


<p>DELIVER TO: City of Fort Pierce, Purchasing Division Room 101 100 North U.S. #1 Fort Pierce, FL 34950</p> <p>MAIL TO: City of Fort Pierce Purchasing Division, Room 101 P.O. Box 1480 Fort Pierce, FL 34954-1480</p>	 <p align="center">REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS and PROPOSER ACKNOWLEDGMENT</p>
<p>Bid Writer: Latonya Hubbard, 772-467- 3102</p>	<p>RFQ No: 2024-005</p>
<p>Pre-Qualification Conference Time & Date: N/A</p>	<p>RFQ Title: MISCELLANEOUS PROFESSIONAL CONTINUING SERVICES</p>
<p>Pre-Qualification Conference Location: N/A</p>	<p>RFQ Opening Location: City of Ft. Pierce Purchasing Division Room 101 100 North U.S. #1, 1st Floor Ft. Pierce, Florida 34950</p>
<p>RFQ Due Date & Time: 3:00 PM, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023</p>	<p>If you need any reasonable accommodation for any type of disability in order to participate in this procurement, please contact this department as soon as possible.</p>
<p>Proposer Name: ----- Mailing Address: ----- ----- ----- -----</p>	<p><i>I hereby certify that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a bid for the same materials, supplies or equipment, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I agree to abide by all conditions of this bid and certify that I am authorized to sign this bid for the bidder.</i></p> <p>X _____ Authorized Signature (Manual)</p>
<p>City, State, Zip Code:</p>	<p>Typed or Printed Name:</p>
<p>Type of Entity (Select one): Corporation _____ Partnership _____ Proprietorship _____</p>	<p>Title:</p>
<p>Incorporated in the State of: _____ Year: _____</p>	<p>Delivery in _____ days, ARO</p>
<p>Phone Number:</p>	<p>Payment Terms: Net 30 Days</p>
<p>Fax Number:</p>	<p>FEIN or SS Number:</p>
<p>E-Mail Address:</p>	<p>Local Business: ___Y___N MWBE: ___Y___N</p>
<p>Bid Security is attached, when required, in the amount of \$ _____ F.O.B. DESTINATION</p>	<p>If returning as a "No Bid" state reason:</p>
<p align="center">THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED WITH YOUR BID</p>	

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SECTION I

GENERAL CONDITIONS, INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION FOR PROPOSERS

1. **GENERAL INFORMATION**

These documents constitute the complete set of specification requirements and bid forms. All bid sheets and attachments must be executed and submitted in a sealed envelope. **DO NOT INCLUDE MORE THAN ONE BID PER ENVELOPE (CLEARLY MARK BID AS “ORIGINAL” AND REQUESTED NUMBER OF COPIES AS “COPY” ON EACH SET ENCLOSED).** The face to the envelope shall contain Bidder’s name, return address, the date and time of bid opening, the bid number and title. Bids not submitted on the enclosed Bid Form shall be rejected. By submitting a bid, the Bidder agrees to be subject to all terms and conditions specified herein. No exceptions to the terms and conditions shall be allowed. Bidders shall submit two (2) complete sets (one [1] original and one [1] electronic copy (PDF) on a Flash Drive) of their bid complete with all supporting documentation. **SUBMITTAL OF A BID IN RESPONSE TO THIS INVITATION TO BID CONSTITUTES AN OFFER BY THE BIDDER.** Bids, which do not comply with the requirements, may be rejected at the option of the City.

2. **DELAYS**

The City, at its sole discretion, may delay the scheduled due dates indicated above if it is to the advantage of the City to do so. The City will notify proposers of all changes in scheduled due dates by written addendum.

3. **EXECUTION OF PROPOSAL**

Proposal must contain a manual signature, in ink, of an authorized representative who has the legal ability to bind the Proposer in contractual obligations in the space provided on Page 1 of Proposal/Proposal Acknowledgment and on the Proposal Response Form. FAILURE TO PROPERLY SIGN THE PROPOSAL SHALL INVALIDATE SAME, AND IT SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR AN AWARD. Proposals must be typed or legibly printed in ink. All corrections made by the Proposer to any part of the proposal document must be initialed in ink. The original proposal conditions and specifications cannot be changed or altered in any way. Altered proposals will not be considered. Clarification of proposals submitted shall be in letter form, signed by proposers, and attached to the proposal.

4. **NO BID**

If not submitting a proposal, respond by returning only the Proposer acknowledgment form, marking it “No Bid,” and give the reason in the space provided.

5. **PROPOSAL OPENING**

Shall be public, at the address, date, and time specified on the proposer Acknowledgment form. The proposal time must be and shall be scrupulously observed. Under no circumstances shall proposals be delivered after the time specified to be considered; such proposals will be returned unopened. The City will not be responsible for late deliveries

or delayed mail. The time/date stamp clock located in the Purchasing Department shall serve as the official authority to determine the lateness of any proposal. It is the Proposer's sole responsibility to assure that his/her proposal is complete and delivered at the proper time and place of the proposal opening. Proposals, that for any reason are not so delivered, will not be considered. Offers by facsimile, telegram, or telephone are not acceptable. A proposal may NOT be altered by the Proposer after the opening of the proposals. Proposal tabulations will be furnished on the web sites: <https://www.cityoffortpierce.com> and <https://www.demandstar.com>

6. **TAXES**

The City is exempt from Federal Excise and State Sales Taxes on direct purchases of tangible personal property. The City exemption number is on the face of the Purchase Order. If requested, the Purchasing Director will provide an exemption certificate to the awarded Proposer. Vendors or contractors doing business with the City shall not be exempt from paying sales tax to their suppliers for materials to fulfill contractual obligations with the City Tax Exemption Number in securing such materials. This exemption does not apply to purchases of tangible personal property in the performance of contracts for the City.

7. **DISCOUNTS**

Cash discounts for prompt payment shall not be considered in determining the lowest net cost for bid evaluation purposes.

8. **MISTAKES**

- a. Proposers are expected to examine the specifications, delivery schedule, bid prices, extensions and all instructions pertaining to supplies and services. **FAILURE TO DO SO WILL BE AT PROPOSER'S BIDDER'S RISK.** In the event of extension error(s), the unit price will prevail and the Proposer's total offer will be corrected accordingly.
- b. Written amounts shall take precedence over numerical amounts. In the event of addition error(s), the unit price and extension thereof will prevail and the Proposer's total offer will be corrected accordingly. Proposals having erasures or corrections must be initialed in ink by the Proposer.

9. **INVOICING AND PAYMENT**

Payment for any and all invoice(s) that may arise as a result of a contract or purchase order issued pursuant to this proposal specification shall minimally meet the following conditions to be considered as a valid payment request:

- a. A timely submission of a properly certified invoice(s), in strict accordance with the price(s) and delivery elements as stipulated in the contract or purchase order document, and to be submitted to the Finance Department at the address as stipulated on the Purchase Order.
- b. All invoices submitted shall consist of an original clearly reference the subject contract or purchase order number; provide a sufficient salient description to identify goods or service for which payment is requested; contain date of delivery; bid number, original or legible copy of signed delivery receipt including both a manual signature and printed name of a designated City employee or authorized

agent; be clearly marked as “partial”, “complete”, or “final” invoice. The City will accept partial deliveries unless otherwise specified into contract or purchase order document.

- c. The invoice shall contain the Bidder’s Federal Employer Identification Number (F.E.I.N.).

10. DELIVERY

Unless actual date is specified (or if specified delivery cannot be met), show number of days required to make delivery after receipt of purchase order or contract in space provided. Delivery time may be a basis for making of award. Delivery shall be during the normal working hours of the user department, Monday through Friday, unless otherwise specified and incorporated into contract or purchase order document. Delivery shall be to the location specified in the bid specifications.

11. ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

No additional terms and conditions included with the bid response shall be evaluated or considered. Any and all such additional terms and conditions shall have no force and effect and are inapplicable to this bid if submitted either purposely through intent or design, or inadvertently appearing separately in transmittal letters, specifications, literature, price lists or warranties. It is understood and agreed that the general and/or any special conditions in these Proposal Documents are the only conditions applicable to this bid and the Proposal authorized signature on the Bid Form attests to this.

