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TRANSFER SITE, EXTENDED SERVICE TO EAST HERNANDO COUNTY TO RIDGE MANOR AND EXTENDED SERVICE TO WEST HERNANDO COUNTY NORTH OF HIGHWAY 50 ON HIGHWAY 19

County of Hernando
15470 Flight Path Drive
Brooksville, FL 34604



RELEASE DATE: July 19, 2023

DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS: July 31, 2023

RESPONSE DEADLINE: August 21, 2023, 10:00 am

RESPONSES MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO:

<https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/hernandocounty>

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Summary

Hernando County is requesting proposals to select a qualified consultant or firm to provide services related to the location of a new transit transfer site, to conduct a route analysis for expected service expansion to Highway 50 West to Ridge Manor, and to Highway 19 north of Highway 50 toward Citrus County.

These services will be completed in two (2) phases as described here. to conduct a route analysis for expected service expansion to East and West side of county. East Highway 50 to Ridge Manor, and West Hernando County Highway 19 north of Highway 50 toward Citrus County.

Services provided under an awarded contract will be funded in whole or part with Federal grant funds that must be expended by March 2026.

1.2. Contact Information

Alisa Pike

Procurement Coordinator

15470 Flight Path Drive

Brooksville, FL 34604

Email: alisap@co.hernando.fl.us

Phone: [\(352\) 754-4020](tel:(352)754-4020)

Department:

Transit

Department Head:

Aaron Pool

Development Services Director

1.3. Timeline

Release Project Date	July 19, 2023
Question Submission Deadline	July 31, 2023, 5:00pm
Question Response Deadline (tentative)	August 2, 2023, 5:00pm

<p>Proposal Submission Deadline</p>	<p>August 21, 2023, 10:00am Join Zoom Meeting https://hernandoclerk.zoom.us/j/92161001651?pwd=a2hgSHA1eG1SZHNhYWNO0SUVndWQ0UT09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 921 6100 1651 Passcode: 234224</p> <p>---</p> <p>One tap mobile +13052241968,,92161001651#,,,,*234224# US +16469313860,,92161001651#,,,,*234224# US</p> <p>---</p> <p>Dial by your location</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• +1 305 224 1968 US• +1 646 931 3860 US• +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)• +1 309 205 3325 US• +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)• +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)• +1 669 444 9171 US• +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)• +1 689 278 1000 US• +1 719 359 4580 US• +1 253 205 0468 US• +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)• +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)• +1 360 209 5623 US• +1 386 347 5053 US• +1 507 473 4847 US• +1 564 217 2000 US <p>Meeting ID: 921 6100 1651 Passcode: 234224</p> <p>Find your local number: https://hernandoclerk.zoom.us/u/aez7DQVcRq</p>
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Professional Services Review Committee Meeting	September 13, 2023 TBD
Oral Presentations (if requested)	October 4, 2023 (Tentative)
Board Approval	TBD

2. SOLICITATION - OFFER - AWARD

ISSUED BY:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

John Allocco, Chairman

Elizabeth Narverud, Vice Chairman

Steve Champion, Second Vice Chairman

Brian Hawkins

Jerry Campbell

SUBMIT PROPOSAL TO:

HERNANDO COUNTY

PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT

via Hernando County's [eProcurement Portal](#)

Toni Brady

Chief Procurement Officer

3. SOLICITATION

SEALED OFFERS, FOR FURNISHING THE SERVICES, SUPPLIES OR EQUIPMENT DESCRIBED HEREIN WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT, VIA THE COUNTY'S [eProcurement Portal](#) UNTIL 10:00 am, LOCAL TIME ON Monday, August 21, 2023. NO OFFERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE ABOVE STIPULATED DATE AND TIME. THIS IS AN ADVERTISED SOLICITATION AND THE RESPONDENTS WILL BE PUBLICLY READ IN THE PROCUREMENT CONFERENCE ROOM AT 10:00 am ON Monday, August 21, 2023. PURSUANT TO FS 119.071 (current version) SEALED BIDS, PROPOSALS, OR REPLIES RECEIVED BY AN AGENCY PURSUANT TO A COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION ARE EXEMPT FROM FINAL INSPECTION UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE AGENCY PROVIDES NOTICE OF AN INTENDED DECISION OR UNTIL THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER OPENING THE BIDS, PROPOSALS, OR FINAL REPLIES, WHICHEVER IS EARLIER.

4. AWARD

The County intends to make a single award to the most responsive, and responsible Proposer that is the most advantageous to the County. However, the County reserves the sole right to reject any and all Proposals in accordance with the Hernando County Procurement Ordinance.

Award will be made at the earliest possible Hernando County BOCC Board meeting subsequent to the evaluation process. It is incumbent on Proposers to contact the Procurement Department to determine the successful Proposer(s).

This Request for Proposals is issued in accordance with and shall be governed by the provisions of the County's Procurement Policy.

The Contract resulting from this Request for Proposal shall commence effective upon execution by both parties and extend through project completion.

Upon Award please SUBMIT INVOICES TO:

Hernando County

Mass Transit Department

1653 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, FL 34601

or

Requesting Department

5. RFP INFORMATION

5.1. ADVERTISEMENT OF PROPOSAL

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissions of Hernando County, Florida, is accepting Proposals for:

RFP NO.23-RFP00392/AP

FOR

Transfer site, Extended Service to East Hernando County to Ridge Manor and Extended Service to West Hernando County north of Highway 50 on Highway 19

Hernando County Board of County Commissioners is soliciting Vendors/Contractors to provide potential solutions for the above listed project.

