ALACHUA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP #20-171

Annual Environmental Consulting Services

RFP Submittal Deadline: 2:00 pm, Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Any response received after the above submittal deadline will not be considered. Alachua County Division of Purchasing, 3rd Floor County Administration Building 12 SE 1st Street Gainesville, Florida 32601-6983 (352) 374-5202 (PHONE) (352) 491-4569 (FAX)

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FOR THE PROVISION OF Annual Environmental Consulting Services

1.0 **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1.1 Purpose

Alachua County Board of County Commissioners is seeking proposals from licensed professionals (hereinafter, referred to as Consultants) for the provision of **Annual Environmental Consulting Services** for the benefit of **Alachua County Departments.**

The following apply to this request for proposal: General Provisions (Section 1.0), Background Information (Section 2.0), Scope of Services (Section 3.0), County Selection Procedures (Section 4.0), Proposal Requirements and Organization (5.0) Selection and Evaluation Criteria (Section 6.0), Professional Responsibility (Section 7.0), General Terms and Conditions (Section 8.0), Exhibits: Certified Small Business Enterprise Points Request Form, Volume of Previous Work Summary Form, Government Minimum Wage Form, Drug Free Workplace Form, Signature and Acknowledgement of Addendum Form , Proposed Subconsultants Form, and Good Faith Effort Requirements.

1.2 **Proposal Submission**

Proposals must be submitted with all required submissions included. Failure to comply may preclude consideration of the proposal.

Each Consultant is responsible for full and complete compliance with all laws, rules and regulations which may be applicable.

All printed and photocopied documents related to the submission of this RFP and fulfillment of any resulting contract shall be double-sided and printed on recycled paper with a **minimum of 30% post-consumer content**.

Consultants desiring to provide services as described herein shall submit proposals as follows:

-<mark>an original submittal;</mark> -*an electronic copy (pdf format); and*

NOTE: If you believe that any portion of your response is exempt from disclosure as a public record, that exempt material must be submitted in a separate envelope with a separate electronic file. This envelope must be clearly identified as "PUBLIC RECORDS EXEMPT," per Section 1.10 Proprietary Information.

All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope with a label on the outside, "20-171: Annual Environmental Consulting Services," and deliver not later than 2:00 pm, Wednesday, April 24, 2019, to the attention of:

HAND DELIVER OR MAILED TO: Alachua County Division of Purchasing, 3rd Floor County Administration Building 12 SE 1st Street Gainesville, Florida 32601-6983

LATE PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Upon submission, all proposals become the property of the County which has the right to use any or all ideas presented in any proposal submitted in response to this Request for Proposal, whether or not the proposal is accepted.

All work papers/products developed as part of the contract performance become property of the County upon termination or completion of the provision of services.

The cost for development of the written proposal and the oral presentation are entirely the obligation of the Consultant and shall not be chargeable in any manner to Alachua County.

1.3 Acceptance/Rejection of Proposals

Alachua County reserves the right to reject any proposal which may be considered irregular, show serious omission, unauthorized alternation of form, unauthorized alternate proposals, incomplete or unbalanced proposals or irregularities of any kind.

Submittal requirements of this Request for Proposals are for evaluation and selection purposes only. The County may allow alterations, modifications, or revisions to individual elements of the successful proposal at any time during the period of the contract which results from this Request for Proposals.

Alachua County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals in whole or in part, with or without cause, to waive technicalities, or to accept proposals or portions thereof which, in the County's judgment, best serve the interests of the County, or to award a contract to the next most qualified Consultant if a selected Consultant does not execute a contract within thirty (30) days after the award of the proposal.

The thirty day (30) time period may be extended an additional twenty (20) days where the selected Consultant is unavailable during the initial thirty-day period.

1.4 Consideration of Proposals

Proposals will be considered from Consultants normally engaged in providing and performing services as specified herein. The Consultant must have adequate organization, facilities, equipment and personnel to ensure prompt and efficient service to the County. The County reserves the right to inspect the facilities and organization or to take any other action necessary to determine ability to perform in accordance with specifications, terms and conditions before recommending any award.

1.5 **Proposal Withdrawal**

Any Consultant may withdraw his proposal by email, fax or written request at any time prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of proposals. Any proposals not so withdrawn shall constitute an irrevocable offer, for a period of ninety (90) days, to provide the County the services as set forth in Section 3.0, Scope of Services, or until one or more of the proposals has been awarded.

1.6 Non-Warranty of Request for Proposals

Due care and diligence has been used in preparing this Request for Proposal. The County shall not be responsible for any error or omission in this Request for Proposal, nor for the failure on the part of the Consultants to ensure that they have all information necessary to affect their proposals.

1.7 **Request for Clarification**

The County reserves the right to request clarification of information submitted and to request additional information of one or more Consultants, either orally or in writing.

1.8 Inquiries/Questions

After thoroughly reading this Request for Proposals and Exhibits, Consultants may direct questions, in writing only, to:

Mandy Mullins Alachua County Division of Purchasing, 3rd Floor County Administration Building 12 SE 1st Street Gainesville, Florida 32601-6983 (352)374-5202 (Phone) (352)491-4569 (Fax) Email: mmmullins@alachuacounty.us

1.8.1 Any Consultant in doubt as to the true meaning of any part of the Request for Proposal or related documents may submit a written request to Mandy Mullins, at the address indicated above, at least ten (10) days prior to closing date set for receipt of proposals to be considered for a response. Any interpretation to a Consultant will be made only by addendum duly issued, and a copy of such addendum will be posted to **Demandstar.com**. **Oral answers will not be authoritative**.

1.9 <u>Contact with Members of the Professional Services Evaluation Committee</u>

To ensure fair consideration for all Consultants, the County prohibits communication to or with any department, employee, elected official, or anyone evaluating or considering the proposals during the submission process, except as provided in Section 1.9.1. Additionally, the County prohibits communications initiated by a Consultant to any department, employee, elected official, or anyone evaluating or considering the proposals prior to the time an award decision has been made.

- 1.9.1 Any communication between Consultant and the County will be initiated by the County's Division of Purchasing in order to obtain information or clarification needed to develop a proper, accurate evaluation of the proposal. Communications initiated by a Consultant to anyone other than the appropriate Purchasing Representative may be grounds for disqualifying the offending Consultant from consideration of award of the proposal being evaluated and/or any future proposal.
- 1.9.2 It will be the responsibility of the Consultant to contact the County's Division of Purchasing prior to submitting a proposal to ascertain if any addenda have been issued, to obtain all such addenda and to return executed addenda with the proposal.

1.10 **Proprietary Information**

Responses to this Request for Proposals upon receipt by the County become public records subject to the provisions of Chapter 119 F.S., Florida's Public Records Law. If you believe that any portion or all of your response is confidential or proprietary, or otherwise exempt from disclosure as a Public Record, you should clearly assert such exemption and state the specific legal authority for the asserted exemption. All material that designated as exempt from Chapter 119 must be submitted in a separate envelope, clearly identified as "PUBLIC RECORDS EXEMPT" with your name and the proposal number marked on the outside. Furthermore, you must complete **EXHIBIT H, PUBLIC RECORD DECLARATION OR CLAIM OF EXEMPTION.**

1.10.1 Please be aware that the designation of an item as exempt from disclosure as a Public Record may be challenged in court by any person. By your designation of material in your proposal as "Public Records Exempt", you agree to defend and hold harmless the County from any claims, judgments, damages, costs, and attorney's fees and costs of the challenger and for costs and attorney's fees incurred by the County by reason of any legal action challenging your designation.

1.11 Examination of Request for Proposals

Before submitting a proposal, it shall be the Consultant's responsibility to examine thoroughly the Request for Proposals or other related documents (where applicable) to be informed regarding any and all conditions and requirements that may in any manner affect the work to be performed under the Contract. Failure to do so will not relieve the selected Consultant of complete performance under the contract.

1.12 <u>Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program Participation – MANDATORY</u>

- 1.12.1 SBE Vendor is a vendor that is certified by the Alachua County Equal Opportunity Division prior to the proposal opening.
- 1.12.2 The SBE Program Participation Form, **EXHIBIT B**, must be completed for your proposal to be considered responsive.
- 1.12.3 Alachua County has adopted a 15% participation goal, and policies, which encourage participation of SBE in the provision of materials, supplies (i.e. office, auto, janitor, lawn, etc.) equipment, services and construction.
- 1.12.4 The County will award a preference in evaluation points to certified SBE or contractors that meet the SBE participation goal in its RFP response.
- 1.12.5 SBE preference does not apply to contracts that are reserved in accordance with Section 22.34, Alachua County Code 06-28, in which the County reserved contracts for bidding only by SBEs. SBE bid preferences will not be combined.

