

Request for Proposals

Disaster Recovery and Mitigation Consulting Services for Incidents and Events

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**Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

DISASTER RECOVERY and MITIGATION CONSULTING SERVICES
FOR INCIDENTS and EVENTS

RFP #: 22-03

For

Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District

SECTION 1

(Specific Information Regarding this RFP)

1.1 Introduction

The Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District (“**District and or Buyer**”) intends to hire an individual or firm (“**Consultant and or Contractor**”) to provide the professional services described in Section 1.2 of this Request for Proposal (“**RFP**”). Persons interested in submitting a response to this RFP (a “**Proposal**”) should carefully review this RFP for instructions on how to respond and for the applicable contractual terms. This RFP is divided into the following sections:

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In the event of conflicting provisions, the following sections of this RFP will have priority in the order listed: Section 1, Section 4, Section 2, Section 3, the Attachments, and the Forms.

1.2 Scope of Services.

The Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District seeks professional disaster consulting services to assist with participation and qualification under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance Program for Disaster Recovery and Mitigation Consulting Services for Incidents and Events. The Consultant will provide assistance and support for grant management, compliance, and administrative services in connection with its applications for reimbursement from the State of Florida and Federal agencies, including FEMA, for significant losses and costs incurred because of a Federally Declared Disaster or other incidents and events. The type of professional services requested is very specific, which requires in-depth knowledge and expertise in the operations and procedures employed by the State of Florida, FEMA, and other Federal Agencies in their past and current applications of reimbursement and procedural processes. All work must be properly completed and accurately documented. All work must comply with FEMA’s Direct Administrative Cost (DAC) processes, and comply with all policies and guidance documents issued by the State of Florida, FEMA, other Federal Agencies, and the Federal Register for each Federal Declaration.

Note: See Section 4 for a full description of the services and deliverables required under this RFP.

1.3 Term of Agreement.

The initial term of the agreement will commence upon execution of the Contract and will continue for a one-year period. Buyer will have the option to renew such agreement for up to three additional one-year periods upon satisfactory performance by Consultant/Firm. The Contract is subject to early termination as set forth elsewhere in this RFP.

1.4 Minimum Requirements for Contractors.

Consultant/Firm must satisfy the following mandatory minimum requirements in order to have their Responses evaluated. By submitting, a Consultant warrants and represents that it satisfies these requirements. Failure to meet these requirements will result in the Response not being evaluated and being rejected as non-responsive:

1. The Contractor shall provide current proof of all business licenses required by local, state, and federal law as applicable.
2. Ten years of documented experience working under the requirements of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act including the authorized alternative procedures for the FEMA Public Assistance Program in grantee or sub-grantee management and administration of State and FEMA Public Assistance Grant Programs. Provide a list of organizations and a point of contact for each.
3. Three years of documented experience within the last five years working with sub-grantees with a damage claim in excess of \$100,000,000. Provide a list of organizations and a point of contact for each.
4. Ten years of documented experience working with FEMA Section 404 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (MHGP) and FEMA Section 406 Public Assistance Program funds. Provide a list of organizations and points of contact for each.
5. The Consultant or Firm must have the ability to obtain and maintain liability insurance as required by the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District and must submit with their response, a signed affidavit from their insurance provider stating they can provide all required coverage at the levels required by the RFP.

1.5 Documents Available for Inspection

N/A

1.6 Federal Funds.

Federal funds [will] be used as part of this solicitation. If federal funds will be used, please see Attachment E for additional terms and conditions.

1.7 Pre-Proposal Meeting.

There [is not] a pre-proposal meeting scheduled for this RFP.

1.8 Response Due Date.

The deadline for submitting responses to this RFP is Thursday, December 29, 2022 at 3PM, EST. Please see Sections 2.3 and 2.4 for more details.

1.9 Response Delivery Location.

Responses must be delivered to the following location:

Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District
Attn: Jane Thompson
17891 San Carlos Blvd.
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

1.10 Response Opening.

All Responses received shall be recorded at 3:00 PM on the Response Due Date at the Response Delivery Location (see Sections 1.9 above).

1.11 Contact Person.

Buyer's Contact Person for this RFP is:

Jane Thompson
Director of Finance
jthompson@fmbfirefl.gov

Please refer to Section 2.9 for further information on who may and may not be contacted regarding this RFP.

1.12 Questions and Requests for Amendments. Any questions, requests for information or requests for amendments to this RFP must be submitted via email no later than **11:00 A.M. Monday, December 19, 2022.**

1.13 Special Instructions: None

1.14 Special Contract Terms: None

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Section 2
General Instructions
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2.1 **Application of RFQ-RFP Policy and Other Laws.** The selection of and contracting with a Contractor under the RFP will be in accordance with the Competitive Solicitation/Negotiation Policy, RFQ-RFP Policy. Other provisions of federal, state, county and local laws, and administrative procedures, policies or rules may apply to the RFP and any claims or disputes arising hereunder. Lack of knowledge of the law or administrative procedures, policies, or rules by any Contractor shall not constitute a cognizable defense against their effect.

2.2 **Questions and Requests for Amendment to RFP.** If a Consultant (i) has questions about the RFP, (ii) finds discrepancies, omissions or ambiguities in the RFP, or (iii) believes any term or condition of the RFP is unreasonable, Consultant should request an amendment to the RFP. The request should reference the RFP section at issue and include any specific language that Contractor recommends using.

All requests for amendment must be submitted to the Contact Person in writing (via e-mail preferred) and, unless otherwise specified in *Section 1.12* of the RFP, be received by the Contact Person at least **ten (10) calendar days** before the Response Due Date. Questions and requests for amendments directed to the Contact Person or to any other Buyer personnel shall not constitute a formal protest of the RFP. Failure to request an interpretation or change will be considered evidence that Contractor understands and agrees to the provisions of the RFP.

The posting of a written amendment is the only official method by which interpretations, clarifications, changes or additional information will be given by Buyer prior to the opening of Responses. Any other interpretation, clarification, change or information will have no legal effect.

Buyer reserves the right to amend, cancel or reissue the RFP at its discretion. This includes the right to change the Response Due Date and the Contract award date. Notice of all amendments and cancellations will be posted on Buyer’s website (please contact the Contact Person if you are uncertain of the website address or if you experience problems accessing it). Contractor is responsible for monitoring this website for new or changing information.

2.3 Format/Content of Responses.

- A. If a Response Format is specified in the RFP, Consultants should follow that format.
- B. Responses should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of Consultant's ability to provide services sought by the RFP. Unnecessary brochures, artwork, expensive paper, and presentation aids are discouraged. Bindings and covers will be at Consultant's discretion.
- C. When responding to specific questions, please reprint each question in its entirety before the response.
- D. Responses shall be in ink or typewritten. All corrections must be initialed.
- E. Response shall be limited to a page size of 8½" x 11". Font size less than 11-points is discouraged. The Response shall be indexed and all pages sequentially numbered.
- F. **Except as may be specifically requested in the Response Format, Contractor may not impose any additional terms or conditions to any aspect of the RFP.** Buyer objects to and shall not be required to consider any additional terms or conditions submitted by Contractor, including any appearing in the Response. In submitting a Response, Contractor agrees that any additional terms or conditions shall have no force or effect. Any failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the RFP, including those specifying information that must be submitted with a Response, may result in rejection of the Response. **If Contractor desires a change or clarification to the terms or conditions of the RFP, Contractor must follow the process set forth in Section 2.2 ("Questions and Requests for Amendments").**
- G. Unless otherwise requested by Buyer, Contractors should make only one proposal for each RFP item. Multiple offerings, alternates (unless any are specifically requested by Buyer) and/or stipulations may be cause for rejection of a Response.
- H. Price offerings shall be **inclusive of ALL costs** (including but not limited to administrative cost for submission of all required paperwork on Buyer's behalf and any other costs) and will be the only compensation given to Contractor for the required services herein.
- I. All prices submitted under the RFP shall be indelible. The use of correction fluid or erasures to correct line item bid prices and/or quantities are not acceptable. Corrections must be by lineout of the incorrect figures, writing in of correct figures, and initialing of the corrections by the originator. Correction fluid or erasure corrected bids will be considered non-responsive for the corrected item(s) only, and may render the entire Response as nonresponsive.
- J. Failure to sign any form requiring a signature may be grounds for rejecting a Response.

2.4 Submission of Responses.

- A. The location and deadline for submitting Responses is set forth in Section 1 of the RFP. Contractors are fully responsible for meeting these requirements. Reliance upon mail or public carrier is at Contractor's risk. **Late bids will not be considered.**
- B. Contractor shall submit:
 - 1) One (1) original signed version of its Response clearly marked as "ORIGINAL." The Response must be signed by an officer or employee having authority to legally bind Consultant.

- 2) Four (4) hard copies of the entire Response.
- 3) One (1) scanned copy (in .pdf format) of the entire Response on a USB FLASH DRIVE. Large files may be scanned as several separate PDF files.
- 4) One (1) REDACTED scanned copy of the Response (if necessary pursuant to Section 2.12). This copy should be marked "Confidential - Trade Secret" or something comparable to alert the reader of Consultant's claim of a public records exemption.

All copies are to be placed in a sealed package. The outside must be marked with (i) the RFP title and number, and (ii) Contractor's name, address, contact person, and telephone number.

It is the sole responsibility of each Contractor to assure all copies are EXACT duplicates of the original Response. Photocopies and scanned file will be used for the purpose of evaluating the Responses. Any information contained in the original Response which has not been transferred to the USB or photocopies will NOT be considered. The original document will be used solely for official record keeping and auditing purposes.

2.5 Evaluation of Responses.

- A. Buyer will determine the qualifications, interest and availability of Contractors by reviewing all Responses and, when deemed necessary in the sole discretion of Buyer, by conducting formal interviews of selected Contractors that are determined to be the best qualified based upon evaluation of the Responses.
- B. The determination of which Contractors are "best qualified" will be based upon the criteria set forth in the RFP.
- C. Before making an award, Buyer reserves the right to seek clarifications, revisions, and information it deems necessary for the proper evaluation of Responses. Failure to provide any requested clarifications, revisions or information may result in rejection of the Response.
- D. Buyer reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Responses, or separable portions thereof, and to waive any minor irregularity, technicality, or omission if Buyer determines that doing so will serve Buyer's best interests. Buyer may reject any Response not submitted in the manner specified by the RFP.

