

**Solicitation Packet
for
Solicitation PM-EVN0024146**

MUNICIPAL ADVISORY SERVICES (ENTERPRISE SEGMENT)

Solicitation Designation: PUBLIC



Miami-Dade County

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
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ISSUED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY:
Strategic Procurement Department
Through the Expedited Purchasing Program
for
Office of Management and Budget

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PROPOSALS DUE:
SEE INFORMS

IT IS THE POLICY OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY (COUNTY) THAT ALL ELECTED AND APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES SHALL ADHERE TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR CODE (HONOR CODE). THE HONOR CODE CONSISTS OF MINIMUM STANDARDS REGARDING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALL PUBLIC SERVANTS IN THE COUNTY. VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE MANDATORY STANDARDS MAY RESULT IN ENFORCEMENT ACTION. (SEE IMPLEMENTING ORDER 7-7)

Electronic proposal responses to this RFP are to be submitted through a secure mailbox at Integrated Financial Resources Management System (INFORMS) until the date and time as indicated in this document. It is the sole responsibility of the Proposer to ensure its Proposal reaches INFORMS before the Solicitation closing date and time. There is no cost to the Proposer to submit a Proposal in response to a Miami-Dade County Solicitation via INFORMS. Electronic Proposal submissions may require the uploading of electronic attachments. The submission of attachments containing embedded documents or proprietary file extensions is prohibited. All documents should be attached as separate files. Proposers must allow sufficient time to complete online forms and upload all Proposal documents. All information and documents must be fully entered, uploaded, acknowledged ("Confirm") and recorded into INFORMS before the date and time of the INFORMS Solicitation End Date, or the system will **stop** the process and the submission will be considered late and will not be accepted. No part of a Proposal can be submitted via hardcopy, email, or fax. All expenses involved with the preparation and submission of Proposals to the County, or any work performed in connection therewith, shall be borne by the Proposer(s).

A Proposer may submit a modified Proposal to replace all or any portion of a previously submitted Proposal up until the Proposal due date. The County will only consider the latest version of the Proposal.

Requests for additional information or inquiries must be made in writing and submitted using the question/answer feature provided by **INFORMS** at <https://supplier.miamidade.gov>. The County will issue responses to inquiries and any changes to this Solicitation it deems necessary via written addenda issued prior to the Proposal due date and time (see Mandatory Online Forms and Addendum Acknowledgement Section of INFORMS site). Proposers who obtain copies of this Solicitation from sources other than through INFORMS risk the possibility of not receiving addenda and are solely responsible for those risks.

If you submit your proposal and subsequently an Addendum is issued, failure to resubmit the proposal by clicking on the "Submit Proposal" button, after acknowledging Addenda or making any edits to your proposal in INFORMS, will result in your proposal not being received by the County.

1.0 PROJECT OVERVIEW AND GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1.1 Introduction

Miami-Dade County, hereinafter referred to as the County, as represented by the Miami-Dade County Office of Management and Budget (OMB), is soliciting proposals from registered municipal advisors to provide municipal advisory services for revenue debt transactions and services. These transactions will include issuance of bonds, notes, certificates or other financing instruments, and exclude swaps or derivative products, and on-going advisory services ("Municipal Advisory Services") for the County's Enterprise Segment Departments.

The County utilizes three contracts for Municipal Advisory Services by segment. A separate Request for Proposal (RFP) will be issued to replace the current contract for each of the three Municipal Advisory Service Segments: 1) Water & Sewer Segment (EVN0024138); 2) General Segment (EVN0024141); and 3) Enterprise Segment (EVN0024146). **This RFP is for the Enterprise Segment of the County.** The Enterprise Segment includes all municipal advisory services related exclusively to the following County Departments: Miami-Dade Aviation Department, Seaport, and Solid Waste Management departments.

The County anticipates awarding a contract for a seven-year period.

The following applies to Proposers that are a Joint Venture:

- A. A Joint Venture must be a legally formed entity, as further detailed in Section 1.2, Definitions, item 4.
- B. During the evaluation of the Proposal from a Joint Venture, while the Proposer is one formed entity, the qualifications and experience of the individual firms that make up the Joint Venture will be "blended" for determining the evaluation score, as applicable, under the specific criteria.
- C. Although not required, non-Small Business Enterprise firms are encouraged to form a Joint Venture with Small Business Enterprise (SBE) firms. For the purposes of being considered for an SBE Selection Factor pursuant to Section 4.4., such Joint Venture formed with an SBE firm must be pre-approved by the Strategic Procurement Department.

The anticipated schedule for this Solicitation is as follows:

Deadline for Receipt of Questions:	SEE INFORMS
Proposal Due Date:	See front cover for date and time.
Evaluation Process:	August / September 2026
Projected Award Date:	October 2026

1.2 Definitions

The following words and expressions used in this Solicitation shall be construed as follows, except when it is clear from the context that another meaning is intended:

1. The words "Review Team" to mean the group of individuals who are tasked with reviewing, evaluating and scoring the proposals submitted in response to this RFP.
2. The word "Contractor" means the Proposer that receives any award of a contract from the County as a result of this Solicitation, also to be known as "the prime Contractor".
3. The word "County" means Miami-Dade County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida.
4. "Enterprise Segment" has the meaning prescribed to it in Section 1.1.
5. The words "Joint Venture" to mean an association of two or more persons, partnerships, corporations, or other business entities under a contractual agreement to conduct a specific business enterprise for a specified period with both sharing profits and losses. The Joint Venture must be a legally formed entity prior to Proposal submission.

6. The words "Mayor's Finance Committee" means a committee comprised of representatives from (i) Seaport; (ii) Water & Sewer; (iii) Transit; (iv) Budget; (v) Aviation; (vi) Solid Waste Management; and members from the public and private sectors. This Committee has the responsibility to assign the underwriting firms to a particular negotiated transaction
7. "Municipal Advisory Services" has the meaning prescribed to it in Section 1.1
8. The word "Proposal" means the properly signed and completed written good faith commitment submitted by the Proposer in response to this Solicitation, as amended or modified through negotiations.
9. The word "Proposer" means the person, firm, entity or organization, as stated on the Submittal Form, submitting a Proposal to this Solicitation.
10. The word "Responsible Proposer" shall refer to a Proposer that has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance.
11. The words "Responsive Proposer" shall refer to a Proposer that has submitted a Proposal that conforms in all material aspects to the Solicitation.
12. The words "Scope of Services" to mean Section 2.0 of this Solicitation, which details the work to be performed by the Contractor.
13. The word "Solicitation" to mean this Request for Proposal (RFP) document, and all associated addenda and attachments.
14. The word "Subcontractor" means any person, firm, entity or organization, other than the employees of the Contractor, who contracts with the Contractor to furnish labor, or labor and materials, in connection with the Services to the County, whether directly or indirectly, on behalf of the Contractor.
15. The words "Work", "Services", "Program", or "Project" means all matters and things that will be required to be done by the Contractor in accordance with the Scope of Services, and the terms and conditions of this Solicitation.

1.3 General Proposal Information

Pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 287.05701, Proposers are hereby notified that the County will not request documentation of, or consider, the social, ideological or political interests of a Proposer when determining if a Proposer is a responsible vendor nor will the County give preference to a Proposer based on the Proposer's social, ideological or political interests.

The County may, at its sole and absolute discretion, reject any and all or parts of any or all Proposals; accept parts of any and all Proposals; further negotiate project elements including but not limited to project fees, revenues or pricing; postpone or cancel at any time this Solicitation process; or waive any irregularities in this Solicitation or in the Proposals received as a result of this process. In the event that a Proposer wishes to take an exception to any of the terms of this Solicitation, the Proposer shall clearly indicate the exception in its Proposal. The County shall treat the Proposer's inclusion of exceptions, assumptions or alternate terms in the Proposal as requests to negotiate project elements, and the inclusion of same shall not result in the Proposal being deemed non-responsive. The County is not bound to accept any exceptions, assumptions or alternates during negotiations, and the County shall consider a Proposal submitted to be an offer to supply goods or services in strict compliance with the terms of this Solicitation. Exceptions, assumptions or alternates may be considered by the County during negotiations to the extent such exceptions, assumptions or alternates do not materially change any provision of the Solicitation. The County reserves the right to request and evaluate additional information from any Proposer regarding Proposer's responsibility after the submission deadline as the County deems necessary.

The Proposer's Proposal will be considered a good faith commitment by the Proposer to negotiate a contract with the County, in substantially similar terms to the Proposal offered and, if successful in the process set forth in this Solicitation and subject to its conditions, to enter into a Contract substantially in the terms herein. Proposer's Proposal shall be irrevocable until Contract award unless the Proposal is withdrawn. A Proposal may be withdrawn in writing only, addressed to the County contact person

for this Solicitation, prior to the Proposal due date and time, or upon the expiration of one hundred eighty (180) calendar days after the opening of Proposals.

As further detailed in the Submittal Form, Proposers are hereby notified that all information submitted as part of, or in support of Proposals will be available for public inspection after opening of Proposals, in compliance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, (the "Public Record Law")

Any Proposer who, at the time of Proposal submission, is involved in an ongoing bankruptcy as a debtor, or in a reorganization, liquidation, or dissolution proceeding, or if a trustee or receiver has been appointed over all or a substantial portion of the property of the Proposer under federal bankruptcy law or any state insolvency law, may be found non-responsible.

To request a copy of any code section, resolution and/or administrative/implementing order cited in this Solicitation, contact the Clerk of the Board at (305) 375-5126, Monday- Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

1.4 **Cone of Silence**

Pursuant to Section 2-11.1(t) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, as amended (the "Code"), a "Cone of Silence" is imposed upon each RFP after advertisement and terminates at the time a written recommendation is issued. The Cone of Silence prohibits any communication regarding RFPs between, among others:

- potential Proposers, service providers, lobbyists or consultants **and** the County's professional staff including, but not limited to, the County Mayor and the County Mayor's staff, County Commissioners or their respective staffs;
- the County Commissioners or their respective staffs **and** any member of the County's professional staff, other than any professional staff member who is designated by the County Mayor to engage in such communications; or
- potential Proposers, service providers, lobbyists or consultants, any member of the County's professional staff, the Mayor, County Commissioners or their respective staffs **and** any member of the respective Competitive Selection Committee.

The provisions do not apply to, among other communications:

- oral communications with the staff of the Vendor Outreach and Support Services Section, the responsible Procurement Contracting Officer (designated as the County's contact on the face of the Solicitation), provided the communication is limited strictly to matters of process or procedure already contained in the Solicitation document;
- oral communications at pre-Proposal conferences and oral presentations before Competitive Selection Committees during any duly noticed public meeting, public presentations made to the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") during any duly noticed public meeting;
- recorded contract negotiations and contract negotiation strategy sessions; or
- communications in writing at any time with any County employee, official or member of the Board of County Commissioners unless specifically prohibited by the applicable RFP documents.

When the Cone of Silence is in effect, all potential vendors, service providers, bidders, lobbyists and consultants shall file a copy of any written correspondence concerning the particular RFP with the Clerk of the Board, which shall be made available to any person upon request. The County shall respond in writing (if County deems a response is necessary) and file a copy with the Clerk of the Board, which shall be made available to any person upon request. Written communications may be in the form of e-mail, with a copy to the Clerk of the Board at clerkbcc@miamidadegov.

All requirements of the Cone of Silence policies are applicable to this Solicitation and must be adhered to. Any and all written communications regarding the Solicitation are to be submitted only to the Procurement Contracting Officer with a copy to the Clerk of the Board. The Proposer shall file a copy of any written communication with the Clerk of the Board. The Clerk of the Board shall make copies available to any person upon request.

1.5 **Communication with Review Team Members**

Proposers are hereby notified that direct communication regarding this Solicitation, written or otherwise, to individual Review Team Members or, to the Review Team as a whole, **are expressly prohibited**. Any oral communications with Review Team

Members other than as provided in Section 2-11.1 of the Code, are prohibited.

1.6 Public Entity Crimes

Pursuant to Paragraph 2(a) of Section 287.133 of the Florida Statutes, a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a Proposal for 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 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 Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes for Category Two for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

1.7 Lobbyist Contingency Fees

- a) In accordance with Section 2-11.1(s) of the Code, after May 16, 2003, no person may, in whole or in part, pay, give or agree to pay or give a contingency fee to another person. No person may, in whole or in part, receive or agree to receive a contingency fee.
- b) A contingency fee is a fee, bonus, commission or non-monetary benefit as compensation which is dependent on or in any way contingent upon the passage, defeat, or modification of: 1) any ordinance, resolution, action or decision of the County Commission; 2) any action, decision or recommendation of the County Mayor or any County board or committee; or 3) any action, decision or recommendation of any County personnel during the time period of the entire decision-making process regarding such action, decision or recommendation which foreseeably will be heard or reviewed by the County Commission or a County board or committee.

1.8 Collusion

In accordance with Section 2-8.1.1 of the Code, where two (2) or more related parties, as defined herein, each submit a Proposal for any contract, such Proposals shall be presumed to be collusive. The foregoing presumption may be rebutted by the presentation of evidence as to the extent of ownership, control and management of such related parties in preparation and submittal of such Proposals. Related parties shall mean Proposer, the principals, corporate officers, and managers of the Proposer; or the spouse, domestic partner, parents, stepparents, siblings, children or stepchildren of a Proposer or the principals, corporate officers and managers thereof which have a direct or indirect ownership interest in another Proposer for the same contract or in which a parent company or the principals thereof of one Proposer have a direct or indirect ownership in another Proposer for the same contract. Proposals found to be collusive shall be rejected. Proposers who have been found to have engaged in collusion may be considered non-responsible, and may be suspended or debarred, and any contract resulting from collusive bidding may be terminated for default.