Offers for furnishing the above will be received and accepted up to 10:00 a.m. (local time), Monday, August 21, 2023, via Hernando County Procurement's [eProcurement Portal](#). Only electronic submittals shall be accepted by the County.

The Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County, Florida reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and waive informalities and minor irregularities in offers received in accordance with the solicitation documents and the Hernando County Procurement Ordinance.

Interested firms may secure the solicitation documents and plans and drawings and all other pertinent information by visiting the County's eProcurement Portal. For additional project information, please visit the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners Procurement Department at www.hernandocounty.us, or by submitting a question via the Q&A Tab in the County's [eProcurement Portal](#).

ExParte Communication: Please note that to ensure proper and fair evaluation of a submittal, the County prohibits exparte communication (i.e. unsolicited) initiated by the Proposer to the County Official or Employee prior to the time a Proposal decision has been made. Communication between Proposer and the County will be initiated by the appropriate County Official or Employee in order to obtain information or clarification needed to develop a proper and accurate evaluation of the Proposal. Exparte communication may be grounds for disqualifying the offending Proposer from consideration or award of the Proposal then in evaluation or any future Proposal.

All firms are hereby placed on formal notice that neither the County Commissioners nor candidates for County Commission, nor any employees from the Hernando County Government, Hernando County staff members, nor any members of the Professional Services Review Committee are to be lobbied, either individually or collectively, concerning this project. Firms and their agents who intend to submit responses, or have submitted responses, for this project are hereby placed on formal notice that they

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are not to contact County personnel for such purposes as holding meetings of introduction, meals, or meetings relating to the selection process outside of those specifically scheduled by the County. Any such lobbying activities may cause immediate disqualification for this project.

The Procurement Department will post addenda on the County's [eProcurement Portal](#) to all questions in accordance with the Solicitation Instructions. It is the responsibility of prospective Respondents to visit the [eProcurement Portal](#) to ensure that they are aware of all addenda issued relative to this solicitation.

Pursuant to Florida Statutes 119.071 (Current Edition) sealed bids, proposals, or replies received by an agency pursuant to a competitive solicitation are exempt from inspection until such time as the agency provides notice of an intended decision or until thirty (30) days after opening the bids, proposals, or final replies whichever is earlier.

NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS

To ensure that your proposal is responsive, you are urged to request clarification or guidance on any issues involving this solicitation before submission of your response. Your point-of-contact for this solicitation is Alisa Pike Procurement Coordinator, Procurement Department, via the County's [eProcurement Portal](#).

6. SOLICITATION INSTRUCTIONS

6.1. DEFINITIONS

- A. **"Addenda"** means a written or graphic instrument issued by the County prior to the execution of the Agreement which modify or interpret the Request for Proposals by additions, deletions, clarifications, corrections or other type of modifications. Addenda will become part of the Contract Documents when the Agreement is executed.
- B. **"Agreement"** means a legal document, executed by the County and the Successful Proposer, which supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral. The Agreement, as amended from time to time, forms the Contract between County and the Successful Proposer setting forth the roles, responsibilities and obligations of the parties including, but not limited to, the performance of the Services and the basis of payment.
- C. **"Contract Documents"** means the Request for Proposals, including Addenda to such, the Agreement, including Addenda to such, Proposer's Proposal, Scope of Services, Certificate(s) of Insurance, Notice of Intent to Award, Notice of Award, Proposer's Representation and Certification Form, Proposer's Hold Harmless Agreement, and any other documents mailed, e-mailed or otherwise transmitted to the Proposer prior to or after the submittal of their Proposal, and prior to or after Award, all of which are all to be treated as one in the form of the Contract Documents.
- D. **"Contractor"** means the Successful Proposer, in the context of the Request for Proposals. In the context of the Contract Documents, Contractor means any company, firm, partnership, corporation, association, joint venture, or other legal entity permitted by law to perform the Services in the State of Florida. Such legal entity shall be the entity that enters into a written Agreement with the County to perform the Services for the Project described in the Contract Documents. The Contractor will have sole responsibility for the performance of the Services covered under an Agreement that is awarded in conjunction with this Request for Proposals.
- E. **"County"** means Hernando County Board of County Commissioners, its officers, employees, agents and volunteers.
- F. **"Evaluation Team"** means County employees selected to evaluate and score the Proposals and Oral Presentation (if applicable) and recommend to the Board the Successful Proposer for an award.
- G. **"Minor Irregularity"** means a variation from the Request for Proposals terms and conditions which does not affect the price or give the Proposer an advantage or benefit not enjoyed by the other Proposers or does not adversely impact the interests of the County.
- H. **"Notice of Award"** means a written notice submitted by the County notifying the Successful Proposer that they have been awarded the project.