2.6 Negotiation and Award of Contract.

- A. The process for contract negotiation and award is set forth in the Competitive Solicitation/Negotiation Policy. Generally, Buyer will negotiate first with the highest ranked Contractor. If an agreement cannot be reached with the highest ranked Contractor, Buyer reserves the right to negotiate and recommend award to the next highest ranked Contractor or subsequent Contractor(s) until an agreement is reached.
- B. Buyer may make an award within sixty (60) days after the date of the Responses are due, during which period the Responses shall remain firm and shall not be withdrawn. Any Response that expresses a shorter duration may, in Buyer's sole discretion, be accepted or rejected. If award is not made within sixty (60) days, the Response shall remain firm until either the Contract is awarded or Buyer receives from Contractor written notice that the Response is withdrawn. [Note: Withdrawal of a Response may be requested within 72 hours (excluding State holidays, Saturdays and Sundays) after the date and time Responses are due. Buyer will not accept an amended Response after the date and time Responses are due.]

- C. Except as may otherwise be expressly set forth in the RFP, Buyer intends to award one contract, but reserves the right to enter into a contract with multiple Contractors or to reject all Responses.
- D. Based on the evaluation and negotiation results, Buyer shall electronically post a notice of intended award at Buyer's website. Please contact the Contact Person if you are uncertain of Buyer's website address or if you experience problems accessing it. Any person who is adversely affected by the decision shall file with Buyer a notice of protest in accordance with the Protest provisions of the RFP. Buyer does not intend to provide tabulations or notices of award by telephone.

2.7 Terms of Agreement. After award to the successful Contractor, Buyer and Contractor will promptly enter into a written agreement (the "Contract") incorporating the terms of the RFP, the successful Response, and other terms and conditions as may be agreed to between the parties. To the extent the Response contains exceptions to or modifications of the RFP, such exceptions or modifications are stricken unless Buyer affirmatively accepts the exceptions or modifications in the Contract. The Contract will be substantially in the form set forth in an attachment to the RFP. Buyer will not be obligated to pay Contractor for the RFP services until the Contract is signed by both parties. Buyer retains the right to reject all bids and/or amend its notice of award at any time prior to the full execution of the Contract.

If the successful Contractor fails to perform the Services as agreed, Buyer reserves the right to (i) issue a new solicitation for the Services; (ii) reopen the RFP for the purpose of negotiating and awarding a second contract to another Contractor in accordance with the criteria and processes set forth herein; and/or (iii) take such other actions permitted by law.

2.8 Public Meetings and Special Accommodations. Any meetings of the RFP evaluation committee shall be noticed on Buyer's website and shall comply with Florida's Open Meetings Laws. Please contact the Contact Person if you are uncertain of Buyer's website address or if you experience problems accessing it. Persons requiring a special accommodation because of a disability should contact the Contact Person identified in Section 1 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

2.9 Ex-Parte Communications. Communications regarding the RFP by a potential vendor, service provider, bidder, lobbyist or consultant to District employees, staff, elected officials or hired consultants are prohibited. This prohibition includes communications with the Buyer's Legal Counsel unless the Contact Person has authorized those communications in advance. Violations may result in the rejection/disqualification of a Response.

These prohibitions on ex-parte communications do not apply to the following:

- communications regarding the RFP to the Contact Person, provided the communication is limited strictly to matters of process or procedure already contained in the RFP.
- communications with the District's Legal Counsel and his/her staff regarding any perceived inefficiency, misconduct or abuse by District employees.
- communications at any pre-bid conferences.
- presentations before publicly noticed committee meetings.
- contract negotiations during any duly noticed public meeting.
- any duly noticed site visits to determine competency of bidders during the period between bid opening and issuance of the Director of Finance written recommendation.
- communications that are necessary for, and solely related to, the ordinary course of business concerning Buyer's existing contract(s) for the materials or services addressed in the RFP.

The period for these prohibitions commences upon the advertisement of the RFP and terminates after the Director of Finance issues a written recommendation to the corresponding awarding committee. If the awarding committee refers the Director's recommendation back for further review, the prohibitions shall be reinstated until such time as the Director issues a subsequent recommendation.

- 2.10 Cost of Developing RFP Response.** All costs related to the preparation of Responses and any related activities are the sole responsibility of Contractor. Buyer assumes no liability for any costs incurred by Contractors throughout the entire selection process.
- 2.11 Response Ownership.** All Responses, including attachments, supplementary materials, addenda, etc., shall become property of Buyer and shall not be returned to Contractor. Buyer will have the right to use any and all ideas or adaptation of ideas presented in any Response. Acceptance or rejection of a Response shall not affect this right.
- 2.12 Public Records Law; Process for Protecting Trade Secrets and Other Information.** Article 1, Section 24, Florida Constitution, guarantees every person access to all public records, and Section 119.011, Florida Statutes, provides a broad definition of public records. As such, all responses to the RFP are public records unless exempt by law. If Contractor considers any portion of its Response to be exempt from disclosure under Florida law, Contractor must provide Buyer with a separate redacted copy of the Response and briefly describe in writing the grounds for claiming exemption from the public records law, including the specific statutory citation. Contractor shall be responsible for defending its determination that the redacted portions of its Response are confidential, trade secret or otherwise not subject to disclosure. Further, Contractor shall protect, defend, and indemnify Buyer for any and all claims arising from or relating to Contractor's determination that the redacted portions of its Response are confidential, trade secret or otherwise not subject to disclosure. If Contractor fails to submit a Redacted Copy with its Response in accordance with Section 2.4 above, Buyer is authorized to produce the entire Response in answer to a public records request.

In accordance with Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, the Contractor shall:

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

The above requirements apply to a "Contractor" as defined in Section, 119.0701, Florida Statutes.

IF 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 DISTRICT'S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (239) 590-4200; RECORDS@FMBFIREFL.GOV; FORT MYERS BEACH FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT, PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST, 17891 SAN CARLOS BLVD, FORT MYERS BEACH, FL 33931.

- 2.13 **Multiple Responses from Same Contractor; No Collusion.** More than one Response from an individual, firm, partnership, corporation or association under the same or different names is not permitted. Reasonable grounds for believing that a Contractor is involved in more than one Response for the same work will be cause for rejection of all Responses in which such Contractor is believed to be involved. Any or all Responses will be rejected if there is reason to believe that collusion exists between Contractors. Responses in which the prices obviously are unbalanced will be grounds for rejection.
- 2.14 **Conflict of Interest.** Section 112.311 Florida Statute requires that a public official who has a financial interest in a bid or contract make a disclosure at the time that the bid or contract is submitted or at the time that the public official acquires a financial interest in the bid or contract, including but not limited to the public official's name, public office or position held, bid or proposal number, and the position or relationship of the public official with the bidder or Contractor. The parties will follow the provisions of Section 112.311 Florida Statute with respect to required disclosures by public officials who have or acquire a financial interest in a bid or contract with Buyer, to the extent the parties are aware of the same. All Contractors must submit the Conflict of Interest Certificate attached to the RFP.
- 2.15 **Convicted Vendor List.** A person or affiliate placed on the State of Florida convicted vendor list pursuant to Section 287.133, Florida Statutes; following a conviction for a public entity crime may not do any of the following for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list:
- submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity;
 - submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work;
 - submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity;
 - be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and
 - transact business with any public entity in excess of the Category Two threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes.

2.16 Discriminatory Vendor List. An entity or affiliate placed on the State of Florida discriminatory vendor list pursuant to Section 287.134, Florida Statutes, may not:

- submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity;
- submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work;
- submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity;
- be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, sub-contractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; or
- transact business with any public entity.

2.17 Contractor Representations. In submitting a Response, Contractor understands, represents, and acknowledges the following (if Contractor cannot so certify to any of following, Contractor shall submit with its Response a written explanation of why it cannot do so).

- Contractor currently has no delinquent obligations to the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District or any of its independent agencies.
- The Response is submitted in good faith and without any prior or future consultation or agreement with any other respondent or potential respondent;
- To the best of the knowledge of the person signing the Response, neither the Contractor, its affiliates, subsidiaries, owners, partners, principals or officers:
 - is currently under investigation by any governmental authority for conspiracy or collusion with respect to bidding on any public contract;
 - is currently under suspension or debarment by any governmental authority in the United States;
 - has within the preceding three years been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it, or is presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged, in connection with (i) obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a federal, state, or local government transaction or public contract; (ii) violation of federal or state antitrust statutes; or (iii) commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property; or
 - has within the preceding three-year period had one or more federal, state, or local government contracts terminated for cause or default.
- Pursuant to Section 287.135(2), *Florida Statutes*, a company is ineligible to, and may not, bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew a contract with an agency or local government entity for goods or services of:
 - (1) Any amount if, at the time of bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing such contract, Contractor is on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to Section 215.4725, *Florida Statutes*, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel; or
 - (2) One million dollars or more if, at the time of bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing such contract, Contractor:
 - i. Is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List created pursuant to Section 215.473, *Florida Statutes*; or
 - ii. Is engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

- Pursuant to Section 287.135(3)(a)4, *Florida Statutes*, District may terminate this Contract at District's option if this Contract is for goods or services in an amount of one million dollars or more and Contractor:
 - (1) Is found to have submitted a false certification under Section 287.135(5), *Florida Statutes*;
 - (2) Has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List created pursuant to Section 215.473, *Florida Statutes*;
 - (3) Is engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.
- Pursuant to Section 287.135(3)(b), *Florida Statutes*, District may terminate this Contract at District's option if this Contract is for goods and services of any amount and Contractor:
 - (1) Is found to have been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List; or
 - (2) Is engaged in a boycott of Israel.
- All representations made by Contractor to Buyer in connection with the RFP have been made after a diligent inquiry of its employees and agents responsible for preparing, approving, or submitting the Response.
- Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Buyer and its employees against any cost, damage, or expense which may be incurred or be caused by any error in the Response.
- All information provided by, and representations made by, Contractor are material and important and may be relied upon by Buyer in awarding the Contract.

2.18 Protests. Any protest concerning the RFP shall be made in accordance with the Protest Procedure in the Internal Competitive Solicitation/Negotiation Policy of the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District. A full copy of the procedure can be obtained by contacting Buyer's Contact Person. Please contact the Contact Person if you are uncertain of Buyer's website address or if you experience problems accessing it. Questions and requests made to the Contact Person shall not constitute formal Notice of Protest.