1.9 Contracting with Entities of Foreign Countries of Concern Prohibited

By submitting a proposal or otherwise entering into, a contract under this Solicitation, the Proposer affirms that it is not in violation of Section 287.138, Florida Statutes (F.S.) titled Contracting with Entities of Foreign Countries of Concern Prohibited. Proposer further affirms that it is not giving a government of a foreign country of concern, as listed in Section 287.138, F.S., access to an individual's personal identifying information if: a) the Proposer is owned by a government of a foreign country of concern; b) the government of a foreign country of concern has a controlling interest in the Proposer; or c) the Proposer is organized under the laws of or has its principal place of business in a foreign country of concern as is set forth in Paragraphs 2(a)–(c) of Section 287.138, F.S.

This affirmation by the Proposer shall be in the form attached to this Solicitation as **Contracting with Entities of Foreign Countries of Concern Prohibited Affidavit**.

1.10 Expedited Purchasing Program

Pursuant to Section 2-8.1.6 of the Code, the County created the Expedited Purchasing Program (EPP). Due to the expedited nature of County projects issued under the EPP, prospective Proposers should anticipate a shortened Solicitation timeline for submission of Proposals. Technical, professional and legal staff may be used to determine best value as set forth in the Solicitation documents without the need to utilize the formal Review Team process established by the County. The County Mayor's or designee's written recommendation to award a contract under the EPP shall be sufficient to commence the bid

protest period and terminate the Cone of Silence. Any legislation contrary to the provisions of the EPP shall be deemed suspended or amended as necessary to give effect to the intent of this Program.

1.11 Kidnapping, Custody Offenses, Human Trafficking and Related Offenses Affidavit

By entering into, amending, or renewing a contract under this Solicitation, the Proposer affirms that it does not use coercion for labor or services and complies with the provisions of Section [787.06](#), Florida Statutes ("F.S."), "Human Trafficking. This attestation by the Proposer shall be in the form attached to this Solicitation as the **Kidnapping, Custody Offenses, Human Trafficking and Related Offenses Affidavit**.

2.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES

2.1 Background/Introduction

The County requires municipal advisory services for revenue debt transactions and services. These transactions will include the issuance of bonds, notes, certificates or other financing instruments, and on-going advisory services for the County's Enterprise Segment Departments: Miami-Dade County Aviation Department, Seaport Department, and the Department of Solid Waste Management.

The County utilizes three separate contracts for Municipal Advisory Service separated by segments: 1) Water & Sewer Segment; 2) General Segment; and 3) Enterprise Segment. **This Scope of Services is for the Water & Sewer Segment of the County.**

The selected Proposer should have an established reputation in the investment community for experience, expertise and reliability in municipal finance generally and for Municipal Advisory Services, specifically as determined by the County.

2.2 Limitations

The following are limitations under this Solicitation:

- A. Subcontractors/Sub-consultants are not allowed to be utilized under this Solicitation;
- B. Members of the County's Underwriting Pool are ineligible to receive an award under this RFP; and any responses received from those members will not be considered; and
- C. The selected Proposer may participate in the County's 'COMPETITIVE BONDS FOR COUNTY BOND ISSUANCES' ("financings not covered under the County's Underwriting Pool"), but not in its respective Segment (i.e., Municipal Advisor for the Enterprise Segment could bid on General or Water & Sewer Segment bond issuances, but not on an Enterprise Segment issuance).

2.3 Minimum Qualification Requirement

The selected Proposer shall be registered as a Municipal Advisor with both the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB), except where Proposer is not subject to regulation by either the SEC or MSRB. Registration must be maintained through the contract term and any extension or renewal period. If Proposer is a Joint Venture, such registration shall apply to all entities that make up the Joint Venture, including any SBE firm that is part of the Joint Venture.

Note: The County requires proof of the registration with the SEC and MSRB at the time of Proposal submittal and any other time requested by the County. If the Proposer is not subject to regulation by the SEC or MSRB, then proof of such shall be provided.

2.4 Services to be Provided

A. Issuance of Bonds

The selected Proposer shall:

- 1) Advise the County and provide a written recommendation on the method of conducting the sale of bonds (i.e. competitive or negotiated sales or some other process);
- 2) For both negotiated and competitive bid bond issues:
 - a) Prepare a timetable and distribution list for each bond issue and assist the County in coordinating all meeting and conference calls;
 - b) Review and provide assistance with the preparation of all offering documents;
 - c) With respect to competitive sales verify all bids received and recommend the award that is in the best interest of the County;
 - d) Determine the optimal timing for the bond issue "to go to the market";

- e) Participate in all aspects of pricing the bonds and advise the County as to the reasonableness of the components of the underwriters spread and ;
 - f) Proactively, bring new financing or refunding concepts to consideration to the OMB and each respective Enterprise Director;
- 3) Provide specific recommendations on each bond issue regarding the following:
 - a) The aggregate principal amount of bonds to be issued;
 - b) The timing of the offering to provide funds to meet the capital needs of the Enterprise Segment Departments;
 - c) The definitive structure of the bond issue – maturity range, serial and/or term bonds, capital appreciation bonds, etc.;
 - d) Redemption Provisions;
 - e) Prepare number runs in advance of resolution submittal to Board of County Commission regular meeting;
 - 4) Prepare pre-pricing analyses in advance of pricing and post-sale report after pricing;
 - 5) Provide a certificate at closing which will confirm that the County received a market price on the transaction at the time of pricing;
 - 6) Assist the County and bond counsel with all necessary bond legislation and related proceedings;
 - 7) Assist with validation of the bonds through preparation of financial tables and exhibits and the presentation of testimony when necessary;
 - 8) Provide advice and assistance to the County and disclosure counsel as to preparation and composition of the preliminary and final official statements, to make the full and accurate disclosure to the rating agencies and investing public;
 - 9) Provide a recommendation on the necessity and benefit for municipal bond insurance for the County , when applicable, manage the process to request, receive and evaluate quotes for municipal bond insurance, ultimately presenting a recommendation to the County as to which quote should be accepted;
 - 10) Provide a recommendation on whether to cash fund or use a surety reserve policy to fund the reserve requirement and request, receive and evaluate quotes, when applicable, for reserve fund surety, and make recommendations to the County as to which quote should be accepted;
 - 11) If applicable, solicit bids for escrow securities in refunding transactions;
 - 12) If applicable, solicit bids for investment contracts for debt service reserve funds;
 - 13) Manage the procurement process for the printing and or electronic posting of the preliminary and final official statement, and recommend the best bid to the County;
 - 14) Manage the procurement process for paying agent, registrar, escrow and verification services and recommend the best bid to the County;
 - 15) Collaborate with the financing team and each respective Enterprise Segment Department to create and present a rating agency presentation that secure the highest possible rating;
 - 16) Prepare closing memo and review all necessary closing documents;
 - 17) Attend all meetings i.e. Mayor's Finance Committee (MFC) meetings, Board of County Commission meetings, pre-closings and closings, when deemed necessary; and

18) Review debt service schedules and annual report to bondholders.

B. Non-Bond Related Services

The selected Proposer shall:

- 1) Coordinate periodic visits between the County, representatives of the rating agencies and major institutional investors;
- 2) Provide periodic reports of municipal market conditions within the State of Florida and nationwide;
- 3) In the area of short-term financing, provide the County with advice, guidance, evaluation, pricing and assistance in bond anticipation notes, bank loans, leasing programs, commercial paper, and any other financial instrument as necessary;
- 4) Create and maintain a database on the Enterprise Segment debt portfolio. The database shall be periodically updated and shall be made available to the County's OMB Director and the Directors of the respective Departments within the Enterprise Segment. Information shall be stored offsite for recovery purposes in case of an emergency;
- 5) Conduct an annual review of the Enterprise Segment's debt structure and prepare, in conjunction with the County's Finance Department and each respective department, an annual report for the rating agencies of Moody's Investors Service, Inc., Standard & Poor's Corporation and FITCH. (The goal in this regard is to maintain the respective bond ratings assigned and to achieve an upgrade from the rating agencies where, in the professional judgment of the selected Proposer, such upgrade is attainable.);
- 6) Provide recommendations on all financial matters as they relate to incurrence of each department's debt within the Enterprise Segment, and be available for formal presentations to the MFC and the Board of County Commission as necessary;
- 7) Review unsolicited proposals for financial transactions received by the County from underwriting firms and, on a timely basis, make recommendations as to their merits to the OMB Director, each respective Director within the Enterprise Segment, and the MFC, as necessary;
- 8) Assist each respective Department within the Enterprise Segment in the development of a Five-Year Financing Plan, as necessary, and
- 9) Annually, review the outstanding debt portfolio of each respective Department within the Enterprise Segment, and submit recommendations that could result in reducing the Department's borrowing costs;
- 10) Prepare a financial analysis for the issuance of debt for each respective Department within the Enterprise Segment and provide them with reports; and
- 11) Provide, on an as-needed basis, financial analyses or any applicable services as directed by the Board of County Commission, the County Mayor, the County's OMB Director and each department Director within the Enterprise Segment.

2.5 Reporting Requirements

The selected Proposer shall provide an update of its legal and financial status once a year due on October 1st, commencing in October 2028.

3.0 RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Submittal Requirements

In response to this Solicitation, Proposer should **complete and return the entire Proposal Submission Package**. Proposers should carefully follow the format and instructions outlined therein. All documents and information must be fully completed and signed as required and submitted in the manner described. Nothing in this RFP shall in any way be utilized to request documentation relating to or authorizing consideration of a Proposer's social, political, or ideological interests when determining if the Proposer is a responsible vendor or give a preference to a Proposer based on the Proposer's social, political, or ideological interests.

The Proposal shall be written in sufficient detail to permit the County to conduct a meaningful evaluation of the proposed services. However, overly elaborate Proposals are not requested or desired.

Proposers are encouraged to access the links below to assist with submission of responses to the Solicitation.

Recorded eSupplier Workshop

https://www.miamidade.gov/global/news-item.page?Mduid_news=news1652724628268780

Password: q37%t+pG

Submit a Bid Job Aid

<https://www.miamidade.gov/technology/library/informs/job-aid/submit-a-bid.pdf>

Proposing on one Municipal Advisory Service Segment does not preclude the Proposer from proposing on any of the other two Municipal Advisory Service Segments. However, the Proposer must submit a separate response for each Municipal Solicitation (pursuant to the requirements therein) they wish to respond to. Only **one** proposal from each Proposer, either as an individual Proposer, or as a Joint Venture Proposer, will be evaluated for each Segment. A Proposer, who submits a proposal for a Segment as an individual Proposer and a proposal as a Joint Venture Proposer, will only be considered under the Joint Venture proposal.

4.0 EVALUATION PROCESS

4.1 Review of Proposals for Responsiveness

Each Proposal will be reviewed to determine if the Proposal is responsive to the submission requirements outlined in this Solicitation. A responsive Proposal is one which follows the requirements of this Solicitation, includes all documentation, is submitted in the format outlined in this Solicitation, is of timely submission, and has the appropriate signatures as required on each document. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in the Proposal being deemed non-responsive.

4.2 Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated by a Review Team which will evaluate and rank Proposals on criteria listed below. The Review Team will be comprised of executives, professionals and subject matter experts within the County or from private or non-profit sectors, other governmental/quasi-governmental organizations, and retired executives with the appropriate experience and/or knowledge. The criteria are itemized with their respective weights for a maximum total of one hundred (100) points per Review Team Member.

Pursuant to **Section 2.2, Limitations**, the selected Proposer can only serve in one Segment. Therefore, to facilitate the evaluation process for the three Segments, the County has established a Segment priority order. The Review Team will recommend a Proposer for each of the Solicitations in the following order:

1. Water & Sewer Segment: EVN0024138
2. General Segment: EVN0024141
3. Enterprise Segment: EVN0024146

Any Proposer recommended for the Water & Sewer Segment will not be recommended for the General Segment or the Enterprise Segment. Any Proposer recommended for the General Segment cannot have been recommended for the Water & Sewer Segment and will not be recommended for the Enterprise Segment. Any Proposer recommended for the Enterprise Segment cannot have been recommended for the Water & Sewer Segment or the General Segment. For a Proposer that is a Joint Venture, this applies to Proposer and all of the entities that make up the Joint Venture not being recommended for more than one Segment.

<u>Technical Criteria</u>	<u>Points</u>
1. Proposer's relevant experience, qualifications, and past performance	30
2. Relevant experience and qualifications of key personnel that will be assigned to this project.	25
3. Proposer's approach to providing the Services requested in this Solicitation	30

<u>Price Criteria</u>	<u>Points</u>
4. Proposer's proposed price	15

Any Proposer, whether a Joint Venture or otherwise, may proffer the experience or qualifications of its corporate parent, sister, or subsidiary (collectively "an Affiliated Company"). However, given the unique nature of individual corporate relationships, Proposers seeking to rely on the experience or qualifications of an affiliated company are advised that the Review Team shall have the discretion to determine what weight, if any, it wishes to give such proffered experience or qualification on a case-by-case basis. Review Team may base such decision on the particulars of the relationship between the Proposer and the Affiliated Company, as evidenced by the information and documentation provided in the Proposer Information Section, during Oral Presentations, or otherwise presented at the request of the Review Team.