- I. **"Notice of Intent to Award"** means a written notice submitted by the County notifying the Successful Proposer that the County intends to award the project to them contingent upon the Successful Proposer executing the Agreement and submitting any outstanding documents.
- J. **"Notice to Proceed"** means a written notice issued by the County to the Successful Proposer fixing the date on which the Successful Proposer shall start the performance of the Services and the length of time for the completion of the Services, in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- K. **"Pre-Proposal Meeting"** means a meeting at which all Proposers gather to obtain additional information as to the scope of Services required under the Request for Proposals.
- L. **"Public Opening"** means the opening of the Proposals and the announcing of the Proposers who submitted a Proposal in response to the Request for Proposals in the presence of the public.
- M. **"Proposer"** means the entity that submits a Proposal to the County in response to the Request for Proposals. "Proposal" means the response to the Request for Proposals submitted by the Proposer.
- N. **"Recommendation of Award"** means a written notification sent by way of facsimile or electronic e-mail to those who submitted a Proposal in response to this Request for Proposals advising them of the County's decision for its selection of the Successful Proposer and its intent to award to that Proposer.
- O. **"Request for Proposals"** means the contents of this solicitation and all supporting documents including Addendum to such, or other related information transmitted to Proposers.
- P. **"Responsive"** means a Proposal that conforms in all material respects to the Request for Proposals requirements.
- Q. **"Responsible Proposer"** means a Proposer who shows that they have the capability in all respects to perform fully the Services outlined in the Request for Proposals, and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance.
- R. **"Services"** means all supervision, labor, materials, equipment, supplies, Sub-Contractors, and incidental expenses required by the Proposer to execute and complete the requirements of the Services outlined in the Contract Documents, including those prescribed or implied.
- S. **"Sub-Contractor"** means an entity having a direct Contract with the Successful Proposer or with any other Sub- Contractor of the Successful Proposer who will provide product(s) or Services(s) for the performance of a part of the Services required under the Contract Documents under the sole control and direction of the Contractor.
- T. **"Successful Proposer"** means the Proposer who the County awards an agreement to based on County's evaluation of the Proposers' qualifications and pricing as hereinafter provided.

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U. **"Timeline"** means the list of critical dates and actions involved in the Request for Proposals.

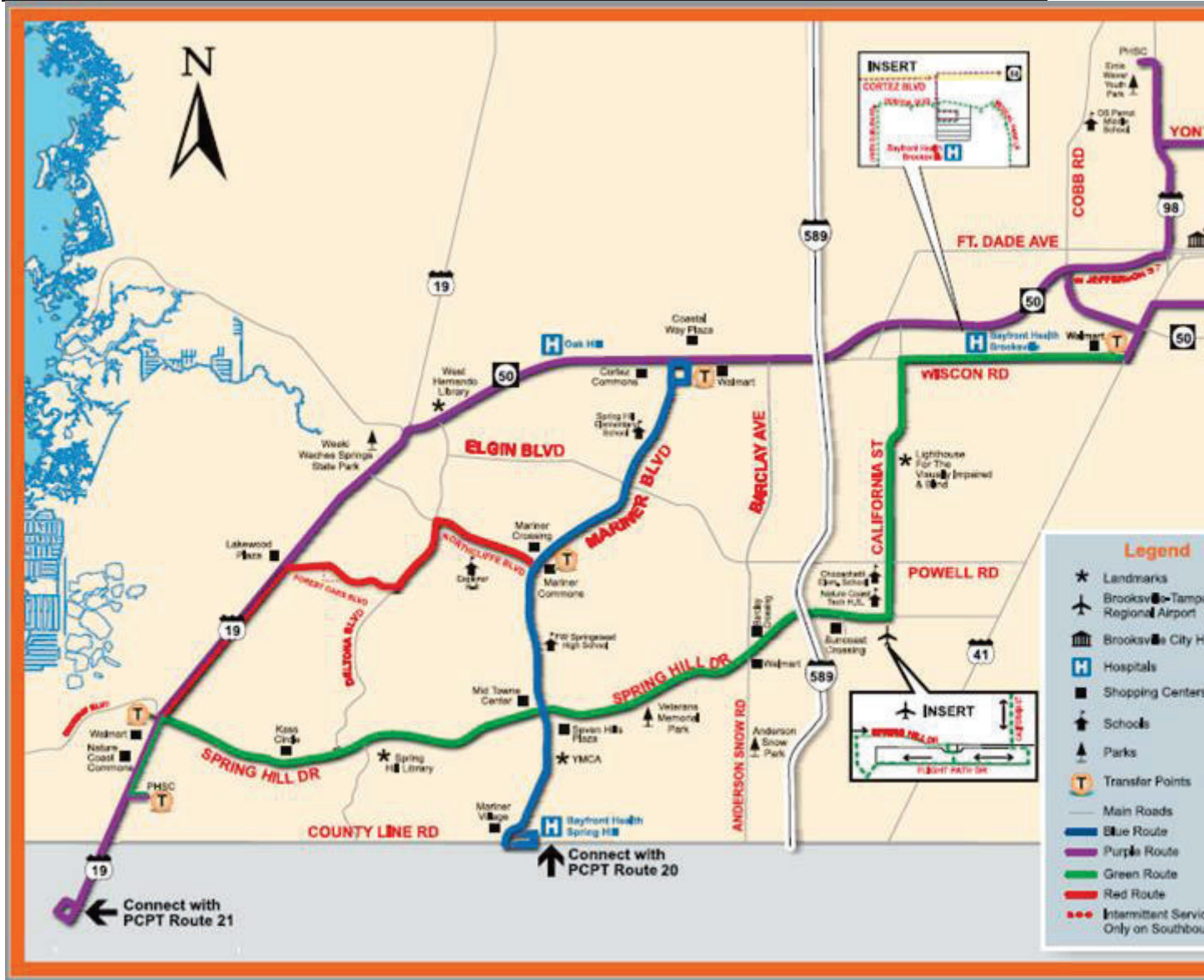
7. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

7.1. PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW

Hernando County, Florida is located in west central Florida, and is bordered on the north by Citrus County, on the east by Sumter County, on the west by the Gulf of Mexico, and on the south by Pasco County. It is part of the greater Tampa Bay region, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, and the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority.