12. INTERPRETATION

All Proposer shall carefully examine the Proposal Documents. Any ambiguities or inconsistencies shall be brought to the attention of the City in writing prior to the opening of Proposal; failure to do so, on the part of the bidder, will constitute an acceptance by the Bidder of any subsequent decision. Any questions concerning the intent, meaning, and interpretation of the Proposal Documents shall be requested in writing, and received by the City at least seven (7) days prior to the Proposal Opening. Inquiries shall be addressed to the attention of the Contact person as indicated on Page 13. No person is authorized to give oral interpretations of, or make oral changes to, the bid. Therefore, oral statements given before the bid opening will not be binding. Any interpretation of or changes to the bid will be made in the form of a written Addendum to the bid and will be furnished to all Bidders. Receipt of all addenda shall be acknowledged by the Bidders by signing and enclosing said addenda with their bid. The City will record its responses to inquiries and any supplemental instructions in the form of a written addendum. The City will send a written addendum to all Proposers who requested a bid directly from the City Purchasing Department. All proposers should contact the City at least seven (7) calendar days before the bid opening date to ascertain whether any addendums have been issued. Failure to do so could result in rejection of the bid as unresponsive. The City shall not be responsible for providing said addendum to proposers who receive bid packages from other sources.

13. ADDENDUM

Should revisions to the Proposal Documents become necessary, the City will provide a written addendum to all proposers who received a bid package from the City Purchasing

Department. Proposer who obtains Proposal Documents from other sources must officially register with the City Purchasing Department in order to be placed on the mailing list for any forthcoming addendum or their official communications. Failure to register as a prospective Bidder may cause your bid to be rejected as non-responsive if you have failed to submit a bid without an addendum acknowledgment for the most current addendum. Previous addenda are deemed received when a subsequent addendum is acknowledged. It is the Bidder's responsibility to contact the City in the event that a previous addendum is not received. Latest addendum shall be signed and returned with the bid as acknowledgment of addendum.

14. DISPUTES

Any Proposer who disputes the bid selection or contract award recommendation shall file such dispute according to the bid protest procedures. These procedures are available upon request from the City.

15. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

All Proposers must disclose with their bid the name of any officer, director, or agent who is also an employee of the City. All Proposers must disclose the name of any City employee who owns, directly or indirectly, an interest of five percent (5%) or more in the Proposer's firm or any of its branches.

16. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposers are required to comply with all provisions of Federal, State, County and local laws and ordinances, rules and regulations, that are applicable to the items being bid. Lack of knowledge by the bidder shall in no way be a cause for relief from responsibility or constitute a cognizable defense against the legal effect thereof.

17. DRUG-FREE WORK PLACE (DFW)

Preference shall be given to business with Drug-Free Workplace (DFW) Programs. Whenever two or more bids which are equal with respect to price, quality, and service are received by the City for the procurement of commodities or contractual services, a bid received from a business that completes the attached DFW form certifying that it is a DFW shall be given preference in the award process.

18. MINORITY/WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MWBE)

Minority/Women Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) indicates a business entity which is owned and operated by a minority. In this instance, minority group members are citizens of the United States or lawfully admitted permanent residents who are Black, Hispanics, Women, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific, Asian-Indian, and eligible others. An MWBE wishing to participate in the City procurement process may contact the Purchasing Department for information and assistance.

19. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES

No award will be executed with any person or affiliate identified on the Department of Management Services "convicted vendor" list. This list is defined as consisting of

persons and affiliates who are disqualified from public contracting and purchasing process because they have been found guilty of a public entity crime. No public entity shall award any contract to, or transact any business in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes for Category Two (currently \$10,000.00) with any person or affiliated on the “convicted vendor” list for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date that person or affiliate was placed on the “convicted vendor” list unless that person or affiliate has been removed from the list pursuant to Section 287.133(3)(f) Florida Statutes.

20. AWARD

As the best interest of the City may require, the right is reserved to make award(s) by individual item, group of items, “All or None”, or a combination thereof; with one or more suppliers; to reject any or all proposals or waive any minor irregularity or technicality in bids received, and may, at its sole discretion, request a rebid. Bidders are cautioned to make no assumption until the City has entered into a contract or issued a purchase order.

21. EEO STATEMENT

The City is committed to assuring equal opportunity in the award of contracts, and therefore complies with all laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age or sex.

22. CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT

The terms, conditions, and provisions in this Request for Proposal shall be included and incorporated in any final contract or purchase order. The order of precedence will be Proposal Document and response, purchase order or contract, and general law. Any and all legal action necessary to enforce a contract or purchase order will be interpreted according to the laws of Florida. The venue shall be Fort Pierce, Florida.

23. GOVERNMENTAL RESTRICTION

In the event that any governmental restrictions are imposed which would necessitate alteration of the material quality, workmanship or performance of the items offered on this proposal prior to their delivery, it shall be the responsibility of the Proposer to notify the Purchasing Department at once, indicating in his/her letter the specific regulation which required an alteration, including any price adjustments occasioned thereby. The City reserves the right to accept such alteration or to cancel the contract or purchase order at no further expense to the City.

24. PATENTS AND ROYALTIES

The Proposer, without exemption, shall indemnify and save harmless, the City, its employees and/or any of its Commission/Board from liability of any nature or kind, including cost and expenses for or on account of any copyrighted, patented, or unpatented invention, process, or item manufactured by the Proposer. Further, if such claim is made, or is pending, the Proposer may, at its option and expense, procure for the City the right to use, replace or modify the item to render it non- infringing. If none of the alternatives are reasonably available, the City agrees to return the article on request to the Proposer and receive reimbursement. If the Proposer used any design, device, or materials

covered by letters, patent or copyright, it is mutually agreed and understood, without exception, that the bid prices shall include all royalties or cost arising from the use of such design, device, or materials in any way involved in the work.

25. ADVERTISING

In submitting a bid, Proposer agrees not to use the results therefrom as a part of any commercial advertising, without the express written approval by the appropriate level of authority within the City.

26. ASSIGNMENT

Any purchase order or contract issued pursuant to this Request for Proposal and the monies which may become due hereunder are not assignable except with the prior written approval of the City, through the Purchasing Department.

27. COMPLIANCE WITH OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

Proposer certifies that all material, equipment, etc., contained in his/her bid meets all applicable O.S.H.A. requirements. Proposer further certifies that, if he/she is the successful Proposer, and the material, equipment, etc., delivered is subsequently found to be defective in applicable O.S.H.A. requirement in effect on the date of delivery, all costs necessary to comply with the requirements shall be borne by the Proposer.

28. FACILITIES

The City reserves the right to inspect the Proposer's facilities at any reasonable time, during normal working hours, with prior notice to determine that Proposer has a bona fide place of business, and is a responsible Proposer.

29. REPRESENTATION

A Proposer must have at the time of the proposal opening, a manufacturing plant in operation, or be a fully authorized agent or representative of the product proposal, and capable of producing or providing the items proposal, and so certify upon request.

30. DISQUALIFICATION OF PROPOSER

More than one proposal from an individual, firm, partnership, corporation or association under the same or different names will not be considered. Reasonable grounds for believing that a Proposer is involved in more than one proposal submittal will be cause for rejection of all proposals in which such Proposers are believed to be involved. Any or all proposals will be rejected if there is reason to believe that collusion exists between Proposer's Proposals in which the prices obviously are unbalanced will be subject to rejection.

31. ADJUSTMENTS/CHANGES/DEVIATIONS

No adjustments, changes or deviations shall be accepted on any item unless conditions or specifications of a proposal expressly so provide. Any other adjustments, changes or deviations shall require prior written approval, and shall be binding ONLY if issued by the City's Purchasing Department. The Proposer shall bear sole responsibility for any and all costs of claims arising from any adjustments, changes or deviations not properly

executed as required herein.

32. INSURANCE

The awarded Proposer(s) shall maintain insurance coverage reflecting the minimum amounts and conditions specified in the attached specifications or the Special Terms and Conditions. In the event the proposer is a governmental entity or a self-insured organization, different requirements may apply. Misrepresentation of any material fact, whether intentional or not, regarding the Proposer's insurance coverage, policies or capabilities may be grounds for rejection of the proposal and rescission of any ensuing contract.

33. PUBLIC RECORDS

Sealed bids, proposals, or replies received by an agency pursuant to a competitive solicitation are exempt from § 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution until such time as the agency provides notice of an intended decision or until 30 days after opening the bids, proposals, or final replies, whichever is earlier.

34. PROPOSER PREPARATION COSTS

Neither the City nor its representatives shall be liable for any expenses incurred in connection with preparation of a response to this Invitation to Proposal. Proposers should prepare their proposals simply and economically, providing all information and prices as required.

35. COOPERATIVE PURCHASING Any governmental purchasing authority may participate in this purchase for services and commodities from this successful award.

