



County of Hernando
Procurement Department
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Continuing Professional Engineering Services
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Ayres Associates Inc Proposal

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Sep 30, 2023 12:04 AM

ADDENDA CONFIRMATION

Addendum #1

Confirmed Sep 11, 2023 6:52 PM by Jenn Stirmel

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Acknowledgement and Attestation*

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By responding to this RFQ, the respondent(s) certify that he/she has reviewed the sample contract, and its exhibits contained herein, and is familiar with their terms and conditions and finds them expressly workable.

We certify and declare that the foregoing is true and correct.

Please acknowledge below that you confirm the above statement:

Confirmed

2. Download Drug Free Workplace Certificate *

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I have read and attest to, in accordance with Florida Statute 287.087 (current version), hereby certify that,

Publishes a written statement notifying that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace named above, and specifying actions that will be taken against violations of such prohibition.

Informs employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the firm's policy of maintaining a drug free working environment, and available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug use violations.

Gives each employee engaged in providing commodities or contractual services that are under proposal a copy of the statement specified above.

Notifies the employees that as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under proposal, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, pleas of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 893, or of any controlled substance law of the State of Florida or the United States, for a violation occurring in the workplace, no later than five (5) days after such conviction, and requires employees to sign copies of such written statement to acknowledge their receipt.

Imposes a sanction on, or requires the satisfactory participation in, a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program, if such is available in the employee's community, by any employee who is so convicted.

Makes a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug free workplace through the implementation of the Drug Free Workplace Program.

"As a person authorized to sign this statement, I certify that the above named business, firm or corporation complies fully with the requirements set forth herein".

Please Confirm that you have read and attest to Download Drug Free Workplace Certificate

Confirmed

3. Affidavit of Non Collusion and of Non-Interest of Hernando County Employees*

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Certification that Vendor/Contractor affirms that the bid/proposal presented to the Owner is made freely, and without any secret agreement to commit a fraudulent, deceitful, unlawful or wrongful act of collusion.

I have read and attest that I am the Vendor/Contractor in the above bid/proposal, that the only person or persons interested in said proposal are named therein; that no officer, employee or agent of the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) or of any other Vendor/Contractor is interested in said bid/proposal; and that affiant makes the above bid/proposal with no past or present collusion with any other person, firm or corporation.

Please confirm that you have read and attest to Affidavit of Non Collusion and of Non-Interest of Hernando County Employees

Confirmed

4. Sworn Statement

SWORN STATEMENT 287.133 (3) (A)*

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I have read and attest that I understand that a "public entity crime" as defined in Paragraph 287.133 (1)(g), Florida Statutes (current version), means a violation of any public entity or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or of the United States, including, but not limited to, any proposal 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.

I have read and attest that I understand that "convicted" or "conviction" as defined in Paragraph 287.133 (1)(b), Florida Statutes (current version), 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, non-jury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.

I have read and attest that I understand that an "affiliate" as defined in Paragraph 287.133 (1)(a), Florida Statutes (current version), 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 (1) 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 (1) 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 thirty-six (36) months shall be considered an affiliate.

I have read and attest that I understand that a "person" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(e), Florida Statutes (current version), 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 proposals or applies to proposal on contracts for the provisions 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.

I have read and attest that based on information and belief, the statement which I have confirmed below is true in relation to the entity submitting this sworn statement:

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM TO THE CONTRACTING OFFICER FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH ONE (1) ABOVE IS FOR THAT PUBLIC ENTITY ONLY AND, THAT THIS FORM IS VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 31, OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH IT IS FILED. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I AM REQUIRED TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ENTITY PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT.

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

IF YOU CHOOSE OPTION 3, PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THE FINAL ORDER

The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one (1) or more of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in the 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 a subsequent proceeding before a Hearing Officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings 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/Contractor list

Please attach a copy of the final order

No response submitted

5. Authorized Signatures/Negotiators

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES/NEGOTIATORS *

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Please provide the information to support the statement below:

The Vendor/Contractor represents that the following persons are authorized to sign and/or negotiate contracts and related documents to which the Vendor/Contractor will be duly bound:

Name(s)

Title(s)

E-mail(s)

Phone no(s)

Subrata Bandy, PE

Vice President

BandyS@AyresAssociates.com

813.978.8688

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION *

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Please select your organization type:

Corporation

COMPANY ID*

Pass

Please Provide Your:

State of Incorporation and

Federal I.D. NO.