The Hernando County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) provides fixed route with complementary ADA public transportation service known as TheBus. Complementary ADA paratransit service is provided to qualified persons with disabilities who live within a ¼-mile buffer of the fixed-route service.

TheBus operates four (4) fixed routes in Hernando County that serve the areas of Brooksville and Spring Hill. In addition, TheBus connects with Pasco County Public Transportation at two locations. (See Map 1).



The total fixed route ridership for FY21 was 111,602. Complimentary ADA ridership for FY21 was 8,169.

The following is the detailed ridership information per fixed- route:

Route Color	Corridors Served	Service Hours	Annual Ridership	Num veh u
Blue	Mariner Blvd from Pasco County line to Coastal Way Plaza	6:00am – 7:54pm	23,332	
Green	Spring Hill Dr from PHSC Spring Hill to transfer point in Brooksville on SR-50	6:10am – 8:03pm	34,935	
Purple	Pasco County via US-19, SR50/Cortez Blvd. through Brooksville city loop	5:30am – 8:20pm	40,644	
Red	Mariner Blvd and Northcliffe Blvd. to Deltona Blvd. and Forest Oaks	5:47am – 7:43pm	12,691	
Total Ridership			111,602	

Prior to COVID-19, fixed route ridership in FY19 was 140,220 with ADA ridership of 13,208.

The hours of operations are Monday through Saturday from approximately 5:30am to 8:30pm. The Bus does not operate on major holidays with the exception of President’s Day, Good Friday, Veterans Day, and the day after Thanksgiving.

Hernando County is requesting the services of a qualified consultant to provide the following in two (2) phases:

Phase I

Identify potential options for a transfer station site at a centralized location within the fixed route service area.

Conduct a route analysis in relation to the transfer station options.

Analyze and provide service recommendations for a fixed-route that connects to the east side of Hernando County – specifically Ridge Manor.

Phase II

Analyze and provide service recommendations for a fixed-route that operates north of Highway 50- on Highway 19.

7.2. INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS:

- A. It is the intent and purpose of the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners (County) that this Request for Proposals promotes competitive responses. It shall be the Proposer’s responsibility to advise the Procurement Department at the address noted in the Special Conditions, if any language, requirements, etc., or any combination thereof, inadvertently restricts or limits the requirements stated in this Request for Proposals to a single source. Such

notification must be submitted in writing and must be received by the Procurement Department not later than ten (10) days prior to the Proposal due date.

- B. All Proposals will be publicly announced and only the names of all Proposers shall be read aloud.
- C. The Hernando County Board of County Commissioners is not responsible for expenses incurred prior to award. Hernando County officially distributes solicitation documents through the County's eProcurement Portal. Solicitation documents may be downloaded at NO COST using this electronic website. Copies of solicitation documents obtained from other sources are not considered official and must not be relied upon. Hernando County is not responsible for solicitation documents obtained from sources other than the County's eProcurement Portal via the Procurement Department. Only Consultant/Proposers who properly register and follow the project directly from the County's eProcurement Portal will receive addenda and other important information if issued.
- D. The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Proposals, with or without cause, to waive technicalities, or to accept the Proposal which, in its sole judgment, best serves the interest of the County, or to award a Contract to the next most qualified Proposer if a successful Proposer does not execute a Contract within thirty (30) days after approval of the selection by the Board of County Commissioners or other competent authority.
- E. Hernando County reserves the right, and the Chief Procurement Officer has absolute and sole discretion, to cancel a solicitation at any time prior to approval of the award by the Board of County Commissioners when such approval is required. The decision to cancel a solicitation cannot be the basis for a protest pursuant to the Hernando County Procurement Ordinance.
- F. Any Proposal may be withdrawn until the date and time set above for the submission of the Proposals. Any Proposals not so withdrawn shall constitute an irrevocable offer, for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days, to provide to the County the services set forth in this Request for Proposals, or until one (1) or more of the Proposals have been awarded.
- G. Costs of preparation of a response to this Request for Proposals are solely those of the Proposer. The County assumes no responsibility for any such costs incurred by the Proposer. The Proposer also agrees that the County bears no responsibility for any costs associated with any administrative or judicial proceedings resulting from the solicitation process.

7.3. QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP:

- A. Proposers shall not direct any queries or statements concerning their Proposal to the Hernando County Professional Services Review Committee or County staff during the selection process, from the time of submission of a Proposal until the execution of a Contract. Any Proposer who initiates any discussions with staff in any manner other than that described below is subject to disqualification from this procurement.