36. CANCELLATION

This request may be canceled and any response, bid, or proposal may be rejected in whole or in part at any time for good cause when in the best interest of the City and/or the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency. Section 2-63(a)(7) of the City Code.

ANY AND ALL SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS, SCOPE OF WORK OR SPECIFICATIONS ATTACHED HERETO WHICH VARY FROM THESE GENERAL CONDITIONS SHALL HAVE PRECEDENCE.

SECTION II

REQUIRED LIMITS OF INSURANCE

Vendor shall be responsible for all damage to person and or property resulting from its negligent acts, reckless or intentional misconduct, errors or omissions or those of their sub-Contractors, agents or employees in connection with such services and shall be responsible for all parts of its work, both temporary and permanent.

Vendor at its own expense, shall procure and maintain throughout the term of this Contract, with insurers acceptable to the City of Fort Pierce, hereinafter called "City", the types and amounts of insurance conforming to the minimum requirements set forth herein. Vendor shall not commence work until the required insurance is in force and evidence of insurance acceptable to the City has been provided to, and approved by the City. The City at all times reserves the right to request such additional documentation and evidence of insurance as in its sole discretion it may require and the Vendor hereby agrees to provide same. Until such insurance is no longer required by this Contract, Vendor shall provide the City with renewal or replacement evidence of insurance at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration or termination of such insurance. To the extent Vendor is permitted to and elects to sub-contract any of the work performed under this Contract, Vendor will require all sub-Contractors to provide insurance coverage complying with the requirements set forth herein, and will provide the City with evidence of such coverage prior to the commencement of the sub-Contractor's work.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION/EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY INSURANCE

Such insurance shall be no more restrictive than that provided by the latest edition of the standard Workers' Compensation Policy, as filed for use in Florida by the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI), without any restrictive endorsements other than any endorsements required by NCCI or the State of Florida. In addition to coverage for the Florida Workers' Compensation Act, where appropriate, coverage is to be included for the Federal Employer's Liability Act and any other applicable Federal or State law. The minimum amount of coverage (inclusive of any amount provided by an umbrella or excess policy) shall be:

Part One:	"Statutory"	
Part Two:	\$1,000,000	Each Accident
	\$1,000,000	Disease - Policy Limit
	\$1,000,000	Disease - Each Employee

The Workers' Compensation Policy must be endorsed to waive the insurer's right to subrogate against the City of Fort Pierce, and their respective members, officials, officers and employees in the manner which would result from the attachment of the NCCI Waiver Of Our Right To Recover From Others Endorsement (Advisory Form WC 00 03 13) with the City of Fort Pierce, and their respective members, officials, officers and employees scheduled thereon.

GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

Such insurance shall be no more restrictive than that provided by the latest edition of the standard Commercial General Liability Form (Form CG 00 01) as filed for use in the State of Florida by the Insurance Services Office (ISO), without any restrictive endorsements other than any endorsements specifically required by the State of Florida or those which under an ISO filing, must be attached to the policy (i.e. mandatory endorsements). The City of Fort Pierce and their respective members, officials, officers, and employees shall be included as an “Additional Insured” on a form no more restrictive than ISO form CG 20 10 (Additional Insured – Owners, Lessees, or Contractors – Scheduled Person or Organization). The minimum limits (inclusive of amounts provided by an umbrella or excess policy) shall be:

General Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Products/Completed Operations Aggregate	\$1,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury	\$1,000,000
Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000

AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE

Such insurance shall be no more restrictive than that provided by Section II (Liability Coverage) of the most recent version of the standard Business Auto Policy (ISO Form CA 00 01) without any restrictive endorsements, other than those which are required by the State of Florida or those which under an ISO filing, must be attached to the policy (i.e. mandatory endorsements). The policy shall include coverage for liability contractually assumed, and shall cover all owned, non-owned, and hired autos used in connection with the performance of the work. Such insurance shall not be subject to any aggregate limit and the minimum limits (inclusive of any amounts provided by an umbrella or excess policy) shall be:

Each Occurrence Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability Combined	\$1,000,000
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PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

Such insurance shall be on a form acceptable to the City and shall cover Vendor for those sources of liability arising out of the rendering or failure to render any professional services required in the Agreement. Coverage must either be on an occurrence basis; or, if on a claims-made basis, the coverage must respond to all claims reported within three years following the period for which coverage is required and which would have been covered had the coverage been on an occurrence basis. The minimum limits (inclusive of any amounts provided by an umbrella or excess policy) shall be:

\$3,000,000 Each Claim/Annual Aggregate

If Vendor subcontracts any of the work, Vendor shall either include the Sub-Contractors in Vendor’s coverage or require the Sub-Contractors to maintain Professional Liability coverage as described herein. The insurance may be subject to a deductible not to exceed \$10,000 per claim.

WATERCRAFT LIABILITY

To the extent watercraft are utilized, the Vendor shall purchase and maintain, or cause its sub-Contractors to purchase and maintain, insurance which shall, at a minimum cover the Vendor and sub-Contractor for injuries or damage arising out the use of all owned, non-owned and hired watercraft. The insurance shall include the City and its members, officials, officers and employees as additional insureds. The minimum limits (inclusive of and amounts provided by an umbrella or excess policy) shall be:

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence/Annual Aggregate

CYBER LIABILITY & DATA STORAGE

Such insurance shall be on a form acceptable to the City and shall cover, at a minimum, the following:

- Data Loss and System Damage Liability (when applicable)
- Security Liability
- Privacy Liability
- Privacy/Security Breach Response Coverage, including Notification Expenses

Such Cyber Liability coverage must be provided on an Occurrence Form or, if on a Claims Made Form, the retroactive date must be no later than the first date of this Contract and such claims-made coverage must respond to all claims reported within three years following the period for which coverage is required and which would have been covered had the coverage been on an occurrence basis.

The minimum limits (inclusive of and amounts provided by an umbrella or excess policy) shall be:

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence/Annual Aggregate

The Cyber Liability coverage may be included as part of the Professional Liability coverage required above.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

The insurance provided by Vendor shall apply on a primary basis to any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City shall be excess of, and shall not contribute with, the insurance provided by Vendor.

Except as otherwise specifically authorized by this Agreement or where prior written approval has been obtained from the City hereunder, the insurance maintained by Vendor shall apply on a first dollar basis without application of a deductible or self-insured retention. To the extent there is any deductible or self-insured retention applicable to any required insurance, Vendor shall be solely responsible for paying such deductible or self-insured retention, including any amounts owed under such deductible or self-insured retention on behalf of the City, or its members, officials, officers and employees.

Compliance with these insurance requirements shall not limit the liability of Vendor or any Sub-Contractor. Any remedy provided to the City by the insurance provided by the Vendor shall be

in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedy (including, but not limited to, as an indemnitee of Vendor) available to the City under this Agreement or otherwise.

Neither approval by the City nor failure to disapprove insurance furnished by Vendor shall relieve Vendor from responsibility to provide insurance as required by this Agreement.

Vendor shall deliver to the City the required certificate(s) of insurance and endorsement(s) before the City signs this Agreement.

Vendor's failure to obtain, pay for, or maintain any required insurance shall constitute a material breach upon which the City may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement. In the event of any termination or suspension, the City may use the services of another Vendor or Vendors, without the City incurring any liability to Vendor.

At its sole discretion, the City may obtain or renew Vendor's insurance, and the City may pay all or part of the premiums. Upon demand, Vendor shall repay City all monies paid to obtain or renew the insurance. The City may offset the cost of the premium against any monies due Vendor from the City.

The Vendor shall furnish to the City Certificates of Insurance allowing thirty (30) day's notice for any change, cancellation, or non-renewal. Such Certificates shall contain the following wording:

(ACCORD) "SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, THE ISSUING COMPANY WILL MAIL THIRTY (30) DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED HEREIN."

If the insurance policies expire during the terms of the Contract, a renewal certificate or binder shall be filed with the City fifteen (15) days prior to the renewal date.

Certificates of Insurance must be completed as follows:

Certificate Holder

**City of Fort Pierce
Attn: Purchasing Department
P.O. Box 1480
Fort Pierce FL 34954-1480**

Additional Insured

City of Fort Pierce/Grants Administration Division and their members, officials, officers and employees.

SECTION III

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

1. **QUALIFICATION OPENING**

Qualifications are due on or before **3:00 PM, Tuesday, November 14, 2023.**

2. **SUBMISSIONS OF PROPOSALS**

Proposal response may be submitted in hard copy or electronically. Please see below instructions for submitting your proposal response.