1.12.6 **Proposed Subcontractors Requirements**

- 1.12.6.1 Contractors submitting proposals under this solicitation are to identify, on the SBE Program Participation Form, the intended SBE subcontractors and the estimated percentage of total dollar amount(s) as well as the total dollar amount(s) of the contract to be awarded to SBE firms, EXHIBIT B, Option 3.
- 1.12.6.2 If SBE subcontractors are **not available** for the Bid/RFP you **must complete** a Good Faith Effort Form, **EXHIBIT B**, **Option 4**.

1.12.7 Good Faith Effort Requirements

- 1.12.7.1 In accordance with Section 22.36, Alachua County Code 06-28, every competitive bid or proposal, if not submitted by a certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE), must demonstrate good faith efforts to utilize SBE as subcontractors **to be considered responsive.** The Equal Opportunity Division maintains a directory of certified SBE's. The Alachua County Small Business Enterprise Directory is available at: <u>http://smallbusdir.alachuacounty.us/</u>
- 1.12.7.2 The Equal Opportunity Division shall determine what constitutes a "good faith effort" for purposes of contractor compliance with contractual requirements relating to the use of services or commodities of a certified SBE's, under Section 22.36, Alachua County Code 06-28. The following factors shall be considered in making such determination:
 - 1.12.7.2.1 Whether the Contractor contacted SBEs listed in the Alachua County Small Business Enterprise Directory concerning contracting opportunities and provided them with adequate information about the plans, specifications and requirements of the contract.
 - 1.12.7.2.2 Whether the Contractor negotiated in good faith with interested SBEs, not rejecting them as unqualified without sound reasons based on a thorough review of their capabilities.
 - 1.12.7.2.3 Whether the Contractor selected portions of the work to be performed by SBEs in order to increase the likelihood of meeting the 15% participation goal, including breaking the contract down into economically-feasible units.
 - 1.12.7.2.4 The Contractor will be expected to furnish documents substantiating compliance with good faith effort requirements, **EXHIBIT B**.

1.12.8 **RFPs Certified Small Business Enterprise Points Request Requirements**

- 1.12.8.1 The Technical Qualifications Evaluation phase of the Professional Services Evaluation Process assesses whether a Consultant is a certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE) and provides for the allocation of points when the Consultant includes in its submittal a request for points allowed for Alachua County's Certified SBEs' participation in accordance with the options listed in **EXHIBIT C** and provides the necessary documentation to substantiate such request.
- 1.12.8.2 Vendors shall complete the Certified Small Business Enterprise Points Request Form for RFPs, **EXHIBIT C**.

1.13 Alachua County Government Minimum Wage (GMW)

- 1.13.1 Services solicited through for RFP are considered covered services under Chapter 22, Article III, of the Alachua County Code of Ordinances ("Wage Ordinance") which establishes a government minimum wage for certain contractors and subcontractors providing selected services to Alachua County government. Bidders/Proposers should consider the cost of compliance, if any, when submitting bids.
 - 1.13.1.1 A contractor or subcontractor of the County providing a covered service to the County shall pay to all of its covered employees an Alachua County Government Minimum Wage of either the health benefit wage and provide health benefits or pay a non-health benefit wage.
 - 1.13.1.2 Alachua County Government Minimum Wage (GMW) for this contract will be:
 - 1.13.1.2.1 **\$13.50** per hour with qualifying health benefits amounting to at least **\$2.10** per hour
 - 1.13.1.2.2 **\$15.60** per hour without health benefits
- 1.13.2 The GMW rates are indexed (health benefit wage shall be recalculated on October 1st of each year) in accordance with Chapter 22, Article III, of the Alachua County Code of Ordinances ("Wage Ordinance") and are effective as of April 22, 2016. Employees of **service contractors and subcontractors performing** the covered services pursuant to the following County service contracts must be paid not less than the GMW as specified above.
- 1.13.3 The contractor shall certify, **EXHIBIT D**, to the County that it will pay each of its covered employees the GMW, and ensure that it will require that of its subcontractors. Upon execution, the certification shall become an obligation under the contract.
- 1.13.4 The bidders shall be required to execute the certification attached as **EXHIBIT D**, prior to the County executing the contract. Once executed, such certification will become a part of the contract; however, failure to provide and sign **EXHIBIT D** will prevent execution of the contract, may result in forfeiture of any applicable bid or proposal bond, and could result in other adverse action.
- 1.13.5 During the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:
 - 1.13.5.1 The Contractor shall comply with the Chapter 22, Article III, of the Alachua County Code of Ordinances ("Wage Ordinance") requirements. Failure to do so shall be deemed a breach of contract and shall authorize the County to withhold payment of funds until the GMW requirements have been met.

1.13.5.2 The Contractor will include the necessary provisions in subcontracts to ensure compliance. However, the County shall not be deemed a necessary, or indispensable, party in any litigation between the contractor and subcontractor.

1.14 Local Firms Location Points

- 1.14.1 This factor provides points to local firms who have an established local presence and staff that will be directly involved in the project.
 - 1.14.1.1 Firm is considered to be local based upon meeting the following criteria:
 - 1.14.1.1.1 Has a staffed and equipped office that has been in the business in Alachua County for at least twelve (12) months prior to the advertisement of a Request for Proposal, Request for Qualifications, etc. by the Purchasing Division; and
 - 1.14.1.1.2 Holds all business licenses required by the State, County or a City within the County; and
 - 1.14.1.1.3 Employs at least one (1) full time employee (FTE), or part-time employees' equivalent to one FTE, whose primary residence(s) is in Alachua County.
 - 1.14.1.1.4 Vendors must certify their local base firm status on the Signature and Acknowledgement of Addendum Form, **EXHIBIT A**.

1.15 **Public Entity Crimes**

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction of a public entity crime may not submit a proposal on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a proposal on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit proposals on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a Consultant, supplier, subconsultant, 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 Section 287.017, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

1.16 Drug Free Workplace

Section 22.09 Competitive Sealed Bidding of the Alachua County Purchasing Code states that in the evaluation of bids, all factors in the bidding process being equal, both as to dollar amount and ability to perform, priority will be given, first, to those vendors certifying a drug-free workplace **EXHIBIT G**, secondly to certified Small Business Enterprises (SBEs) bidders.

1.17 Workplace Violence

Employees of bidders are prohibited from committing any act of workplace violence. Violation may be grounds for termination. Workplace violence means the commission of any of the following acts by a bidder's employee.

Battery: intentional offensive touching or application of force or violence to another. Stalking: willfully, maliciously and repeatedly following or harassing another person.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 Location

Alachua County is located in North Central Florida. The County government seat is situated in Gainesville. Gainesville is located 70 miles southwest of Jacksonville, 129 miles southeast of Tallahassee, 140 miles northeast of Tampa - St. Petersburg and 109 miles northwest of Orlando. Alachua County has a population of over 250,000. The County itself consists of a total area of 969 square miles.

2.2 Form of Government

Alachua County is governed by a Board of five (5) elected County Commissioners and operates under the established County Manager Charter form of government. In addition to the five County Commissioners, there are five elected Constitutional Officers: the Supervisor of Elections, the Sheriff, and the Clerk of the Court, the Tax Collector, and the Property Appraiser. There is also a County Attorney reporting to the Board.

3.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES

The services requested, herein, are for **Annual Environmental Consulting Services**. This proposal will be for a period based on the date of the fully executed contract and continuing through **September 30, 2020** with an option by the County to renew for two (2) additional two (2) year periods.

3.1 **Project Overview:**

Alachua County wishes to retain Consultant(s) to provide comprehensive environmental consulting, environmental planning, engineering or geohydrological support services on a task assignment basis in support of Alachua County Environmental Protection Department (ACEPD) and Alachua County regulatory, environmental planning, land conservation, environmental monitoring programs and special projects. These services may require expertise in the areas of air quality monitoring and air pollution control technologies, water quality monitoring and wastewater treatment technologies, stormwater management, Phase 1 and Phase 2 environmental assessments, indoor air quality assessment, industrial hygiene studies, asbestos abatement consulting, ordinance and regulation development, land development regulations, natural resources assessment or surveying, wetland delineation, contamination assessment or remediation, monitoring, modeling and environmental sampling and analysis. This Request for Proposal is for a contract between Alachua County and the Consultant(s) for comprehensive environmental consulting services. Laboratory services for special projects involving sampling and analysis of environmental media will need to be provided by the Consultant(s) or their sub-consultant.