- B. All questions or concerns regarding this Request for Proposals must be submitted in writing, via the County's eProcurement Portal no later than August 9, 2023 5:00 pm, When required the Procurement Department will issue an addendum to the Request for Proposals. The addendum will be available on the Internet for access by potential Proposers. Proposers are instructed not to contact the initiating division directly. No oral interpretation of this Request for Proposals shall be considered binding. The County shall be bound by information and statements only when such statements are written and executed under the authority of the Chief Procurement Officer.
- C. This provision exists solely for the convenience and administrative efficiency of Hernando County. No Proposer or other third party gains any rights by virtue of this provision or the application thereof, nor shall any Proposer or third party have any standing to sue or cause of action arising therefrom.
- D. If any OFFEROR contemplating submitting a Proposal for this solicitation is in doubt as to the true meaning of the terms, conditions, specifications or other solicitation documents or any part thereof, he may submit a request for clarification via the County's eProcurement Portal. Any interpretation of the terms, conditions and/or specifications, if made, will be only by Addendum duly issued. A copy of such Addendum will be posted to the County's eProcurement Portal. The COUNTY will not be responsible for any other explanation or interpretation of the proposed solicitation made or given prior to the award of the Contract.
- E. Receipt of an Addendum to this solicitation by an OFFEROR must be acknowledged via the County's eProcurement Portal.

7.4. INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING PROPOSALS, REQUIREMENTS AND RULES FOR PROPOSALS:

- A. The Proposal must name all persons or entities interested in the Proposal as principals. The Proposal must declare that it is made without collusion with any other person or entity submitting a Proposal pursuant to this RFP.
- B. Sub-Contractors/Sub-Consultants: The Hernando County BOCC reserves the right to approve all Sub-Contractors and/or Sub-Consultants for this Contract. If Sub-Contractors are to be utilized, their names and references must be included within this initial Proposal. Responsibility for the performance of the Contract remains with the awarded Contractor exclusively. Sub-Contractors may be added to this Contract during the Contract period only with PRIOR WRITTEN PERMISSION from the Hernando County BOCC.
- C. Proposer shall identify any work for this project that will be performed outside the United States of America. The company to perform the work, the country in which the work will be done, and the entity responsible for Quality Assurance/Quality Control for that work shall be identified.

- D. Pricing shall be firm for a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days or until award is made, whichever occurs first. Pricing shall include such amounts, as Proposer deems proper, for all labor, materials, equipment, Sub-Contractors, suppliers, insurance, overhead, profit and any other costs to provide the Services as noted in this Request for Proposals. Pricing shall include any sales or use taxes, if applicable.
- E. Miscellaneous Requirements:
1. The Proposer/Contractor shall possess all the appropriate licenses, permits and tariffs required by various governmental agencies having jurisdiction over such services. A copy of all the required licenses will be required prior to award of a Contract, including certification of a Florida certified professional engineer.
 2. The Hernando County BOCC or its authorized representative reserves the right to obtain all documentation deemed appropriate to verify the Contractor is meeting all regulations and specification requirements.
 3. Any damage to facilities, equipment or property, due to the incompetence or negligence of the Contractor's personnel including Sub-Contractors that occurs, shall be responsibility of the Contractor. The Contractor shall reimburse the owner of the damaged facility, equipment or property for any cost to repair damage, beyond reasonable wear, caused by the Contractor.
 4. The Provider's and their Sub-Contractor's personnel who perform the work in connection with this Contract shall meet the requirements of the Hernando County BOCC drug policy.

7.5. PROPOSAL FORMAT:

Please respond to all Proposal Format Questions in the Vendor Questionnaires section.

7.6. PROPOSAL EVALUATION PROCESS:

- A. The Professional Services Review Committee (PSRC) will review all Proposals received and establish a short list in order of preference of no fewer than three (3) Proposers deemed to be the most qualified to provide the service requested based on the criteria set forth in the Evaluation Criteria section. It is the intent of the County to award a single contract.
- B. The Professional Services Review Committee will evaluate each Proposer's written Proposal and assign a consensus score for each evaluation criteria based upon consensus scoring. The score can be zero to the maximum value, as noted in the Evaluation Criteria Section.
- C. The scores for all evaluation criteria for each Proposer will be summed and averaged by way of consensus scoring. If a Proposer was given a perfect score, that Proposer would receive a total score of 100, as noted in the Evaluation Criteria Section.
- D. Based on the overall total evaluation consensus score, the Proposers will then be ranked highest (favorable) to lowest (unfavorable).

- E. Alternatively, the Board may direct the Committee to establish a "short list" of no fewer than three (3) Proposers without establishing a priority order. The Committee or the Board of County Commissioners may request oral presentations from the Proposers when establishing the priority list. If three (3) or fewer Proposals are received, all Proposers shall be included in the selection process as described below.
- F. The oral presentation score for each Proposer will be added to their Proposal evaluation score to arrive at a total overall consensus score. Proposers will once again be ranked highest (favorable) to lowest (unfavorable).
- G. Once the short list of Proposers has been prepared by the Committee, either the Board or the Committee shall attempt to negotiate a Contract with the most qualified Proposer at compensation, which is fair, competitive and reasonable.
- H. If the Committee or the Board is unable to negotiate a satisfactory Contract with the first Proposer, negotiations with that Proposer shall be terminated and the Committee or the Board shall attempt to negotiate a Contract with the next most qualified Proposer. If these negotiations are not successful, negotiations shall be terminated with the second Proposer and attempted with the third most qualified. If the Board or the Committee is not successful in negotiating a satisfactory Contract with any of the selected Proposers, the Board or the Committee shall select additional Proposers in order of their qualifications and continue negotiations until an agreement is reached or if no agreement can be reached the Board may reject all Proposals and may re-advertise for new Proposals. All Contracts negotiated by the Committee shall be subject to final approval by the Board unless such approval is waived by the Board.
- I. Hernando County shall be the sole judge of its own best interests, the Proposals, and the resulting agreement. An award may be made to the most responsive and responsible firm whose Proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the County. The County's decision shall be final and the County at all times reserves the right to:
 - 1. Reject any or all Proposals or parts thereof
 - 2. Issue subsequent Requests for Proposals
 - 3. Cancel the entire Request for Proposals
 - 4. Remedy technical errors in the Request for Proposals
 - 5. Negotiate with any, all, or none of the Proposers
 - 6. Award a Contract to one or more Proposers or none at all
 - 7. Accept other than the lowest price
 - 8. Waive informalities and irregularities in Proposals