The Procurement Protest Procedures include the following provisions:

- The District reserves the right in its sole discretion to waive any informality in the competitive selection process and to reject any or all formal responses to a competitive solicitation.
- Upon ratification and posting the Notice of Intended Decision to the District website at www.FMBFIREFL.GOV, respondents shall have seventy-two (72) hours, not to include Saturdays, Sundays, and State and Federal holidays, to file a protest in writing to the Purchase Principal.
 - Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.
- For protests filed in a timely manner and in compliance with Florida Statutes, the District shall suspend the competitive selection and negotiation process.
- Once a protest is filed and accepted by the District, the protesting party shall post with the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District, a bond equal to one (1) percent of the estimated contract. The bond amount shall be determined by the estimated contract amount provided by the protesting respondent.
 - If the estimated contract was not provided by the protesting respondent, or the District disputes the estimation, the District shall utilize the following:
 - Substantially similar sized contracts within the last five (5) years; or
 - Contracts from other Independent Fire Districts; or

- other government agencies for substantially similar services.
- At the protesting parties sole discretion, in lieu of a bond, the District will accept a cashier's check, bank check, or official money order in place of a protest bond.
- If a protesting respondent prevails, they shall be eligible to recover the protest bond, costs, and charges excluding attorney fees.
- If the District prevails in the protest procedures, all costs and charges will be recovered from the respondent, excluding attorney fees and the remainder of the protest bond shall be refunded.

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3.1. Provision of Services. Contractor shall provide Buyer with all of the services and deliverables described in the RFP, the Response and the resulting Contract (collectively, the "Services"). If any services, functions or responsibilities are not specifically described in the RFP, the Response or the resulting Contract but are necessary for the proper performance and provision of the Services, they shall be deemed to be implied by and included within the scope of the Services to the same extent and in the same manner as if specifically described herein.

3.2. Relationship of the Parties. In performance of the Services, Contractor shall be acting in the capacity of an independent contractor and not as an agent, employee, partner, joint venture or associate of Buyer. Contractor shall be solely responsible for the labor, supplies, materials, means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures utilized to perform the Services in accordance with the Contract.

3.3. Buyer's Right to Make Changes. Buyer may unilaterally require, by written order, changes altering, adding to, or deducting from the Services ("Changes"), provided that such Changes are within the general scope of the Contract. Buyer will make an equitable adjustment in the Contract price or delivery date if the Change materially affects the cost or time of performance. Such equitable adjustments require the written consent of Contractor, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Parties will cooperate with each other in good faith in discussing the scope and nature of the Change, the availability of Contractor personnel, the expertise and resources to provide such Change, and the time period in which such Change will be implemented.

3.4. Service Warranties. Contractor warrants that the Services shall be performed and delivered in a professional, first-class manner in accordance with the Contract and the standards prevailing in the industry. Contractor shall also undertake the following actions without additional consideration during the term of the Contract and for one year thereafter: (i) promptly making necessary revisions or corrections to resolve any errors and omissions on the part of Contractor; and (ii) conferring with Buyer for the purpose of interpreting any of the Services or information furnished. Acceptance of the Services by Buyer shall not relieve Contractor of these responsibilities. The warranties and covenants in this paragraph will extend to all subcontractors as well.

The foregoing warranties and covenants shall not apply (i) with respect to any portions of the Service that have been produced by anyone other than Contractor or its subcontractors; (ii) to any modifications made by anyone other than Contractor or its subcontractors or without Contractor's specific prior written consent; or (iii) to any use of the Service in a manner or for any purpose other than those contemplated in the Contract. **EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY STATED IN THE CONTRACT, THERE ARE NO WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES REGARDING MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. CONTRACTOR'S WARRANTIES EXTEND SOLELY TO BUYER.**

3.5. Buyer Will Assist Contractor. At Contractor's request, Buyer will provide reasonable assistance and cooperation to Contractor, including the supply of any data and information necessary for Contractor to provide the Services. Buyer will also designate a Contract Manager who will, on behalf of Buyer, work with Contractor and administer the Contract in accordance with its terms.

3.6. Location Requirements for Services. Unless otherwise stated in the RFP or the Response, the majority of the Services shall be performed within Lee County, Florida and no Services will be performed outside of the United States. These restrictions may be modified in writing if Buyer determines, in its sole discretion, that the restrictions impose an undue burden on Contractor's ability to perform the Services as contemplated in the Contract.

3.7. Use of Subcontractors; Flow-Down Provisions. Except to the extent the use of subcontractors is disclosed in the Response or consented to in writing by Buyer, Contractor shall not be allowed to subcontract or assign any of its duties and obligations hereunder. In all cases, Contractor will be responsible for the acts or omissions of its subcontractors. Contractor will ensure that all relevant contractual obligations will flow down to the subcontractors and will be incorporated into the

subcontracts (including the obligations relating to insurance, indemnification, delays, intellectual property rights, public records, non-discrimination, audits, security, location of services, termination, transition assistance, warranties, and the manner in which the Services are to be performed).

3.8. Meetings and Reports. Contractor must attend all meetings and public hearings relative to the Services where its presence is determined to be necessary and requested by Buyer and Contractor can reasonably schedule its appearance. Unless otherwise agreed, Contractor shall provide a monthly report summarizing Contractor's performance. Contractor shall provide other periodic reports respecting the Services as Buyer reasonably requests.

3.9. Ownership of Works.

(a) As used in Sections 3.9 and 3.10, the term "Work" shall mean each deliverable, drawing, design, specification, rendering, notebook, tracing, photograph, reference book, equipment, expendable equipment and material, negative, report, finding, recommendation, data and memorandum of every description, shared with or delivered to Buyer pursuant to the Contract.

(b) With the exception of Contractor's pre-existing intellectual capital and third-party intellectual capital as described in Section 3.10 below, Buyer shall own all right, title and interest, including ownership of copyright (limited to the extent permitted by the terms of any governing licenses), in and to each Work including, but not limited to, software, source code, reports, deliverable, or work product developed by Contractor specifically for Buyer in connection with the Contract, and derivative works relating to the foregoing. The use of these Works in any manner by Buyer shall not support any claim by Contractor for additional compensation.

(c) Each Work, and any portion thereof, shall be a "work made for hire" for Buyer pursuant to federal copyright laws. Any software, report, deliverable, or work product as used in connection with the Work, but previously developed by Contractor specifically for other customers of Contractor or for the purpose of providing substantially similar services to other Contractor customers, generally shall not be considered "work made for hire", so long as the foregoing are not first conceived or reduced to practice as part of the Work. To the extent any of the Works are not deemed works made for hire by operation of law, Contractor hereby irrevocably assigns, transfers, and conveys to Buyer, or its designee, without further consideration all of its right, title and interest in such Work, including all rights of patent, copyright, trade secret, trademark or other proprietary rights in such materials. Except as provided in the foregoing sentences, Contractor acknowledges that Buyer shall have the right to obtain and hold in its own name any intellectual property right in and to the Work. Contractor agrees to execute any documents or take any other actions as may reasonably be necessary, or as Buyer may reasonably request, to perfect or evidence Buyer's ownership of the Work.

3.10. Intellectual Property.

(a) Contractor grants to Buyer an irrevocable, perpetual, royalty free and fully paid-up right to use (and such right includes, without limitation, a right to copy, modify and create derivative works from the subject matter of the grant and the right to sublicense all, or any portion of, the foregoing rights to an affiliate or a third party who provides service to Buyer) Contractor's intellectual property (including, without limitation, all trade secrets, patents, copyright and know-how) that is contained or embedded in, required for the use of, that was used in the production of or is required for the reproduction, modification, maintenance, servicing, improvement or continued operation of any applicable unit of Work.

(b) If the Work contains, has embedded in, or requires for the use of, any third party intellectual property, or if the third party intellectual property is required for the reproduction, modification, maintenance, servicing, improvement or continued operation of the Work, Contractor shall secure for Buyer an irrevocable, perpetual, royalty free and fully paid-up right to use all third party intellectual property. Contractor shall secure such right at its expense and prior to incorporating any

third party intellectual property (including, without limitation, all trade secrets, patents, copyright and know-how) into any Work, including, without limitation, all drawings or data provided under the Contract, and such right must include, without limitation, a right to copy, modify and create derivative works from the subject matter of the grant of the right and a right to sublicense all or any portion of the foregoing rights to an affiliate or a third party service provider. This subparagraph does not apply to standard office software (e.g., Microsoft Office).

(c) Should Buyer, or any third party obtaining such Work through Buyer, use the Work or any part thereof for any purpose other than that which is specified in the Contract, it shall be at Buyer's and such third party's sole risk.

3.11. Software Development Processes and Standards. To the extent any software is developed, modified, or otherwise procured under the Contract, Contractor will use commercially-accepted software development and documentation processes and standards.

3.12. Limitation of Warranty for Buyer-Furnished Software. In lieu of any other warranty expressed or implied herein, Buyer warrants that any programming aids and software packages supplied for Contractor use as Buyer-furnished property shall be suitable for their intended use on the system(s) for which designed. In the case of programming aids and software packages acquired by Buyer from a commercial source, such warranty is limited to that set forth in the contractual document covering the product(s). Should Buyer furnish Contractor with any programming aids or software packages that are found not to be suitable for their intended use on the system(s) for which designed, Contractor shall notify Buyer and supply documentation regarding any defects and their effect on progress on the Contract. Buyer will consider equitably adjusting the delivery performance dates or compensation, or both, and any other contractual provision affected by the Buyer-furnished property in accordance with the procedures provided for in Section 3.3 above ("Buyer's Right to Make Changes").

3.13. Loss of Data. If any Buyer data or record is lost or corrupted due to the negligence of Contractor or any of its subcontractors or agents, Contractor shall be responsible for correcting and recreating all production, test, acceptance and training files or databases affected which are used in the provision of services, at no additional cost to the Customer in the manner and on the schedule set by Buyer. This remedy shall be in addition to any other remedy Buyer may be entitled to by law or the Contract.

3.14. Purchase Orders. If the Contract requires a Service to be ordered by Buyer via purchase order, Contractor shall not deliver or furnish the Service until a Buyer transmits a purchase order. All purchase orders shall bear the Contract or solicitation number, shall be placed by Buyer directly with Contractor, and shall be deemed to incorporate by reference the Contract. Any discrepancy between the Contract terms and the terms stated on the Contractor's order form, confirmation, or acknowledgement shall be resolved in favor of terms most favorable to Buyer.

3.15. Best Pricing for Comparable Services to Other Government Entities. Compensation for the Services shall be as set forth in the Contract. During the Contract term, if Contractor offers better pricing to other government entities for substantially the same or a smaller quantity of Services upon the same or similar terms of the Contract ("Better Pricing"), then the price under the Contract shall be immediately reduced to the better price. Buyer may require Contractor to certify on an annual basis that Better Pricing (as defined above) does not exist.

3.16. Invoicing and Payment.

(a) Unless otherwise specified in the RFP, payment to Contractor for Services shall be made on a monthly basis for the Services provided by Contractor for the preceding month. Invoices shall contain the Contract number, purchase order number if applicable, and the appropriate vendor identification number. Buyer may require any other information from Contractor that Buyer deems necessary to verify its obligation to pay under the Contract. Payments will be made to Contractor

approximately forty-five (45) days after receipt and acceptance of a proper invoice. Buyer does not pay service charges, interest or late fees unless required by law.