HARD COPY SUBMISSIONS

Proposals mailed to 100 N. U.S. Highway 1 via the United States Postal Services (USPS) are delivered to the Post Office, not to the physical address and, therefore, may not meet the requirements of Selection 2 above. To be considered, a Bid must be received and accepted in the Purchasing Division before the Bid closing date and time.

Delivery Address:

**City of Fort Pierce
Attn: Purchasing Division,
Room 101
100 North U.S. #1
Fort Pierce, FL 34950**

Mailing Address:

**City of Fort Pierce
Attn: Purchasing Division,
Room 101
P.O. Box 1480
Fort Pierce, FL 34954-1480**

One (1) original and one (1) USB drive copy of sealed proposals. Qualifications must be submitted in a 3-ring binder. Binder must not be larger than 2" in thickness. Proposal is limited to a maximum of no more than 150 single sided pages. Pages must be numbered to verify quantity. Tab dividers are excluded from the page count.

OPTIONS FOR ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS

Are as follows:

- Via Demandstar Website, (www.demandstar.com) Electronic Bid (E-Bid). Instructions are provided in the attachment sections of this document.
- By forwarding your response, pdf format to purchasing@cityoffortpierce.com no later than 3:00PM EST. **If you decide to use this submission option, your entire submission must be submitted electronically. Please do not mail hard-copies.**

Copies of the bid documents are available electronically from the Purchasing Division by e-mail request to purchasing@cityoffortpierce.com or on the website of Demandstar.com (www.demandstar.com) and the web site of the City of Fort Pierce (<http://www.cityoffortpierce.com/187/Purchasing>).

Any proposals received after the designated time and date listed above will be returned unopened.

All proposals and qualifications will be publicly opened at the time and place specified. In accordance with Section 2-63(2)d of the City of Fort Pierce Code, no proposals shall be handled so as to permit disclosure of the identity of any offeror or the contents of any proposal to competing offerors during the process of negotiation. A register of proposals shall be prepared containing the name of each offeror, the number of modifications received, if any, and a description sufficient to identify the item offered. **The register of proposals shall be open for public [viewing] only after contract award."**

3. INQUIRIES/QUESTIONS

3.1 All inquiries shall be in a written format and addressed to the Economic Development Manager with a copy to the Purchasing Agent:

TO
Shyanne Harnage
Economic Development Manager
100 North US Highway 1
Fort Pierce, FL 34950
Fax: 772-467-3780
Email: sharnage@cityoffortpierce.com

COPY TO
LaTonya Hubbard
Purchasing Agent
100 North US Highway 1
Fort Pierce, FL 34950
Fax: 772-467-3848
Email: purchasing@cityoffortpierce.com

3.2 No inquiries will be received no later than, **5:00PM, Thursday, November 2, 2023.**

4. TERM OF CONTRACT

The Vendors selected may perform services for City projects on the rotating basis as funds become available for said projects, for a period of two (2) years. This agreement may be renewed up to two (2) additional one (1) – year periods on terms and conditions which are mutually acceptable to the parties.

5. MINORITY PARTICIPATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAM

Describe your firm's program and/or policies in regard to minority and non-discrimination, including the firm's history of Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) participation. Include a strategy for promoting minority participation in this project and a realistic goal for participation. List references of Owners, M/WBE firms or consultants who can speak to your firm's utilization of M/WBE on previous projects.

6. CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

In order to do business with the City of Fort Pierce, you must provide proof of insurance to include general liability, workers compensation, and automobile insurance with proposal submittal. If awarded, insurance must comply with the Required Limits of Insurance as indicated in Section II of the specifications.

7. BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT (OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE)

Provide a valid Business Tax Receipt (Occupational License) from your jurisdiction with your proposal submittal.

8. **W-9 TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND CERTIFICATION FORM**

The Proposer will be required to return a completed W-9 Taxpayer Identification Form with their proposal submittal. **see Section VI - Required Forms.**

9. **RESERVED RIGHTS**

- 9.1. The CITY reserves the right to accept or reject any or all submittals, in whole or in part, for any reason whatsoever, to waive minor irregularities and technicalities, and to request resubmission. Also, the CITY reserves the right to accept all or any part of the submittal and to increase or decrease quantities to meet additional or reduced requirements of the CITY. Any sole response received by the submission date may or may not be rejected by the CITY depending on available competition and current needs of the CITY.
- 9.2. CCNA Statutes recommends a minimum of three (3) qualified professional, experienced, and capable proposers by which to move forward to the evaluation stage. However, the Purchasing Manager may determine that a single proposal is acceptable.
- 9.3. To be **responsive**, a proposer shall submit qualifications which conforms in all material respects to the requirements set forth in the RFQ. To be a **responsible** proposer, the proposer shall have the capability in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements, and the tenacity, perseverance, experience, integrity, reliability, capacity, facilities, equipment, and credit which will assure good faith performance. Also, the CITY reserves the right to make such investigation, as it deems necessary to determine the ability of any proposer to deliver the goods or service requested. This information may be obtained from the proposer or any credible source. All information request will be done through the Purchasing Division. Such information may include, but shall not be limited to: current financial statements, verification of availability of equipment and personnel, and past performance records.
- 9.4. The City may disqualify a proposer from being awarded a City contract if the Purchasing Manager determines after an investigation that the proposer is “not responsible,” based on a poor performance record with the City, a lack of adequate equipment and personnel, insufficient financial wherewithal, or other factors that indicate the bidder is not capable of performing the contract.
- 9.5. Unless otherwise stated in this RFQ specification, any contracts resulting from this RFQ are non-exclusive. The CITY reserves the right, in its sole opinion, to purchase goods or services listed in this RFQ through the State of Florida Contracts, cooperatives, other current government contracts, and non-profit contracts as provided in the City of Fort Pierce Procurement Code. The CITY reserves the rights to solicit separate requirements that are a portion of a larger contract as a whole. Additionally, at the City’s sole option, additional contracts may be entered into as a result of such situations as unusual volumes, time/delivery requirements, special requirements, other brands, lease, project specific requirements, or similar situations.

- 9.6. If any contract awarded as a result of this RFQ is terminated, the CITY reserves the right to go to the next lowest **responsive** proposer with the balance of the contract, unless otherwise stated in the RFQ specification.

10. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

- 10.1. The successful proposer shall covenant and agree that it and its employees have complied with the Florida Statutes pertaining to the licensing of employees, as applicable.
- 10.2. In the event the successful proposer shall be placed in any form of bankruptcy or make an assignment for the benefit of creditors, the City may declare the same a default of the agreement which may be terminated pursuant to these terms and conditions.
- 10.3. Section 287.055(6)(a), Florida Statutes, requires the following provisions to be made a part of the Agreement.
- 10.4. The successful proposer warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bonafide employee working solely for the successful proposer, to solicit or secure the agreement, and that it will not pay or agree to pay any person, company, corporation, individual or firm other than a bonafide employee working solely for the successful proposer any fee, commission, percentage, gift or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of the agreement. For breach or violation of this condition, the City shall have the right to terminate the agreement without liability and at his discretion to deduct from the agreement price or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift or consideration.
- 10.5. Performance of Contract Holder
It is understood and agreed that the CITY will not permit or authorize CONSULTANT to perform less than 51 percent of the total contract work with other than its own organization. This requirement may be waived by the Purchasing Manager under special circumstances.

11. APPLICABLE LAWS

Proposers must be authorized to transact business in the State of Florida. Copy of the Registration Certificate and information should be submitted with proposal but is not required. Registration must be completed before a contract can be signed. Applicable provisions of all federal, state, county and local laws and of all ordinances, rules and regulations shall govern development submittal and evaluation of all proposals received in response hereto and shall govern any and all claims and disputes which may arise between person(s) submitting a proposal response hereto and the City of Fort Pierce, by and through its officers, employees and authorized representatives, or any other person, natural or otherwise and lack of knowledge by any proposer shall not constitute a cognizable defense against the legal effect thereof. This includes revisions or as amended thereof. Any involvement with the City of Fort Pierce shall be in accordance with but not limited to:

- 11.1. City of Fort Pierce Ordinances

- 11.2. Florida State Statute 287.055: Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA)
- 11.3. Pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 119.071, Public Records, General exemptions from inspection or copying of public records, sealed proposals received by the CITY.
- 11.4. It shall be the responsibility of the proposer to assure compliance with all other federal, state, county, or city codes, rules, regulations or other requirements, as each may apply.