- J. Hernando County reserves the right to consider historic information and fact, whether gained from the Proposer's Proposal, question and answer conferences, references, and/or other sources in the evaluation process.
- K. The County reserves the right to conduct investigations as deemed necessary by the County to assist in the evaluation of any Proposal and to establish the responsibility, qualifications and financial ability of Proposers, Sub-Contractors, suppliers and other persons and organizations to perform and furnish the work in accordance with the Proposal documents.
- L. It is the Proposer's sole responsibility to submit information related to the evaluation categories. Hernando County is under no obligation to solicit such information if the Proposer fails to include it within their Proposal submittal. Failure to provide requested information may result in the rejection of the Proposal, or a deduction in evaluation points at the sole discretion of the evaluation committee.

7.7. DEBRIEFING OF PROPOSERS:

Not later than thirty (30) calendar days after Board approval of a selection or shortlist, a Proposer may submit a written request to the applicable Contract administrator or Procurement agent for a debriefing on the evaluation of their Proposal. The Procurement agent will schedule a meeting with the Proposer for the debriefing. However, at the Proposer's request, the debriefing may be conducted via telephone conference or the Proposer may request a copy of the digital recording of the selection on CD for \$15.00 fee. The debriefing shall include the following minimum information:

- A. Key requirements of the solicitation.
- B. The overall ranking of all Proposals.
- C. The significant weaknesses or deficiencies in the Proposal in response to the requirements of the solicitation.
- D. If requested, an explanation of the score received for each evaluation criteria will be provided, including costs, if applicable.
- E. If applicable, a summary of the rationale for award.
- F. Responses to any relevant questions of the Proposer.

7.8. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Please see SOW Section Below

7.9. TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- A. The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Proposals, with or without cause, to waive technicalities, or to accept the Proposal which, in its sole judgment, best serves the interest of the County, or to award a Contract to the next most qualified Proposer if a successful

Proposer does not execute a Contract within thirty (30) days after approval of the selection by the Board of County Commissioners or other competent authority.

- B. Hernando County reserves the right, and the Chief Procurement Officer has absolute and sole discretion, to cancel a solicitation at any time prior to approval of the award by the Board of County Commissioners when such approval is required. The decision to cancel a solicitation cannot be the basis for a protest pursuant to the Hernando County Procurement Policy.
- C. The County reserves the right to request clarification of information submitted and to request additional information of one or more applicants.
- D. 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.
- E. Information regarding Committee scheduling and Board approvals are available by calling the Procurement Department at (352) 754-4020.
- F. A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted Consultant/Firm 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 Proposals on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a Consultant/Firm, supplier, Sub-Contractor or Consultant/Firm under a Contract with any public entity and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Florida Statute Section 287.017 (Current Edition), for CATEGORY TWO (2) for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted Consultant/Firm list.
- G. The County's performance and obligation to pay under this Contract is contingent upon an annual appropriation for its purpose by the Board of County Commissioners.
- H. Proposers shall list all proposed Sub-Contractors to be used, regardless of racial or gender grouping. Include names, addresses, phone numbers, type of work Sub-Contracted (discipline, trade or commodity) and proposed percentage of work.

7.10. INDEMNITY, SAFETY AND INSURANCE PROVISIONS:

- A. INDEMNITY, SAFETY AND INSURANCE PROVISIONS:
 - 1. Indemnity: To the fullest extent permitted by Florida law, the Consultant/Firm covenants, and agrees that it will indemnify and hold harmless the agency, and its officers and employees, from liabilities, damages, losses and costs, including, but not limited to,

reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the design professional and other persons employed or utilized by the design professional in the performance of the contract.

2. Protection of Person and Property:

- a. The Vendor/Contractor will take all reasonable precautions for, and will be responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all programs relating to the safety of all persons and property affected by, or involved in, the performance of its operations under this Contract.
- b. The Vendor/Contractor will take all reasonable precautions to prevent damage, injury or loss to: (a) all persons who may be affected by the performance of his operations, including employees; (b) all materials and equipment; and (c) all property at or surrounding the work site. In an emergency affecting the safety of persons or property, the Vendor/Contractor will act, with reasonable care and discretion, to prevent any threatened damage, injury or loss.

B. MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS: Vendor/Contractor shall procure, pay for and maintain at least the following insurance coverage and limits. Said insurance shall be evidenced by delivery to the County of a certificate(s) of insurance executed by the insurers listing coverage and limits, expiration dates and terms of policies and all endorsements whether or not required by the County, and listing all carriers issuing said policies. The insurance requirements shall remain in effect throughout the term of this Contract.

1. Workers' Compensation: As required by law:

- a. State.....Statutory
- b. APPLICABLE FEDERAL.....Statutory
- c. EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY.....Minimum:
 - i. \$100,000.00 each accident
 - ii. \$100,000.00 by employee
 - iii. \$500,000.00 policy limit
- d. Exemption per Florida Statutes, Chapter 440: If a Vendor/Contractor has less than three (3) employees and states that they are exempt per Florida Statutes Chapter 440, they must provide an exemption certificate from the State of Florida. Otherwise, they will be required to purchase Workers' Compensation Insurance and provide a copy of Workers Compensation Insurance.