Additionally, pursuant to County Resolution No. [R-321-23](#), the Review Team shall be provided with adverse findings or substantiated allegations within the past seven (7) years of the proposal submittal date (collectively "Reports") of the Miami-Dade Office of the Inspector General ("OIG") and/or the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust ("COE") regarding any Proposer and their proposed subcontractor(s) under deliberation by the Review Team to be considered in accordance with the evaluation of each applicable criteria identified in the Solicitation. In the event the OIG and/or COE issues Reports after the Review Team has scored and ranked the Proposers, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee may re-empanel the Review Team to consider if such Reports would change the rankings. If the Review Team determines that Reports would change the rankings of the Proposer(s) identified in the Reports, then the Review Team shall re-score the Proposer(s) identified in the Report solely based on the impact the information identified in the Report would have on the scoring of the Proposer(s) in accordance with the applicable criteria identified in the Solicitation, re-rank the Proposers, and submit a written justification for the revised rankings to the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee. Upon review of such re-ranking and the justification, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee may accept or reject the revised rankings. The County Mayor shall, in any recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners, either attach all Reports issued by the OIG and/or the COE or provide a description of such Reports and a link to where such Reports may be viewed.

4.3 Oral Presentations

After evaluation of the Proposals on the criteria indicated above (Technical and Price), rating and ranking, the Review Team may choose to conduct an oral presentation with the Proposer(s) which the Review Team deems to warrant further consideration. In making this determination, the Review Team should consider whether a recommendation can be reached without oral presentations or whether there is a need for, or would be a benefit to, holding oral presentations. For instance, oral presentations may be needed to assist the Review Team to make its recommendation and/or to differentiate among the Proposer(s) remaining in consideration due to, among other factors, scores in clusters and/or a close competition. Oral presentations may also be beneficial if clarity on the Proposal(s) is needed or an explanation of the Proposal(s) would be helpful to the process and in scoring, especially on large and/or complex projects, as determined by the Review Team. See "Lobbyist Registration Affidavit" regarding registering speakers in the Proposal for an oral presentation.

Unless otherwise advised by the County, oral presentations will only be used for the Proposer to present its Proposal and provide clarifications, if needed, and for the Review Team to ask questions. Proposals cannot be materially changed through oral presentations. Upon completion of the oral presentation(s), if any, the Review Team will re-evaluate, re-rate and re-rank the Proposals from the Proposer(s) invited to oral presentations based upon the written documents, and in consideration of any clarity gained from the oral presentation.

4.4 Selection Factor

This Solicitation includes a selection factor for Miami-Dade County Certified Small Business Enterprises (SBE's) as follows. A SBE is entitled to receive an additional ten percent (10%) of the total technical evaluation points on the technical portion of such Proposer's Proposal. Pursuant to Sections 2-8.1.1.1.1 and 2-8.1.1.1.2 of the Code, Proposer shall have all the necessary licenses, permits, registrations and certifications, to include SBE certification, to perform a commercially useful function in the provision of the type of goods and/or services required by this Solicitation. For certification information, contact Small Business Development at (305) 375-3111, visit <http://www.miamidade.gov/smallbusiness/> or, e-mail your inquiries directly to: Sbdcert@miamidade.gov.

The SBE must be certified by Proposal submission deadline, at contract award, and for the duration of the Contract to remain eligible for the preference. Firms that graduate from the SBE Program during the Contract term may remain on the Contract.

Any entity may enter into a Joint Venture with a Small Business Enterprise firm for the purposes of creating a Proposer to submit a Proposal in response to this Solicitation and receiving an SBE Selection Factor. Joint ventures will be considered as one entity by the County during the evaluation of the Proposal in response to this Solicitation. Joint ventures must be pre-approved by Small Business Development and meet the criteria as established in Implementing Order 3-41 and Sections 2-8.1.1.1.1 and 2-8.1.1.1.2 of the Code for the purposes of receiving an SBE Selection Factor pursuant to this Section.

4.5 Local Certified Veteran Business Enterprise Preference

This Solicitation includes a preference for Miami-Dade County Local Certified Veteran Business Enterprises in accordance with Section 2-8.5.1 of the Code. "Local Certified Veteran Business Enterprise" or "VBE" is a firm that is (a) a local business pursuant to Section 2-8.5 of the Code and (b) prior to Proposal or bid submittal is certified by the State of Florida Department of Management Services as a veteran business enterprise pursuant to Section 295.187 of the Florida Statutes. A VBE that submits a Proposal in response to this Solicitation is entitled to receive an additional five percent of the evaluation points scored on the technical portion of such vendor's Proposal. If a Miami-Dade County Certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE) measure is being applied to this Solicitation, a VBE which also qualifies for the SBE measure shall not receive the veteran's preference provided in this section and shall be limited to the applicable SBE preference. At the time of Proposal submission, the firm must affirm in writing its compliance with the certification requirements of Section 295.187 of the Florida Statutes and submit this affirmation and a copy of the actual certification along with the Submittal Form.

4.6 Price Evaluation

The price Proposal will be evaluated subjectively in combination with the technical Proposal, including an evaluation of how well it matches Proposer's understanding of the County's needs described in this Solicitation, the Proposer's assumptions, and the value of the proposed services. The pricing evaluation is used as part of the evaluation process to determine the highest ranked Proposer. The County reserves the right to negotiate the final terms, conditions and pricing of the Contract as may be in the best interest of the County.

4.7 Local Preference

The evaluation of competitive Solicitations is subject to Section 2-8.5 of the Code, which, except where contrary to federal or state law, or any other funding source requirements, provides that preference be given to local businesses. If, following the completion of final rankings by the Review Team a non-local Proposer is the highest ranked responsive and responsible Proposer, and the ranking of a responsive and responsible local Proposer is within 5% of the ranking obtained by said non-local Proposer, then the highest ranked local Proposer shall have the opportunity to proceed to negotiations and the Review Team will recommend that a contract be negotiated with said local Proposer.

Notwithstanding the application of Local Preference, note that due to Section 2.2, Limitations, a Proposer may not be recommended for more than one Segment.

4.8 Negotiations

The Review Team will evaluate, score and rank Proposals, and submit the results of the evaluation to the County Mayor or designee with its recommendation. The County Mayor or designee will determine with which Proposer(s) the County shall negotiate, if any, through the approval of the Review Team Coordinator Report which will be shared through electronic means with all Proposers. The County Mayor or designee, at their sole discretion, may direct negotiations with the highest ranked Proposer, by taking into consideration Local Preference to determine whether to direct negotiations with the highest ranked local Proposer recommended by the Review Team pursuant to the Local Preference Section above, if any, **and/or** may request a better offer. In any event the County engages in negotiations with a Proposer and/or requests a better offer, the discussions may include price and conditions attendant to price.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the County and said Proposer cannot reach agreement on a contract, the County reserves the right to terminate negotiations and may, at the County Mayor's or designee's discretion, begin negotiations with the next highest ranked Proposer. This process may continue until a contract acceptable to the County has been executed or all Proposals are rejected. No Proposer shall have any rights against the County arising from such negotiations or termination thereof.

Any Proposer recommended for negotiations shall complete a Non-Collusion Affidavit, in accordance with Section 2-8.1.1 of the Code. (If a Proposer fails to submit the required Non-Collusion Affidavit, said Proposer shall be ineligible for award). Attendees actively participating in negotiation with Miami-Dade County shall be listed on the Lobbyist Registration Affidavit or registered as a lobbyist with the Clerk of the Board. For more information, please use the following link to access the County's Clerk of the Board Lobbyist Online Registration and Information System: <https://www.miamidade.gov/Apps/COB/LobbyistOnline/Home.aspx>

Any Proposer recommended for negotiations may be required to provide to the County:

- a) Its most recent certified business financial statements as of a date not earlier than the end of the Proposer's preceding official tax accounting period, together with a statement in writing, signed by a duly authorized representative, stating that the present financial condition is materially the same as that shown on the balance sheet and income statement submitted, or with an explanation for a material change in the financial condition. A copy of the most recent business income tax return will be accepted if certified financial statements are unavailable.
- b) Information concerning any prior or pending litigation, either civil or criminal, involving a governmental agency or which may affect the performance of the services to be rendered herein, in which the Proposer, any of its employees is or has been involved within the last three years.
- c) Disclosure of any lawsuits which include allegations of discrimination in the last ten years prior to date of Solicitation, the disposition of such lawsuits, or statement that there are NO such lawsuits, in accord with Resolution No. [R-828-19](#).

4.9 Contract Award

Any proposed contract, resulting from this Solicitation, will be submitted to the County Mayor or designee. All Proposers will be notified in writing of the decision of the County Mayor or designee with respect to contract award. The Contract award, if any, shall be made to the Proposer whose Proposal shall be deemed by the County to be in the best interest of the County. Notwithstanding the rights of protest listed below, the County's decision of whether to make the award and to which Proposer shall be final.

4.10 Written Objections to Selection Committee Ranking/Scoring and Rights of Protest

A recommendation for contract award may be protested by a Proposer in accordance with the procedures contained in Sections 2-8.3 and 2-8.4 of the Code, as amended, and as established in Implementing Order No. 3-21, as amended. Any question, issue, objection or disagreement concerning the rankings, scoring or recommendations of the Review Team shall be deemed waived by the Protestor and shall be rejected as a basis of a bid protest, unless it is brought by the Proposer to the attention of the Procurement Contracting Officer. Proposers must notify the Procurement Contracting Officer in writing with a copy to the Clerk of the Board within five (5) workdays of receipt of notification of the Review Team Coordinator Report referenced in Section

4.8 above. The written objection shall state with particularity the basis of the objection and with sufficient information to allow the County's procurement professionals to consider, evaluate and address the issues raised in the objection promptly.

5.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The County's **draft form of agreement** is attached. Proposers should review the document in its **ENTIRETY**. The terms and conditions summarized below are of special note and can be found in their entirety in the agreement:

a) Supplier/Vendor Registration

Prior to being recommended for award, the Proposer shall complete a Miami-Dade County Supplier/Vendor Registration Package. For online Supplier/Vendor registration, visit the **Supplier Portal**: <https://supplier.miamidade.gov>.

b) Insurance Requirements

The Contractor shall furnish to the County, Strategic Procurement Department, prior to the commencement of any work under any agreement, Certificates of Insurance which indicate insurance coverage has been obtained that meets the stated requirements.

c) Inspector General Reviews

In accordance with Section 2-1076 of the Code, the Office of the Inspector General may, on a random basis, perform audits on all County contracts, throughout the duration of said contracts, except as otherwise indicated. Application of the one quarter (1/4) of one percent fee assessment shall not apply to this contract.

6.0 ATTACHMENTS

Draft Form of Agreement

Proposal Submission Package, including:

- Proposer Information Section
- Web Forms – Submittal Form, Contracting with Entities of Foreign Countries of Concern Prohibited Affidavit, Kidnapping, Custody Offenses, Human Trafficking and Related Offenses Affidavit, Lobbyist Registration Affidavit (*for an Oral Presentation and/or Recorded Negotiation Meeting or Sessions*), Contractor Due Diligence Affidavit,
- Form 1 – Price Proposal Schedule

PROPOSER INFORMATION

Nothing in this Solicitation shall in any way be utilized to request documentation relating to or authorizing consideration of a proposer's social, political, or ideological interests when determining if the proposer is a responsible vendor or give a preference to a proposer based on the proposer's social, political, or ideological interests.

Minimum Qualification Requirements

1. Provide documentation that demonstrates Proposer's ability to satisfy all the minimum qualification requirements. Proposers who do not meet the minimum qualification requirements or who fail to provide supporting documentation may be deemed non-responsive. The minimum qualification requirement for this Solicitation is:

The Proposer shall be registered as a Municipal Advisor with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB), except where Proposer is not subject to regulation by either the SEC or MSRB. The Proposer shall provide proof of the registration with the SEC and MSRB. If the Proposer is not subject to regulation by the SEC or MSRB, Proposer shall provide proof.

Note: If Proposer is a Joint Venture, such proof must be provided for all entities that make up the Proposer.

Proposer's Experience and Past Performance

2. State the number of years, including inception date, Proposer and the Joint Venture has been in business performing municipal advisory type services, the current number of employees, and the primary markets served.
3. Describe the experience of the Proposer or Joint Venture Proposer in serving as a municipal advisor. Such experience should demonstrate that Proposer has been in business for a minimum of two years. If Proposer is a Joint Venture, such experience should demonstrate that at least one of the entities that makes up the Joint Venture has been in business for a minimum of two years, and each additional entity that makes up the Joint Venture has been in business for a minimum of one year.
4. Provide a detailed description of at least three (3) comparable contracts, preferably from government clients that are similar in scope of services to those requested herein for major aviation, seaport, and solid waste management departments in which the Proposer has either ongoing or completed within the past three (3) years in the capacity as a municipal advisor.

The description should identify for each project: (i) client, (ii) description of work or services, (iii) total dollar value of the contract, (iv) dates covering the term of the contract, (v) client contact person, address, e-mail and phone number, (vi) statement of whether Proposer was the prime contractor or subcontractor, (vii) year the contract/project was completed, and (viii) the results of the project. Where possible, list and describe those projects performed for government clients or similar size private entities (excluding any work performed for the County).