(b) To the extent Contractor's fees include reimbursement for travel or travel-related expenses, such travel and travel-related expenses shall be subject to and governed by the provisions and limitations of Travel and Per Diem Expenses, Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District Policy Number 123.

(c) Buyer's obligations to make payment are contingent upon availability of lawfully appropriated funds for the Services.

3.17. Taxes. Buyer is generally exempt from any taxes imposed by the State of Florida or the Federal Government. Exemption certificates will be provided upon request. Contractor shall not include any state, local and federal taxes in any prices quoted to Buyer.

3.18. Right of Setoff. Buyer may, in addition to other remedies available at law or equity and upon notice to Contractor, retain such monies from amounts due Contractor as may be necessary to satisfy any claim for damages, penalties, costs and the like asserted in good faith by Buyer (or any other local government entity or authority located in Lee County, Florida) against Contractor.

3.19. Retention of Records / Audits.

(a) Contractor must establish and maintain books, records, contracts, sub-contracts, papers, financial records, supporting documents, statistical records and all other documents pertaining to the Contract (collectively, the "Records"), in whatsoever form or format (including electronic storage media) is reasonable, safe and sufficient.

(b) Contractor must retain all Records for a minimum period consistent with guidance in the State of Florida General Records Schedule as may be amended. If an audit has been initiated and audit findings have not been resolved at the end of the prescribed period, the Records shall be retained until resolution of the audit findings or any litigation which may be based on the terms of the Contract, at no additional cost to Buyer. Records shall be retained for longer periods when the retention period exceeds the time frames required by law or ordinance.

(c) At all reasonable times for as long as the Records are maintained, Contractor must allow persons duly authorized by Buyer (including Buyer's auditor and inspector general offices), and to have full access to and the right to examine, copy or audit any of the Records, regardless of the form in which kept. Contractor will not charge Buyer for any setup, supervision or space in connection with the examination and audit. Photocopying charges will not exceed the actual and reasonable cost of the copies to Contractor, and Buyer shall be permitted to bring its photocopying equipment if Buyer so desires.

(d) Consultant must comply with and cooperate in any audits or reports requested by Buyer, and must ensure that all related party transactions are disclosed to the auditor.

(e) Consultant must permit Buyer to interview any of Consultant's employees, subcontractors and subcontractor employees to assure Buyer of the satisfactory performance of the terms and conditions of the Contract. Unless the parties agree otherwise or Buyer is willing to pay for the employee's reasonable travel expenses, the interviews will be conducted at the employee's primary place of work. Contractor will not charge Buyer for any employee time unless the interview time for that employee exceeds eight (8) hours in a calendar year.

(f) Following any audit or review, if performance of Consultant's, in the opinion of Buyer, deficient, Buyer will deliver to Contractor a written report of the deficiencies and request for development by Contractor of a corrective action plan. Contractor hereby agrees to prepare and submit, to Buyer, said corrective plan within ten (10) days of receiving Buyer's written report. Thereafter,

Contractor must correct all deficiencies in the corrective action plan within a reasonable time after Buyer's receipt of the corrective action plan.

(g) All reports and other information provided by Contractor pursuant to this Section shall be submitted under penalties of perjury, under Section 837.06, Florida Statutes.

(h) Contractor must include the aforementioned audit, inspection, investigation and record-keeping requirements in all subcontracts and Contract assignments.

(i) Contractor agrees to reimburse Buyer for the reasonable costs of investigation incurred by Buyer for audits, inspections and investigations that uncover a material violation of the Contract. Such costs shall include the salaries of investigators, including overtime, travel and lodging expenses, and expert witness and documentary fees. Contractor shall not be responsible for any costs of investigations that do not uncover a material violation of the Contract.

3.20. Indemnification. Nothing contained in this Contract shall be deemed a waiver of the District's rights under Florida Statute § 786.28 or sovereign immunity.

3.21. Insurance. See Attachment G

3.22. Buyer's Right to Suspend Work. Buyer may in its sole discretion suspend any or all activities under the Contract by providing a written notice to Contractor at least five (5) days in advance that outlines the particulars of suspension. Within ninety (90) days of providing such notice, or within any longer period agreed to by Contractor, Buyer shall either (1) authorize the resumption of work, at which time activity shall resume, or (2) terminate the Contract in accordance with the applicable termination provisions. Suspension of work shall not entitle Contractor to any additional compensation. The parties will reasonably amend any schedules relating to performance of the Services to reflect the suspension of work hereunder. Contractor shall not be entitled to receive compensation for any work it performs after being excused from providing it hereunder.

3.23. Buyer's Right to Terminate for Convenience. Buyer reserves the right to terminate the Contract at any time and for any reason by giving written notice to Contractor. If the Contract is terminated for convenience as provided herein, Buyer will be relieved of all further obligations other than payment for that amount of Services actually performed to the date of termination. Access to any and all work papers will be provided to Buyer after the termination of the Contract. The parties understand and agree that Contractor shall not have a reciprocal right to terminate the Contract for convenience; it being understood that Buyer's payment for Services forms the consideration for Contractor not having this right. In the event of Buyer's termination of the Contract, Buyer (in its sole discretion) may also require Contractor to provide the Transition Services as set forth in Section 3.26 below.

3.24. Buyer's Remedies Upon Contractor Default. Any one or more of the following events, if not cured within ten (10) calendar days after Contractor's receipt of written notice thereof, shall constitute an "Event of Default" on the part of Contractor: (1) Contractor fails to perform the Services within the time specified in the Contract or any extension, (2) Contractor fails to maintain adequate progress, thus endangering performance of the Contract, (3) Contractor fails to honor any other material term of the Contract, or (4) Contractor fails to abide by any statutory, regulatory, or licensing requirement. Buyer may extend the 10-day cure period in its discretion.

In addition, the following shall constitute an immediate Event of Default with no right cure: (i) Contractor is found to have made a false representation or certification in its Response, or (ii) Contractor has been placed on the list maintained under Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, of companies with activities in Sudan or in Iran Petroleum Energy Sector.

Upon an "Event of Default" on the part of Contractor, Buyer will be entitled to terminate the Contract and pursue such other remedies available at law or equity, including the recovery of any re-procurement costs and delay damages. The rights and remedies available to Buyer under the Contract are distinct, separate and cumulative remedies, and no one of them, whether or not exercised by a party, shall be deemed to be in exclusion of any other.

If, after termination, it is determined that Contractor was not in default, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience.

3.25. Contractor Remedies Upon Buyer Default. Buyer shall be in default if Buyer fails to honor any material term of the Contract, and such failure is not cured within forty-five (45) calendar days after receipt of written notice thereof from Contractor. In the event of Buyer's default, Contractor will be entitled to terminate the Contract and pursue such other remedies available at law or equity as it deems appropriate. **Except as expressly provided elsewhere in the Contract, Contractor will not be entitled to recover any lost profits or consequential damages.** The rights and remedies available to Contractor under the Contract are distinct, separate and cumulative remedies, and no one of them shall be deemed to be in exclusion of any other.

3.26. Transition Services. At any time prior to the date the Contract expires or terminates for any reason (the "Termination Date"), Buyer may direct Contractor to provide reasonable transition assistance services ("Transition Assistance"). Contractor shall provide such Transition Assistance until such time as Buyer notifies Contractor that Buyer no longer requires such Transition Assistance, but in no event for more than 180 days following the Termination Date.

Transition Assistance shall mean any services, functions or responsibilities that are ordinarily or customarily provided to a purchaser to ensure that the services provided to that purchaser by a contractor are fully transitioned in a smooth and efficient manner to a new service provider (either Buyer itself or a third party contractor). Transition Assistance includes the development and implementation of a detailed transition plan. To the extent that Transition Assistance will involve third parties hired by Buyer, those third parties shall cooperate with Contractor in its provision of Transition Assistance and sign any reasonable non-disclosure agreements required by Contractor.

Transition Assistance rendered before the Termination Date shall be provided at no additional cost to Buyer. Transition Assistance rendered after the Termination Date shall be provided at the rates negotiated by the parties prior to the rendering of such service, which rates shall not exceed the standard market rates that Contractor charges to government entities for comparable services; provided however, that if Buyer terminates the Contract because of a breach by Contractor, then (i) the Transition Assistance shall be provided at no cost to Buyer, and (ii) Buyer will be entitled to any other remedies available to it under law. Contractor may withhold Transition Assistance after the Termination Date if Buyer does not provide reasonable assurance that the charges for such Transition Assistance will be paid to Contractor in accordance with the invoicing and payment provisions of the Contract.

3.27. Force Majeure, Notice of Delay, and No Damages for Delay. Neither party shall be responsible for delays in performance if the delay was beyond that party's control (or the control of its employees, subcontractors or agents). Contractor shall notify Buyer in writing of any such delay or potential delay and describe the cause of the delay either (1) within ten (10) calendar days after the cause that creates or will create the delay first arose, if Contractor could reasonably foresee that a delay could occur as a result, or (2) if delay is not reasonably foreseeable, within five (5) calendar days after the date Contractor first had reason to believe that a delay could result. Based upon such notice, Buyer will give Contractor a reasonable extension of time to perform; provided, however, that Buyer may elect to terminate the Contract in whole or in part if Buyer determines, in its sole judgment, that such a delay will significantly impair the value of the Contract to Buyer. Providing notice in strict accordance with this paragraph is a condition precedent to such remedy. **THE FOREGOING SHALL CONSTITUTE CONTRACTOR'S SOLE REMEDY OR EXCUSE WITH RESPECT TO DELAY.** No claim for damages, other than for an

extension of time, shall be asserted against Buyer. Contractor shall not be entitled to an increase in the Contract price or payment of any kind from Buyer for direct, indirect, consequential, impact or other costs, expenses or damages, including but not limited to costs of acceleration or inefficiency arising because of delay, disruption, interference, or hindrance from any cause whatsoever.

3.28. No Waiver. The delay or failure by a party to exercise or enforce any of its rights under the Contract shall not constitute or be deemed a waiver of that party's right thereafter to enforce those rights, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, Buyer's payment for the Services shall not release Contractor of its obligations under the Contract and shall not be deemed a waiver of Buyer's right to insist upon strict performance hereof.

3.29. Qualification of Contractor Employees, Subcontractors, and Agents. All Contractor employees, subcontractors and agents performing work under the Contract shall be properly trained and qualified. Upon request, Contractor shall furnish a copy of technical certification or other proof of qualification. All employees, subcontractors and agents performing work under the Contract must comply with all reasonable administrative requirements of Buyer and with all controlling laws and regulations relevant to the services they are providing under the Contract. Buyer may conduct, and Contractor shall cooperate in, a security background check or other assessment of any employee, subcontractor or agent furnished by Contractor. Buyer may refuse access to, or require replacement of, any personnel for reasonable cause.