3.2 General Requirements:

The Consultant selected will provide the following services, including but not limited to:

The purpose of the project is to provide comprehensive environmental consulting services in support of Alachua County's hazardous materials management, air and water quality protection and monitoring programs, land conservation program, asbestos abatement program, natural resources protection, development review programs and other initiatives.

At the option of the County, ACEPD may request environmental consulting services for special projects. Projects may include, but are not limited to: ambient monitoring, pollution control technology assessment, landfill monitoring, asbestos abatement, indoor air quality assessment, industrial hygiene studies, site evaluation, routine compliance monitoring, contamination assessment, regulation and ordinance research and drafting, stormwater management and improvements, Phase 1 and Phase 2 environmental audits, natural resource assessment, wetland delineation and Unified Mitigation Assessment Method (UNAM) assessment, remediation system design/evaluation and technical alternatives evaluation, expert testimony, and guidance in support of regulatory priorities, and hydrological and terrestrial restoration. The projects or sites for this potential work have not been determined. These projects may involve one or more matrices including, but not limited to, air, soil, sediment, water (wastewater, surface water or groundwater), sludge, waste(s), biota and building materials. These services may include engineering, field sampling, and laboratory analyses as well as assessment and report preparation. Examples of the work, which may be required, includes the following:

- 3.2.1 Field sampling and data collection, or supervision of such activities. All sample collection procedures must conform to state quality assurance requirements and laboratory analyses must be performed by NELAC certified and FDEP certified labs.
- 3.2.2 Compilation, interpretation, and reporting of field data and laboratory analyses.
- 3.2.3 Preparation of technical reports on assessment of groundwater, surface water, wastewater, storm water, air, or soil.
- 3.2.4 Preparation of technical reports on potential environmental impacts from potential new pollution sources and the suitability of proposed pollution control and other technologies.
- 3.2.5 Preparation of potentiometric surface maps and contaminant distribution maps.
- 3.2.6 Review and interpretation of existing environmental contamination levels or potential emissions from pollution sources and comparison of contaminant levels to appropriate Federal, State, or Local standards and guidelines.
- 3.2.7 Modeling of existing or potential contaminant migration and remedial scenarios.
- 3.2.8 Identification of new groundwater, surface water or ambient air contamination.
- 3.2.9 Evaluation of environmental control alternatives and new technology assessment.

- 3.2.10 Assistance in regulation and ordinance development in the areas of habitat protection, air quality, water quality, hazardous materials control.
- 3.2.11 Environmental audits and assessments of properties.
- 3.2.12 Drafting of land development regulations and ordinances, and performance of special studies involving environmental permitting and planning.
- 3.2.13 Present public presentations of work products, attend public meetings and provide expert testimony relating to work performed in support of ordinance development, land development regulations or other assigned special environmental studies.
- 3.2.14 Development of asbestos abatement project plans and specifications.
- 3.2.15 Managing or performing asbestos abatement projects and administration of subcontractors.
- 3.2.16 Project air monitoring and on-site consultation to assure on-going regulatory and health and safety compliance.
- 3.2.17 Site surveys for the determination of the presence of asbestos containing materials, sample collection and bulk sample analysis.
- 3.2.18 Providing training for County staff in asbestos or environmental sampling.
- 3.2.19 Preparing reports for submittal to local, state and federal regulatory agencies.
- 3.2.20 Performing indoor air quality assessments and industrial hygiene surveys.
- 3.2.21 Wetland delineation and UMAM assessments.
- 3.2.22 Developing construction-ready restoration plans with certified drawings for the county's natural areas and construction ready plans with certified drawings for stormwater management and improvement projects.
- 3.2.23 Assisting the County during the construction and/or implementation restoration plans and stormwater management and improvement projects.

Reports, if required, shall be prepared by or under the direction of a professional engineer or geologist (as appropriate) licensed in Florida with relevant experience or a qualified scientist, engineer or environmental planner. The Consultant shall furnish all materials, equipment, labor, supervision, and documentation necessary for the production and submission of these reports. The consultant shall be available for public presentations, meetings, and expert testimony relating to all work performed for the County.

3.3 Funding

There is no committed funding at this time to implement any projects described in this scope of services. Projects will be assigned via task assignments when and if authorized and funded by Alachua County.

4.0 PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS AND ORGANIZATION

Proposals must be submitted setting forth the information called for below in the format required. Each proposal should contain the following:

4.1 Letter of Interest

Consultants should include a letter indicating the Consultant's interest in and knowledge of the project and willingness to provide the services.

4.2 **Project Understanding and Approach**

This section should include a narrative necessary to show that the Consultant has an understanding of the scope and objectives to be performed in this project. The Consultant should describe the approach to the provision of services as required herein and the specific work plan to be employed to implement it. Indicate how this project will fit into the total workload of the Consultant during the project period.

4.3 Consultant's Qualifications and Staff

Identify the manager and key staff who would be directly assigned to this project. Provide resumes to include years of experience within the area of specialty, length of service with the Consultant and knowledge of local government.

- 4.3.1 Summary of the Consultant's current workload and ability to satisfy the County requirements.
- 4.3.2 A brief statement shall be included, on the Consultant's background, organization and size.
- 4.3.3 The one person designated to act as primary liaison between the Consultant and the County. In addition, an alternate must be designated to act in the temporary absence of the primary liaison.
- 4.3.4 If any services are to be subcontracted, then those Consultants must be identified. Qualifications of any sub-consultant(s) and resumes of the individual(s) assigned to the projects are to be furnished as part of the submittal.
- 4.3.5 Consultants shall demonstrate experience in the scope of services required herein. Describe in detail any prior experience.

4.4 Ability of Consultant's Professional Personnel

4.5 Ability to Meet Time and Budget Requirements

4.6 Effect of Project Team Location on Project Responses

4.7 Appendix

The Appendix should include the following information:

- 4.7.1 Signature and Acknowledgement of Addendum Form EXHIBIT A
- 4.7.2 Completed Small Business Enterprise Program Participation Form, if applicable **EXHIBIT B**.
- 4.7.3 Certified Small Business Enterprise Points Request Form **EXHIBIT C**.
- 4.7.4 Alachua County Government Minimum Wage (GMW) Form **EXHIBIT D**.
- 4.7.5 Completed Volume of Previous Work Summary Form **EXHIBIT E**.
- 4.7.6 Proposed Subcontractors (Non-Small Business Enterprise) **EXHIBIT F**.
- 4.7.7 Completed Drug Free Workplace Form, if applicable **EXHIBIT G**.
- 4.7.8 Public Record Declaration or Claim of Exemption Form **EXHIBIT H**.
- 4.7.9 Insurance Requirements **EXHIBIT I**.
- 4.7.10 Copy of current Alachua County Small Business Certification, where applicable.
- 4.7.11 A statement of the Consultant's equal opportunity policies and practices.
- 4.7.12 List of verifiable references, for whom the Consultant has performed these type services. List any installations performed for governmental entities. The following should be provided for each reference listed:
 - 4.7.12.1 Name, title, address and phone number of the individual within the organization for whom the work was performed who can be contacted in regards to the project.
 - 4.7.12.2 The name(s) of the Manager or key staff person(s) who worked on the project.
 - 4.7.12.3 A copy of the selected Consultant's current Florida Professional Registration Certificate, if applicable.

5.0 **<u>RFP SELECTION PROCEDURES</u>**

The Consultant selected to provide the services described herein will be selected from the qualified Consultants submitting responses to this request for proposal. The selection process will be as follows:

5.1 **RFP Submittals**

Proposals will be distributed to the administration–approved evaluation committee for a thorough review, evaluation and final ranking recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC).

5.2 **<u>RFP Evaluation Committee</u>**

The Evaluation Committee will evaluate the Technical Qualifications and Written Qualifications for each submittal in accordance with the evaluation criteria identified in Section 6.0.

In a Public Meeting, officiated by Procurement, the Committee discusses issues appropriate to the scoring. Members do not have to agree on exact scores, but each member's score shall be justified, whether zero, high or low.

Depending on the complexity of the solicitation, additional meetings may be required, up to and including oral presentations. Oral presentations shall be made at no cost to Alachua County. During oral presentations the Consultant shall further detail their qualifications, approach to the project and ability to furnish the required services.