5. List all contracts which the Proposer has performed for Miami-Dade County. The County will review all contracts the Proposer has performed for the County in accordance with Section 2-8.1(g) of the Miami-Dade County Code, which requires that "a Bidder's or Proposer's past performance on County Contracts be considered in the selection of Consultants and Contractors for future County Contracts." As such the Proposer must list and describe all work performed for Miami-Dade County and include for each project: (i) name of the County Department which administers or administered the contract, (ii) description of work, (iii) total dollar value of the contract, (iv) dates covering the term of the contract, (v) County contact person and phone number, (vi) statement of whether Proposer was the prime contractor or subcontractor, and (vii) the results of the project.
6. List and describe all bankruptcy petitions (voluntary or involuntary) which have been filed by or against the Proposer, its parent or subsidiaries, predecessor organization(s), or any wholly owned subsidiary during the past three (3) years. Include in the description the disposition of each such petition.

7. Provide a list of the various types of Aviation, Seaport, and Solid Waste Management Departments' municipal debt issuances for which the Proposer has served as municipal advisor over the past two (2) years, excluding issues from the County's peripheral agencies and any of the Departments covered by the General Segment and Enterprise Segment Solicitations.
8. Provide completed forms for the Proposer's Ranking (Attachment 1 – Municipal Advisory Services Aviation Segment Ranking Form).
9. Describe Proposer's experience in internet bidding and the Proposer's means of evaluating these bids, the internet bidders and the services provider.
10. Describe the Proposer's experience with the Rating Agencies and describe specific policies, plans, procedures or techniques used in providing rating agency presentations, reviews and communiques.
11. Provide documentation that demonstrates the Proposer, and not simply an employee of Proposer, is listed in the Bond Buyer's Municipal Marketplace Directory Fall 2025, "Red Book", as a Municipal Advisor Service Provider. As verification of compliance, the Proposer should include a copy of the applicable directory page with their proposal clearly indicating the firm's listing.

Note: It is clearly understood and confirmed with The Bond Buyer's Municipal Marketplace's Red Book Editorial Department, that only firms are eligible for inclusion in the Red Book under this caption and not the individual. Therefore, the fact that a key employee has been listed in the Red Book does not in and of itself qualify a firm which employs that individual as having Red Book status.

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Key Personnel Performing Services

12. Identify all key personnel who will be assigned to this project, describing bond related and non-bond related work. Key personnel include all partners, managers, seniors and other professional staff that will perform work and/or services in this project. Include:
 - i. Names
 - ii. Titles
 - iii. Roles/functions to be performed
 - iv. Relevant experience, qualifications and other vital information on previous similar contracts, that qualifies the key personnel to perform the services as specified in Section 2.0, Scope of Services.
13. Provide resumes, if available with job descriptions and other detailed qualification information on all key personnel who will be assigned to this project. Resumes should include professional experience, academic credentials, and detailed job descriptions. Resumes should be limited to 2 pages.
14. Provide a comprehensive description specifically addressing the conception and development of rating agency presentations, reviews, and communiques, as well as the organization and management of these activities. Additionally, delineate the roles, responsibilities, and functions that each key individual will perform in connection with this component of the scope of work.

Note: After proposal submission, but prior to the award of any contract issued as a result of this Solicitation, the Proposer has a continuing obligation to advise the County of any changes intended or otherwise, to the key personnel identified in its proposal.

Proposed Approach to Providing Services

15. Describe Proposer's approach to project management, including the responsibilities of Proposer's management staff that will be responsible for the work performed and reporting to the County.
16. Describe Proposer's plan to provide the services in Section 2.4(A), Issuance of Bonds and any unique abilities the Proposer brings to providing such services, addressing ability and plan to provide all services required.

17. Describe Proposer's plan to provide the services in Section 2.4(B), Non-Bond Related Services and any unique abilities the Proposer brings to providing such services, addressing ability and plan to provide all services required.
18. Describe Proposer's plan to timely provide the update per Section 2.5, Reporting.
19. Describe Proposer's approach to rating agency presentation, review and communiques creation, organization and management.
20. Describe Proposer's in-house computer and technical capabilities to include technical support, computer modeling, financial analysis, econometric projections, and pricing modeling.

Exceptions

21. Identify if Proposer has taken any exception to the terms of this Solicitation. If so, indicate what alternative is being offered and the cost implications of the exception(s). Only those exceptions identified herein will be considered by the County. Exceptions not specifically delineated will not be accepted from any Proposer(s) that may be invited to participate in Negotiations as outlined in Section 4.8 of the Solicitation.

FORM 1 – PRICE PROPOSAL SCHEDULE

INSTRUCTIONS:

The Proposer's price shall be submitted on this Form 1 "Price Proposal Schedule", and in the manner stated herein. Proposer is requested to fill in the applicable blanks and make no other marks.

A. BOND RELATED WORK**1. PROPOSED PRICE PER BOND**

The Proposer shall state its price for providing all bond related services as stated in Section 2.4(A) of this Solicitation. Compensation shall be paid for work attributed to a bond issue, on a per bond rate basis. Notwithstanding the per bond rate stated below, there shall be a minimum charge per bond issue and a maximum charge per bond issue.

Table 1:

Proposed Price Per \$1,000 Per Bond Issue for Bond Related Work	
Up to \$150 million	\$ _____ per \$1,000
Between \$150 million and \$225 million	\$ _____ per \$1,000
Over \$225 million	\$ _____ per \$1,000

Table 2:

Minimum Charge per Bond Issue	\$ _____	\$ Click here to enter text.
Maximum Charge per Bond Issue	\$ _____	\$ Click here to enter text.

Notes:

- Section A of the Price Proposal Schedule will be used for price scoring purposes.
- Proposers who do not submit pricing in accordance with this Form 1, or who qualify or place ANY conditions on price may not receive evaluation points for the Price criteria.
- Separate from the amounts listed in Table 1 and Table 2, actual and verified out of pocket expenses, including travel-related expenses for Municipal Advisors, not exceeding, in the aggregate, \$10,000 for each transaction shall be paid only upon closing, and after receipt of an invoice in a form acceptable to the County.
- Travel related expenses will be reimbursed adhering to the County's Travel policy and Procedures manual as set forth in the County's Travel Policy, and Procedures (<https://documents.miamidade.gov/ao-io/AO/AO-06-01.pdf>).

B. NON-BOND RELATED WORK

Proposer should list, in the tables below, not-to-exceed hourly rates for the various staff levels proposed to complete the required tasks and deliverables as stated in Section 2.4(B) of this Solicitation. Compensation for non-bond related work listed in Section 2.4(B) shall be paid as needed, on an hourly basis.

Table 3:

Proposed Maximum Hourly Rates for Non-Bond Related Work							
Staff Position	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

Notes:

1. The hourly rates above shall remain firm and fixed for the term of the Contract, including any extensions thereof.
2. Notwithstanding the rates above, compensation to the selected Proposer shall be based on the projects assigned. The selected Proposer shall not exceed the maximum hourly rates when calculating the not-to-exceed cost statement required for each assignment.
3. The positions identified in the table above, shall be the same as the key positions identified in the Proposer's proposal. The County expects that the key personnel, in those positions, will be performing the services, as needed.
4. Section B of the Price Proposal Schedule will not be used for price scoring purposes. For Section B only, additional positions may be attached on a separate sheet.
5. Separate from the amounts listed in Table 3, travel related expenses will be reimbursed adhering to the County's Travel policy and Procedures manual as set forth in the County's Travel Policy, and Procedures (<https://documents.miamidade.gov/ao-io/AO/AO-06-01.pdf>).

(This is the form of agreement the County anticipates awarding to the selected Proposer.)

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Municipal Advisory Services (Enterprise Segment)

THIS AGREEMENT for the provision of municipal advisory services (Enterprise Segment), made and entered into as of this _____ day of _____ by and between _____, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of _____, having its principal office at _____ (the "Contractor"), and Miami-Dade County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, having its principal office at 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, Florida 33128 (the "County") (collectively, the "Parties").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Contractor has offered to provide municipal advisory services, on a non-exclusive basis, that shall conform to the Scope of Services (Appendix A), Miami-Dade County's Request for Qualifications ("RFP") No. EVN0024146 and all associated addenda and attachments, and the requirements of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor has submitted a written proposal dated _____ (the "Contractor's Proposal") which is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to procure from the Contractor such municipal advisory services for the County, in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS

The following words and expressions used in this Agreement shall be construed as follows, except when it is clear from the context that another meaning is intended:

- a) The words "Article" or "Articles" to mean the terms and conditions delineated in this Agreement.
- b) The words "Common Carrier/Contracted Carrier" means a person, firm, or corporation that undertakes for hire, as a regular business, to transport persons or commodities from place to place, offering their services to all such as may choose to employ the common carrier and pay their charges.
- c) The word "Concessionaire" means an entity that is authorized by contract, permit, lease, or other legal instrument supported by mutual consideration to engage in the sale of consumer goods (beverages, food, etc.), and services. In this case it is concessionaires who are authorized to sell on County property.
- d) The word "Contract" or "Agreement" to mean collectively the (i) Articles, (ii) Scope of Services, (iii) Price Schedule, (iv) all other appendices and attachments hereto, and (v) all amendments issued hereto, and Contractor's Proposal.
- e) The words "Contract Manager" to mean the Chief Procurement Officer, Strategic Procurement Department, or the duly authorized representative designated to manage the Contract.
- f) The word "Contractor" to mean _____ and its permitted successors.
- g) The word "Days" means calendar days.
- h) The word "Deliverables" means all documentation and any items of any nature submitted by the Contractor to the Project Manager for review and approval pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

- i) The words "Joint Venture" means an association of two or more persons, partnerships, corporations, or other business entities under a contractual agreement to conduct a specific business enterprise for a specified period with both sharing profits and losses. The Joint Venture must be a legally formed entity prior to Proposal submission.
- j) The words "Project Manager" mean the County Mayor or the duly authorized representative designated to manage the Project.
- k) The words "Scope of Services" means the document appended hereto as Appendix A, which details the Work to be performed by the Contractor.
- l) The words "Service" or "Services" means the provision of municipal advisory services in accordance with the Scope of Services.
- m) The word "Subcontractor" or "Subconsultant" to mean any person, entity, firm, or corporation, other than the employees of the Contractor, who furnishes labor and/or materials, in connection with the Work, whether directly or indirectly, on behalf and/or under the direction of the Contractor and whether or not in privity of Contract with the Contractor.
- n) The word "Work" to mean all matters and things required to be done by the Contractor in accordance with the provisions of this Contract.

ARTICLE 2. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

If there is a conflict between or among the provisions of this Agreement, the order of precedence is as follows: 1) Articles 1 through 46, 2) Appendix A, 3) Appendix B, and 4) Miami-Dade County's RFP No. EVN0024146 and any associated addenda and attachments thereof, and 5) the Contractor's Proposal.

ARTICLE 3. RULES OF INTERPRETATION

- a) References to a specified Article, section or schedule shall be construed as reference to that specified Article, or section of, or schedule to this Agreement unless otherwise indicated.
- b) Reference to any agreement or other instrument shall be deemed to include such agreement or other instrument as such agreement or other instrument may, from time to time, be modified, amended, supplemented, or restated in accordance with its terms.
- c) The terms "hereof", "herein", "hereinafter", "hereby", "herewith", "hereto", and "hereunder" shall be deemed to refer to this Agreement.
- d) The terms "directed", "required", "permitted", "ordered", "designated", "selected", "prescribed" or words of like import to mean respectively, the direction, requirement, permission, order, designation, selection or prescription of the Project Manager.
- e) The terms "approved", "acceptable", "satisfactory", "equal", "necessary", or words of like import to mean respectively, approved by, or acceptable or satisfactory to, equal or necessary in the opinion of the Project Manager.
- f) The titles, headings, captions, and arrangements used in these Terms and Conditions are for convenience only and shall not be deemed to limit, amplify, or modify the terms of this Contract, nor affect the meaning thereof.

ARTICLE 4. NATURE OF THE AGREEMENT

- a) This Agreement incorporates and includes all prior negotiations, correspondence, conversations, agreements, and understandings applicable to the matters contained in this Agreement. The Parties agree that there are no commitments, agreements, or understandings concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that are not contained in this Agreement, and that this Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Parties as to all matters contained herein. Accordingly, it is agreed that no deviation from the terms hereof shall be predicated upon any prior representations or agreements, whether oral or written. It is further agreed that any oral representations or modifications concerning this Agreement shall be of no force or

effect, and that this Agreement may be modified, altered, or amended only by a written amendment duly executed by the Parties hereto or their authorized representatives.

- b) The Contractor shall provide the services set forth in the Scope of Services and render full and prompt cooperation with the County in all aspects of the Work performed hereunder.
- c) The Contractor acknowledges that this Agreement requires the performance of all things necessary for or incidental to the effective and complete performance of all Work under this Contract. All things not expressly mentioned in this Agreement but necessary to carrying out its intent are required by this Agreement, and the Contractor shall perform the same as though they were specifically mentioned, described, and delineated.
- d) The Contractor shall furnish all labor, materials, tools, supplies, and other items required to perform the Work necessary for the completion of this Contract. All Work shall be accomplished at the direction of and to the satisfaction of the Project Manager.
- e) The Contractor acknowledges that the County shall make all policy decisions regarding the Scope of Services. The Contractor agrees to provide input on policy issues in the form of recommendations. The Contractor shall implement all changes in providing services hereunder as a result of a policy change implemented by the County. The Contractor agrees to act in an expeditious and fiscally sound manner in providing the County with input regarding the time and cost to implement said changes and in executing the activities required to implement said changes.