Pursuant to this solicitation are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I. of the Florida Constitution, until such time as the agency provides notice of a decision or intended decision pursuant to s. 119.071(2) or within 30 days after proposal opening, whichever is earlier

12. INVOICING

All invoices must contain the Purchase Order number, required identification information, and reflect the Contract prices, terms, and conditions. Invoices containing deviations or omissions will be returned to the consultant for correction and resubmission. Consultants shall not perform any service or provide products until they have been issued an approved Purchase Order.

13. TIME EXTENSION AND CONTINUATION OF WORK

13.1. Time Extension

The CITY may extend this Contract up to one hundred eighty (180) days beyond the expiration date of the existing contract. The rates in effect on the last day of the contract shall remain in effect for the contract extension period. Additional extensions shall be subject to agreement of both parties.

13.2. Continuation of Work

Any work that commences prior to and will extend beyond the expiration date of the current contract period shall, unless terminated by mutual written agreement between the City and the successful consultant, continue until completion at the same rates, terms and conditions. This must be approved in advanced by the Purchasing Manager, or designee.

14. E-VERIFY

Consultants: Shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the Consultant during the term of the contract; and shall expressly require any subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to the state contract to likewise utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the subcontractor during the contract term.

15. TIE BREAKERS

- 15.1. The Evaluation Committee may choose to resolve a tie using the criteria below or require additional materials or interviews as the Committee so determines.
- 15.2. In the event of any tie (in the ranking criteria) the following may take effect:
- a. If there is a tie (two or more firms have the same number of 1st place rankings), then the firms that has the highest number of 1st place and 2nd place rankings shall be the first ranked firm. This method shall be used for all ties.
 - b. If there is a tie (two or more firms) having the same number of 1st and 2nd place rankings the following will take effect:
- 15.2.1 Preference must be given to vendors submitting a certification with their proposal certifying they have a drug-free workplace in accordance with Section 287.087, Florida Statutes. This requirement affects all public entities of the State and becomes effective January 1, 1991. The special condition is as follows:15.6 Preference shall be given to businesses with drug-free workplace programs. Whenever two or more proposals which are equal with respect to price, quality, and service are received by the State or by any political subdivision for the procurement of commodities or contractual services, a proposal received from a business that certifies that is has implemented a drug- free workplace program shall be given preference in the award process. Established procedures for processing tie proposals will be followed if none of the tied vendors have a drug-free workplace program. In order to have a drug-free workplace program, a business shall:
- 16.2.1.a Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
- 15.3. Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
- 15.4. Impose a sanction on, or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assist and/or rehabilitation program if such is available in the employee's community, by any employee who is so convicted.
- 15.5. Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of this section.
- 15.6. In the event of any tie between consultants that have a Drug Free Workplace program in place in accordance with Section 287.087, Florida State Statutes, a coin toss will determine who shall be awarded the contract or receive the first opportunity to negotiate, as applicable.

16. CONSULTANT'S AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE.

The proposal shall be signed by an official authorized to bind the consultant in a contractual agreement. The consultant shall provide the following information: Name, address, and telephone number, and email address of the individual(s) with authority to negotiate and contractually bind the consultant. It is also necessary that the name of a contact individual be given who can respond to questions generated during the evaluation process.

17. ADDENDUM

Should revisions to the Proposal Documents become necessary, the City will provide a written addendum to all proposers who received a proposal package from the City's Purchasing Department. Proposers who obtain Proposal Documents from other sources must officially register with the City's Purchasing Department in order to be placed on the mailing list for any forthcoming addendum or their official communications. Failure to register as a prospective Proposer may cause your proposal to be rejected as non-responsive if you have failed to submit a proposal with an addendum acknowledgment for the most current addendum. Previous addenda are deemed received when a subsequent addendum is acknowledged. It is the Proposer's responsibility to contact the City in the event that a previous addendum is not received. Latest addendum shall be signed and returned with the proposal as acknowledgment of addendum.

SECTION IV

STATEMENT OF WORK

1. **SUMMARY**

The City of Fort Pierce, Florida, is requesting submittals from qualified individuals/firms for Miscellaneous Professional Continuing Services for the purpose of selecting a provider to furnish all necessary labor, services, materials, equipment, tools, consumables, transportation, skills and incidentals required for the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, in conformance with proposal document, which include technical specifications and/or a scope of work. Those individuals/firms interested in being considered for this RFQ are instructed to submit their submittal on the forms provided, pertinent to this project prior to 3:00 pm, Tuesday, November 14, 2023.

2. **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The City of Fort Pierce, located in St. Lucie County Florida is soliciting Statements of Qualifications from professional firms qualified to provide design and consulting services in the following areas to provide advice and consultation, technical investigation and analysis, design and other professional services for the purpose of providing support services to all departments in the City involved in the implementation of City plans, projects and initiatives such as the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency (FPRA) Plan, the Comprehensive Development Plan, the Capital Improvements Plan as well as other projects and associated proposals presented to the Fort Pierce City Commission and FPRA Board. The City of Fort Pierce desires to pre-qualify licensed professional consultants under continuing services contracts conforming to the stipulations outlined with Chapter 287.055 of the Florida Statutes, also known as the "Consultant's Competitive Negotiation Act", or CCNA:

- a. Architectural Services
- b. Environmental Testing Services
- c. Facilities Engineering Services
 - i. Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing (MEP) Engineering
 - ii. Structural Engineering
- d. Hydrogeological Services
- e. Landscape Architectural Services
- f. Urban Planning (may include):
 - Professional urban planning
 - Mixed Use Project Development (design and implementation)
 - Technical Design Investigations
 - Urban Infill Site Planning
 - Urban Design
 - Parks/Open Space/Streetscape Planning, Design and Analysis
 - Historic Preservation Planning and Desire
 - Small Area Studies/Economic Analysis
 - Project Design Oversight

- Neighborhood Identification and Placemaking

The City intends to enter into contracts for continuing services in each service area listed above, with the respondent(s) who submit qualifications as determined by the City to be most advantageous to the City. The City anticipates awarding up to three (3) contracts in each service area to the respondent(s) chosen but reserves the right to award in any fashion it decides, in its sole determination, is in the best interest of the City. All contracts awarded under this RFQ shall be “continuing contracts” as defined in Florida Statutes 287.055(2)(g) and shall be subject to the limitations and restrictions described therein. All contracts shall be awarded for an initial period of one year. The City may, at its sole discretion, extend the contract for additional one (1) year periods to a maximum of three (3) years, or may elect to re-advertise. The selected individuals or firms should be able to demonstrate exceptional experience in dealing with municipal public projects, specifically in urbanized areas, and all aspects of miscellaneous professional services in the designated area of expertise.

The scope of the professional services under each of these services will vary based on the specific needs of the City that arise over the duration of the contract. It is anticipated that the selected consultant(s) in each service area will be available to provide such services, as required, to all City departments. The selected firm(s) will take assignments on a project-by-project basis pursuant to the terms of a written agreement with the City. The City intends for each continuing services agreement to stipulate that no firm is guaranteed work assignments under the contract. Work assignments will be negotiated with the firm deemed by the City to be most qualified from the list of available firms to perform the specific task associated with each work order. Individual work orders will be negotiated as City’s needs arise.

3. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Interested firms must be experienced in providing consulting services in the service areas of the nature described herein. While the use of sub-consultants may ultimately be required for completion of a specific assignment, it is the City’s intent to select multiple consultants in each service area based solely on the qualifications of the lead consultant. To that end, submittals should contain no subconsultants. Any information submitted related to sub-consultants will not be considered. To be considered for selection in any or all of the service areas, the firm or individual must be a licensed professional in accordance with Florida State law and be familiar with all applicable federal, State of Florida, St. Lucie County, and City of Fort Pierce codes, regulations, and laws. Respondent must provide a copy of all applicable licenses held by firms or individuals proposed to perform work.

4. EVALUATION CRITERIA/SCORING

Pursuant to with the Consultant’s Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA), Florida Statutes Section 287.055, et seq., and the policies and procedures of the City of Fort Pierce, the City is soliciting Statements of Qualifications for evaluation and ranking for determination and selection of a consultant to provide professional services. The City will convene a selection committee comprised of three (3) or

more City staff members each of whom will independently evaluate and rank the submittals in comparison to each of the selection criteria outline herein. The successful proposers will be selected based upon the total cumulative scores of the selection committee. If following review and initial evaluation of the submittals, the review committee deems it necessary, a short list of firms may be invited to make presentations for final evaluation, with the selection of the successful firm being based on the committee’s ranking of the presentations.