5.3 **<u>RFP Contract Negotiation</u>**

The County will negotiate a contract with any, all, or none of the consultants in order of the Final Ranking approved by the BoCC.

6.0 SELECTION AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

The evaluation committee will evaluate the proposals as follows:

6.1 <u>Technical Qualifications</u>

The Technical Qualifications will assess each responding Consultant's ability based on experience and qualifications of key staff members, the Consultant's capability of meeting time and budget requirements, whether a Consultant is a certified Small Business Enterprise, volume of work to the County, and the Consultant's record with regard to this type of work, particularly in the County or in Florida.

The Evaluation Committee will not be impressed with excessive amounts of boilerplate, excessive numbers of resumes, excessive numbers of photographs, work that distant offices have performed, or work not involving personnel to be assigned to the proposed project.

6.2 Written Proposal

The Evaluation Committee will assess how effectively the requirements of the scope of services have been addressed. The written proposal should identify a project manager and other key members of the project team and the proposed project schedule. It should relate the capabilities of the project team to the requirements of the scope of services.

The Evaluation Committee will not be impressed with excessive boilerplate, excessive participation by "business development" personnel, and the use of "professional" presenters who will not be involved in the project or future presentations.

6.3 **Oral Presentation (Optional)**

Oral presentation should address both the technical qualifications of the Consultant and their approach to the project.

Importance is given to the Consultant's understanding of the project, the placement of emphasis on various work tasks, and response to questions. The Evaluation Committee will assess the project manager's capability and understanding of the project and their ability to communicate ideas. The role of key members of the project team should be established based on the scope of services and the Consultant's approach to the project. The role of any subcontracted Consultant in the proposal should be clearly identified.

Unique experience and exceptional qualifications may be considered with emphasis on understanding of the project, particularly "why it is to be done" as well as "what is to be done."

6.4 Other factors

The Other Factors to be considered, but not limited to, are those items, such as Small Business Enterprise status, past performance, and previous amount of work for Alachua County. Fee proposals, when requested and deemed appropriate, are also to be considered in the evaluation process, where the request for such fees is in accordance with the County's Purchasing Code.

7.0 **PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**

All services shall be provided with the skill and care which would be exercised by comparable qualified professionals performing similar services at the time and place such services are performed.

Individual or Consultant shall accept full responsibility for the work as described herein.

7.1 Insurance Requirements

The selected proposer/Consultant shall provide a Certificate of Insurance to the County with a Thirty (30) day notice of cancellation. **EXHIBIT I**

If the initial insurance expires prior to the completion of the work, a renewal certificate shall be furnished Thirty (30) days prior to the date of expiration.

8.0 GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following are the general terms and conditions, supplemental to those stated elsewhere in the Request for Proposal, to which the selected Consultant must comply in order to be consistent with the requirements for this Request for Proposal. Any deviation from these or any other stated requirements should be listed as exceptions in a separate appendix of the proposal.

8.1 Assignment of Personnel

All personnel assigned to the project will be subject to the approval of the County and no changes shall be allowed unless prior written approval is obtained.

8.2 Basis for Contract Negotiation

The proposal will serve as the basis for negotiating the contract.

8.3 Term of the Contract

The contract shall be effective for the period to begin based on the date of the executed contract and continuing through September 30, 2021 with an option by the County to renew for **two** (2) additional **two** (2) year periods.

8.4 **<u>Reuse of Existing Plans</u>** - Not applicable.

8.5 Governing Law

This agreement shall be governed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. Venue shall be in Alachua County.

8.6 Permits, Laws & Regulations

The selected Consultant shall obtain and pay for all necessary permits, permit application fees, licenses or any fees required.

The selected Consultant shall comply with all laws, ordinances, regulations and building code requirements applicable to the work contemplated in the proposal. The selected Consultant is presumed to be familiar with all state and local laws, ordinances, code rules and regulations that may in any way affect the work. Ignorance on the part of the selected Consultant will in no way relieve it of responsibility.

The selected Consultant must agree to abide by and conduct its programs and provide its services in compliance with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1866, Civil Rights Act of 1871, Equal Pay Act of 1963, Civil Rights Act of 1964, Age Discrimination and Employment Acts of 1967, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act, 1991 Federal Civil Rights Act, 1992 Florida Civil Rights Act, and all other applicable ordinances, statutes, laws and amendments thereto.

8.7 Award of Contract(s)

The County reserves the right to award contracts to more than one (1) Consultant as determined to be in the best interest of the County.

8.8 Assignment of Interest

Any individual or Consultant shall not assign any interest in the contract and shall not transfer any interest in the same without prior written consent of the County.

8.9 Indemnification

To the maximum extent permitted by Florida law, the Professional shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County and its officers and employees from any and all liabilities, claims, damages, penalties, demands, judgments, actions, proceedings, losses or costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and paralegals' fees, whether resulting from any claimed breach of this Agreement by the Professional or from personal injury, property damage, direct or consequential damages, or economic loss, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentional wrongful misconduct of the Professional or anyone employed or utilized by the Professional in the performance of this Agreement.

The duty to defend under this Article is independent and separate from the duty to indemnify, and the duty to defend exists regardless of any ultimate liability of the Professional, the County and any indemnified party. The duty to defend arises immediately upon presentation of a claim by any party and written notice of such claim being provided to the Professional. The Professional's obligation to indemnify and defend under this Article will survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement until it is determined by final judgment that an action against the

County or an indemnified party for the matter indemnified hereunder is fully and finally barred by the applicable stature of limitations.

Nothing contained herein shall constitute a waiver by the County of sovereign immunity or the provisions of §768.28, Florida Statutes.

8.10 Amendments

This agreement may be amended by mutual written agreement of the parties and may be changed only by such written amendment.

8.11 Default and Termination

The failure of either party to comply with any provision of the contract shall place that party in default. Prior to terminating the contract, the non-defaulting party shall notify the defaulting party in writing. Notification shall make specific reference to the provision which gave rise to the default.

The defaulting party shall be given seven (7) days in which to cure the default. The Department Director is authorized to provide written notice of default on behalf of the County, and if the default situation is not corrected within the allotted time, the County Manager is authorized to provide final termination notice on behalf of the County to the selected Consultant.

The County may terminate the contract without cause by first providing at least 24 hours written notice to the selected Consultant prior to the termination date. The County's Department Director is authorized to provide written notice of termination on behalf of the County.

In the event funds to finance the contract become unavailable, the County may terminate the contract with no less than twenty-four hours' notice in writing to the selected Consultant. The County shall be the final authority as to the availability of funds.

8.12 Successors and Assigns

The County and selected Consultant each bind the other and their respective successors and assigns in all respects to all of the terms, conditions, covenants, and provisions of this agreement, and any assignment or transfer by the selected Consultant of its interest in the contract without the written consent of the County shall be void. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any officer or agent of the County or the selected Consultant, nor shall it be construed as giving any right or benefit hereunder to anyone other than the County or the selected Consultant.

8.13 Non Waiver

The failure of either party to exercise any right shall not be considered a waiver of such right in the event of any further default or noncompliance.

8.14 Independent Consultant

In the performance of this agreement, the Consultant will be acting in the capacity of an independent Consultant and not as an agent, employee, partner, joint venturer, or associate of the County. The Consultant shall be solely responsible for the means, method, technique, sequences, and procedures utilized by the Consultant in the full performance of the agreement.

8.15 Collusion

- 8.15.1 The proposer, by affixing his signature to the Signature and Acknowledgement of Addendum Form **EXHIBIT A**, declares that the bid is made without any previous understanding, agreement, or connections with any persons, Consultants or corporations making a bid on the same items and that it is in all respects, fair, and in good faith without any outside control, collusion, or fraud.
- 8.15.2 The proposer, by affixing his signature to the Signature and Acknowledgement of Addendum Form **EXHIBIT A**, declares that no County Commissioner, other County officer, or County employee, directly or indirectly owns more than five (5) percent of the total assets or capital stock of the bidding entity, nor will directly or indirectly benefit by more than five (5) percent from the profits or emoluments of the contract.

SIGNATURE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDUM FORM

RFP NUMBER:	20-171
PROPOSAL OPENING DATE:	2:00 pm, Wednesday, April 24, 2019
RE:	Annual Environmental Consulting Services
PLACE OF RFP OPENING:	Alachua County Division of Purchasing, 3 rd Floor County Administration Building 12 SE 1 st Street Gainesville, Florida 32601-6983

Acknowledge Receipt of Addendum(s) (*if applicable circle*): #1 Yes No #2 Yes No #3 Yes No

 Local Based Firms per Section 1.14, Check One Below

 I certify that my business is located in Alachua County and meets the criteria for location points as specified in Section 1.14.