ARTICLE 5. CONTRACT TERM

The Contract shall become effective on the date identified on the first page of this Agreement and shall continue through the last day of the 84th month, thereafter. The County may extend this Contract for up to an additional one hundred-eighty (180) calendar days beyond the current Contract period and will notify the Contractor in writing of the extension. This Contract may be extended beyond the initial one hundred-eighty (180) calendar day extension period by mutual agreement between the County and the Contractor, upon approval by the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board").

ARTICLE 6. NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

All notices required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed sufficiently served if delivered by: (i) Registered or Certified Mail, with return receipt requested; (ii) personally by a by courier service; (iii) Federal Express Corporation or other nationally recognized carrier to be delivered overnight; or (iv) via facsimile or e-mail (if provided below) with delivery of hard copy pursuant to (i), (ii), or (iii) in this paragraph. The addresses for such notice are as follows:

(1) To the County

- a) to the Project Manager:

Miami-Dade County
OMB
111 N.W. 1st Street, 22nd floor
Miami, FL 33128-1974
Attention: Director, Division of Bond Administration
Phone: (305) 375-5147
E-mail: Arlesa.wood@miamidade.gov

and

- b) to the Contract Manager:

Miami-Dade County
Strategic Procurement Department
Attention: Chief Procurement Officer

111 NW 1st Street, Suite 1300
Miami, FL 33128-1974
Phone: (305) 375-4900
Email: cpo@miamidade.gov

(2) To the Contractor

Contractor Name
Attention:
Address:
Phone:
E-mail:

Either party may at any time designate a different address and/or contact person by giving notice as provided above to the other party. Such notices shall be deemed given upon receipt by the addressee.

ARTICLE 7. PAYMENT FOR SERVICES/AMOUNT OBLIGATED

The Contractor warrants that it has reviewed the County's requirements and has asked such questions and conducted such other inquiries as the Contractor deemed necessary in order to determine the price the Contractor will charge to provide the Work to be performed under this Contract. The compensation for all Work performed under this Contract, including all costs associated with such Work, shall be paid in accordance with Appendix B. The County shall have no obligation to pay the Contractor any additional sum in excess of this amount, except for a change and/or modification to the Contract, which is approved and executed in writing by the County and the Contractor.

All Work undertaken by the Contractor before County's approval of this Contract shall be at the Contractor's risk and expense.

ARTICLE 8. PRICING

Prices shall remain firm and fixed for the term of the Contract, including any extension periods, pursuant to Appendix B; however, the Contractor may offer incentive discounts to the County at any time during the Contract term, including any extension thereof.

ARTICLE 9. METHOD AND TIMES OF PAYMENT

The Contractor agrees that under the provisions of this Agreement, as reimbursement for those actual, reasonable and necessary costs incurred by the Contractor, which are directly attributable or properly allocable to the Services, the Contractor may bill the County periodically, but not more than once per month, upon invoices certified by the Contractor pursuant to Appendix B – Price Schedule. All invoices shall be taken from the books of account kept by the Contractor, shall be supported by copies of payroll distribution, receipt bills or other documents reasonably required by the County, shall show the County's contract number, and shall have a unique invoice number assigned by the Contractor. It is the policy of Miami-Dade County that payment for all purchases by County agencies and the Public Health Trust shall be made in a timely manner and that interest payments be made on late payments. All firms, including Small Business Enterprises, providing goods and services to the County, shall receive payment to maintain sufficient cash flow. In accordance with Section 218.74 of the Florida Statutes, and Section 2-8.1.4 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, the time at which payment shall be due from the County or the Public Health Trust shall be forty-five (45) days from receipt of a proper invoice. Billings from prime Contractors under services and goods contracts with the County or Public Health Trust, that are Small Business Enterprise contract set-aside, bid preference or contain a subcontractor goal, shall be promptly reviewed and payment made by the County or Trust on those amounts not under dispute within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of such billing by the County or the Trust pursuant to Sections 2-8.1.1.1.1 and 2-8.1.1.1.2 of the Code of Miami-Dade. All payments due from the County or the Public Health Trust, and not made within the time specified by this section shall bear interest from thirty (30) days after the due date at the rate of one percent (1%) per month on the unpaid balance. Further, proceedings to resolve disputes for payment of obligations shall be concluded by final written decision of the County Mayor, or his or her designee(s), not later than sixty (60) days after the date on which the proper invoice was received by the County or the Public Health Trust.

In accordance with Miami-Dade County Implementing Order No. 3-9, Accounts Receivable Adjustments, if money is owed by the Contractor to the County, whether under this Contract or for any other purpose, the County reserves the right to retain such amount from payment due by County to the Contractor under this Contract. Such retained amount shall be applied to the amount owed by the Contractor to the County. The Contractor shall have no further claim to such retained amounts which shall be deemed full accord and satisfaction of the amount due by the County to the Contractor for the applicable payment due herein.

Invoices and associated back-up documentation shall be submitted electronically or in hard copy format by the Contractor to the County as follows:

- Electronic submission (preferred) to invsubp@miamidade.gov; or
- Hard copy format mailed to:
Miami-Dade County, Finance Shared Services
111 NW 1st Street, 26 Floor
Miami, Florida 33128

Invoice shall include a Bill to Address, which is the County department being invoiced for the services.

Bill to: Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
111 NW 1st Street, 22nd Floor, Miami, FL 33128
Attention: Arlesa Wood

The County may at any time designate a different address and/or contact person by giving written notice to the other party.

ARTICLE 10. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

The Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County and its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities from any and all liability, losses or damages, including attorneys' fees and costs of defense, which the County or its officers, employees, agents or instrumentalities may incur as a result of claims, demands, suits, causes of actions or proceedings of any kind or nature arising out of, relating to or resulting from the performance of this Agreement by the Contractor or its employees, agents, servants and partners principals. The Contractor shall pay all claims and losses in connection therewith and shall investigate and defend all claims, suits or actions of any kind or nature in the name of the County, where applicable, including appellate proceedings, and shall pay all costs, judgments, and attorney's fees which may issue thereon. The Contractor expressly understands and agrees that any insurance protection required by this Agreement or otherwise provided by the Contractor shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless and defend the County or its officers, employees, agents, and instrumentalities as herein provided.

Upon County's notification, the Contractor shall furnish to the Strategic Procurement Department, certificate(s) of insurance that indicate that insurance coverage has been obtained, which meets the requirements as outlined below:

1. Worker's Compensation Insurance for all employees of the Vendor as required by Florida Statute 440.
2. Commercial General Liability Insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate.
Miami-Dade County must be shown as an additional insured with respect to this coverage.
3. Automobile Liability Insurance covering all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles, in an amount not less than \$300,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.
4. Professional Liability Insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per claim.

All insurance policies required above shall be issued by companies authorized to do business under the laws of the State of Florida, with the following qualifications:

The company must be rated no less than "A-" as to management, and no less than "Class VII" as to financial strength, by Best's Insurance Guide, published by A.M. Best Company, Oldwick, New Jersey, or its equivalent, subject to the

approval of the County Risk Management Division.

OR

The company must hold a valid Florida Certificate of Authority as shown in the latest "List of All Insurance Companies Authorized or Approved to Do Business in Florida", issued by the State of Florida Department of Financial Services and are a member of the Florida Guaranty Fund.

The mailing address of Miami-Dade County as the certificate holder must appear on the certificate of insurance as follows:

**Miami-Dade County
111 NW 1st Street
Suite 2340
Miami, Florida 33128-1974**

Compliance with the foregoing requirements shall not relieve the Contractor of this liability and obligation under this section or under any other section in this Agreement.

Award of this Contract is contingent upon the receipt of the insurance documents, as required, within ten (10) business days. If the certificate of insurance is received within the specified timeframe but not in the manner prescribed in this Agreement, the Contractor shall have an additional five business days to submit a corrected certificate to the County. If the Contractor fails to submit the required insurance documents in the manner prescribed in this Agreement within fifteen (15) business days, the Contractor shall be in default of the contractual terms and conditions and award of the Contract may be rescinded, unless such timeframe for submission has been extended by the County.

The Contractor shall assure that the certificate of insurance required in conjunction with this section remain in full force for the term of the Contract, including any renewal or extension periods that may be exercised by the County. If the certificate of insurance is scheduled to expire during the term of the Contract, the Contractor shall submit new or renewed certificate of insurance to the County before such expiration. If expired certificate of insurance is/are not replaced or renewed to cover the Contract period, the County may suspend the Contract until the new or renewed certificate is/are received by the County in the manner prescribed herein. If such suspension exceeds thirty (30) calendar days, the County may, at its sole discretion, terminate the Contract for cause and the Contractor shall be responsible for all direct and indirect costs associated with such termination.

ARTICLE 11. MANNER OF PERFORMANCE

- a) The Contractor shall provide the Work described herein in a competent and professional manner satisfactory to the County in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The County shall be entitled to a satisfactory performance of all Work described herein and to full and prompt cooperation by the Contractor in all aspects of the Work. At the request of the County, the Contractor shall promptly remove from the Project any Contractor's employee, Subcontractor, or any other person performing Work hereunder. The Contractor agrees that such removal of any of its employees does not require the termination or demotion of any employee by the Contractor.
- b) The Contractor agrees to defend, hold harmless and indemnify the County and shall be liable and responsible for all claims, suits, actions, damages, and costs (including attorneys' fees and court costs) made against the County, occurring on account of, arising from or in connection with the removal and replacement of any Contractor's personnel performing Services hereunder at the behest of the County. Removal and replacement of any Contractor's personnel as used in this Article shall not require the termination and/or demotion of such Contractor's personnel.
- c) The Contractor always agrees that it will employ, maintain, and assign to the performance of the Work a sufficient number of competent and qualified professionals and other personnel to meet the requirements to which reference is hereinafter made. The Contractor agrees to adjust its personnel staffing levels or to replace any its personnel if so, directed upon reasonable request from the County, should the County make a determination, in its sole discretion, that said personnel staffing is inappropriate or that any individual is not performing in a manner consistent with the requirements for such a position.
- d) The Contractor warrants and represents that its personnel have the proper skill, training, background, knowledge, experience,

rights, authorizations, integrity, character, and licenses as necessary to perform the Work described herein, in a competent and professional manner.

- e) The Contractor shall always cooperate with the County and coordinate its respective work efforts to maintain the progress most effectively and efficiently in performing the Work.
- f) The Contractor shall comply with all provisions of all federal, state, and local laws, statutes, ordinances, and regulations that are applicable to the performance of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 12. EMPLOYEES OF THE CONTRACTOR

All employees of the Contractor shall be, at all times, employees of the Contractor under its sole direction and not employees or agents of the County. The Contractor shall supply competent employees. Miami-Dade County may require the Contractor to remove an employee it deems careless, incompetent, insubordinate or otherwise objectionable and whose continued employment on County property is not in the best interest of the County. Each employee shall have and wear proper identification.

ARTICLE 13. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP

The Contractor is, and shall be, in the performance of all Work and activities under this Agreement, an independent contractor, and not an employee, agent or servant of the County. All persons engaged in any of the Work performed or Services provided pursuant to this Agreement shall always, and in all places, be subject to the Contractor's sole direction, supervision, and control. The Contractor shall exercise control over the means and manner in which it and its employees perform the Work, and in all respects the Contractor's relationship and the relationship of its employees to the County shall be that of an independent contractor and not as employees and agents of the County.

The Contractor does not have the power or authority to bind the County in any promise, agreement, or representation other than specifically provided for in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 14. DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE

- a) The Contractor hereby acknowledges that the Project Manager will determine in the first instance all questions of any nature whatsoever arising out of, under, or in connection with, or in any way related to or on account of, this Agreement including without limitations: questions as to the value, acceptability and fitness of the Services; questions as to either party's fulfillment of its obligations under the Contract; negligence, fraud or misrepresentation before or subsequent to acceptance of the Contractor's Proposal; questions as to the interpretation of the Scope of Services; and claims for damages, compensation and losses.
- b) The Contractor shall be bound by all determinations or orders and shall promptly comply with every order of the Project Manager, including the withdrawal or modification of any previous order and regardless of whether the Contractor agrees with the Project Manager's determination or order. Where orders are given orally, they will be issued in writing by the Project Manager as soon thereafter as is practicable.
- c) The Contractor must, in the final instance, seek to resolve every difference concerning the Agreement with the Project Manager. In the event that the Contractor and the Project Manager are unable to resolve their difference, the Contractor may initiate a dispute in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Article. **Exhaustion of these procedures shall be a condition precedent to any lawsuit permitted hereunder.**
- d) In the event of such dispute, the Parties authorize the County Mayor or designee, who may not be the Project Manager or anyone associated with this Project, acting personally, to decide all questions arising out of, under, or in connection with, or in any way related to or on account of the Agreement (including but not limited to claims in the nature of breach of contract, fraud or misrepresentation arising either before or subsequent to execution hereof) and the decision of each with respect to matters within the County Mayor's purview as set forth above shall be conclusive, final and binding on the Parties. Any such dispute

shall be brought, if at all, before the County Mayor within ten (10) days of the occurrence, event or act out of which the dispute arises.