Contractor shall take all actions necessary to ensure that Contractor's employees, subcontractors and agents are not considered employees of Buyer. Such actions include, but are not limited to, ensuring that Contractor's employees, subcontractors and agents receive payment and any legally mandated insurance (e.g., workers' compensation and unemployment compensation) from an employer other than Buyer.

As a condition to providing services to Buyer, Contractor (and any subcontractor) will enroll and participate in the federal E-Verify Program within thirty days of the effective date of the Contract. Proof of enrollment and participation will be made available to Buyer upon request.

3.30. Security Procedures. Contractor and its employees, subcontractors and agents shall comply fully with all generally applicable security procedures of the United States, the State of Florida and Buyer in performance of the Contract. Buyer agrees that any security procedures imposed by Buyer specifically for the Contract will be reasonable and will not impose any unreasonable costs or hardships.

3.31. Restrictions on the Use or Disclosure of Buyer's Information. Contractor shall not use, copy or disclose to third parties, except in connection with performing the Services, any information obtained by Contractor or its agents, subcontractors or employees in the course of performing the Services, including, but not limited to, security procedures, business operations information, or commercial proprietary information in the possession of Buyer. At Buyer's request, all information furnished by Buyer will be returned to Buyer upon completion of the Services. Contractor shall not be required to keep confidential any information that has already been made publicly available through no fault of Contractor or that Contractor developed independently without relying on Buyer's information. To ensure confidentiality, Contractor shall take appropriate steps as to its employees, agents, and subcontractors, including the insertion of these restrictions in any subcontract agreement. The warranties of this paragraph shall survive the Contract.

3.32. Protection of Contractor's Trade Secrets and Other Confidential Information. All documents received by Buyer in connection with this Agreement are subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (the "Florida Public Records Law"). Any specific information that Contractor claims to be a trade secret or otherwise exempt from the Florida Public Records Law must be clearly identified as such by Contractor on all copies furnished to Buyer. Buyer agrees to notify Contractor of any third-party request to view such information, but it is Contractor's obligation to obtain a court order enjoining disclosure. If

Contractor fails to obtain a court order enjoining disclosure within five (5) business days of Contractor's receiving notice of the request, Buyer may release the requested information. Such release shall be deemed for purposes of the Contract to be made with Contractor's consent and will not be deemed to be a violation of law, including but not limited to laws concerning trade secrets, copy right or other intellectual property.

3.33. Assignment. Each party binds itself and its respective successors and assigns in all respects to all of the terms, conditions, covenants and provisions of the Contract. Contractor shall not sell, assign or transfer any of its rights (including rights to payment), duties or obligations under the Contract without the prior written consent of Buyer. In the event of any assignment, Contractor shall remain liable for performance of the Contract unless Buyer expressly waives such liability. Buyer may assign the Contract with prior written notice to Contractor of its intent to do so. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any officer, employee or agent of Buyer.

3.34. Notice and Approval of Changes in Ownership. Because the award of the Contract may have been predicated upon Contractor's ownership structure, Contractor agrees that any transfer of a substantial interest in Contractor by any of its owners shall require Buyer's prior written approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or unreasonably delayed. By execution of the Contract, Contractor represents that it has no knowledge of any intent to transfer a substantial interest in Contractor. A substantial interest shall mean at least 25% of the voting shares in Contractor. This section shall not apply to (i) transfers occurring upon the incapacitation or death of an owner; (ii) transfers associated with an initial public offering on the NYSE or NASDAQ markets; or (iii) transfers to a company whose stock is publicly traded on the NYSE or NASDAQ markets.

3.35. Assignment of Antitrust Claims. Contractor and Buyer recognize that in actual economic practice, overcharges resulting from antitrust violations are in fact usually borne by Buyer. Therefore, Contractor hereby assigns to Buyer any and all claims under the antitrust laws of Florida or the United States for overcharges of goods, materials or services purchased in connection with the Contract.

3.36. Equal Employment Opportunity. The Equal Opportunity clause in Title 41, Part 60-1.4 of the Code of Federal Regulations (Paragraphs 1 through 7 of President's Executive Order 11246), the provisions of the Equal Opportunity for Individuals with Disabilities Act in 42 U.S.C. Section 12112, the Listing of Employment Openings for Veterans Clause in Title 41, Part 50-260.2 of the Code of Federal Regulations and the Disabled Veterans and Veterans of the Vietnam era Clause in Title 41, Part 60-250.5 of the Code of Federal Regulations, are incorporated herein by reference if and to the extent applicable. If Contractor is exempt from any of the above cited terms, written evidence of such exempt status must be provided to Buyer.

3.37. Other Non-Discrimination Provisions. As required by Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District Policy Number 113: Nondiscrimination/ Anti-Harassment Policy and Complaint Procedure, contractor represents that it has adopted and will maintain throughout the term of this contract a policy of nondiscrimination or harassment against any person with regard to race, color, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, political affiliation, national origin, disability, age, marital status, veteran status, or any other impermissible factor in recruitment, hiring, compensation, training, placement, promotion, discipline, demotion, transfers, layoff, recall, termination, working conditions and related terms and conditions of employment. Contractor agrees that, on written request, it will permit reasonable access to its records of employment, employment advertisement, application forms and other pertinent data and records, by the Contact Person identified in Section 1.11, for the purpose of investigation to ascertain compliance with the non-discrimination provisions of the Contract; *provided however*, that Contractor shall not be required to produce, for inspection, records covering periods of time more than one (1) year prior to the effective date of the Contract. Contractor agrees that, if any of the products or Services to be provided pursuant to the Contract are to be provided by a subcontractor, the provisions of this Section shall be incorporated into and become a part of the subcontract.

3.38. Prompt Payment to Subcontractors and Suppliers. The following is required by Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District Policy 1004: Purchasing Administrative Policy:

(a) *Generally.* When Contractor receives payment from Buyer for labor, services or materials furnished by subcontractors and suppliers hired by Contractor, Contractor shall remit payment due (less proper retainage) to those subcontractors and suppliers within fifteen (15) calendar days after Contractor's receipt of payment from Buyer. Nothing herein shall prohibit Contractor from disputing, pursuant to the terms hereof, all or any portion of a payment alleged to be due to its subcontractors and suppliers. In the event of such dispute, Contractor may dispute the disputed portion of any such payment only after Contractor has provided notice to the Buyer and to the subcontractor or supplier whose payment is in dispute, which notice shall: (i) be in writing; (ii) state the amount in dispute; (iii) specifically describe the actions required to cure the dispute; and (iv) be delivered to Buyer and said subcontractor or supplier within ten (10) calendar days after Contractor's receipt of payment from Buyer. Contractor shall pay all undisputed amounts due within the time limits imposed by this Section.

(b) *Third Party Liability.* The Prompt Payment requirements hereunder shall in no way create any contractual relationship or obligation between Buyer and any subcontractor, supplier, or any third party or create any Buyer liability for Contractor's failure to make timely payments hereunder. However, Contractor's failure to comply with the Prompt Payment requirements shall constitute a material breach of Contractor's contractual obligations to Buyer. As a result of said breach, Buyer, without waiving any other available remedy it may have against Contractor, may: (i) issue joint checks; and (ii) charge Contractor a 0.2% daily late payment charge or the charges specified in Chapter 218, Florida Statutes.

3.39. Conflicts of Interest. Contractor acknowledges that Section 112.311 Florida Statute requires that a public official who has a financial interest in a bid or contract make a disclosure at the time that the bid or contract is submitted or at the time that the public official acquires a financial interest in the bid or contract, including but not limited to the public official's name, public office or position held, bid or proposal number, and the position or relationship of the public official with the bidder or contractor.

3.40. Contingent Fees Prohibited. Code: Contractor warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Contractor, to solicit or secure the Contract and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual or firm, other than a bona- fide employee working solely for Contractor, any fee, commission, percentage, gift or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of the Contract. For the breach or violation of these provisions, Buyer shall have the right to terminate the Contract without liability and, at its discretion, to deduct from the contract price, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift or consideration.

3.41. Truth in Negotiation Certificate. Pursuant to Section 218.391 Florida Statutes, the execution of the Contract by Contractor shall be deemed to be a simultaneous execution of a Truth-In- Negotiation Certificate, whereby Contractor states that the wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation hereunder are accurate, complete and current at the time of contracting. Further Contractor agrees that the compensation hereunder shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums where Buyer determines the contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete or non- current wage rates and other factual unit costs, provided that any and all such adjustments shall be made within one (1) year following the completion date of the Contract.

3.42. Compliance with Applicable Laws. Contractor (and any subcontractors) must comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations as the same exist and as may be amended from time to time, including, but not limited to:

- Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (the Florida Public Records Law);
- Section 286.011, Florida Statutes (the Florida Sunshine Law);
- All licensing and certification requirements applicable to performing the Services.

3.43. Cooperative Purchasing. Pursuant to their own governing laws, and subject to the agreement of Contractor, other entities may be permitted to make purchases at the terms and conditions contained herein. These purchases are independent of the agreement between Buyer and Contractor, and Buyer shall not be a party to such transactions.

3.44. Warranty of Ability to Perform. Contractor warrants that (i) it is ready, willing and able to perform its obligations under the Contract, and (ii) to the best of Contractor's knowledge, there are no pending or threatened actions, proceedings, investigations or any other legal or financial conditions that would in any way prohibit, restrain, or diminish Contractor's ability to satisfy its Contract obligations. Contractor shall immediately notify Buyer in writing if its ability to perform is compromised in any manner during the term of the Contract.

3.45. Warranty of Authority to Sign Contract. Each person signing the Contract warrants that he or she is duly authorized to do so and to bind the respective party to the Contract.

3.46. Governing State Law/Severability/Venue/Waiver of Jury Trial. The rights, obligations and remedies of the parties as specified under the Contract shall be interpreted and governed in all aspects by the laws of the State of Florida. Should any provision of the Contract be determined by the courts to be illegal, unenforceable or in conflict with any applicable law, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be impaired. Venue for litigation of the Contract shall be exclusively in courts of competent jurisdiction located in Lee County, Florida. The parties waive any and all rights to a jury trial with respect to disputes arising under the Contract.

3.47. Construction. Both parties acknowledge that they have had the opportunity to provide meaningful input into the terms and conditions contained in the Contract. Therefore, any doubtful or ambiguous provisions contained herein shall not be construed against the party who physically prepared the Contract. Article headings appearing herein are inserted for convenience or reference only and shall in no way be construed to be interpretations of text.