<https://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/WC/Employer/Exemptions/>

2. **General Liability:** Comprehensive General Liability including, but not limited to, Independent Contractor, Contractual Premises/Operations, and Personal Injury covering the liability assumed under indemnification provisions of this Contract, with limits of liability for personal injury and/or bodily injury, including death.
 - a. Coverage as follows:
 - i. EACH OCCURRENCE.....\$1,000,000.00
 - ii. GENERAL AGGREGATE\$2,000,000.00
 - iii. PERSONAL/ADVERTISING INJURY.....\$1,000,000.00
 - iv. PRODUCTS-COMPLETED OPERATIONS AGGREGATE..\$2,000,000.00 Per Project Aggregate (if applicable)
 - b. ALSO, include in General Liability coverage for the following areas based on limits of policy, with:
 - i. FIRE DAMAGE (Any one (1) fire.....\$50,000.00
 - ii. MEDICAL EXPENSE (Any one (1) person)..... \$5,000.00
3. **Additional Insured:** Vendor/Contractor agrees to endorse Hernando County as an additional insured on the Comprehensive General Liability. The Additional Insured shall read "Hernando County Board of County Commissioners." Proof of Endorsement is required.
4. **Waiver of Subrogation:** Vendor/Contractor agrees by entering into this Contract to a Waiver of Subrogation for each required policy herein. When required by the insurer, or should a policy condition not permit Vendor/Contractor to enter into a pre-loss agreement to waive subrogation without an endorsement, then Vendor/Contractor agree to notify the insurer and request the policy be endorsed with a Waiver of Transfer of Rights of Recovery Against Others, or its equivalent. This Waiver of Subrogation requirement shall not apply to any policy, which includes a condition specifically prohibiting such an endorsement, or voids coverage should Vendor/Contractor enter into such an agreement on a pre-loss basis.
5. **AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY:** Comprehensive automobile and truck liability covering any auto, all owned autos, scheduled autos, hired autos, and non-owned autos. Coverage shall be on an "occurrence" basis. Such insurance to include coverage for loading and unloading hazards. Coverage as follows:
 - a. COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (CSL)..... \$1,000,000.00
 - b. BODILY INJURY (Per Person)..... \$1,000,000.00
 - c. BODILY INJURY (Per Accident)..... \$1,000,000.00
 - d. PROPERTY DAMAGE.....\$1,000,000.00

6. PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY (if applicable it will be noted below separately):
 7. BUILDERS RISK INSURANCE (if applicable it will be noted below separately):
 8. CRIME PREVENTION – BOND (if applicable it will be noted below separately):
 9. EXCESS/UMBRELLA LIABILITY (if applicable it will be noted below separately):
 10. POLLUTION LIABILITY (if applicable it will be noted below separately):
 11. SUBCONTRACTORS (if applicable): All subcontractors hired by said Contractor are required to provide Hernando County Board of County Commissioners a Certificate of Insurance with the same limits required by the County as required by the Contract. All subcontractors are required to name Hernando County Board of County Commissioners as additional insured and provide a Waiver of Subrogation in regards to General Liability.
 12. RIGHT TO REVISE OR REJECT: County reserves the right, but not the obligation, to revise any insurance requirement, not limited to limits, coverages and endorsements, or to reject any insurance policies which fail to meet the criteria stated herein. Additionally, County reserves the right, but not the obligation, to review and reject any insurer providing coverage due of its poor financial condition or failure to operating legally.
- C. EACH INSURANCE POLICY SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS BY ENDORSEMENT TO THE POLICY:
1. Vendor/Contractor agrees to provide County with a Certificate of Insurance evidencing that all coverages, limits and endorsements required herein are maintained and in full force and effect, and the Certificate of Insurance shall provide a minimum thirty (30) day endeavor to notify, when available by Vendor/Contractor's insurer. If the Vendor/Contractor receives a non-renewal or cancellation notice from an insurance carrier affording coverage required herein, or receives noticed that coverage no longer complies with the insurance requirements herein, Vendor/Contractor agrees to notify the County by email within five (5) business days with a copy of the non-renewal or cancellation notice, or written specifics as to which coverage is no longer in compliance. The Certificate Holder shall read: **Hernando County Board of County Commissioners Attention: Human Resources/Risk Department 15470 Flight Path Drive, Brooksville, Florida 34604**
 2. Companies issuing the insurance policy, or policies, shall have no recourse against the County for payment of premiums or assessments for any deductibles which all are the sole responsibility and risk of Vendor/Contractor.
 3. The term "County" or "Hernando County" shall include all authorities, boards, bureaus, commissions, divisions, departments, and offices of the County and individual members, employees and agents thereof in their official capacities, and/or while acting on behalf of Hernando County.

4. The policy clause "Other Insurance" shall not apply to any insurance coverage currently held by County, to any such future coverage, or to County's Self-Insured Retentions of whatever nature.
- D. The Vendor/Contractor shall be required to provide a current Certificate of Insurance to the County prior to commencement of services.
- E. Proposers may, at the County's request, be required to provide proof that their firm meets the preceding insurance requirements, by submission of a Certificate Of Insurance coverage(s), prior to award of the Contract.
- F. Failure of the Owner to demand such certificates or other evidence of full compliance with these insurance requirements or failure of the Owner to identify a deficiency from evidence provided shall not be construed as a waiver of Vendor/Contractor's obligation to maintain such insurance.