Wisconsin, 39-0965082

W9 FORM*

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Please upload your company's W9 information

W-9.pdf

ACH ELECTRONIC PAYMENT*

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An ACH electronic payment method is offered as an alternative to a payment by physical check. Please select one of the options.

No, ACH electronic payment method is not acceptable.

6. Local Vendor Affidavit of Eligibility

7. E-Verify Certification

E-VERIFY CERTIFICATION *

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Vendor/Contractor acknowledges and agrees to the following:

Vendor/Contractor shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system, in accordance with the terms governing use of the system, to confirm the employment eligibility of:

All persons employed by the Vendor/Contractor during the term of the Contract to perform employment duties within Florida; and

All persons, including subcontractors, assigned by the Vendor/Contractor to perform work pursuant to the Contract with the department.

Confirmed

REFERENCES *

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Proposer must provide a minimum of **three (3)** references in format shown below. References must be individuals that can be readily contacted and have first-hand knowledge of the Proposer's performance on the specific project performed by the Proposer. Each reference project must meet the following criteria:

Project at Substantial Completion or completed within the last seven (7) years.

Similar in size, dollar value and scope as this project.

Please provide information for 3 required References:

Business/Owner Name

Reference Contact Person

Reference Address

Reference Phone No.

Reference Email Address

Project Name

Project Location

Contract Project Manager

Site Superintendent

Contract Amount

Date Project Commenced

Date of Substantial Completion

Date of Final Completion

Description of Work Performed

Note: Experience shall be related to successfully completed projects within the last seven (7) years (i.e., the project must have been Substantially Complete within seven (7) years of the due date of this RFQ. Only projects that are complete or substantially complete as of the bid due date will be considered).

By submitting this information, I certify that the qualifications questionnaire information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

7.1_References.docx

KEY SUBCONTRACTORS*

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Each Proposer must submit with its response a list of subcontractors who will perform the work in each of the following categories (key subcontractors). List the name of the proposed subcontractor, or "Proposer" if the Proposer will perform the work, after each work category:

Example:

- (1) Earthwork construction
- (2) Earthen dike construction
- (3) Soil bentonite backfill cut-off wall installation
- (4) Wet excavation/dredging work
- (5) Concrete form work
- (6) Equipment installation

- (7) Electrical and instrumentation installation
- (8) Control system integration
- (9) Wetland planting and establishment

If no subcontractors will be employed please state "NONE"

7.3_Key_Subcontractors.docx

VENDOR/CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE*

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The Proposer must be a registered to do business in the State of Florida. **All Proposers and/or subcontractors performing work requiring a specialty license must be licensed in the State of Florida.** This includes but is not limited to electrical and mechanical trades, as well as any other earthwork Contractor on the Proposer's team. Provide license information (as required in Paragraph 27) below for Proposer and all subcontractors identified herein.

Classification

Issuing Government License

Issue Date:

License Number:

Ayres_DBPR_Licensee_Info.jpg

ORGANIZATION CHART*

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Proposer must provide an organization chart showing Proposer's team identifying specific responsibilities of Proposer and subcontractors.

Ayres_Organization_Chart.pdf

PROJECT MANAGER AND SUPERINTENDENT QUALIFICATIONS*

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Proposer must provide resumes of Project Manager and Superintendent listing qualifications, experience, education and training. The Project Manager and Superintendent must have adequate experience, generally considered as a working Project Manager/Superintendent on a minimum of two (2) projects, similar in size and scope to the Continuing Professional Engineering Services, within the past seven (7) years.

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8. Vendor/Contractor's License

VENDOR/CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE*

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Please upload all contractors and subcontractors license(s) required for this project.

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9. Additional Required Forms

CORPORATE AFFIDAVIT *

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Please download the below documents, complete, and upload.