 I am not a local based firm in Alachua County.

Proposer:	Company:
Address:	
Authorized Signature:	Title:
Clearly Print Name:	
PHONE: FAX:	DATE:
Email Address:	

ATTENTION:

VENDOR MUST **COMPLETE AND SIGN EXHIBIT B** TO BE **CONSIDERED** RESPONSIVE

SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBE) PROGRAM PARTICIPATION FORM

RFP NUMBER: 20-171: Annual Environmental Consulting Services

OPTION 1

I certify that our Company is an Alachua County Certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE) registered prior to the Bid opening.

Circle One: Yes (If yes, complete and sign the last page of this Exhibit)

No (If No, proceed to *Option 2*.)

OPTION 2

I certify that our Company **will perform ALL work** and that no subcontractors will be utilized for this bid.

Circle One: Yes (If yes, complete and sign the last page of this Exhibit)

No (If No, proceed to *Option 3*.)

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OPTION 3

SBE Participation. I certify that our Company has contacted the **Alachua County's Certified SBEs** listed below. I state that the following information regarding SBE Subcontractors is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Alachua County has adopted a 15% SBE participation goal and policies which encourage participation of Small Business Enterprises (SBE) in the provision of labor, time, supplies, services or construction items of any kind materials.

SBEs are located in the Alachua County Small Business Enterprise Directory, available at: <u>http://smallbusdir.alachuacounty.us/</u>.

Subcontractor (any business entity holding a subcontract with the prime vendor) services are defined as, "a contract with another business entity that obtains labor, time, supplies, services or construction items of any kind."

Vendors submitting bids under this solicitation are to identify the intended SBE subcontractors. These SBEs have agreed to perform the work for **the total dollar value and percentage of the bid** set forth below.

If SBE subcontractors are not utilized and listed below or if option 1 or 2 was not chosen, you must proceed to *Option 4* and document your Good Faith Effort.

SBE Name of Contractor	SBE Name of Contractor
Address	Address
Scope of Work to be Performed	Scope of Work to be Performed
\$% (Est \$ Value) (Est % of Total Bid)	\$% (Est \$ Value) (Est % of Total Bid)
SBE Name of Contractor	SBE Name of Contractor
Address	Address
Scope of Work to be Performed	Scope of Work to be Performed
\$% (Est \$ Value) (Est % of Total Bid)	\$% (Est \$ Value) (Est % of Total Bid)
SBE Name of Contractor	SBE Name of Contractor
Address	Address
Scope of Work to be Performed	Scope of Work to be Performed
\$% (Est \$ Value)	\$% (Est \$ Value)

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OPTION 4

SBE Good Faith Effort. To be considered responsive all Vendors **must have** SBE Participation or demonstrate a good faith effort to utilize SBE subcontractors. **If option 1, 2 or 3 was not chosen the Vendor must complete the section below substantiating compliance with good faith effort requirements.**

In accordance with Section 22.36, of the Alachua County Purchasing Code, I have solicited and received responses from the following Alachua County certified SBE companies. (The SBE vendor's response MUST be recorded in the section below.)

1	Name of SBE Company:		Date SBE Contacted
SB	E Contact Name:	/ /	
Mu	st be completed by. SBE Response when contacted:		
2	Name of SBE Company:		Date SBE Contacted
	E Contact Name:	Phone:	/ /
Mu	st be completed by. SBE Response when contacted:		
3	Name of SBE Company:		Date SBE Contacted
	E Contact Name:	Phone:	/ /
Mu	st be completed by. SBE Response when contacted:		
4	Name of SBE Company:		Date SBE Contacted
SB	E Contact Name:	Phone:	/ /
Mu	st be completed by. SBE Response when contacted:		
5	Name of SBE Company:		Date SBE Contacted
	E Contact Name:	Phone:	/ /
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6	Name of SBE Company:		Date SBE Contacted
	E Contact Name:	Phone:	/ /
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7	Name of SBE Company:		Date SBE Contacted
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I as the undersigned Vendor certify that I have completed one of the option(s) below (Circle One):				
OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3	OPTION 4	
•	fy that, you have completed to t or OPTION 4, Call (48 hours ion.	•	,	
Vendor Name:		Date		
Signature		Title		
Printed Name:		Tit	le	

CERTIFIED SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE POINTS REQUEST FORM FOR RFP's

The Technical Qualifications Evaluation phase of the Professional Services Evaluation Process assesses whether a Consultant is a certified Small Business Enterprise (SBEs) and provides for the allotting of points where the Consultant includes in their submittal a request for points allowed for Alachua County's Certified SBEs' participation in accordance with the options listed below and the necessary documentation to substantiate such is provided.

CERTIFIED SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBEs)- REQUEST FOR POINTS 15 POINT MAXIMUM						
Points for Certifi		n is to be av below:	varded using one of the options	Points Allowed	Points Requested	Points Assigned
small business (pe	Fifteen (15) points are awarded to the Consultant if the Consultant is a certified small business (per Alachua County's current SBE registry at the time set for receipt of submittals) and at least 51% of the job will be performed by the Consultant.					
significantly high breakdown indicat	Eight (8) to thirteen (13) points are awarded if the Consultant commits to a significantly higher certified Small participation than the goal, based on the breakdown indicated below: Percentage of Certified Small Participation: at least but less than Points to be Awarded					
25% 30% 35% 40% 45% 50%	30% 35% 40% 45% 50% 51%	8 9 10 11 12 13	Points Points Points Points Points Points			
percentage particit Commissioners ar	ipation goal of 15% nd the Consultant ha	5 as establi s listed the	ho has committed to meet the shed by the Board of County certified small business(es) and ob that those business(es) will	5 pts		

ALACHUA COUNTY GOVERNMENT MINIMUM WAGE (GMW) FORM

RFP 20-171: Annual Environmental Consulting Services

The undersigned certifies that all employees, contracted and subcontracted, completing services as part of this Bid/RFP are paid, and will continue to be paid, in accordance with Chapter 22, Article III of the Alachua County Code of Ordinance ("Wage Ordinance").

Please mark the appropriate box below that applies to how you pay your employees:

1.	Employees involved with Alachua County projects are paid a minimum of \$13.00 hourly and are provided health benefits?
2.	Employees involved with Alachua County projects are paid a minimum of \$15.04 hourly but are not provided health benefits?

Bidder:	Company:
Authorized Signature:	Title:
Clearly Print Name:	Phone:
Email Address:	

VOLUME OF PREVIOUS WORK SUMMARY

Volume of previous work will be determined by the actual fees rendered to the consultant by Alachua County. These fees are based on actual payments made to the consultant and are retrieved from the County's electronic accounting system. Only a portion of these fees 9 (Adjusted fee) will be considered based on the fiscal year payments and the factor listed below (see chart below).

SAMPLE

PERIOD	ACTUAL FEE	FACTOR	ADJUSTED FEE
Current and last year (Oct 1 – Sept 30)	\$ 100,000.00	X 1.0	\$ 100,000.00
Second year past (Oct 1 – Sept 30)	\$ 100,000.00	X .08	\$ 80,000.00
Third year past (Oct 1 - Sept 30)	\$ 100,000.00	X .06	\$ 60,000.00
	\$ 240,000.00		

VOLUME OF PREVIOUS WORK - POINTS EARNED

The volume of previous work points earned are based on the adjusted fee (see chart below).

POINTS	ADJUSTED FEE (AF) *	YOUR REQUESTED AF POINTS
5	AF < 50,000	
4	50,000 < AF < 100,000	
3	100,000 < AF < 200,000	points
2	200,000 < AF < 300,000	
1	300,000 < AF < 400,000	
0	AF > 400,000	

PROPOSED SUBCONTRACTORS (NON-SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE) FORM

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This form is for all Non-Small Business Enterprise subcotractors being	utlized on this project that are not included on Exbihit B.
Name of Contractor	Name of Contractor
Address	Address
Address	Address
Scope of Work to be Performed	Scope of Work to be Performed
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\$% (Total \$ Value) (% of Total Bid/RFP)	\$% (Total \$ Value) (% of Total Bid/RFP)
(Total \$ Value) (% of Total Bid/RFP)	(Total \$ Value) (% of Total Bid/RFP)
Name of Contractor	Name of Contractor
Name of Contractor	Name of Contractor
Address	Address
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Scope of Work to be Performed	Scope of Work to be Performed
\$% (Total \$ Value) (% of Total Bid/RFP)	\$% (Total \$ Value) (% of Total Bid/RFP)
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Address	Address
1441055	
Scope of Work to be Performed	Scope of Work to be Performed
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Name of Contractor	Name of Contractor
Name of Contractor	Name of Contractor
Address	Address
Address	Address
Scope of Work to be Performed	Scope of Work to be Performed
\$%	\$%
(Total \$ Value) (% of Total Bid/RFP)	(Total \$ Value) (% of Total Bid/RFP)

If additional space is required for your subcontractor listing, make copies of this **Exhibit F** and submit with you RFP package.

DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

Section 22.09 Competitive Sealed Bidding of the Alachua County Purchasing Code states that in the evaluation of proposals, all factors in the bidding process being equal, both as to dollar amount and ability to perform, priority will be given, first, to those vendors certifying a drug-free workplace, secondly, to certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE) bidders.

The undersigned vendor in accordance with Florida Statute 287.087 and Section 22.09 of the Alachua County Purchasing Code hereby certifies that

Name of Business

does:

- 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 bid 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 bid, 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 1893 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 a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in the employee's community, by any employee who is so 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 the statement, I certify that this firm complies fully with the above requirements.

Bidder's Signature

Date

PUBLIC RECORD DECLARATION OR CLAIM OF EXEMPTION

As a bidder or proposer, any document you submit to Alachua County may be a public record and be open for personal inspection or copying by any person. In Florida 'public records'' are defined as all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data processing software, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received pursuant to law or ordinance or in connection with the transaction of official business by any agency. Section 119.011, F.S. A document is subject to personal inspection and copying unless it falls under one of the public records exemptions created under Florida law. Please designate what portion of your bid or proposal, if any, qualifies to be exempt from inspection and copying:

(Execute either section I. or II, but not both; bidder may not modify language)

I. NO EXEMPTION FROM PUBLIC RECORDS LAW

No part of the bid or proposal submitted is exempt from disclosure under the Florida public records law, Ch. 119, F.S.

Bidder's Signature

Date

- - - OR - - -

II. EXEMPTION FROM PUBLIC RECORDS LAW AND AGREEMENT TO INDEMNIFY AND DEFEND ALACHUA COUNTY

The following parts of the bid or proposal submitted are exempt from disclosure under the Florida public records law because: (list exempt parts and legal justification. i.e. trade secret):

By claiming that all or part of the bid or proposal is exempt from the public records law, the undersigned bidder or proposer agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold the County, its officers, employees and agents free and harmless from and against any and all claims arising out of a request to inspector copy the bid or proposal. The undersigned bidder or proposer agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense (including payment of attorney fees, court costs, and expert witness fees and expenses up to and including any appeal) for and defend any such claim at its sole cost and expense through counsel chosen by the County and agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, even if they (claims, etc.) are groundless, false, or fraudulent.

Bidder's Signature

Date

July 26. 2006

TYPE "B" INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

"Professional or Consulting Services"

Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the contractor, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.

I. COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY.

Coverage must be afforded under a per occurrence form policy for limits not less than \$1,000,000 General Aggregate, \$1,000,0000 Products / Completed Operations Aggregate,

\$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury Liability, \$1,000,000 each Occurrence, \$50,000 Fire Damage Liability and \$5,000 Medical Expense.

I. AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY.

Coverage must be afforded including coverage for all Owned vehicles, Hired and Non-Owned vehicles for Bodily Injury and Property Damage of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit each accident.

II. WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY.

- A Coverage to apply for all employees at STATUTORY Limits in compliance with applicable state and federal laws; if any operations are to be undertaken on or about navigable waters, coverage must be included for the USA Longshoremen & Harbor Workers Act.
- B Employer's Liability limits for not less than \$100,000 each accident; \$500,000 disease policy limit and \$100,000 disease each employee must be included.

III. PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY or ERRORS AND OMISSIONS LIABILITY (E&O).

Professional (E&O) Liability must be afforded for not less than \$1,000,000 each claim, \$1,000,000 policy aggregate

IV. OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS.

- A The policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:
- B Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverages
 - 1 The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, its officials, employees and volunteers are to be covered as an Additional Insured as respects: Liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the Contractor; products and completed operations of the Contractor; or automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the Contractor.
 - 2 The Contractor's insurance coverage shall be considered primary insurance as respects the County, its officials, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County, its officials, employees or volunteers shall be excess of Contractor's insurance and shall be non-contributory.
- C All Coverages
 - 1 The Contractor shall provide a Certificate of Insurance to the County with a notice of cancellation. The certificate shall indicate if cover is provided under a "claims made" or "per occurrence" form. If any cover is provided under claims made from the certificate will show a retroactive date, which should be the same date of the contract (original if contact is renewed) or prior.

V. SUBCONTRACTORS

Contractors shall include all subcontractors as insured under its policies. All subcontractors shall be subject to the requirements stated herein.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER:

Alachua County Board of County Commissioners

AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

This Agreement is entered into this _____ day of _____, 20___ between ALACHUA COUNTY, a political subdivision and Charter County of the State of Florida, by and through its Board of County Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as "County" and doing business at ______ hereinafter referred to as "Professional" (collectively hereinafter County and Professional referred to as "Parties")

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the County	issued Bid or RFP #	seeking qualified Professionals
to furnish		, in Alachua County,
Florida, for the benefit of		; and

WHEREAS, after evaluating and considering all timely responses to Bid or RFP #_____, the County identified the Professional as the top ranked firm; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to employ the Professional to provide the services described in Bid or RFP # _____and the Professional desires to provide such services to the County in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged by the Parties, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. <u>Term</u>.

a. This Agreement is effective on the date executed by both parties and continues until the ______ day of ______, 20___ unless earlier terminated as provided herein. This Agreement may be amended at the option of the County for _____ additional _____ year terms at the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement.

b. In the event the County shall order work under this Agreement to commence under the terms of this Agreement which shall not be scheduled for completion under the Term of the Agreement set herein, then this Agreement shall remain in effect until the work assignment so ordered is completed or this Agreement is terminated as provided for herein. This shall not preclude the County from entering into another agreement with another Professional for other services described herein at any time during this agreement

c. The County's performance and obligation to pay under this Agreement is contingent upon a specific annual appropriation by the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners ("Board"). The Parties hereto understand that this Agreement is not a commitment of future appropriations. Therefore, the continuation of this Agreement beyond the end of any fiscal year shall be subject to both the appropriation and the availability of funds in accordance with Chapter 129, Florida Statutes, and that the failure of the Board to do so shall not constitute a breach or default of this Agreement.

2. <u>**Representations**</u>. By executing this Agreement, the Professional makes the following express representations to the County:

a. The Professional is professionally qualified to act as the professional for the Project and is licensed to practice ______by all public entities having jurisdiction over the Professional and the Project;

b. The Professional shall maintain all necessary licenses, permits or other authorizations necessary to act as professional for the Project until the Professional's duties hereunder have been fully satisfied;

c. The Professional has become familiar with the Project site and the local conditions under which the Project is to be designed, constructed, and operated;

d. The Professional shall prepare all deliverables required by this Agreement including, but not limited to, all contract plans and specifications, in such a manner that they shall be accurate, coordinated, and adequate for the purposes intended and shall be in conformity and comply with all applicable law, codes and regulations;

e. The Professional represents that the deliverables prepared by the Professional are adequate and sufficient to accomplish the purposes of the project and meet the requirements of all applicable federal, state and local codes and regulations.

f. The Professional acknowledges that the County's review of the deliverables in no way diminishes the Professionals representations pertaining to the deliverables.

- 3. <u>Duties of the Professional</u>. The Professional shall have and perform the following duties, obligations, and responsibilities to the County as outlined in **Exhibit "1."**
- 4. <u>Duties of the County</u>. The County shall have and perform the following duties, obligations, and responsibilities to the Professional as outlined in **Exhibit "2."**
- 5. <u>Method of Payment</u>. For its assumption and performance of the duties, obligations, and responsibilities set forth herein, the Professional shall be paid in accordance with this section.

a. The Professional shall be paid for those services required by this Agreement not to exceed the sum of _______allocated in the following manner:

b. Reimbursable expenses, if approved in writing in advance, will be paid by the County to the Professional for the following services or costs outlined below. The Professional will invoice for reimbursable services or costs on a monthly basis. Amounts invoiced for reimbursement shall include back-up documentation.