4.1 EVALUATION CRITERIA

Prospective consultants are advised that the selection of a consultant for contract award will be made after careful evaluation of qualifications. The City of Ft. Pierce shall be the sole judge of its own best interests, the qualifications, and the resulting negotiated agreement. Evaluation criteria will include, but will not be limited to the following:

Category Title	Category Description	Submittal Tab(s)	Points
Executive Summary	Details on how you plan to provide your services based on the specifications or scope of work provided in this solicitation.	Tab 1	10
Qualifications of Company	Includes company qualifications, introduction, and company information.	Tab 2	25
Personnel	Personnel qualifications	Tab 3	30
Services/References	Services (past projects) and references that support your comments on the services you provide. Past clients related experience with your company.	Tabs 4 and 5	35
Total			100

4.2 EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

A Selection/Negotiation Committee (SNC) shall be responsible for short-listing the most qualified firms. The Selection Committee may also, at its sole discretion, request additional or clarifying information from any responder. The Selection Committee may expressly request such information to remedy any incomplete response but will not be obligated to do so. Failure to provide the information could result in the rejection of the responder’s proposal. The occurrence or absence of such a request shall not be cause for objection by any responder. Proprietary information from competing responders shall not be disclosed to the public or to competitors prior to any award subject to Public Records Law, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

For project specific RFQ’s, staff reserves the right to negotiate an agreement with

the selected firms individually based upon ranking to reach an agreement; for continuing services type agreements, the SNC reserves the right to negotiate concurrently with selected firms, whereby one or multiple firms will then be recommended to the City Commission for award.

The City reserves the right to award single or multiple contracts if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the City. The City also reserves the right to reject any and all qualifications proposals. With all factors considered, awards will be made to respondent(s) whose qualifications are deemed, in the sole discretion of the City to best serve the public interest of the City.

The City may act only through the City Commission. The proposer may not rely on any representations by the City other than as approved by official action of the City Commission. **The Submittal Package (or sections thereof) of the successful respondent(s) may be incorporated in any Contract that ensues.**

5. REJECTION CRITERIA

Submittals shall be rejected as non-responsive if any of the following criteria exist (this list is not all-inclusive):

- Not all questions, instructions, and forms in the Qualification package have been properly completed;
- The RFQ response is found to have concealed or contained false and/or misleading information;
- The City did not receive the RFQ package prior to the submittal deadline;
- Your firm is not licensed with the Florida Secretary of State to do business in Florida. You must submit a State of Florida Certificate of Status for your firm;
- All forms included with the application were not signed and/or submitted;
- The Qualification package signature page is not properly executed; and/or
- Completed Project Specific Reference forms are not returned with proposal.

SECTION V

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING PROPOSALS

The City deems certain documentation and information important in the determination of responsiveness and for the purpose of evaluating proposals. Proposals should seek to avoid information in excess of that requested, must be concise, and must specifically address the issues of this RFQ. The City prefers that proposals be no more than 150 pages in one complete pdf document. The proposals should be organized, divided, and indexed into the sections indicated herein. These are not inclusive of all the information that may be necessary to properly evaluate the proposal and meet the requirements of the scope of work and/or specifications. Additional documents and information should be provided as deemed appropriate by the respondent in the proposal to specific requirements stated herein or through the RFQ.

The complete proposal shall contain the following information and shall be submitted in the order shown below. Please address each section in your proposal submission and divide each section of your proposal, with identifying tabs.

TAB 1: Executive Summary

Indicate which of the professional service(s) your firm intends to provide, an overview of how you plan to provide your service(s) based on the evaluation criteria and specifications listed in this Request for Qualifications, and why you should be selected for this opportunity.

TAB 2: Qualifications

- a. Company Information.
- b. A brief company history.
- c. Number of years your organization has been in business as a provider of the services you are proposing to offer under this solicitation.
- d. Number of years your organization has been in business under its present business name.
- e. Location of Consultant's corporate headquarters and location of the office(s) where the work will be produced.
- f. Experience
- g. Experience of your company or firm with the services, products or combination thereof as stated in the scope of work or specification contemplated under this RFQ.
- h. Elaborate brochure and presentation aids beyond those necessary to communicate the substance of the proposal are discouraged.

TAB 3: Key Personnel

For the key individuals who will be marketing, consulting, estimating, coordinating, supervising, and managing before, during and after-sales services, warranty, maintenance, and support services offered in response to this solicitation, in your response, provide a listing and the qualifications of these key individuals. Provide the name, title, qualifications, and experience in the area(s) of service(s) that they will be providing. Include awards, certifications, membership in professional organization and licensing. Resume may be included but key personnel qualification sheets are limited to 1 page per employee. Max number of key personnel is ten.

1. Provide organizational plan for management of project(s), including:
 - a. The proposed relationship between key members and support staff and access of work each will be responsible for performing.
2. Identify all sub-consultants and sub-contractors authorized to be used for the work.
 - a. Provide a brief narrative for each sub-consultant/sub-contractor and the work experience, field(s) of specialization, education, and certifications for key members.

TAB 4: Service (Include similar projects)

1. In comparing previous similar projects your organization is involved with or has completed, do you see any areas where your organization possesses unique experience, resources, product offerings, personnel or other service reputation that should be considered with your ability to provide timely, quality product or services for the City of Fort Pierce?
2. Number and size of relevant projects currently being performed, personnel assigned to and stage of completion of such project, status of each project relative to completion schedule.
3. Provide a description and dollar amount of any and all projects, which have been done, or currently being done during the past five (5) years for the City of Fort Pierce.

TAB 5: References

1. Provide a minimum of three (3) references which will subsequently be contacted by the City of Fort Pierce. Your references should include the following information:
 - a. Name of reference organization
 - b. Contact person
 - c. Phone number
 - d. Email address
2. You may also include letters of recommendation by other references in this tab as well as any outstanding accomplishments of the firm that relates to the specific services being sought.

TAB 6: Required Forms

The completed forms in Section VI, Required Forms.

SECTION VI REQUIRED FORMS

SUMMARY OF REQUIRED FORMS

Form No. 1 – Drug Free Workplace Certification (1 page)

The form may be use as part of a tiebreaker for tie scores. If your company does not have a Drug Free Workplace Program, you must mark this form N/A and return it with you RFQ package. If your company has a Program, sign and return the form.

Form No. 2 – Non-Collusive Form (1 page)

Each proposer shall execute an affidavit, in the form provided by the City, to the effect that he/she has not colluded with any other person, firm or corporation in regard to any proposal submitted. Such affidavit shall be attached to the proposal form.

Form No. 3 – Public Entity Crimes (2 pages)

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a proposal on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a proposal on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of CATEGORY TWO for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

Form No. 4 – Scrutinized Companies Certification (1 page)

Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, prohibits agencies from contracting with companies, for goods or services over \$1,000,000, that are on either the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List. Both lists are created pursuant to section 215.473, Florida Statutes. At the time a company submits a bid or proposal for a contract or before the company enters into or renews a contract with an agency or governmental entity for goods or services of \$1 million or more, the company must certify that the company is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List.

Form No. 7 – E=Verify Affidavit

Consultants: Shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the Consultant during the term of the contract; and shall expressly require any subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to the state contract to likewise utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the subcontractor during the contract term

Form No. 6 – References

As per Tab No. 5, page 23

Form No. 7 – W-9 Taxpayer Identification Number

This form shall be complete and returned with your submittal.



DRUG~FREE WORKPLACE FORM

The undersigned vendor in accordance with Florida Statute 287.087 hereby certified that _____ does:

(Name of Business)

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

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

Proposer's Signature

Date



NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT FOR PRIME BIDDER

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

_____, being first duly sworn, deposes
and says:

That he is _____
(a partner or officer of the firm, etc.)

the party making the foregoing proposal or bid, that such proposal or bid is genuine and not collusive or sham; that said bidder has not colluded, conspired, connived or agreed directly or indirectly with any bidder or person, to put in a sham bid or to refrain from bidding, and has not in any manner, directly or indirectly sought by agreement or collusion, or communication or conference with any person, to fix the bid price of affiant or of any other bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of said bid price, or of that of any other bidder, or to secure any advantage against the City of Fort Pierce, of the County of St. Lucie, or any person interested in the proposed contract; and that all statements in said proposal or bid are true.

(Firm Name)

By: _____

Title: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____
day of , _____ 2023.