- e) The County Mayor may base this decision on such assistance as may be desirable, including advice of experts, but in any event shall base the decision on an independent and objective determination of whether Contractor's performance or any Deliverable meets the requirements of this Agreement and any specifications with respect thereto set forth herein. The effect of any decision shall not be impaired or waived by any negotiations or settlements or offers made in connection with the dispute, whether or not the County Mayor participated therein, or by any prior decision of others, which prior decision shall be deemed subject to review, or by any termination or cancellation of the Agreement. All such disputes shall be submitted in writing by the Contractor to the County Mayor for a decision, together with all evidence and other pertinent information regarding such questions, in order that a fair and impartial decision may be made. Whenever the County Mayor is entitled to exercise discretion or judgement or to make a determination or form an opinion pursuant to the provisions of this Article, such action shall be fair and impartial when exercised or taken. The County Mayor, as appropriate, shall render a decision in writing and deliver a copy of the same to the Contractor. Except as such remedies may be limited or waived elsewhere in the Agreement, Contractor reserves the right to pursue any remedies available under law after exhausting the provisions of this Article.
- f) This Article will survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 15. MUTUAL OBLIGATIONS

- a) This Agreement, including attachments and appendices to the Agreement, shall constitute the entire Agreement between the Parties with respect hereto and supersedes all previous communications and representations or agreements, whether written or oral, with respect to the subject matter hereto unless acknowledged in writing by the duly authorized representatives of the Parties.
- b) Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed for the benefit, intended or otherwise, of any third party that is not a parent or subsidiary of a party or otherwise related (by virtue of ownership control or statutory control) to a party.
- c) In those situations where this Agreement imposes an indemnity obligation on the Contractor, the County may, at its expense, elect to participate in the defense if the County should so choose. Furthermore, the County may at its own expense defend or settle any such claims if the Contractor fails to diligently defend such claims, and thereafter seek indemnity for such defense or settlement costs from the Contractor.

ARTICLE 16. QUALITY ASSURANCE/QUALITY ASSURANCE RECORD KEEPING

The Contractor shall maintain, and shall require that its Subcontractors and suppliers maintain, complete and accurate records to substantiate compliance with the requirements set forth in the Agreement. The Contractor and its Subcontractors and suppliers shall retain such records, and all other documents relevant to the Work furnished under this Agreement for a period of three years from the expiration date of this Agreement and any extension thereof.

ARTICLE 17. AUDITS

The County, or its duly authorized representatives and governmental agencies, shall until the expiration of three years after the expiration of this Agreement and any extension thereof, have access to and the right to examine and reproduce any of the Contractor's books, documents, papers and records and of its Subcontractors and suppliers which apply to all matters of the County. Such records shall subsequently conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles requirements, as applicable, and shall only address those transactions related to this Agreement.

Pursuant to Section 2-481 of the Code, the Contractor will grant access to the Commission Auditor to all financial and performance related records, property, and equipment purchased in whole or in part with government funds within five business days of the Commission Auditor's request. The Contractor agrees to maintain an accounting system that provides accounting records that are supported with adequate documentation, and adequate procedures for determining the allowability and allocability of costs.

ARTICLE 18. SUBSTITUTION OF PERSONNEL

In the event the Contractor needs to substitute personnel for the key personnel identified by the Contractor's Proposal, the Contractor must notify the County in writing and request written approval for the substitution at least ten (10) business days prior to effecting such substitution. However, such substitution shall not become effective until the County has approved said substitution.

ARTICLE 19. CONSENT OF THE COUNTY REQUIRED FOR ASSIGNMENT

The Contractor shall not assign, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of this Agreement, including its rights, title, or interest in or to the same or any part thereof without the prior written consent of the County.

**ARTICLE 20. SUBCONTRACTUAL RELATIONS
NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS SOLICITATION**

The Contractor shall not use Subcontractors/Sub-consultants when providing the Services under this Agreement.

- a) If the Contractor causes any part of this Agreement to be performed by a Subcontractor, the provisions of this Contract will apply to such Subcontractor and its officers, agents and employees in all respects as if it and they were employees of the Contractor; and the Contractor will not be in any manner thereby discharged from its obligations and liabilities hereunder, but will be liable hereunder for all acts, omissions, and negligence of the Subcontractor, its officers, agents, and employees, as if they were employees of the Contractor. The Services performed by the Subcontractor will be subject to the provisions hereof as if performed directly by the Contractor.
- b) The Contractor, before making any subcontract for any portion of the Work, will state in writing to the County the name of the proposed Subcontractor, the portion of the Work which the Subcontractor is to do, the place of business of such Subcontractor, and such other information as the County may require. The County will have the right to require the Contractor not to award any subcontract to a person, firm or corporation disapproved by the County.
- c) Before entering into any subcontract hereunder, the Contractor will inform the Subcontractor fully and completely of all provisions and requirements of this Agreement relating either directly or indirectly to the Work to be performed. Such Work performed by such Subcontractor will strictly comply with the requirements of this Contract.
- d) In order to qualify as a Subcontractor satisfactory to the County, in addition to the other requirements herein provided, the Subcontractor must be prepared to prove to the satisfaction of the County that it has the necessary facilities, skill and experience, and ample financial resources to perform the Work in a satisfactory manner. To be considered skilled and experienced, the Subcontractor must show to the satisfaction of the County that it has satisfactorily performed Work of the same general type which is required to be performed under this Agreement.
- e) The County shall have the right to withdraw its consent to a subcontract if it appears to the County that the Subcontractor will delay, prevent, or otherwise impair the performance of the Contractor's obligations under this Agreement. All Subcontractors are required to protect the confidentiality of the County's and County's proprietary and confidential information. Contractor shall furnish to the County copies of all subcontracts between Contractor and Subcontractors and suppliers hereunder. Within each such subcontract, there shall be a clause for the benefit of the County in the event the County finds the Contractor in breach of this Contract, permitting the County to request completion by the Subcontractor of its performance obligations under the subcontract. The clause shall include an option for the County to pay the Subcontractor directly for the performance by such Subcontractor. Notwithstanding, the foregoing shall neither convey nor imply any obligation or liability on the part of the County to any Subcontractor hereunder as more fully described herein.

ARTICLE 21. ASSUMPTION, PARAMETERS, PROJECTIONS, ESTIMATES AND EXPLANATIONS

The Contractor understands and agrees that any assumptions, parameters, projections, estimates, and explanations presented by the County were provided to the Contractor for evaluation purposes only. However, since these assumptions, parameters, projections, estimates, and explanations represent predictions of future events the County makes no representations or guarantees; and the County shall not be responsible for the accuracy of the assumptions presented; and the County shall not be responsible for conclusions to be

drawn therefrom; and any assumptions, parameters, projections, estimates and explanations shall not form the basis of any claim by the Contractor. The Contractor accepts all risk associated with using this information.

ARTICLE 22. SEVERABILITY

If this Agreement contains any provision found to be unlawful, the same shall be deemed to be of no effect and shall be deemed stricken from this Agreement without affecting the binding force of this Agreement as it shall remain after omitting such provision.

ARTICLE 23. TERMINATION AND SUSPENSION OF WORK

- a) This Agreement may be terminated for cause by the County for reasons including, but not limited to, (i) the Contractor commits an Event of Default (as defined below in ARTICLE 24) and fails to cure said Event of Default (as delineated below in ARTICLE 25), or (ii) Contractor attempts to meet its contractual obligations with the County through fraud, misrepresentation, or material misstatement.
- b) This Agreement may also be terminated for convenience by the County. Termination for convenience is effective on the termination date stated in the written notice provided by the County.
- c) If County terminates this Agreement for cause under ARTICLE 23(a) above, the County may, in its sole discretion, also terminate or cancel any other contract(s) that such individual or corporation or other entity has with the County and that such individual, corporation or other entity shall pay all direct or indirect costs associated with such termination or cancellation, including attorneys' fees.
- d) The foregoing notwithstanding, if the Contractor attempts to meet its contractual obligations with the County through fraud, misrepresentation, or material misstatement, the Contractor may be debarred from County contracting in accordance with the County debarment procedures. The Contractor may be subject to debarment for failure to perform and all other reasons set forth in Section 10-38 of the Code.
- e) In the event that the County exercises its right to terminate this Agreement, the Contractor shall, upon receipt of such notice, unless otherwise directed by the County:
 - i. stop Work on the date specified in the notice (the "Effective Termination Date");
 - ii. take such action as may be necessary for the protection and preservation of the County's materials and property;
 - iii. cancel orders;
 - iv. assign to the County and deliver to any location designated by the County any non-cancelable orders for Deliverables that are not capable of use except in the performance of this Agreement and has been specifically developed for the sole purpose of this Agreement and not incorporated in the Services;
 - v. take no action which will increase the amounts payable by the County under this Agreement; and
 - vi. reimburse the County a proration of the fees paid annually based on the remaining months of the term per the compensation listed in Appendix B.
- f) In the event that the County exercises its right to terminate this Agreement, the Contractor will be compensated as stated in the payment Articles herein for the:
 - i. portion of the Services completed in accordance with the Agreement up to the Effective Termination Date; and
 - ii. non-cancelable Deliverables that are not capable of use except in the performance of this Agreement and has been specifically developed for the sole purpose of this Agreement but not incorporated in the Services.

- g) All compensation pursuant to this Article are subject to audit.
- h) In the event the Contractor fails to cure an Event of Default timely, the County may terminate this Agreement, and the County or its designated representatives may immediately take possession of all applicable equipment, materials, products, documentation, reports, and data.

ARTICLE 24. EVENT OF DEFAULT

- a) An Event of Default is a material breach of this Agreement by the Contractor, and includes but is not limited to the following:
 - i. the Contractor has not delivered Deliverables and/or Services on a timely basis;
 - ii. the Contractor has refused or failed to supply enough properly skilled staff personnel;
 - iii. the Contractor has failed to make prompt payment to Subcontractors or suppliers for any Services;
 - iv. the Contractor has become insolvent (other than as interdicted by the bankruptcy laws), or has assigned the proceeds received for the benefit of the Contractor's creditors, or the Contractor has taken advantage of any insolvency statute or debtor/creditor law or if the Contractor's affairs have been put in the hands of a receiver;
 - v. the Contractor has failed to obtain the approval of the County where required by this Agreement;
 - vi. the Contractor has failed to provide "adequate assurances" as required under subsection b below;
 - vii. the Contractor has failed in the representation of any warranties stated herein; or
 - viii. the Contractor fails to comply with ARTICLE 39.
- b) When, in the opinion of the County, reasonable grounds for uncertainty exist with respect to the Contractor's ability to perform the Work or any portion thereof, the County may request that the Contractor, within the timeframe set forth in the County's request, provide adequate assurances to the County, in writing, of the Contractor's ability to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Until the County receives such assurances, the County may request an adjustment to the compensation received by the Contractor for portions of the Work which the Contractor has not performed. In the event that the Contractor fails to provide to the County the requested assurances within the prescribed timeframe, the County may:
 - i. treat such failure as a repudiation and/or material breach of this Agreement; and
 - ii. resort to any remedy for breach provided herein or at law, including but not limited to, taking over the performance of the Work or any part thereof either by itself or through others.

ARTICLE 25. NOTICE OF DEFAULT - OPPORTUNITY TO CURE

If an Event of Default occurs in the determination of the County, the County shall notify the Contractor (the "Default Notice"), specifying the basis for such default, and advising the Contractor that such default must be cured immediately, or this Agreement with the County may be terminated. Notwithstanding, the County may, in its sole discretion, allow the Contractor to rectify the default to the County's reasonable satisfaction within a thirty (30) day period. The County may grant an additional period of such duration as the County shall deem appropriate without waiver of any of the County's rights hereunder, so long as the Contractor has commenced curing such default and is effectuating a cure with diligence and continuity during such thirty (30) day period or any other period which the County prescribes. The Default Notice shall specify the date the Contractor shall discontinue the Work upon the Effective Termination Date.

ARTICLE 26. REMEDIES IN THE EVENT OF DEFAULT

If an Event of Default occurs, whether or not the County elects to terminate this Agreement as a result thereof, the Contractor shall be liable for all damages resulting from the default, irrespective of whether the County elects to terminate the Agreement, including but not

limited to:

- a) lost revenues;
- b) the difference between the cost associated with procuring Services hereunder and the amount actually expended by the County for re-procurement of Services, including procurement and administrative costs; and
- c) such other direct damages.

The Contractor shall also remain liable for any liabilities and claims related to the Contractor's default. The County may also bring any suit or proceeding for specific performance or for an injunction.