(1) Expenses for travel when traveling in connection with provision of services under this Agreement in accordance with the provisions of §112.061(7) and (8), Florida Statutes, or their successor and with the prior approval of the County.

(2) Actual expense of reproductions, postage and handling of drawings and

specifications postage-actual cost;

(3) If authorized in writing in advance by the County's representative, the cost of other expenditures made in the interest of the work effort.

OR:

5.1 No additional reimbursable expense will be paid under this Agreement.

c. If the Professional's duties, obligations, and responsibilities are materially changed through no fault of the Professional after execution of this Agreement, additional compensation shall be paid as provided in **Exhibit "1."**

As a condition precedent for any payment, the Professional shall submit monthly, unless d. otherwise agreed in writing by the County, an invoice to the County requesting payment for services properly rendered and expenses due. The Professional's invoice shall describe with reasonable particularity each service rendered, the date thereof, [the time expended, if billed by *hour,*] and the person(s) rendering such service. The Professional's invoice shall be accompanied by such documentation or data in support of expenses for which payment is sought as the County may require. If payment is requested for services rendered by Professional, the invoice shall additionally reflect the allocations as provided and shall state the percentage of completion as to each such allocation. Each invoice shall constitute the Professional's representation to the County that the services indicated in the invoice have reached the level stated, have served a public purpose, have been properly and timely performed as required herein, that the expenses included in the invoice have been reasonably incurred in accordance with this Agreement, that all obligations of the Professional covered by prior invoices have been paid in full, and that the amount requested is currently due and owing, there being no reason known to the Professional that payment of any portion thereof should be withheld. Submission of the Professional's invoice for final payment shall further constitute the Professional's representation to the County that, upon receipt by the Professional of the amount invoiced, all obligations of the Professional to others, including its consultants, incurred in connection with the Project, will be paid in full. The Professional shall submit invoices to the County at the following address:

Dept Director Dept:_____ Address Gainesville, Florida, _____

e. In the event that the County becomes credibly informed that any representations of the Professional relating to payment are wholly or partially inaccurate, the County may withhold payment of sums then or in the future otherwise due to the Professional until the inaccuracy, and the cause thereof, is corrected to the County's reasonable satisfaction.

f. The County shall make payment to the Professional, of all sums properly invoiced under the provisions of this paragraph, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 218, Part VII (Local Government Prompt Payment Act), Florida Statutes. Payments shall be made to the following address:

6. Alachua County Minimum Wage:

- **a.** Services rendered through this Agreement are considered covered services under Chapter 22, Article III, of the Alachua County Code of Ordinances ("Wage Ordinance"), which establishes a government minimum wage for certain contractors and subcontractors providing selected services to Alachua County government.
- b. Current required Alachua County Government Minimum Wage is \$13.00 per hour when health benefits are provided at the equivalent value of \$2.04 per hour and \$15.04 when health benefits are not provided (collectively, the "Minimum Wage").
- c. The County may amend the applicable Minimum Wage on or before October 1st of each year.
- d. The Professional must provide certification, **Exhibit** ____, to the County that it pays each of its employees the Alachua County Government Minimum Wage, as well as ensuring that it will require the same of its subcontractors throughout the duration of the Agreement
- e. The Professional shall prominently display a copy of the Wage Ordinance where it is easily seen by covered employees and supply to covered employees upon request. Additionally, the Professional is responsible to make any person submitting a bid for a subcontract for covered services aware of the requirement
- f. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Wage Ordinance will be deemed a breach of contract and authorize the County to withhold payment of funds in accordance with Chapter 218,Florida Statutes.
- g. The Professional will include the necessary provisions in subcontracts to ensure compliance. However, the County shall not be deemed a necessary, or indispensable, party in any litigation between the Professional and subcontractor
- 7. <u>Personnel</u>.
 - a. The Professional will assign only qualified personnel to perform any service concerning this Agreement. At the time of execution of this Agreement, the parties anticipate the following parties will perform those functions indicated:

NAME

FUNCTION

[list]

[list]

- b. So long as the individuals named above remain actively employed or able to be retained by the Professional, they shall perform the functions indicated next to their names. The ______ (manager) may authorize changes to this list in writing.
- 8. <u>Notice</u>. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement any notice of default or termination from either party to the other party must be in writing and sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal delivery with receipt. All notices shall be deemed delivered two (2) business days after mailing, unless deliver is by personal delivery in which case delivery shall be deemed to occur upon

actual receipt by the other party. For purposes of all notices, Professional's and County representative are:

County: Title Dept PO Box Gainesville, FL

Professional: Company Address City/State/Zip Attn:_____

A copy of any notice, request or approval to the County must also be sent to:

Jesse. K. Irby II Clerk of the Court 12 SE 1st Street Gainesville, FL 32602 Attn: Finance and Accounting

And to

Procurement Division 12 SE 1st Street Gainesville, Florida 32601 Attn: Contracts

9. Default and Termination.

- a. The failure of the Professional to comply with any provision of this Agreement will place the Professional in default. Prior to terminating the Agreement, the County will notify the Professional in writing. This notification will make specific reference to the provision which gave rise to the default. The County will give the Professional seven (7) days to cure the default. The ______Manager is authorized to provide written notice of default on behalf of the County, and if the default situation is not corrected within the allotted time the County Manager is authorized to provide final termination notice on behalf of the County to the Professional.
- b. The County may also terminate the Agreement without cause by providing written notice to the Professional. The County Manager is authorized to provide written notice of termination on behalf of the County. Upon such notice, Professional will immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise); and, deliver to the County all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and such other information and materials as may have been accumulated by the Professional in performing this Agreement, whether completed or in process. In the event of such termination for convenience, Professional recovery against County shall be limited to that portion of the Agreement amount earned through the date of

termination, but Professional shall not be entitled to any other or further recovery against County, including, but not limited to, damages, consequential or special damages, or any anticipated fees or profit on portions of the work not performed.

c. If funds to finance this Agreement become unavailable, the County may terminate the Agreement with no less than twenty-four (24) hours' notice in writing to the Professional. The County will be the final authority as to the availability of funds. The County will pay the Professional for all Work completed prior to delivery of notice of termination. In the event of such Termination, Professional's recovery against County shall be limited to that portion of the Annual Contract Price earned through the date of termination, but Professional shall not be entitled to any other or further recovery against County, including, but not limited to, damages, consequential or special damages, or any anticipated fees or profit on portions of the Work not performed.

10. Project Records.

a. General Provisions:

- i. Any document submitted to the County may be a public record and is open for inspection or copying by any person or entity. "Public records" are defined as all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data processing software, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received pursuant to law or ordinance or in connection with the transaction of official business by any agency per \$119.011(11), Florida Statutes. Any document is subject to inspection and copying unless exempted under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law.
- ii. In accordance with §119.0701, Florida Statutes, the Professional or Professional (referred hereinafter in all of the "Project Records" section collectively as "Professional"), *when acting on behalf of the County*, as provided under 119.011(2),Florida Statutes, shall keep and maintain public records as required by law and retain them as provided by the General Record Schedule established by the Department of State. 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 unless exempted under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law. Additionally, the Professional or Professional shall provide the public records at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in this chapter or as otherwise provided by law.
- iii. Professional shall 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 this Agreement and following completion of this Agreement if the Professional does not transfer the records to the County.

b. Confidential Information:

i. During the term of this Agreement or license, the Professional may claim that some or all of Professional's information, including, but not limited to, software documentation, manuals, written methodologies and processes, pricing, discounts, or other considerations (hereafter collectively referred to as "Confidential Information"), is, or has been treated as confidential and proprietary by Professional in accordance with §812.081, Florida Statutes, or other law, and is exempt from disclosure under the Public Record Act. Professional shall

clearly identify and mark Confidential Information as "Confidential Information" or "CI" and the County shall use its best efforts to maintain the confidentiality of the information properly identified by the Professional as "Confidential Information" or "CI."