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Section 4 Description of Services and Deliverables

Scope of Work:

Requirements for Consultants:

1. Make recommendations, develop, manage, administer, and provide guidance on the District's recovery activities related to State and Federal programs, rules, and regulations.
2. Provide experienced and credentialed staff with in depth knowledge and subject matter experience working Local, State, or Federal Public Assistance recovery programs.
3. Provide technical assistance and advisory services related to mitigation and recovery from Federally Declared and Non-Declared Disasters.
4. Develop and implement strategies designed to maximize eligible Federal and State reimbursement.
5. Provide support for strategic planning and coordination of recovery efforts.
6. Review contracts and purchasing documentation to ensure compliance with the 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200 (Super Circular).
7. Attend meetings with FEMA, FDEM, and the District's personnel.
8. Coordinate the development of Project Worksheets (PWs) and other documented versions as required for FDEM and FEMA.
9. Develop hazard mitigation proposals under Section 406 of the Stafford Act. Identify, develop, and evaluate opportunities for hazard mitigation projects to reduce or eliminate risk from future events. Prepare hazard mitigation proposals, grant applications, benefit cost analysis, and other services related to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation, CDBG, and other mitigation programs.
10. Compile documentation to include records for contract expenditures, force account labor, and force account equipment for Project Worksheets.
11. Identify permit and regulatory requirements necessary for the submission of Project Worksheets.
12. Participate in dispute resolution with FDEM and FEMA, including the preparation of time extensions, appeals, and responses to Requests for Information (RFI).
13. Participate in FDEM Audits, Inspector General Audits, and FEMA Single Audits.
14. Prepare grant closeout documents, files, reports, and other required documentation to ensure funding of projects.
15. Record and upload documents as required by FDEM in Florida PA (FloridaPA.org) and the FEMA Grantee Portal (Grantee.FEMA.gov).
16. Provide continuous monitoring to achieve the District's goal of effectively obtaining all eligible reimbursements available from FEMA and other reimbursing agencies for the damages incurred and provide a dedicated team of multi-disciplined professionals to manage and oversee all aspects of State and Federal recovery processes.
17. Measure and formulate initial and joint damage assessments for projects required for the District by the FDEM and FEMA.
18. Provide applicant briefings, regarding alternate sources of funding, such as property insurance policies, and HUD CDBG-DR.
19. Prepare Request for Public Assistance (RPA) and other required documents for account activation with FDEM and FEMA such as Direct Deposit Authorization (DDA) and Designated Authorized Agent (DAA). Assist the District in preparing responses to FDEM risk assessments, as applicable, and other pre-award activity.
20. Coordinate and schedule site visits with the FDEM and FEMA and ensure appropriate District personnel are available and prepared.
21. Participate in FDEM and FEMA site visits to damaged areas, facilities, locations, and other project formulation efforts.
22. Assist the District in gathering information for FDEM and FEMA project formulation.

23. Prepare and review preliminary cost estimates, project scope formulation, project assumptions, and project estimates as written by FDEM or FEMA to ensure accuracy.
24. Prepare submission requests for Immediate Needs Funding (INF), cash advances, and cost share waivers as available.
25. Identify potential opportunities for the District to restore assets in a strategic or resilient manner, and prepare documentation for hazard mitigation under the Federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for improved or alternate projects.
26. Measure and project estimated expenses and assist in consolidating information into a presentable format as required by State and Federal agencies.
27. Document all disaster volunteer activity and measure value to apply toward the District's project cost share.
28. Attend and participate in key meetings such as the applicant briefing, kickoff meeting, ad hoc State and Federal agency meetings, or others at the direction of the District.
29. Document meeting minutes, key information provided by State and Federal agencies, and positions rendered to minimize re-work and loss of work product caused by personnel turnover.
30. Provide applicant briefings regarding all alternate sources of funding beyond State and Federal agencies.
31. Assist the District in gathering information for FEMA's use in project formulation.
32. Prepare preliminary cost estimates and project scope formulation.
33. Review project estimates as written by FEMA to ensure completion and accuracy.
34. Prepare and enter all Request for Reimbursements (RFR's), quarterly reports, and supporting documentation into FDEM at FloridaPA.org
35. Compile detailed reports to document any Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District, consultant, or contractor hours and expenses classified as Direct Administrative Costs (DAC) or Management and Administration cost and eligible for reimbursement.
36. Review the District's insurance policies to ensure compliance with the FEMA Public Assistance Program.
37. Prepare and collaborate with the District on insurance claims.
38. Review Eligibility Assessments made by FEMA or FDEM that may affect the District's projects.
39. Prepare all correspondence and supporting documentation for the appeals process for any eligibility or other rulings not in favor of the District.
40. Assist in all Federal and State Project Closeout processes.
41. Assist with Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) process, documentation, and approvals required for any projects.
42. Provide counseling and services related to administration of pre-disaster and post-disaster grant awards for a variety of project types including, but are not limited to, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).
43. If requested to work in the District's Emergency Operations Center (EOC), follow all EOC guidelines and provide all tools and materials used in performing consultant tasks.

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Attachment A – Response Format

To maintain comparability and facilitate the evaluation process, Responses shall be organized in the manner set forth below. Tab delineations for each of the five sections would be helpful.

- 1) **Title Page:** Include RFP Title, RFP Number, Contractor’s full name, address, and phone number.
- 2) **Cover Letter:** Include the following:
 - Date of Letter.
 - RFP Title and Number
 - Contractor’s full name, address, and phone number.
 - Names of the persons authorized to make representations for the Contractor, their titles, addresses (including email address), and telephone numbers.
 - Contractor’s Federal Employer ID Number.
 - Acknowledgement that (i) the Response is based on the terms set forth in the RFP and all amendments thereto posted on Buyer’s website as of the date of the Response, and (ii) the Contractor will be responsible for monitoring Buyer’s website for subsequent amendments and for either maintaining, amending or withdrawing the Response prior to the Response Due Date based on those subsequent amendments.
 - Signature of Authorized Representative.
- 3) **Required Forms.** Attach all forms identified in Section 1 or in Attachments C or E, each signed by an authorized representative. Examples of the forms that may be required include:
 - Price Sheet.
 - Conflict of Interest Certificate.
 - Business References.
 - Equal Business Opportunity Program Forms (if required in Attachment C).
 - Federal Forms (if required in Attachment E).
 - Insurance Agent Acknowledgement Form 3 (must be completed and signed by the bidder’s insurance agent and submitted with the bid response.)
- 4) **Proof of Minimum Requirements.** Responses will ONLY be accepted from companies meeting the minimum requirements in Section 1 of the RFP. Contractor must provide clear documentation that they meet the minimum requirements.
- 5) **Statement of Qualifications.** This portion of the Response will be used to provide the information Buyer needs to evaluate how well the Contractor meets the criteria listed in Attachment B – Evaluation Criteria. Failure to provide adequate information on any criterion will result in lower scores and could result in rejection of the Response as non-responsive. Please divide this portion of the Response into ten subsections (one subsection for each of the listed criteria).

Attachment B- Evaluation Matrix

The evaluations will be based upon the following criteria, and Contractors are requested to provide, as a minimum, the information listed under each criterion. **Failure to provide adequate information on any criterion will result in lower scores and could result in rejection of the proposal as non-responsive.** The response to each of the criterion will be evaluated and awarded a score of 1 through maximum points. **Contractors are encouraged to arrange their responses in a format that will offer ready review and evaluation of each criterion.**

- 1) **COMPETENCE.** Including professional and/or technical education and training; experience in the kind of projects to be undertaken; availability of adequate personnel, equipment and facilities and the extent of repeat business of the persons. Provide names and resumes of all individuals to be assigned to this project. List previous projects similar to the one in the RFP, which have been satisfactorily completed. Provide resumes of principal staff/project manager showing years of experience in the field to which they are assigned for this project. **(10 points maximum score)**
- 2) **CURRENT WORKLOAD.** Provide the number and size of the projects currently being performed. Discuss past ability to deliver projects on a timely basis under similar current workload conditions. **(10 points maximum score)**
- 3) **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.** Describe form of business, i.e., proprietorship, partnership, corporation; years in business; changes in ownership; bank reference(s); past, present, pending and/or threatened legal proceedings within any forum; and any other information the Contractor may wish to supply to demonstrate financial responsibility. Failure to provide all listed information and documentation will result in score less than maximum for this criterion. **(10 points maximum score)**
- 4) **ABILITY TO OBSERVE AND ADVISE WHETHER PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS ARE BEING COMPLIED WITH, WHERE APPLICABLE.** Describe experience, ability, and understanding of Contractor and assigned personnel in observing and monitoring instruction or direction to similarly related tasks. **(10 points maximum score)**
- 5) **PAST AND PRESENT RECORD OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH SPECIAL DISTRICT'S, AGENCIES, AND OTHERS.** Provide a list of completed projects that are similar in nature and scope to the project under consideration with references to include owner's contact person and telephone number. Describe any outstanding accomplishments that relate to specific services being sought. Responding to this evaluation criterion necessitates that Contractors include statements of their past and present record of professional accomplishments or performance with special districts and other forms of local governments that are similar in nature to the size and scope of professional services and/or work required for the project solicitation herein. **(10 points maximum score)**
- 6) **PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES.** Provide professional staff resources and key personnel with a background including Emergency Management, Homeland Security, FEMA, and Inspector General experience, Accounting, Audit, Engineering, and Insurance. Resumes, professional certifications, etc. should be provided for evaluation. **(10 points maximum score)**
- 7) **PAST AND PRESENT DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT TO SMALL AND EMERGINE BUSINESSES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD A DIVERSE MARKET PLACE.** Responding to this evaluation criterion necessitates that Contractors indicate their past and present commitment to small and emerging businesses. More specifically, responses to this

evaluation criterion should include, without limitation, statements that document the Contractor's: (i) commitment to diversity among the directors, officers, members and/or employees that make up its firm; (ii) commitment to diversity within its community and beyond; (iii) commitment to and/or utilization of minority, women-owned, small and emerging businesses on past projects; and (iv) commitment to and/or utilization of minority, women-owned, small and emerging businesses for the project solicitation in question. **(10 points maximum score)**

- 8) **ABILITY TO DESIGN AN APPROACH AND WORK PLAN TO MEET THE PROJECT REQUIREMENTS.** Describe the Contractor's understanding of the requirements of this solicitation, and its ability, approach and/or plan to satisfy the same in complete compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations. **(10 points maximum score)**

- 9) **QUOTATION OF RATES, FEES OR CHARGES AND OTHER DETAILED COST PROPOSAL OR COST BREAKDOWN INFORMATION.** Describe the Contractor's overall willingness to meet both time and budget requirements for the project, in particular, proposed total compensation or unit price quotations, including, without limitation, hourly rates, fees, or other charges that will ultimately be used during contract negotiations to calculate or determine total compensation. **(10 points maximum score)**

ATTACHMENT C

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ATTACHMENT D

SERVICES CONTRACT
BETWEEN
THE FORT MYERS BEACH
FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT
AND
INSERT CORPORATE NAME OF CONTRACTOR
FOR
INSERT SUMMARY OF SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED

THIS CONTRACT, made and entered into this ____ day of _____ 2023 (the "Effective Date"), by and between the FORT MYERS BEACH FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT (the "DISTRICT"), an Independent Special District existing under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, and _____ (the "CONTRACTOR"), a _____ corporation authorized to transact business in Florida and with its principal offices at _____.