ARTICLE 27. PATENT AND COPYRIGHT INDEMNIFICATION

- a) The Contractor shall not infringe on any copyrights, trademarks, service marks, trade secrets, patent rights, other intellectual property rights or any other third-party proprietary rights in the performance of the Work.
- b) The Contractor warrants that all Deliverables furnished hereunder, including but not limited to equipment, programs, documentation, software, analyses, applications, methods, ways, processes, and the like, do not infringe upon or violate any copyrights, trademarks, service marks, trade secrets, patent rights, other intellectual property rights or any other third party proprietary rights.
- c) The Contractor shall be liable and responsible for any and all claims made against the County for infringement of patents, copyrights, service marks, trade secrets or any other third party proprietary rights, by the use or supplying of any programs, documentation, software, analyses, applications, methods, ways, processes, and the like, in the course of performance or completion of, or in any way connected with, the Work, or the County's continued use of the Deliverables furnished hereunder. Accordingly, the Contractor at its own expense, including the payment of attorney's fees, shall indemnify, and hold harmless the County and defend any action brought against the County with respect to any claim, demand, cause of action, debt, or liability.
- d) In the event any Deliverable or anything provided to the County hereunder, or portion thereof is held to constitute an infringement and its use is or may be enjoined, the Contractor shall have the obligation to, at the County's option to (i) modify, or require that the applicable Subcontractor or supplier modify, the alleged infringing item(s) at its own expense, without impairing in any respect the functionality or performance of the item(s), or (ii) procure for the County, at the Contractor's expense, the rights provided under this Agreement to use the item(s).
- e) The Contractor shall be solely responsible for determining and informing the County whether a prospective supplier or Subcontractor is a party to any litigation involving patent or copyright infringement, service mark, trademark, violation, or proprietary rights claims or is subject to any injunction which may prohibit it from providing any Deliverable hereunder. The Contractor shall enter into agreements with all suppliers and Subcontractors at the Contractor's own risk. The County may reject any Deliverable that it believes to be the subject of any such litigation or injunction, or if, in the County's judgment, use thereof would delay the Work or be unlawful.

ARTICLE 28. CONFIDENTIALITY

- a) All Developed Works and other materials, data, transactions of all forms, financial information, documentation, inventions, designs and methods obtained from the County in connection with the Services performed under this Agreement, made or developed by the Contractor or its Subcontractors in the course of the performance of such Services, or the results of such Services, or for which the County holds the proprietary rights, constitute Confidential Information and may not, without the prior written consent of the County, be used by the Contractor or its employees, agents, Subcontractors or suppliers for any purpose other than for the benefit of the County, unless required by law. In addition to the foregoing, all County employee information and County financial information shall be considered Confidential Information and shall be subject to all the requirements stated herein. Neither the Contractor nor its employees, agents, Subcontractors, or suppliers may sell, transfer, publish, disclose, display, license or otherwise make available to others any part of such Confidential Information without the prior written consent

of the County. Additionally, the Contractor expressly agrees to be bound by and to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, and their officers and employees from the breach of any federal, state, or local law in regard to the privacy of individuals.

- b) The Contractor shall advise each of its employees, agents, Subcontractors, and suppliers who may be exposed to such Confidential Information of their obligation to keep such information confidential and shall promptly advise the County in writing if it learns of any unauthorized use or disclosure of the Confidential Information by any of its employees or agents, or Subcontractor's or supplier's employees, present or former. In addition, the Contractor agrees to cooperate fully and provide any assistance necessary to ensure the confidentiality of the Confidential Information.
- c) In the event of a breach of this Article damages may not be an adequate remedy and the County shall be entitled to injunctive relief to restrain any such breach or threatened breach. Unless otherwise requested by the County, upon the completion of the Services performed hereunder, the Contractor shall immediately turn over to the County all such Confidential Information existing in tangible form, and no copies thereof shall be retained by the Contractor or its employees, agents, Subcontractors, or suppliers without the prior written consent of the County. A certificate evidencing compliance with this provision and signed by an officer of the Contractor shall accompany such materials.

ARTICLE 29. PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

As a political subdivision of the State of Florida, Miami-Dade County is subject to the stipulations of the public records laws of the State of Florida (the "Public Records Law").

The Contractor acknowledges that all computer software in the County's possession may constitute or contain information or materials which the County has agreed to protect as proprietary information from disclosure or unauthorized use and may also constitute or contain information or materials which the County has developed at its own expense, the disclosure of which could harm the County's proprietary interest therein.

During the term of the Contract, the Contractor will not use directly or indirectly for itself or for others, or publish or disclose to any third party, or remove from the County's property, any computer programs, data compilations, or other software which the County has developed, has used, or is using, is holding for use, or which are otherwise in the possession of the County (the "Computer Software"). All third-party license agreements must also be honored by the Contractor and its employees, except as authorized by the County and, if the Computer Software has been leased or purchased by the County, all hired party license agreements must also be honored by the contractors' employees with the approval of the lessor or Contractors thereof. This includes mainframe, minis, telecommunications, personal computers, and all information technology software.

The Contractor will report to the County any information discovered or which is disclosed to the Contractor which may relate to the improper use, publication, disclosure, or removal from the County's property of any information technology software and hardware and will take such steps as are within the Contractor's authority to prevent improper use, disclosure, or removal.

ARTICLE 30. PROPRIETARY RIGHTS

- a) The Contractor hereby acknowledges and agrees that the County retains all rights, title and interests in and to all materials, data, documentation and copies thereof furnished by the County to the Contractor hereunder or furnished by the Contractor to the County and/or created by the Contractor for delivery to the County, even if unfinished or in process, as a result of the Services the Contractor performs in connection with this Agreement, including all copyright and other proprietary rights therein, which the Contractor as well as its employees, agents, Subcontractors and suppliers may use only in connection with the performance of Services under this Agreement. The Contractor shall not, without the prior written consent of the County, use such documentation on any other project in which the Contractor or its employees, agents, Subcontractors, or suppliers are or may become engaged. Submission or distribution by the Contractor to meet official regulatory requirements or for other purposes in connection with the performance of Services under this Agreement shall not be construed as publication in derogation of the County's copyrights or other proprietary rights.
- b) All Developed Works shall become the property of the County.

- c) Accordingly, neither the Contractor nor its employees, agents, Subcontractors, or suppliers shall have any proprietary interest in such Developed Works. The Developed Works may not be utilized, reproduced, or distributed by or on behalf of the Contractor, or any employee, agent, Subcontractor or supplier thereof, without the prior written consent of the County, except as required for the Contractor's performance hereunder.
- d) Except as otherwise provided in subsections a, b, and c above, or elsewhere herein, the Contractor and its Subcontractors and suppliers hereunder shall retain all proprietary rights in and to all Licensed Software provided hereunder, that have not been customized to satisfy the performance criteria set forth in the Scope of Services. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Contractor hereby grants, and shall require that its Subcontractors and suppliers grant, if the County so desires, a perpetual, irrevocable and unrestricted right and license to use, duplicate, disclose and/or permit any other person(s) or entity(ies) to use all such Licensed Software and the associated specifications, technical data and other Documentation for the operations of the County or entities controlling, controlled by, under common control with, or affiliated with the County, or organizations which may hereafter be formed by or become affiliated with the County. Such license specifically includes, but is not limited to, the right of the County to use and/or disclose, in whole or in part, the technical documentation and Licensed Software, including source code provided hereunder, to any person or entity outside the County for such person's or entity's use in furnishing any and/or all of the Deliverables provided hereunder exclusively for the County or entities controlling, controlled by, under common control with, or affiliated with the County, or organizations which may hereafter be formed by or become affiliated with the County. No such License Software, specifications, data, documentation, or related information shall be deemed to have been given in confidence and any statement or legend to the contrary shall be void and of no effect.

ARTICLE 31. SUPPLIER/VENDOR REGISTRATION/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- a) **Supplier/Vendor Registration**
The Contractor shall be a registered vendor with the County – Strategic Procurement Department, for the duration of this Agreement. In becoming a registered vendor with Miami-Dade County, the vendor's Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) must be provided, via submission of Form W-9 and 147c Letter, as required by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). If no FEIN exists, the Social Security Number of the owner must be provided as the legal entity identifier. This number becomes Contractor's "County Vendor Number." To comply with Section 119.071(5) of the Florida Statutes relating to the collection of an individual's Social Security Number, be aware that the County requests the Social Security Number for the following purposes:

- **Identification of individual account records**
- **Payments to individual/Contractor for goods and services provided to Miami-Dade County**
- **Tax reporting purposes**
- **Provision of unique identifier in the vendor database used for searching and sorting departmental records**

The Contractor confirms its commitment to comply with the vendor registration requirements and the associated affidavits available in **INFORMS** at <https://supplier.miamidade.gov>.

- b) **Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics**
Sections 2-11.1 (c) and (d) of the Code require that any County official, agency/board member or employee, or any member of his or her immediate family who, through a firm, corporation, partnership or business entity, has a financial interest, direct or indirect, with Miami-Dade County or any person or agency acting for Miami-Dade County, competing or applying for a contract, must first obtain and submit a written conflict of interest opinion from the County's Ethics Commission prior to the official, agency/board member or employee, or his or her immediate family member entering into any contract or transacting any business with Miami-Dade County or any person or agency acting for Miami-Dade County. Any such contract or business transaction entered in violation of these subsections, as amended, shall be rendered voidable. All County officials, autonomous personnel, quasi-judicial personnel, advisory personnel, and employees wishing to do business with the County are hereby advised they must comply with the applicable provisions of Section 2-11.1 of the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance.

ARTICLE 32. INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEWS

Application of the one quarter (1/4) of one percent fee assessment shall not apply to this Contract.

Independent Private Sector Inspector General Reviews

Pursuant to Miami-Dade County Administrative Order No. 3-20, the County has the right to retain the services of an Independent Private Sector Inspector General (the "IPSIG"), whenever the County deems it appropriate to do so. Upon written notice from the County, the Contractor shall make available to the IPSIG retained by the County, all requested records and documentation pertaining to this Agreement for inspection and reproduction. The County shall be responsible for the payment of these IPSIG services, and under no circumstance shall the Contractor's prices and any changes thereto approved by the County, be inclusive of any charges relating to these IPSIG services. The terms of this provision apply to the Contractor, its officers, agents, employees, Subcontractors, and assignees. Nothing contained in this provision shall impair any independent right of the County to conduct an audit or investigate the operations, activities, and performance of the Contractor in connection with this Agreement. The terms of this Article shall not impose any liability on the County by the Contractor or any third party.

Miami-Dade County Inspector General Review

According to Section 2-1076 of the Code, Miami-Dade County has established the Office of the Inspector General which may, on a random basis, perform audits on all County contracts, throughout the duration of said contracts. The cost of the audit for this Contract shall be one quarter of one percent (0.25%) of the total Contract amount which cost shall be included in the total Contract amount. The audit cost will be deducted by the County from progress payments to the Contractor. The audit cost shall also be included in all change orders and all Contract renewals and extensions.

Exception: The above application of one quarter of one percent (0.25%) fee assessment shall not apply to the following contracts: (a) IPSIG contracts; (b) contracts for legal services; (c) contracts for financial/municipal advisory services; (d) auditing contracts; (e) facility rentals and lease agreements; (f) concessions and other rental agreements; (g) insurance contracts; (h) revenue-generating contracts; (i) contracts where an IPSIG is assigned at the time the contract is approved by the Board; (j) professional service agreements under \$1,000; (k) management agreements; (l) small purchase orders as defined in Miami-Dade County Implementing Order No. 3-38; (m) federal, state and local government-funded grants; and (n) interlocal agreements. ***Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners may authorize the inclusion of the fee assessment of one quarter of one percent (0.25%) in any exempted contract at the time of award.***

Nothing contained above shall in any way limit the powers of the Inspector General to perform audits on all County contracts including, but not limited to, those contracts specifically exempted above. The Miami-Dade County Inspector General is authorized and empowered to review past, present, and proposed County and Trust contracts, transactions, accounts, records, and programs. In addition, the Inspector General has the power to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, require the production of records, and monitor existing projects and programs. Monitoring of an existing project or program may include a report concerning whether the project is on time, within budget and in conformance with plans, specifications, and applicable law. The Inspector General is empowered to analyze the necessity of and reasonableness of proposed change orders to the Contract. The Inspector General is empowered to retain the services of IPSIGs to audit, investigate, monitor, oversee, inspect, and review operations, activities, performance and procurement process, including but not limited to project design, specifications, proposal submittals, activities of the Contractor, its officers, agents and employees, lobbyists, County staff and elected officials to ensure compliance with contract specifications and to detect fraud and corruption.

Upon written notice to the Contractor from the Inspector General or IPSIG retained by the Inspector General, the Contractor shall make all requested records and documents available to the Inspector General or IPSIG for inspection and copying. The Inspector General and IPSIG shall have the right to inspect and copy all documents and records in the Contractor's possession, custody or control which, in the Inspector General's or IPSIG's sole judgment, pertain to performance of the Contract, including, but not limited to original estimate files, change order estimate files, worksheets, proposals and agreements form and which successful and unsuccessful Subcontractors and suppliers, all project-related correspondence, memoranda, instructions, financial documents, construction documents, proposal and contract documents, back-charge documents, all documents and records which involve cash, trade or volume discounts, insurance proceeds, rebates, or dividends received, payroll and personnel records, and supporting documentation for the aforesaid documents and records.