- [Corporate Affidavit.pdf](#)

Corporate_Affidavit_-_SIGNED.pdf

VENDOR CERTIFICATION REGARDING SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES*

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Section 287.135 (Current Edition), Florida Statutes, prohibits agencies from contracting with companies for goods or services of \$1,000,000.00 or more, that are on either the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with

Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector Lists which are created pursuant to s. 215.473 F.S. (Current Edition), or the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to s. 215.4725 F.S. (Current Edition), or companies that are engaged in a boycott of Israel or companies engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

As the person authorized to bind 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 (Current Edition), Florida Statutes, the submission of a false certification may subject company to civil penalties, attorney's fees, and/or costs and does not have business operations in Cuba or Syria.

I have read and attest that I confirm the above is acknowledged.

Confirmed

10. Hernando County Employment Disclosure Certification Statement

IS ANY OFFICER, PARTNER, DIRECTOR, PROPRIETOR, ASSOCIATE OR MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS ENTITY A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF HERNANDO COUNTY WITHIN THE LAST TWO (2) YEARS? *

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No

IS ANY OFFICER, PARTNER, DIRECTOR, PROPRIETOR, ASSOCIATE OR MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS ENTITY A RELATIVE OR MEMBER OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF A CURRENT HERNANDO COUNTY EMPLOYEE THAT HAD OR WILL HAVE ANY INVOLVEMENT WITH THIS PROCUREMENT OR CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION?*

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No

RELATIVES AND FORMER HERNANDO COUNTY EMPLOYEES - ROLES AND SIGNATURES

If you answered yes to the either of the two prior questions regarding relatives or Hernando employees, please download the below documents, complete, and upload.

- [Relatives and Former Hernan...](#)

No response submitted

11. Vendor Survey

VENDOR SURVEY *

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Please provide information on where you received the knowledge of the bid/request for Qualifications (mark all that apply):

County's eProcurement Portal (Open Gov Procurement)

VENDOR SURVEY - OTHER

If you choose Other please list how you received the knowledge of the bid/request for Proposals.

No response submitted

ANTICIPATES SERVICES OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES OR FLORIDA*

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Anticipates Services outside the United States or Florida

If the respondent anticipates services under the contract or any subcontracts will be performed outside the United States or Florida, the respondent shall provide in a written statement which must include, but need not be limited to the type of services that will be performed at a location outside the United States or Florida and the reason why it is necessary or advantageous to go outside the United States or Florida to perform such services. (Does not apply to any project that receives federal moneys)

No

12. Submittal Requirements

Firms will be judged not only on their past experience for the type of work involved, but also on their ability to address issues critical to the success of the project requirements outlined in this RFQ document. Following are elements that will be used to evaluate each firm's qualifications:

PROJECT TEAM *

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Identify the project principal, the project manager, key staff and subconsultants. Present a brief discussion regarding how the team's qualifications and experience relate to the specific project.

- Qualifications and relevant individual experience.
- Unique knowledge of key team members relating to the project.
- Experience on projects as a team.
- Key staff involvement in project management and on-site presence.
- Time commitment of key staff.
- Qualifications and relevant subconsultant experience.

12.1_-_A._Project_Team.pdf

FIRM/TEAM CAPABILITIES*

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- Are the lines of authority and coordination clearly identified?
- Are essential management functions identified?
- Are the functions effectively integrated? (e.g., subconsultants' role delineated)?
- Current and projected work load.

Note: Organization charts and graphs depicting your capacity may be included.

12.2_-_B._Firm_and_Team_Capabilities.pdf

PRIOR EXPERIENCE*

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Use this portion of your submittal to describe relevant experiences with the project type described in this RFQ document and various services to be provided.

- Experience of the key staff and firm with projects of similar scope and complexity.
- Demonstrated success on past projects of similar scope and complexity.
- References.

Note: Include the name and current telephone number of the owner's project manager for every project listed.