Notary Public

My Commission expires: (Seal)



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

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

1. This sworn statement is submitted by City of Fort Pierce
(Print name of the public entity).
by _____
(Print individual's name and title)
for _____
whose business address is _____

(If applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is _____

(If the entity has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the individual signing this sworn statement: On the attached sheet). Required as per the IRS Form W-9.

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

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

4. I understand that an "affiliate" as defined in paragraph 287.133(1)(a), Florida Statutes, means:

- a. A predecessor or successor of a person convicted of a public entity crime: or
- b. An entity under the control of any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime. The term "affiliate" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of an affiliate. The ownership by one person of shares constituting a controlling interest in another person, or a pooling of equipment or income among persons when not for fair market value under an arm's length agreement, shall be a prima facie case that one person controls another person.

A person who knowingly enters into a joint venture with a person who has been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the preceding 36 months shall be considered an affiliate. I understand that a "person" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(c), Florida Statutes, means any natural person or entity organized under the laws of any state or of the United States with the legal power to enter into a binding contract and which bids or applies to bid on contracts for the provision of goods or services let by a public entity, or which otherwise transacts or applies to transact business with a public entity. The term "person" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of an entity.

5. Based on information and belief, the statement which I have marked below is true in relation to the entity submitting this sworn statement. **(Please indicate which statement applies.)**

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

_____ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of the officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, member, or agents who are active in management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity have been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

_____ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, member, or agents who are active in management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989. However, there has been subsequent proceeding before a Hearing Officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearing and the Final Order entered by the Hearing Officer determined that it was not in the public interest to place the entity submitting this sworn statement on the convicted vendor list. **(Attach a copy of the final order)**

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM TO THE CONTRACTING OFFICER FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 1 (ONE) ABOVE IS FOR THAT PUBLIC ENTITY ONLY AND, THAT THIS FORM IS VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 31 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH IS FILED. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I AM REQUIRED TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ENTITY PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT PROVIDED IN SECTION 287.017, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR CATEGORY TWO OR ANY CHANGE IN THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM.

(Signature)

(Date)

STATE OF _____

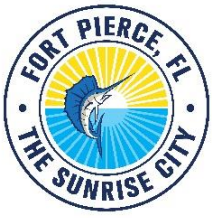
COUNTY OF _____

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority _____
(Name of individual signing)

Who, after first being sworn by me, affixed his/her signature in the space provided above on this
day _____ of _____, 20____.

(NOTARY PUBLIC)

My Commission Expires: _____



E-VERIFY AFFIRMATION STATEMENT

Description: Miscellaneous Professional Continuing Services

Pursuant to Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, Contractor/Proposer/Responder acknowledges and agrees:

- (a) to register with and use the E-Verify System to verify the work authorization status of all persons employed by the Contractor/Proposer/Responder to perform employment duties during the term of the Contract, and
- (b) to require any subcontractor (as defined in Section 448.095, Florida Statutes) assigned by Contractor/Proposer/Respondent to perform work pursuant to the Contract to register with and use the E-Verify System to verify the work authorization status of all persons employed by the subcontractor during the term of the Contract, and
- (c) if Contractor/Proposer/Responder enters into a contract with a subcontractor, Contractor/Proposer/Responder shall obtain an affidavit from every subcontractor stating the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien and the Contractor/Proposer/Responder shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the term of the Contract, and
- (d) the Contractor/Proposer/Bidder shall use the E-Verify System during the term of the Contract, as a condition of the Contract.

Contractor/Proposer/Bidder Company Name: _____

Authorized Company Person's Signature: _____

Authorized Company Person's Title: _____

Date: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF _____

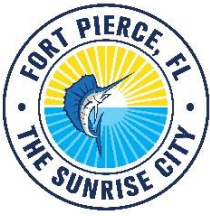
Sworn (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization this ___ day of _____, 20___ by _____, who is

personally known or produced identification (ID produced: _____).

Signature: _____ (Seal)

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: _____



CERTIFICATION REGARDING SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES LISTS

Respondent Name: _____
Respondent's Authorized Representative Name and Title: _____

Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____ Respondent FEIN: _____
Email Address: _____

Section 287.135, Florida Statutes prohibits a company from bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing a contract for goods or services of any amount if, at the time of contracting or renewal, the company 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. Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, also prohibits a company from bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing a contract for goods or services of \$1,000,000 or more, that are on either the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector Lists which were created pursuant to s. 215.473, Florida Statutes.

Certification:

As the person authorized to sign on behalf of Respondent, I hereby certify that the company identified above in the section entitled "Respondent Vendor Name" is not listed on either the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List. I further certify that the company is not engaged in a boycott of Israel. I understand that pursuant to section 287.135, Florida Statutes, the submission of a false certification may subject company to civil penalties, attorney's fees, and/or costs.



REFERENCES

RFQ NO. 2024-005

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Contact Person & Title	
Email Address	
Phone No.	
Company Name	
Mailing Address	
City, State, Zip	
Type of commercial work contracted	
Contact Person & Title	
Email Address	
Phone No.	
Company Name	
Mailing Address	
City, State, Zip	
Type of commercial work contracted	
Contact Person & Title	
Email Address	
Phone No.	
Company Name	
Mailing Address	
City, State, Zip	
Type of commercial work contracted	

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.**

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.	Name (as shown on your income tax return)	
	Business name, if different from above	
	Check appropriate box: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (D=disregarded entity, C=corporation, P=partnership) ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt payee <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶	
	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Requester's name and address (optional)
	City, state, and ZIP code	
List account number(s) here (optional)		

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Social security number
OR
Employer identification number

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

- The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,

CITY OF FORT PIERCE CHECKLIST

This checklist is provided to assist each Proposer in the preparation of their bid response. Included in this checklist are important requirements, which is the responsibility of each Proposer to submit with their response in order to make their response fully compliant. This checklist is only a guideline, it is the responsibility of each Proposer to read and comply with the Request for Qualifications in its entirety.

Check “Yes” or “No” to each of the following:

	YES	NO
Is Request for Qualifications cover page (page 1) completed, signed and attached?		
Include proof of proper insurance as stated in bid documents.		
Are all of the Required forms complete and included?		
Is each Addendum (when issued) signed and included?		
Have you checked your proposal for proper organization, tabs are correct?		
Are you in compliance with the page limitations?		
Hard Copy Submissions. Confirmation of one (1) original and one (1) copy on USB Drive.		
Did you submit your proposal electronically?		
Have you made sure your corporate address matches your Sunbiz information ?		
Are you registered on Demandstar to received addendums		
Have all areas of the RFQ forms and related documents been signed off by and authorized agent of the company and / or witnessed / notarized where applicable?		

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN WITH BID _____



CITY FORT PIERCE
MISCELLANEOUS PROFESSIONAL CONTINUING SERVICES

RFQ NO. 2024- 005

ADDENDUM NO. 1

The purpose of this addendum is to respond to questions submitted by potential proposer for clarification of the proposal specifications:

1. **QUESTION:** The scope mentions environmental testing services. Please clarify the types of environmental testing projects anticipated for this contract.

ANSWER: No specific environmental testing projects have been identified at this time. We anticipate the type of assignments that may be required during the duration of this contract may include but are not limited to:

- Phase I Environmental Site Assessments
- Phase II/III Environmental Investigations
- Site Characterization/Soil and Groundwater Studies and Remediation
- Risk Assessments
- Brownfield Investigations and Redevelopment
- Asbestos Testing, Abatement Design, and Abatement Management
- Mold Assessments
- Lead-Based Paint Testing and Consulting
- Hazardous materials handling, treatment and/or disposal

2. **QUESTION:** We understand - per item 3. Minimum Qualifications on page 20 - "it is the city's intent to select multiple consultants...based solely on qualifications of lead consultants". However, Tab 3 - Key Personnel (2a) asks for identification of all subconsultants authorized to be used, as well as a brief narrative. If subconsultants should not be included for this specific response, are proposers required to respond to Tab 3 (item 2a)?

ANSWER: Information on sub-consultants and sub-contractors is not required. Tab 3, 2a. has been omitted from Section V: Instructions for Preparing Proposals.