WHEREAS the DISTRICT (as the "Buyer") issued a Request for Proposal No. _____ (the "RFP") for certain services described in the RFP (the "Services"); and

WHEREAS, based on CONTRACTOR'S response to the RFP dated _____, consisting of pages (the "Response"), the DISTRICT has negotiated and awarded this Contract to CONTRACTOR;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants contained below, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Performance of Services.** The Services will be performed by CONTRACTOR as specified in the RFP and the Response.

Compensation. CONTRACTOR will be paid by the DISTRICT for the Services as specified on the Price Sheets attached as Form 1, Price Sheet.

2. **Term.** The initial term of this Contract shall commence on the Effective Date and shall expire on _____, unless sooner terminated by either party in accordance with the terms of the RFP. This Contract may be renewed for up to three additional one (1) year periods by (i) the DISTRICT, at its sole discretion, upon written notice to CONTRACTOR at least sixty (60) days prior to end of the then- current term, or (ii) upon the mutual agreement of the parties.

3. **Contract Documents.** This Contract consists of the following documents which are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein and which, in case of conflict, shall have priority in the order listed:

- This document, as modified by any subsequent signed amendments.
- Any amendments to the RFP
- Specific Information Regarding the RFP (Section 1 of the RFP)
- Description of Services and Deliverables (Section 4 of the RFP)
- General Instructions to Respondents (Section 2 of the RFP)
- General Contract Conditions (Section 3 of the RFP)
- Any Purchase Order under the Contract
- The Response, provided that any terms in the Response that are prohibited under the RFP shall not be included in this Contract.

4. **Notices.** All notices under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by other delivery with receipt to the following:

As to the DISTRICT:
Jane Thompson
17891 San Carlos Blvd
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

As to the CONTRACTOR:

5. **Contract Managers.** Each Party will designate a Contract Manager during the term of this Contract whose responsibility shall be to oversee the Party's performance of its duties and obligations pursuant to the terms of this Contract. As of the Effective Date, DISTRICT'S Contract Manager is Jane Thompson, 17891 San Carlos Blvd, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931, and the CONTRACTOR'S Contract Manager is [Insert Name and Address]. Each Party shall provide prompt written notice to the other Party of any changes to the Party's Contract Manager or his or her contact information; provided, such changes shall not be deemed Contract amendments and may be provided via email.

6. **Entire Agreement.** This Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto for the Services to be performed and furnished by the CONTRACTOR. No statement, representation, writing, understanding, agreement, course of action or course of conduct, made by either party or any representative of either party, which is not expressed herein shall be binding. CONTRACTOR may not unilaterally modify the terms of this Contract by affixing additional terms to materials delivered to the DISTRICT (e.g., "shrink wrap" terms accompanying or affixed to a deliverable) or by including such terms on a purchase order or payment document. CONTRACTOR acknowledges that it is entering into this Contract for its own purposes and not for the benefit of any third party.

7. **Amendments.** All changes to, additions to, modifications of, or amendment to this Contract, or any of the terms, provisions and conditions hereof, shall be binding only when in writing and signed by the authorized officer, agent or representative of each of the parties hereto.

8. **Counterparts.** This Contract, and all amendments thereto, may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of such counterparts together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

[Remainder of page left blank intentionally. Signature page follows immediately.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Contract as of the day and year first above written.

ATTEST:

FORT MYERS BEACH FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

By _____
Signature

By _____
Signature

Type/Print Name

Type/Print Name

Title

Title

ATTEST:

INSERT NAME OF CONTRACTOR.

By _____
Signature

By _____
Signature

Type/Print Name

Type/Print Name

Title

Title

**Attachment ‘E’
Federal Funding Provisions**

This Project will be funded partly or in total by the Federal Government. Therefore, Bidders must comply with the Federal Regulations of these specifications contained in these specifications.

Bidders shall include the following forms with their sealed bids in addition to the Bid Form, Conflict of Interest, Bid Proposal Form, all issued addendums (as applicable):

- Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension - Form 1
- Certification Regarding Lobbying – Form 2

1. REQUIRED FEDERAL AFFIRMATIVE STEPS.

A prime contractor, if subcontractors are used, must, at a minimum, take the following six “affirmative steps” to assure that minority firms, women’s business enterprises, and labor area surplus firms are used when possible:

- (1) Solicitation Listing. The sub-grantee must place qualified small and minority businesses and women’s business enterprises on solicitation lists.
- (2) Soliciting. The sub-grantee must assure that small and minority businesses, and women’s business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources.
- (3) Breaking-up Requirements. The sub-grantee must divide total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority business, and women’s business enterprises. In applying this requirement, it is important to recognize that dividing up a large requirement into smaller parts so as to fall beneath the small acquisition threshold is prohibited, as would the opposite technique of bundling requirements so that it precludes small businesses, minority firms, and women’s business enterprises from being a prime contractor. Notwithstanding, dividing a bona fide large requirement into smaller components to facilitate participation by small businesses would be acceptable.
- (4) Accommodating Delivery Schedules. The sub-grantee must establish delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority.
- (5) Using Federal Agencies. Using the services and assistance of the Small Business Administration, and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.
- (6) Affirmative Steps for Contractors. The Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District must require the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the five affirmative steps described above.

2. RECOVERED MATERIALS.

In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired:

- (i) Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
- (ii) Meeting contract performance requirements; or
- (iii) At a reasonable price.

Information about this requirement is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <http://www.epa.gov/cpg> .

The list of EPA-designate items is available at <http://www.epa.gov/cpg/products.htm>.

3. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CLAUSE.

Federally assisted construction contracts. (1) Except as otherwise provided, each administering agency shall require the inclusion of the following language as a condition of any grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee involving federally assisted construction which is not exempt from the requirements of the equal opportunity clause:

The applicant hereby agrees that it will incorporate or cause to be incorporated into any contract for construction work, or modification thereof, as defined in the regulations of the Secretary of Labor at 41 CFR Chapter 60, which is paid for in whole or in part with funds obtained from the Federal Government or borrowed on the credit of the Federal Government pursuant to a grant, contract, loan insurance, or guarantee, or undertaken pursuant to any Federal program involving such grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, the following equal opportunity clause:

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

(1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(2) The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

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

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

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

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

(7) The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, That in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States. The applicant further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work: Provided, that if the applicant so participating is a State or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the contract. The applicant agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing

compliance. The applicant further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon contractors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive order. In addition, the applicant agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the applicant under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such applicant; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.

4. DAVIS-BACON ACT.

On any project upon which funding is provided by an agency of the United States Government, all regulations applicable thereto including, but not limited to, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (24 CFR, parts 1 & 2); Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (24 CFR, part 115); Federal Labor Standards Provisions (HUD-4020.1); the Davis-Bacon Act; the Anti-Kickback Act; and the Contract Work Hours Standards Act, shall apply and the Bidder or CONTRACTOR shall conform thereto.

5. COMPLIANCE WITH THE COPELAND “ANTI-KICKBACK” ACT.

(1) Contractor. The contractor shall comply with 18U.S.C. 874, 40 U.S.C. 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this contract.

(2) Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clause above and such other clauses as the FEMA may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all of these contract clauses.

(3) Breach. A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. 5.12.

6. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS. N/A

7. CLEAN AIR ACT AND THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT. N/A

8. SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT.

(1) This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. §180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

(2) The contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, Sub-part C and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

(3) This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by sub-recipient. If it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to the District serving as recipient and named sub-recipient, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

(4) The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.”

A prospective contractor that is listed on the government-wide Excluded Parties List System in the System for Award Management (www.SAM.gov) as suspended or debarred, CANNOT be awarded a contract funded with Federal Assistance.

9. BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT, 31 U.S.C 1352 (as amended).

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

Federal Form 2 hereto shall be filled out, authenticated as required, and must be submitted at the time of the scheduled bid opening. Failure to submit the required forms with the bid opening will make the bid non-responsive and will be cause for rejection.

(End of Attachment E - Remainder of page intentionally left blank)

Federal Form 1

- (1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
 - a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
 - b. Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
 - d. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

- (2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Name Project Name _____

Title Project Number _____

Firm Tax ID Number _____

Street Address DUNS Number

District, State, Zip

Signature _____

Date _____

Federal Form 2
CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

The undersigned Vendor/Contractor) certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for making lobbying contacts to an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form--LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions [as amended by "Government wide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying," 61 Fed. Reg. 1413 (1/19/96). Note: Language in paragraph herein has been modified in accordance with Section 10 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-65, to be codified at 2 U.S.C. 1601, et seq.)]
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31, U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995). Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

[Note: Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 1352(c)(1)-(2)(A), any person who makes a prohibited expenditure or fails to file or amend a required certification or disclosure form shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such expenditure or failure.]

The Vendor/Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. A 3801, et seq., apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Signature of Vendor/Contractor's Authorized Official

Name and Title of Vendor/Contractor's Authorized Official

Date _____

Attachment F
INDEMNIFICATION

APPLICANT shall hold harmless, indemnify, and defend the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District and District's members, officers, officials, employees and agents (collectively the "Indemnified Parties") from and against, without limitation, any and all claims, suits, actions, losses, damages, injuries, liabilities, fines, penalties, costs and expenses of whatsoever kind or nature, which may be incurred by, charged to or recovered from any of the foregoing Indemnified Parties for:

1. General Tort Liability, for any negligent act, error or omission, recklessness or intentionally wrongful conduct on the part of the Indemnifying Parties that causes injury (whether mental or corporeal) to persons (including death) or damage to property, whether arising out of or incidental to the Indemnifying Parties' performance of the Contract, operations, services or work performed hereunder; and

2. Environmental Liability, to the extent this Contract contemplates environmental exposures, arising from or in connection with any environmental, health and safety liabilities, claims, citations, clean-up or damages whether arising out of or relating to the operation or other activities performed in connection with the Contract; and

3. Intellectual Property Liability, to the extent this Contract contemplates intellectual property exposures, arising directly or indirectly out of any allegation that the Services, any product generated by the Services, or any part of the Services as contemplated in this Contract, constitutes an infringement of any copyright, patent, trade secret or any other intellectual property right. If in any suit or proceeding, the Services, or any product generated by the Services, is held to constitute an infringement and its use is permanently enjoined, the Indemnifying Parties shall, immediately, make every reasonable effort to secure within 60 days, for the Indemnified Parties a license, authorizing the continued use of the Service or product. If the Indemnifying Parties fail to secure such a license for the Indemnified Parties, then the Indemnifying Parties shall replace the Service or product with a non-infringing Service or product or modify such Service or product in a way satisfactory to Buyer, so that the Service or product is non-infringing.