12.3_-_C._Prior_Experience_and_References.pdf

PROJECT APPROACH - BUDGET METHODOLOGY/COST CONTROL*

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For the project and services outlined in the RFQ document, describe how you plan to accomplish the following project control and management issues:

- Budget Methodology/Cost Control.
 - Establish and maintain estimates of probable cost within owner's established budget.
 - Control consultant contract costs
 - Coordinate value engineering activities

12.4._Project_Approach_-_Budget_Methodology_and_Cost_Control.pdf

PROJECT APPROACH - QUALITY CONTROL METHODOLOGY*

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For the project and services outlined in the RFQ document, describe how you plan to accomplish the following project control and management issues:

- Quality Control Methodology.
 - Insure County procedures are followed
 - Improve energy efficiency through the use of an integrated design process, life cycle costing, the use of an energy standard (current OSA energy code) and the specification of energy efficient materials, systems, and equipment
 - Insure the project is designed for durability and maintainability

12.5_Project_Approach_-_Quality_Control_Methodology.pdf

PROJECT APPROACH - SCHEDULE*

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For the project and services outlined in the RFQ document, describe how you plan to accomplish the following project control and management issues:

- Schedule.
 - Manage the required work to meet the established schedule

12.6_Project_Approach_-_Schedule_Control.pdf

WORK LOCATION*

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Describe where the prime and subconsultants will do the key work elements of this project.

- Proximity of firms office as it may affect coordination with the County's project manager and the potential project location.
- Firm's familiarity with the project area.

- Knowledge of the local labor and material markets.

12.7_E._._Work_Location.pdf

13. Optional

OPTIONAL UPLOAD OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Please upload any optional/additional information not requested elsewhere. Respondent may supply a full pdf of their proposal here, this should be done in addition to responding above to questions 12.1 through 12.7.

Ayres_Cover_Letter_-_Hernando_County.pdfAyres_Hernando_County_Continuing_Professional_Engineering_Services_-_23-RFQ00422_AP.pdf

14. EXCEPTIONS

1. Proposers may take exception to certain requirements in this RFQ. All exceptions shall be clearly identified in this section, with a written explanation of the exception and an alternate proposal (if applicable). The County, at its sole discretion, may reject any exceptions or specifications within the proposal.
2. The Contract that the County intends to use for award is attached for reference. Any exceptions to this standard Contract must be clearly indicated by return of the standard Contract with the Proposal, with exceptions clearly noted. The County has the right to require the selected Proposer to sign the attached Contract or to negotiate revisions to the Contract language prior to execution of the Contract, at its sole discretion.

PROPOSER'S CERTIFICATION*

I have carefully examined the Request for Proposals (RFQ), Instructions to Proposers, General and/or Special Conditions, Specifications, RFQ Proposal and any other documents accompanying or made a part of this invitation.

I agree that my RFQ will remain firm for a period of up to one hundred and eighty (180) days in order to allow the County adequate time to evaluate the Proposals. Furthermore, I agree to abide by all conditions of the Proposal.

I certify that all information contained in this RFQ is truthful to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that I am a duly authorized to submit this RFQ on behalf of the Consultant/Firm as its act and deed and that the Consultant/Firm is ready, willing and able to perform if awarded the Contract.

I further certify that this RFQ is made without prior understanding, agreement, connection, discussion, or collusion with any person, firm or corporation submitting a RFQ for the same product or service; no officer, employee or agent of the Hernando County BCC or of any other Proposer interested in said RFQ; and that the undersigned executed this Proposer's Certification with full knowledge and understanding of the matters therein contained and was duly authorized to do so.

I further certify that having read and examined the specifications and documents for the designated services and understanding the general conditions for Contract under which services will be performed, does hereby propose to furnish all labor, equipment, and material to provide the services set forth in the RFQ.

I hereby declare that the following listing states any clarifications, any and all variations from and exceptions to the requirements of the specifications and documents. The undersigned further declares that the "work" will be performed in strict accordance with such requirements and understands that any exceptions to the requirements of the specifications and documents may render the Proposer's Proposal non-responsive.

I take NO exceptions

EXCEPTIONS

If you selected "Exceptions" in the preceding question, please provide any exceptions to this RFP.

No response submitted