3. **QUESTION:** In Tab 2 – Qualifications, “ experience” is noted twice, in both items f. and g. Please clarify what should be submitted for item f. Experience, as there is no further details for this item.
- ANSWER:** **Item F is a duplication of Item G made in error. The required information for Tab 2: Qualifications is as follows:**
- i. Company Information.**
 - ii. A brief company history.**
 - iii. Number of years your organization has been in business as a provider of the services you are proposing to offer under this solicitation.**
 - iv. Number of years your organization has been in business under its present business name.**
 - v. Location of Consultant’s corporate headquarters and location of the office(s) where the work will be produced.**
 - vi. Experience of your company or firm with the services, products or combination thereof as stated in the scope of work or specification contemplated under this RFQ.**
 - vii. Elaborate brochure and presentation aids beyond those necessary to communicate the substance of the proposal are discouraged.**
4. **QUESTON:** Page 13 (items 6-8) of the RFQ indicates respondents are to Submit sample certificates of insurance, business tax receipts/occupational licenses, and W-9 forms with proposal submissions. Please clarify which tab(s) should be used to submit this data in the response.
- ANSWER:** **Please include sample certificates, insurance, business tax receipts and W-9s, etc. In Tab #6: Required Forms.**
5. **QUESTON:** For the W-9 requirement (item 8 on page 13) please confirm if firms may submit W-9s already completed, or if we are required to use/submit the city’s form.
- ANSWER:** **Already completed W-9s are acceptable.**

6. **QUESTION:** We understand respondents are to complete and return the City of Fort Pierce’s Checklist (final page of RFQ) with submissions. Please clarify if it should be included with required forms in Tab 6, or elsewhere in the response.

ANSWER: **Please include it in Tab 6: Required Forms.**

7. **QUESTION:** SUBCONSULTANTS
Section IV, Minimum Qualifications (2) - (see screenshot of relevant language, below) This section indicates the firm should submit only in their area of expertise and not assemble a multi-functional team with sub-consultants. Section V, Tab 3 Key Personnel – (see screenshot of relevant language, below). This subsection requests identification of all sub-consultants and sub-contractors. Can you please clarify what the City is requesting related to sub-consultants and sub-contractors?

ANSWER: **Information on sub-consultants and sub-contractors is not required. Tab 3, 2a. has been omitted from Section V, Instructions for Preparing Proposals.**

8. **QUESTION:** Professional firms qualified to provide design and consulting services Section IV, (2) General Information. This section list six (6) specific areas of professional services with subtypes for indicates that the following specialties “ may include”.

- Is it appropriate to list expertise in Urban Planning outside those listed as sub-categories?
- We are unsure how the City defines certain services, including:
 - Technical Design Investigations
 - Mixed Use Project Development (design and implementation): Does the City seek planners to oversee project teams to design and entitle City projects?
 - Small Area Studies
 - Project Design Oversight: Is this similar to “Mixed Use Project Development (Design and Implementation)”?

Can you please assist in clarifying the City’s needs on these specific items so we can appropriately respond with our relevant experience?

ANSWER: **The scope of the professional services to be provided under this Contract will vary based on the specific needs of the City that arise over the duration of the Contract. It**

is anticipated that the Consultant will be available to provide such services, as required, to various City departments. The Consultant will take assignments on a project-by-project basis pursuant to the terms of this Contract. It is stipulated in the solicitation that the Consultant is not guaranteed work assignments under the Contract.

The bulleted list of potential assignments is given as a blanket overview of potential projects that may be needed. We suggest that responders provide their experience in Urban Planning to address their areas of expertise, not limited to the list of “sub-categories” of potential assignments.

For clarification, we anticipate the type of Urban Planning assignments that may be needed during the duration of this contract may include (but not limited to):

- Planning and design services for projects identified in the Downtown Master Plan.
- Neighborhood Identification and Placemaking Projects throughout the City/Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency.
- Streetscaping, Parks and Open Space Planning and Design.
- City/FPRA-owned Property Planning (possibly mixed-use).
- Comprehensive Policy Planning and Review.

9. QUESTION:

Evaluation Criteria (Selection V) We notice that the evaluation criteria does not include Local Preference or Minority/Woman-Owned Business Preference. Is this accurate? If so, why has the City changed its policy regarding Local Preference?

ANSWER:

This is accurate. The evaluation criteria used to evaluate solicitations are at the discretion of the Department requesting the services. Local Preference was formerly utilized under Special Terms and Conditions in competitive seal bid documents and Request for Proposal, not purchases for professional services subject to Florida Statue 287.055, the Consultant Competitive Negotiation Act, such as this Request Qualifications.

10. QUESTION:

Section I, General Conditions, sub (18)

Minority/Woman Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) states: "An MWBE wishing to participate in the City procurement process may contact the Purchasing Department for information and assistance." Is there any support or benefit in ranking for being an MWBE in this RFQ?

ANSWER: **There is no specific ranking for MWBE in this RFQ.**

11. QUESTION: The highlighted bullets under Tab 1 were mentioned on #’d Page 13 but not listed in the Instructions for Preparing Proposals on #’d page 23. Are they required for this submittal?

ANSWER:

- Minority Outreach Plan – history of participation, strategy for promoting participation, realistic goals for participation, reference contact information for clients who can speak to your previous experience. – **disregard this item**
- Insurance - **Include proof of Insurance under Tab #6**
- Corporate Charter – **Include under Tab #2**
- Tax Receipt – **Include under Tab #6**

12. QUESTION: It appears that the RFQ allows for either delivery of a hard copy + a PDF to the City or a digital copy uploaded to Demandstar on the due date. Is this accurate?

ANSWER: **Yes. To clarify as stated on page 15 of the document, there are two options for electronic submissions, upload to DemandStar OR forward pdf format to the Purchasing Division email address.**

13. QUESTION: Section IV, item 3 MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS, states that "submittals should contain no subconsultants". However, on Section V, Tab 3 KEY PERSONNEL, it states to "identify all sub-consultants and sub-contractors authorized to be used for the work". Additionally, Tab 3 is asking for the sub-consultant’s experience, education, certifications, etc. Can you please clarify whether or not we need to submit sub-consultants?

ANSWER: **Information on sub-consultants and sub-contractors is not required. Tab 3, 2a. has been omitted from Section V: Instructions for Preparing Proposals**

14. QUESTION: Section V, on Tab 3 KEY PERSONNEL, it states "For the key

individuals who will be marketing, consulting, estimating, coordinating, supervising, and managing before, during and after-sales services, warranty, maintenance...” However, this solicitation, based on the scope of work stated on page 19, is for architectural and engineering services. Can you please confirm that we need to submit architects/engineers as our key personnel instead of marketing, consulting, after-sales services?

ANSWER: Please provide the requested information for any key individuals on your team who will be providing services to the City of Fort Pierce. The examples given are just listed to reference the types of personnel the City might interact with.

15. **QUESTION:** Can we exclusively submit for the Urban Planning discipline, or does the City expect firms to address all the disciplines specified from a to on page 19 of the RFQ?

ANSWER: Firms may exclusively submit for any of the disciplines specified.

16. **QUESTION:** Page 3 lists different types of services for licenses professional consultants. Is the City open to other types of licensed professional consultants submitting proposals to become prequalified?

IM Solutions is a full-service technology and communications integration firm specializing in Audiovisual, IT and Unified Communications system professional design, installation, and service. We are a woman-owned small business and have been in business since 2002.

ANSWER: The City of Fort Pierce is not seeking IT consultants as part of this solicitation. However, you can subscribe to receive updates on other bid opportunities to be notified when an opportunity may arise: [Bid Postings • Fort Pierce, FL • CivicEngage \(cityoffortpierce.com\)](#)

All other conditions of this bid remain the same.

Please acknowledge receipt of this addendum and include it with your submittal.

Signature: _____
Manual

Signature: _____
Typed or Printed

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

/lh

November 9, 2023

CITY FORT PIERCE

MISCELLANEOUS PROFESSIONAL CONTINUING SERVICES

RFQ NO. 2024-005

ADDENDUM NO. 2



The purpose of this addendum is to respond to questions submitted by potential proposers for clarification of the specifications.

1. **QUESTION:** Professional liability - We have the standard 3-Million-dollar coverage. However, we also have a 2-million-dollar umbrella policy. Will this be acceptable?

ANSWER: Yes, this will be acceptable

2. **QUESTION:** Watercraft Insurance – We are applying for Architectural service and do not believe we will be affected by this. Is it acceptable as the architect, not to have this coverage?

ANSWER: Yes, this will be acceptable

3. **QUESTION:** Cyber Insurance – We have never been asked for this and therefore do not have this coverage. Is this required for architectural services?

ANSWER: We can forgo the Cyber Insurance

All other conditions of this bid remain the same.

Please acknowledge receipt of this addendum and include it with your submittal.

Signature: _____
Manual

Signature: _____
Typed or Printed

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

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