such Articles, Schedules, Parts and Attachments.

25.6. This Contract, including the referenced Schedules and Attachments hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto and shall supersede, replace and nullify any and all prior agreements or understandings, written or oral, relating to the matter set forth herein, and any such prior agreements or understanding shall have no force or effect whatever on this Contract.

25.7 Consultant, acknowledges that it shall comply with all applicable Federal law, regulations, executive orders, State laws and regulations and local laws, ordinances and regulations as it pertains to services being rendered under this contract.

25.8 Consultant acknowledges that some federal funds may be utilized in the course of services being performed under this agreement, as such, consultant agrees that it shall adhere to all necessary federal regulations, including those as set forth in Exhibit _____. Further, the Consultant acknowledges that the Federal government is not a party to this agreement and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, Consultant, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from this Contract.

**ARTICLE TWENTY SIX
MINORITY/WOMEN’S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**

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

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

**ARTICLE TWENTY SEVEN
PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS**

27.1 Consultant must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

**ARTICLE TWENTY EIGHT
ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY POLICIES**

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

28.2 Clean Air Act.

- a. The Consultant agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.
- b. The Consultant agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the State of Florida, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- c. The Consultant agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance under this Contract.

28.3 Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

- a. The Consultant agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.
- b. The Consultant agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the State of Florida, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- c. The Consultant agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance under this Contract.

**ARTICLE TWENTY NINE
FEDERAL SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT**

29.1 This Agreement may be covered in part as transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such the Consultant is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

- a. The Consultant must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.
- b. This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by the County. If it is later determined that the Consultant did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to the State of Florida and the County, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/ or debarment.
- c. The Consultant agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The Contractor further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

**ARTICLE THIRTY
LOBBYING**

30.1 Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment. Consultant who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

**ARTICLE THIRTY ONE
THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

31.1 It is specifically agreed between the parties executing this Contract that it is not intended by any of the provisions of any part of the Contract to create in the public or any member thereof, a third party beneficiary under this Contract, or to authorize anyone not a party to this Contract to maintain a suit for personal injuries or property damage pursuant to the terms or provisions of this Contract

**ARTICLE THIRTY TWO
SEVERABILITY**

32.1. If any term or provision of this Contract, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall, to any extent, be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Contract, or the application of such term or provision, to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected, and every other term and provision of this Contract shall be deemed valid and enforceable to the extent permitted by law.

**ARTICLE THIRTY THREE
REPRESENTATION OF AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT/SIGNATORY**

33.1 The individual signing this Contract on behalf of [REDACTED] represents and warrants that he or she is duly authorized and has legal capacity to execute and deliver this Contract. The signatory represents and warrants to the County that the execution and delivery of this Contract and the performance of [REDACTED] obligations hereunder have been duly authorized and that the Agreement is a valid and legal agreement binding on the Consultant and enforceable in accordance with its terms.

**ARTICLE THIRTY FOUR
FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

34.1 The contractor agrees to comply with all federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations, including but not limited to, those set forth in Exhibit “C”, which is expressly incorporated herein as a part of this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands and official seals the day and year first above written.

CONSULTANT

Authorized Representative

(printed)

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Charles K. Windes, Jr. Chairman

J.D. Peacock, II, Clerk

SCHEDULE A
BASIS OF COMPENSATION

1. As consideration for providing Services set forth herein Article Two of the Contract for Professional Consulting Services, the County agrees to pay, and Consultant agrees to accept, fees as indicated below:

[SHOULD BE SPECIFIC TO EACH PARTICULAR TYPE OF SERVICE BEING PROVIDED BY CONSULTANT – MAY BE LUMP SUM PAYABLE IN PARTS BASED ON PROVIDING DELIVERABLES TO COUNTY OR MAY BE PAID MONTHLY. SOME SERVICES MAY BE PAID BASED ON AN HOURLY WAGE. HOURLY RATES FOR HOURLY WORK SHOULD ALSO BE STATED HERE.]

2. Reimbursable costs shall mean the actual expenditures made by the Consultant while providing Services, in the interest of the Project, and may include the following items:

a. Expenses for preparation, reproduction, photographic production techniques, postage and handling of drawings, specifications, bidding documents and similar Project-related items.

b. When authorized in advance by County, except as specifically otherwise provided herein, the expense of overtime work requiring higher than regular rates.

c. Expenses for renderings, models and mock-ups requested by County.

3. Unless approved by the County in advance, reimbursable costs shall not include the following:

a. Transportation and subsistence, including transportation and subsistence expenses incidental to out-of-town travel required by Consultant and directed by County, other than visits to the Project Site or County's office.

b. Consultant overhead including field office facilities.

c. Overtime not authorized by County.

d. Expenses for copies, reproductions, postage, handling, express delivery, and long distance communications not required for a Project.

4. Payments will be made for services rendered on no more than on a monthly basis, within thirty (30) days of submittal of an approvable invoice. The number of the Notice to Proceed pursuant to which the services have been provided shall appear on all invoices. All invoices shall be reasonably substantiated, identify the services rendered and must be submitted in triplicate in a form and manner required by County.