ARTICLE 33. FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

As applicable, Contractor shall comply, subject to applicable professional standards, with the provisions of all applicable federal, state

and the County orders, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations which may pertain to the Services required under this Agreement, including, but not limited to:

- a) Miami-Dade County Small Business Enterprises Development Participation Provisions.
- b) The Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended, (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387), as amended.
- c) The Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. §3141-3144 and 3146-3148) as supplemented by the Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. Part 5).
- d) The Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. § 3145) as supplemented by the Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. Part 2).
- e) Section 2-11.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, "Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance".
- f) Section 10-38 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, "Debarment of Contractors from County Work".
- g) Section 11A-60 - 11A-67 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, "Domestic Leave".
- h) Section 21-255 of the Code of Miami-Dade County prohibiting the presentation, maintenance, or prosecution of false or fraudulent claims against Miami-Dade County.
- i) The Equal Pay Act of 1963, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 206(d)).
- j) The prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-07) and regulations issued pursuant thereto (24 C.F.R. Part 146).
- k) Section 448.07 of the Florida Statutes "Wage Rate Discrimination Based on Sex Prohibited".
- l) Chapter 11A of the Code of Miami-Dade County (§ 11A-1 *et seq.*) "Discrimination".
- m) Chapter 22 of the Code of Miami-Dade County (§ 22-1 *et seq.*) "Wage Theft".
- n) Any other laws prohibiting wage rate discrimination based on sex.
- o) Chapter 8A, Article XIX, of the Code of Miami-Dade County (§ 8A-400 *et seq.*) "Business Regulations".
- p) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. § 1352).
- q) Executive Order 12549 "Debarment and Suspension", which stipulates that no contract(s) are "to be awarded at any tier or to any party which is debarred or suspended or is otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs".

Pursuant to Resolution No. [R-1072-17](#), by entering into this Contract, the Contractor is certifying that the Contractor is in compliance with, and will continue to comply with, the provisions of items "j" through "o" above.

The Contractor shall hold all licenses and/or certifications, obtain and pay for all permits and/or inspections, and comply with all laws, ordinances, regulations and building code requirements applicable to the work required herein. Damages, penalties, and/or fines imposed on the County or Contractor for failure to obtain and maintain required licenses, certifications, permits and/or inspections shall be borne by the Contractor. The Project Manager shall verify the certification(s), license(s), and permit(s) for the Contractor prior to authorizing Work and as needed.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, Contractor shall not be required pursuant to this Agreement to take any action or abstain from taking any action if such action or abstention would, in the good faith determination of the Contractor, constitute a violation of any law or regulation to which Contractor is subject, including but not limited to laws and regulations requiring that Contractor conduct its operations in a safe and sound manner.

ARTICLE 34. NONDISCRIMINATION

During the performance of this Contract, Contractor agrees to not discriminate unlawfully against any employee or applicant for employment on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, pregnancy, age, disability, marital status, familial status, status as victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking, or veteran status, and on housing related contracts the source of income.

By entering into this Contract, the Contractor attests that it is not in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (and related Acts) or Miami-Dade County Resolution No. R-385-95. If the Contractor or any owner, subsidiary or other firm affiliated with or related to the Contractor is found by the responsible enforcement agency or the County to be in violation of the Act or the Resolution, such violation shall render this Contract void. This Contract shall be void if the Contractor submits a false affidavit pursuant to this Resolution or the Contractor violates the Act or the Resolution during the term of this Contract, even if the Contractor was not in violation at the time it submitted its affidavit.

ARTICLE 35. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Contractor represents that:

- a) No officer, director, employee, agent, or other consultant of the County or a member of the immediate family or household of the aforesaid has directly or indirectly received or been promised any form of benefit, payment, or compensation, whether tangible or intangible, in connection with the award of this Agreement.
- b) There are no undisclosed persons or entities interested with the Contractor in this Agreement. This Agreement is entered into by the Contractor without any connection with any other entity or person making a proposal for the same purpose, and without collusion, fraud or conflict of interest. No elected or appointed officer or official, director, employee, agent, or other consultant of the County, or of the State of Florida (including elected and appointed members of the legislative and executive branches of government), or a member of the immediate family or household of any of the aforesaid:
 - i) is interested on behalf of or through the Contractor directly or indirectly in any manner whatsoever in the execution or the performance of this Agreement, or in the Services, Deliverables or Work, to which this Agreement relates or in any portion of the revenues; or
 - ii) is an employee, agent, advisor, or consultant to the Contractor or to the best of the Contractor's knowledge any Subcontractor or supplier to the Contractor.
- c) Neither the Contractor nor any officer, director, employee, agency, parent, subsidiary, or affiliate of the Contractor shall have an interest which is in conflict with the Contractor's faithful performance of its obligation under this Agreement; provided that the County, in its sole discretion, may consent in writing to such a relationship, provided the Contractor provides the County with a written notice, in advance, which identifies all the individuals and entities involved and sets forth in detail the nature of the relationship and why it is in the County's best interest to consent to such relationship.
- d) The provisions of this Article are supplemental to, not in lieu of, all applicable laws with respect to conflict of interest. In the event there is a difference between the standards applicable under this Agreement and those provided by statute, the stricter standard shall apply.
- e) In the event Contractor has no prior knowledge of a conflict of interest as set forth above and acquires information which may indicate that there may be an actual or apparent violation of any of the above, Contractor shall promptly bring such information to the attention of the Project Manager. Contractor shall thereafter cooperate with the County's review and investigation of such information and comply with the instructions Contractor receives from the Project Manager regarding remedying the situation.

ARTICLE 36. PRESS RELEASE OR OTHER PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Under no circumstances shall the Contractor without the express written consent of the County:

- a) Issue or permit to be issued any press release, advertisement or literature of any kind which refers to the County, or the Work being performed hereunder, unless the Contractor first obtains the written approval of the County. Such approval may be

withheld if for any reason the County believes that the publication of such information would be harmful to the public interest or is in any way undesirable; and

- b) Communicate in any way with any contractor, department, board, agency, commission or other organization or any person whether governmental or private in connection with the Work to be performed hereunder except upon prior written approval and instruction of the County; and
- c) Except as may be required by law, the Contractor and its employees, agents, Subcontractors, and suppliers will not represent, directly or indirectly, that any Work, Deliverables or Services provided by the Contractor or such parties has been approved or endorsed by the County.

ARTICLE 37. BANKRUPTCY

The County may terminate this Contract, if, during the term of any contract the Contractor has with the County, the Contractor becomes involved as a debtor in a bankruptcy proceeding, or becomes involved in a reorganization, dissolution, or liquidation proceeding, or if a trustee or receiver is appointed over all or a substantial portion of the property of the Contractor under federal bankruptcy law or any state insolvency law.

ARTICLE 38. GOVERNING LAW

This Contract, including appendices, and all matters relating to this Contract (whether in contract, statute, tort (such as negligence), or otherwise) shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Florida. Venue shall be in Miami-Dade County.

ARTICLE 39. COUNTY USER ACCESS PROGRAM (UAP) – Not Applicable

The UAP does not apply to this Contract

ARTICLE 40. INTEREST OF MEMBERS, OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES AND FORMER MEMBERS, OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES

No member, officer, or employee of the County, no member of the governing body of the locality in which the Project is situated, no member of the governing body in which the County was activated, and no other public official of such locality or localities who exercises any functions or responsibilities with respect to the project, shall, during his or her tenure, or for one year thereafter, have any interest, direct or indirect, in this Contract or the proceeds thereof.

ARTICLE 41. FORCE MAJEURE

Under applicable law, shall refer to an act of nature (such as, but not limited to, a hurricane, flood, and/or earthquake), war, terrorism, riot, sovereign conduct, strikes, lockouts, fires, epidemics and/or pandemic, adverse governmental conditions or conduct of third parties.

Neither the County nor the Contractor shall be held liable or responsible to the counterparty nor be deemed to have defaulted under or breached this Contract for failure or delay in performing any obligation under this Contract when such failure or delay is caused by an act of Force Majeure. Within twenty-four (24) hours of the occurrence of an act of Force Majeure, the affected party shall notify the counterparty of the act by sending an e-mail message to the Project Manager of the other party. In addition, the affected party shall provide to the counterparty within seven days of determining the cause of the Force Majeure, a written explanation via e-mail concerning the circumstances that caused the act of Force Majeure and the overall impacts to the Contract. Upon receipt of the written explanation, the parties shall mutually agree to any contractual modifications as necessary to continue the Contract with minimal impact to County operations. The County maintains the right to terminate the Contract for convenience or obtain the goods and/or services through a separate contract, taking over the performance of the Work or any part thereof either by itself or through others.

ARTICLE 42. FIRST SOURCE HIRING REFERRAL PROGRAM

Pursuant to Section 2-2113 of the Code, for all contracts for goods and services, the Contractor, prior to hiring to fill each vacancy arising under a County contract shall (1) first notify Career Source South Florida ("CSSF"), the designated Referral Agency, of the vacancy and list the vacancy with CSSF according to the Code, and (2) make good faith efforts as determined by the County to fill a minimum of fifty

percent (50%) of its employment needs under the County contract through the CSSF. If no suitable candidates can be employed after a Referral Period of three to five days, the Contractor is free to fill its vacancies from other sources. Contractor will be required to provide quarterly reports to the CSSF indicating the name and number of employees hired in the previous quarter, or why referred candidates were rejected. Sanctions for non-compliance shall include, but not be limited to: (i) suspension of Contract until Contractor performs obligations, if appropriate; (ii) default and/or termination; and (iii) payment of \$1,500/employee, or the value of the wages that would have been earned given the noncompliance, whichever is less. Registration procedures and additional information regarding the First Source Hiring Referral Program are available at <https://iapps.careersourcesfl.com/firstsource/>.

ARTICLE 43. PUBLIC RECORDS AND CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES PERFORMED ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

The Contractor shall comply with the Public Records Laws, including by not limited to, (1) keeping and maintaining all public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the County in order to perform the service; (2) providing the public with access to public records on the same terms and conditions that the County would provide the records and at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law; (3) ensuring that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law; and (4) meeting all requirements for retaining public records and transferring, at no cost, to the County all public records in possession of the Contractor upon termination of the Contract and destroying any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements upon such transfer. In addition, all records stored electronically must be provided to the County in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the County. Failure to meet any of these provisions or to comply with Florida's Public Records Laws as applicable shall be a material breach of this Agreement and shall be enforced in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (305) 375-5773, ISDVSS@MIAMIDADE.GOV, 111 NW 1st STREET, SUITE 1300, MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128.

ARTICLE 44. VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY (E-VERIFY)

By entering into this Contract, the Contractor and its Subcontractors are jointly and severally obligated to comply with the provisions of Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, as amended, titled "Employment Eligibility." The Contractor affirms that (a) it has registered and uses the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all new employees of the Contractor; (b) it has required all Subcontractors to this Contract to register and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all new employees of the Subcontractor; (c) it has an affidavit from all Subcontractors to this Contract attesting that the Subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with, unauthorized aliens; and (d) it shall maintain copies of any such affidavits for duration of the Contract. Registration information is available at: <http://www.uscis.gov/e-verify>

If County has a good faith belief that Contractor has knowingly violated Section 448.09(1), Florida Statutes, then County shall terminate this contract in accordance with Section 448.095(5)(c), Florida Statutes. In the event of such termination the Contractor agrees and acknowledges that it may not be awarded a public contract for at least one (1) year from the date of such termination and that Contractor shall be liable for any additional costs incurred by the County because of such termination.

In addition, if County has a good faith belief that a Subcontractor has knowingly violated any provisions of Sections 448.09(1) or 448.095, Florida Statutes, but Contractor has otherwise complied with its requirements under those statutes, then Contractor agrees that it shall terminate its contract with the Subcontractor upon receipt of notice from the County of such violation by Subcontractor in accordance with Section 448.095(5)(c), Florida Statutes.

Any challenge to termination under this provision must be filed in the Circuit or County Court by the County, Contractor, or Subcontractor no later than twenty (20) calendar days after the date of contract termination.

ARTICLE 45. KIDNAPPING, CUSTODY OFFENSES, HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND RELATED OFFENSES AFFIDAVIT

By entering into, amending, or renewing this Contract, including, without limitation, a grant agreement or economic incentive program payment agreement (all referred to as the "Contract"), as applicable, the Contractor is obligated to comply with the provisions of Section 787.06, Florida Statutes ("F.S."), "Human Trafficking," as amended, which is deemed as being incorporated by reference in this Contract. All definitions and requirements from Section 787.06, F.S., apply to this Contract.

This compliance includes the Contractor providing an affidavit that it does not use coercion for labor or services. This attestation by the Contractor shall be in the form attached to this Contract as the Kidnapping, Custody Offenses, Human Trafficking and Related Offenses Affidavit (the "Affidavit") and must be executed by the Contractor and provided to the County when entering, amending, or renewing this Contract.

This Contract shall be void if the Contractor submits a false Affidavit pursuant to Section 787.06, F.S., or the Contractor violates Section 787.06, F.S., during the term of this Contract, even if the Contractor was not in violation at the time it submitted its Affidavit.

ARTICLE 46. SURVIVAL

The Parties acknowledge that any of the obligations in this Agreement will survive the term, termination, and cancellation hereof. Accordingly, the respective obligations of the Contractor and the County under this Agreement, which by nature would continue beyond the termination, cancellation, or expiration thereof, shall survive termination, cancellation or expiration hereof.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement effective as of the date identified on the first page of this Agreement.

ContractorMiami-Dade County

Signature _____
Corporate Officer/Partner/Owner
or other authorized representative

Print Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

Signature _____
for

Print Name Daniella Levine Cava

Title Mayor

Date _____

Attest

Corporate Officer (different than above) or
Witness (only if Corporate Officer/Partner/Owner signed
above)

Signature _____

Print Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

Attest

Juan Fernandez-Barquin
Clerk of the Court and Comptroller

Signature _____

Print Name _____

Title Deputy Clerk

Date _____

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency

Signature _____

Print Name _____

Title Assistant County Attorney

Date _____

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