- ii. The County shall promptly notify the Professional in writing of any request received by the County for disclosure of Professional's Confidential Information and the Professional may assert any exemption from disclosure available under applicable law or seek a protective order against disclosure from a court of competent jurisdiction. Professional shall protect, defend, indemnify, and hold the County, its officers, employees and agents free and harmless from and against any claims or judgments arising out of a request for disclosure of Confidential Information. Professional shall investigate, handle, respond to, and defend, using counsel chosen by the County, at Professional's sole cost and expense, any such claim, even if any such claim is groundless, false, or fraudulent. Professional shall pay for all costs and expenses related to such claim, including, but not limited to, payment of attorney fees, court costs, and expert witness fees and expenses. Upon completion of this Agreement or license, the provisions of this paragraph shall continue to survive.
- c. **Project Completion:** Upon completion of, or in the event this Agreement is terminated, the Professional, *when acting on behalf of the County* as provided under §119.011(2), Florida Statutes, shall transfer, at no cost, to the County all public records in possession of the Professional or keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service. If the Professional transfers all public records to the County upon completion or termination of the agreement, it must destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Professional keeps and maintains public records upon the completion or termination of the agreement all applicable requirements for retaining public records shall be met. All records stored electronically shall be provided to the County, upon request from the Counties custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the County.

d. Compliance

- i. If the Professional does not comply with the County's request for records, the County shall enforce the contract provisions in accordance with the contract
- ii. A Professional who fails to provide the public records to the County within a reasonable time may be subject to penalties under §119.10, Florida Statutes.

IF THE PROFESSIONAL HAS QUESTIONS REGUARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE PROFESSIONAL'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE

- 11. <u>Ownership of Deliverables</u>. All project deliverables and documents are the sole property of the County and may be used by the County for any purpose.
- 12. <u>Insurance</u>. The Professional will procure and maintain insurance throughout the entire term of this Agreement of the types and in the minimum amounts detailed in **Exhibit "3."** A copy of a current Certificate of Insurance (COI) showing coverage of the type and in the amounts required is attached hereto as **Exhibit "3-A"**.
- 13. Permits. The Professional will obtain and pay for all necessary permits, permit application fees,

licenses or any fees required.

14. Laws & Regulations. The Professional will comply with all laws, ordinances, regulations, and building code requirements applicable to the work required by this Agreement. The Professional is presumed to be familiar with all state and local laws, ordinances, code rules and regulations that may in any way affect the work outlined in this Agreement. If the Professional is not familiar with state and local laws, ordinances, code rules and regulation and all subsequent damages or fines.

15. Indemnification

- **a.** To the maximum extent permitted by Florida law, the Professional shall indemnify and hold harmless the County and its officers and employees from any and all liabilities, damages, losses and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentional wrongful misconduct of the Professional or anyone employed or utilized by the Professional in the performance of this Agreement. Professional agrees that indemnification of the County shall extend to any and all Work performed by the Professional, employees, agents, servants or assigns.
- **b.** The Professional obligation to indemnify under this Article will survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement until it is determined by final judgment that an action against the County or an indemnified party for the matter indemnified hereunder is fully and finally barred by the applicable statute of limitations
- c. This obligation shall in no way be limited in any nature whatsoever by any limitation on the amount or type of Professional insurance coverage. This indemnification provision shall survive the termination of the Agreement between the County and the Professional.
- d. In any and all claims against the County or any of its agents or employees by any employee of the Professional, any Subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation under this Article shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the Professional or any Subcontractor under workers' compensation acts, disability benefit acts or employee benefit acts
- e. Nothing contained herein shall constitute a waiver by the County of sovereign immunity or the provisions or limits of liability of §768.28, Florida Statutes.

OR: IF FOR ARCHITECTURAL. ENGINEERING OR SURVEYING AND MAPPING SERVICES

15.1 The Professional agrees to 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 Professional and other persons employed or utilized by the Design Professional in the performance of the Agreement. Professional agrees that indemnification of the County shall extend to any and all work performed by the Professional, its subcontractors, employees, agents, servants or assigns.

15.2 Nothing contained herein shall constitute a waiver by the County of sovereign immunity

or the provisions or limitation of liability of §768.28, Florida Statutes.

- 16. <u>Standard of Care</u>. The services of the Professional shall be performed with the skill and care which would be exercised by a qualified professional performing similar services at the time and place such services are performed. If the failure to meet these standards results in deficiencies in the substandard architectural or engineering design, the Professional shall furnish, at his own cost and expense, the redesign necessary to correct such deficiencies, and shall be responsible for any and all consequential damages arising from those deficiencies.
- 17. <u>Assignment of Interest</u>. Neither party will assign or transfer any interest in this Agreement without prior written consent of the other party.
- 18. <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. The County and Professional each bind the other and their respective successors and assigns in all respects to all of the terms, conditions, covenants, and provisions of this Agreement.
- 19. <u>Independent Professional or Consultant</u>. In the performance of this Agreement, the Professional is acting in the capacity of an independent Professional or Consultant and not as an agent, employee, partner, joint venturer, or associate of the County. The Professional is solely responsible for the means, method, technique, sequence, and procedure utilized by the Professional in the full performance of the Agreement.
- 20. <u>Collusion</u>. By signing this Agreement, the Professional declares that this Agreement is made without any previous understanding, Agreement, or connections with any persons, professionals or corporations and that this Agreement is fair, and made in good faith without any outside control, collusion, or fraud.
- 21. <u>Conflict of Interest</u>. The Professional warrants that neither it nor any of its employees have any financial or personal interest that conflicts with the execution of this Agreement. The Professional shall notify the County of any conflict of interest due to any other clients, contracts, or property interests.
- 22. <u>Prohibition Against Contingent Fees</u>. As required by §287.055(6), Florida Statutes, the Professional warrants that he or she has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Professional to solicit or secure this Agreement and that he or she has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Professional any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement.
- 23. <u>Third Party Beneficiaries</u>. This Agreement does not create any relationship with, or any rights in favor of, any third party.
- 24. <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Agreement is declared void by a court of law, all other provisions will remain in full force and effect
- 25. <u>Non Waiver</u>. The failure of any party to exercise any right in this Agreement shall not be considered a waiver of such right.
- 26. Governing Law and Venue. This Agreement is governed in accordance with the laws of the State

of Florida. Venue shall be in Alachua County.

- 27. <u>Attachments</u>. All exhibits attached to this Agreement are incorporated into and made part of this Agreement by reference.
- 28. <u>Amendments</u>. The parties may amend this Agreement only by mutual written agreement of the parties.
- 29. <u>Captions and Section Headings</u>. Captions and section headings used herein are for convenience only and shall not be used in construing this Agreement.
- 30. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in any number of and by the different parties hereto on separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument. Receipt via fax or email with pdf attachment by a party or its designated legal counsel of an executed counterpart of this Amendment shall constitute valid and sufficient delivery in order to complete execution and delivery of this Amendment and bind the parties to the terms hereof.
- 31. <u>Construction</u>. This Agreement shall not be construed more strictly against one party than against the other merely by virtue of the fact that it may have been prepared by one of the parties. It is recognized that both parties have substantially contributed to the preparation of this Agreement.
- 32. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement and supersedes all prior written or oral agreements, understandings, or representations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed for the uses and purposes therein expressed on the day and year first above-written.

	ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
	By:, Chair Board of County Commissioners Date: IF CONTRACT IS LESS THAN \$50,000 CAN BE
	SIGNED BY COUNTY MANAGER
ATTEST:	APPROVED AS TO FORM
J.K. "Jess" Irby II, Esq., Clerk	Alachua County Attorney's Office
(SEAL) IF SIGNED BY COUNTY MANAGER CLERK DOES NOT ATTEST AND SIGNATURE BLOCK IS REMOVED	
	PROFESSIONAL
ATTEST (By Corporate Officer) By:	Ву:
Print:	Print:
Title:	Title:
-	Date:
INCORPORATED OR ARE OTHER	WISE NOT A NATURAL PERSON, PLEASE PROV

INCORPORATED OR ARE OTHERWISE NOT A NATURAL PERSON, PLEASE PROVIDE A CERTIFICATE OF INCUMBANCY AND AUTHORITY, OR A CORPORATE RESOLUTION, LISTING THOSE AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS. IF A NATURAL PERSON, THEN YOUR SIGNATURE SHOULD BE NOTARIZED. SAMPLE FORMATS FOR NOTARY ARE AVAILABLE ON THE INTRANET UNDER THE PURCHASING/PROCUREMENT SECTION EXHIBIT 1: Scope of Services

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EXHIBIT 3-A: Certificate of Insurance

EXHIBIT 4: Certification of Meeting Alachua County Wage Ordinance

The undersigned certifies that all employees, contracted and subcontracted, completing services as part of this Agreement are paid, and will continue to be paid, in accordance with Chapter 22, Article III of the Alachua County Code of Ordinance ("Wage Ordinance").

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Project Description:

	PROFESSIONAL
ATTEST (By Corporate Officer) By:	Ву:
Print:	Print:
Title:	Title:
	Date:

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