Exhibit “C”

Standard Contract Clauses

Title VI Clauses for Compliance with Nondiscrimination Requirements

Compliance with Nondiscrimination Requirements

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

1. **Compliance with Regulations:** The contractor (hereinafter includes consultants) will comply with the Title VI List of Pertinent Nondiscrimination Acts And Authorities, as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
2. **Non-discrimination:** The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Nondiscrimination Acts and Authorities, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR part 21.
3. **Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment:** In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding, or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by the contractor of the contractor’s obligations under this contract and the Nondiscrimination Acts And Authorities on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.
4. **Information and Reports:** The contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the sponsor or the Federal Aviation Administration to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Nondiscrimination Acts And Authorities and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish the information, the contractor will so certify to the sponsor or the Federal Aviation Administration, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
5. **Sanctions for Noncompliance:** In the event of a contractor’s noncompliance with the Non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the sponsor will impose such contract sanctions as it or the Federal Aviation Administration may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Withholding payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies; and/or
 - b. Cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract, in whole or in part.
6. **Incorporation of Provisions:** The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs one through six in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor will take action with respect to any

subcontract or procurement as the sponsor or the Federal Aviation Administration may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor, or supplier because of such direction, the contractor may request the sponsor to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the sponsor. In addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

Title VI List of Pertinent Nondiscrimination Acts and Authorities

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

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin);
- 49 CFR part 21 (Non-discrimination In Federally-Assisted Programs of The Department of Transportation—Effectuation of Title VI of The Civil Rights Act of 1964);
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.*), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR part 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 USC § 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms “programs or activities” to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131 – 12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 CFR parts 37 and 38;
- The Federal Aviation Administration’s Non-discrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);
- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures non-discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;
- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited

English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);

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

FEDERAL FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT (FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE)

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

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

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT OF 1970

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

E-VERIFY

Enrollment and verification requirements.

- (1) If the Contractor is not enrolled as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify at time of contract award, the Contractor shall-
 - a. Enroll. Enroll as a Federal Contractor in the E-Verify Program within thirty (30) calendar days of contract award;
 - b. Verify all new employees. Within ninety (90) calendar days of enrollment in the E-Verify program, begin to use E-Verify to initiate verification of employment eligibility of all new hires of the Contractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three (3) business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph (b)(3) of this section); and,
 - c. Verify employees assigned to the contract. For each employee assigned to the contract, initiate verification within ninety (90) calendar days after date of enrollment or within thirty (30) calendar days of the employee's assignment to the contract, whichever date is later (but see paragraph (b)(4) of this section.)
- (2) If the Contractor is enrolled as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify at time of contract award, the Contractor shall use E-Verify to initiate verification of employment eligibility of
 - a. All new employees.

- i. Enrolled ninety (90) calendar days or more. The Contractor shall initiate verification of all new hires of the Contractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three (3) business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph (b)(3) of this section); or
 - b. Enrolled less than ninety (90) calendar days. Within ninety (90) calendar days after enrollment as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify, the Contractor shall initiate verification of all new hires of the contractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three (3) business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph (b)(3) of this section); or
 - ii. Employees assigned to the contract. For each employee assigned to the contract, the Contractor shall initiate verification within ninety (90) calendar days after date of contract award or within thirty (30) days after assignment to the contract, whichever date is later (but see paragraph (b)(4) of this section.)
- (3) If the Contractor is an institution of higher education (as defined at 20 U.S.C. 1001(a)); a State of local government or the government of a Federally recognized Indian tribe, or a surety performing under a takeover agreement entered into with a Federal agency pursuant to a performance bond, the Contractor may choose to verify only employees assigned to the contract, whether existing employees or new hires. The Contractor shall follow the applicable verification requirements of (b)(1) or (b)(2), respectively, except that any requirement for verification of new employees applies only to new employees assigned to the contract.
- (4) Option to verify employment eligibility of all employees. The Contractor may elect to verify all existing employees hired after November 6, 1986 (after November 27, 2009, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands), rather than just those employees assigned to the contract. The Contractor shall initiate verification for each existing employee working in the United States who was hired after November 6, 1986 (after November 27, 2009, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands), within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days of-
- i. Enrollment in the E-Verify program; or
 - ii. Notification to E-Verify Operations of the Contractor's decision to exercise this option, using the contract information provided in the E-Verify program Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- (5) The Contractor shall comply, for the period of performance of this contract, with the requirements of the E-Verify program MOU.
- i. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or the Social Security Administration (SSA) may terminate the Contractor's MOU and deny access to the E-Verify system in accordance with the terms of the MOU. In such case, the Contractor, will be referred to a suspension or debarment official.
 - ii. During the period between termination of the MOU and a decision by the suspension or debarment official whether to suspend or debar, the contractor is excused from its obligations under paragraph (b) of this clause. If the suspension or debarment official determines not to suspend or debar the Contractor, then the Contractor must reenroll in E-Verify.

iii. Web site. Information on registration for and use of the E-Verify program can be obtained via the Internet at the Department of Homeland Security Web site:

<http://www.dhs.gov/E-Verify>.

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

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

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

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