If an Indemnifying Party exercises its obligation under this Contract, the Indemnifying Party will (1) provide reasonable notice to the Indemnified Parties of the applicable claim or liability, and (2) allow Indemnified Parties, at their own expense, to participate in the litigation of such claim or liability to protect their interests. **The scope and terms of the indemnity obligations herein described are separate and apart from, and shall not be limited by any insurance provided pursuant to the Contract or otherwise. Such terms of indemnity shall survive the expiration or termination of the Contract.**

In the event that any portion of the scope or terms of this indemnity is in derogation of Section 725.06 or 725.08 of the Florida Statutes, all other terms of this indemnity shall remain in full force and effect. Further, any term which offends Section 725.06 or 725.08 of the Florida Statutes will be modified to comply with said statutes.

Attachment G
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Without limiting its liability under this Contract, Contractor and its sub-contractors shall at all times during the term of this Contract procure prior to commencement of work and maintain at its sole expense during the life of this Contract, insurance of the types and limits not less than amounts stated below:

Insurance Coverages

Schedule	Limits
Worker's Compensation Employer's Liability	Florida Statutory Coverage \$ 100,000 Each Accident \$ 100,000 Disease Policy Limit \$ 100,000 Each Employee/Disease

This insurance shall cover the applicant (and, to the extent they are not otherwise insured, its subcontractors) for those sources of liability which would be covered by the latest edition of the standard Workers' Compensation policy, as filed for use in the State of Florida by the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI), without any restrictive endorsements other than the Florida Employers Liability Coverage Endorsement (NCCI Form WC 09 03), those which are required by the State of Florida, or any restrictive NCCI endorsements which, under an NCCI filing, must be attached to the policy (i.e., mandatory endorsements). In addition to coverage for the Florida Workers' Compensation Act, where appropriate, coverage is to be included for the Federal Employers' Liability Act, USL&H and Jones, and any other applicable federal or state law.

Commercial General Liability	\$2,000,000 \$2,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$ 50,000 \$ 5,000	General Aggregate Products & Comp. Ops. Agg. Personal/Advertising Injury Each Occurrence Fire Damage Medical Expenses
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Such insurance shall be no more restrictive than that provided by the most recent version of the standard Commercial General Liability Form (ISO Form CG 00 01) as filed for use in the State of Florida without any restrictive endorsements other than those reasonably required by the District's Office of Insurance and Risk Management. An Excess Liability policy or Umbrella policy can be used to satisfy the above limits.

Automobile Liability (Coverage for all automobiles, owned, hired or non-owned used in performance of the Contract)	\$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit
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Such insurance shall be no more restrictive than that provided by the most recent version of the standard Business Auto Coverage Form (ISO Form CA0001) as filed for use in the State of Florida without any restrictive endorsements other than those which are required by the State of Florida, or equivalent manuscript form, must be attached to the policy equivalent endorsement as filed with ISO (i.e., mandatory endorsement).

Professional Liability	\$1,000,000 per Claim and Aggregate
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(Including Medical Malpractice when applicable)

Any entity hired to perform professional services as a part of this contract shall maintain professional liability coverage on an Occurrence Form or a Claims Made Form with a retroactive date to at least the first date of this Contract and with a three year reporting option beyond the annual expiration date of the policy.

Additional Insurance Provisions

- A. Certificates of Insurance. Applicant shall deliver the District Certificates of Insurance that shows the corresponding **District Contract or Bid Number** in the Description, **Additional Insureds, Waivers of Subrogation** and **Primary & Non-Contributory statement** as provided below. The certificates of insurance shall be mailed to the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District (Attention: Director of Finance), 17891 San Carlos Blvd, St, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931.
- B. Additional Insured: All insurance except Worker's Compensation & Professional Liability shall be endorsed to name the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District and District's members, officials, officers, employees and agents as Additional Insured. Additional Insured for General Liability shall be in a form no more restrictive than CG2010 and CG2037, Automobile Liability CA2048.
- C. Waiver of Subrogation. All required insurance policies shall be endorsed to provide for a waiver of underwriter's rights of subrogation in favor of the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District and its members, officials, officers employees and agents.
- D. Carrier Qualifications. The above insurance shall be written by an insurer holding a current certificate of authority pursuant to chapter 624, Florida State or a company that is declared as an approved Surplus Lines carrier under Chapter 626 Florida Statutes. Such Insurance shall be written by an insurer with an A.M. Best Rating of A- VII or better.
- E. Applicant's Insurance Primary. The insurance provided by the applicant shall apply on a primary basis to, and shall not require contribution from, any other insurance or self-insurance maintained by the District or any District members, officials, officers, employees and agents.
- F. Deductible or Self-Insured Retention Provisions. All deductibles and self-insured retentions associated with coverages required for compliance with this Contract shall remain the sole and exclusive responsibility of the named insured applicant. Under no circumstances will the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District and its members, officers, directors, employees, representatives, and agents be responsible for paying any deductible or self-insured retentions related to this Contract.
- G. Applicant's Insurance Additional Remedy. Compliance with the insurance requirements of this Contract shall not limit the liability of the applicant or its Subcontractors, employees or agents to the District or others. Any remedy provided to District or District's members, officials, officers, employees or agents shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedy available under this Contract or otherwise.
- H. Waiver/Estoppel. Neither approval by District nor failure to disapprove the insurance furnished by applicant shall relieve applicant of applicant's full responsibility to provide insurance as required under this Contract.
- I. Notice. The applicant shall provide an endorsement issued by the insurer to provide the District thirty (30) days prior written notice of any change in the above insurance coverage limits or cancellation, including expiration or non-renewal. If such endorsement is not provided, the applicant, as applicable, shall provide said thirty (30) days written notice of any change in the above coverages or limits, coverage being suspended, voided, cancelled, including expiration or non-renewal.
- J. Survival. Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, the liabilities of the applicant under this Contract shall survive and not be terminated, reduced or otherwise limited by any expiration or termination of insurance coverage.
- K. Additional Insurance. Depending upon the nature of any aspect of any project and its accompanying exposures and liabilities, the District may reasonably require additional insurance coverages in amounts responsive to those liabilities, which may or may not require that the District also be named as an additional insured.
- L. Special Provision: Prior to executing this Agreement, applicant shall present this Contract and insurance requirements attachments to its Insurance Agent Affirming: 1) That the Agent has Personally reviewed the insurance requirements of the Contract Documents, and (2) That the Agent is capable (has proper market access) to provide the coverages and limits of liability required on behalf of the applicant.

Form 1 - Price Sheet (Consultant document can be substituted)

NAME OF CONSULTANT _____

Proposal Number _____

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED PRICES/RATES

1. If charges are based on hours worked, the hourly direct labor rates (without Fringe Benefits) are:

Principal (Partner or Senior Officer): \$ _____ hr.

Senior Consultant (Responsible Professional): \$ _____ hr.

Consultant: \$ _____ hr.

Junior Consultant: \$ _____ hr.

Program & Admin Support: \$ _____ hr.

2. Equipment and Direct Costs only (if applicable): \$ _____

3. Please provide any other relevant rates that may apply to this project including direct hourly labor rates for other categories of proposed personnel.

Travel expenses such as lodging and per diem will follow guidelines established by the US General services Administration (GSA) applicable rates for the area.

FORM 2

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATE

RFP No. _____

Bidder must execute either Section I or Section II hereunder relative to Florida Statute 112.313(12). Failure to execute either Section may result in rejection of this bid proposal.

SECTION I

I hereby certify that no official or employee of the District or independent agency requiring the goods or services described in these specifications has a material financial interest in this company.

Signature

Company Name

Name of Official (Type or Print)

Business Address

District, State, Zip Code

SECTION II

I hereby certify that the following named District official(s) and employee(s) having material financial interest(s) (in excess of 5%) in this company have filed Conflict of Interest Statements with the appropriate office, prior to bid opening.

Name	Title or Position	Date of Filing
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Signature

Company Name

Name of Official (Type or Print)

Business Address

District, State, Zip Code

PUBLIC OFFICIAL DISCLOSURE

Section 112.311 of the Florida Statute requires that a public official who has a financial interest in a bid or contract make a disclosure at the time that the bid or contract is submitted or at the time that the public official acquires a financial interest in the bid or contract. Please provide disclosure, if applicable, with bid.

Public Official _____

Position Held: _____

Position or Relationship with Bidder: _____

FORT MYERS BEACH FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT



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PROCUREMENT PROTEST PROCEDURES

VI Protest Procedure

- A. The District reserves the right in its sole discretion to waive any informality in the competitive selection process and to reject any or all formal responses to a competitive solicitation.
- B. Upon ratification and posting the Notice of Intended Decision to the District website at www.FMBFIREFL.GOV, respondents shall have seventy-two (72) hours, not to include Saturdays, Sundays, and State and Federal holidays, to file a protest in writing to the Purchase Principal.
 - 1) Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.
- C. For protests filed in a timely manner and in compliance with Florida Statutes, the District shall suspend the competitive selection and negotiation process.
- D. Once a protest is filed and accepted by the District, the protesting party shall post with the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District, a bond equal to one (1) percent of the estimated contract. The bond amount shall be determined by the estimated contract amount provided by the protesting respondent.
 - 1) If the estimated contract was not provided by the protesting respondent, or the District disputes the estimation, the District shall utilize the following:
 - Substantially similar sized contracts within the last five (5) years; or
 - Contracts from other Independent Fire Districts or other government agencies for substantially similar services.
 - At the protesting parties sole discretion, in lieu of a bond, the District will accept a cashier's check, bank check, or official money order in place of a protest bond.
 - 2) If a protesting respondent prevails, they shall be eligible to recover the protest bond, costs, and charges excluding attorney fees.
 - 3) If the District prevails in the protest procedures, all costs and charges will be recovered from the respondent, excluding attorney fees and the remainder of the protest bond shall be refunded.