7.11. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS (continued)

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY including Errors and Omissions with minimum limits of \$3,000,000.00 per occurrence, if occurrence form is available; or claims made form with tail coverage extending three (3) years beyond completion and acceptance of the project with proof of tail coverage to be submitted with the invoice for final payment. In lieu of tail coverage, consultant may submit annually to the County a current Certificate of Insurance proving claims made insurance remains in force throughout the same three (3) year period.

Notwithstanding the requirements for Professional Liability Insurance listed above, Engineer and/or Architect must provide evidence of coverage, a minimum of \$1,000,000.00.

7.12. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS:

The Vendor/Contractor will keep adequate records and supporting documents applicable to this contract. Said records and documentation will be retained by the Vendor/Contractor for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of final payment on this contract. The County and its authorized agents shall have the right to audit, inspect and copy records and documentation as often as the County deems necessary during the period of this contract and a period of five (5) years after completion of contract performance; provided however, such activity shall be conducted only during normal business hours. The County during the period of time defined by the preceding sentence, shall also have the right to obtain a copy of and otherwise inspect any audit made at the direction of the Vendor/Contractor as concerns the aforesaid records and documentation. Pursuant to Section 119.0701 (Current Edition), Florida Statutes, Vendor/Contractor shall comply with the Florida Public Records' laws and shall:

- A. Keep and maintain records required by the public agency to perform the service.
- B. Upon request from the public agency's custodian of public records, provide the public agency with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in this chapter or as otherwise provided by law.

- C. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Contract term and following completion of the Contract if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the public agency.
- D. Upon completion of the Contract, transfer, at no cost, to the public agency all public records in possession of the Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the public agency to perform the service. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the public agency upon completion of the Contract, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Contract, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the public agency upon request from the public agency's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the public agency.
- E. Failure to comply with this section shall be deemed a breach of the Contract and enforceable as set forth in Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes (Current Edition).

IF THE VENDOR/CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES (CURRENT EDITION), TO THE VENDOR/CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT 352-754-4020, PURCHASING@HERNANDOCOUNTY.US, WITH AN OFFICE LOCATED AT 15470 FLIGHT PATH DRIVE, BROOKSVILLE, FL 34604.

7.13. SHORTLISTS, PROTESTS AND LOBBYING

The recommended short list of firms, will be posted for review by interested parties at the Procurement Department following Board approval and will remain for a period of five (5) full business days. Failure to file a protest to the Chief Procurement Officer by 5:00 PM on the fifth full business day after posting date shall constitute a waiver of protest proceedings. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes (Current Edition), or failure to post the bond or other security required by law within the time allowed for filing a bond shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes (Current Edition). Additional information relative to lobbying and protests can be found at the following site: Hernandocounty.us/purchasing.

7.14. CONE OF SILENCE

This solicitation falls under the Hernando County Procurement Ordinance 93-16 (Current Edition). After a solicitation is opened or a short list is established for an Invitation to Bid (ITB), Request for Qualification (RFQ), or Request for Proposals (RFP), a Vendor/Contractor or representative as defined in the Ordinance, may not seek information or clarification or in any way contact any official or employee of the County concerning this solicitation with the exception of the Hernando County Chief Procurement Officer, County Attorney, or an individual specifically designated in this document for dissemination of information. A copy of any written communication concerning this solicitation shall be filed with the Procurement Department and shall be made available to the public upon request. A violation of the

cone of silence renders any award voidable at the sole discretion of the Chief Procurement Officer with approval from the Board of County Commissioners and may subject the potential Vendor/Contractor or representative to debarment. Nothing in the Ordinance prevents a Vendor/Contractor or representative from taking part in a public meeting concerning the solicitation.

- A. All Vendors/Consultants or representatives are hereby placed on formal notice. A lobbying “Cone of Silence” period shall commence upon issuance of the solicitation until the Board selects the successful Proposer. For procurements that do not require Board approval, the “Cone of Silence” period commences upon solicitation issuance and concludes upon Contract award.
- B. Neither the members of the Board of County Commissioners nor candidates for County Commission, nor any employees from the Hernando County Government, Hernando County staff members, nor any members of the Professional Services Review Committee are to be lobbied, either individually or collectively, concerning this project. Vendors/Consultant or representative who intend to submit proposals, or have submitted proposals, for this project are hereby placed on formal notice that they are not to contact County personnel for such purposes as holding meetings of introduction, meals, or meetings relating to the selection process outside of those specifically scheduled by the County. Any such lobbying activities may cause immediate disqualification for this project.

7.15. E-VERIFY

- A. Consultant/Firm is advised that the County has entered into an agreement with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) wherein the County will, in part, seek to promote the principles of ethical business conduct, prevent the knowing hiring of unauthorized workers through self-governance, and encourage voluntary reporting of the discovery of unauthorized workers to ICE (the IMAGE Agreement). Accordingly, by submitting your Bid/Proposal, Consultant/Firm represents and warrants (a) that the Consultant/Firm is in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, including, but not limited to, the laws related to the requirement of an employer to verify an employee’s eligibility to work in the United States, (b) that all of the Consultant/Firm employees are legally eligible to work in the United States, and (c) that the Consultant/Firm has actively and affirmatively verified such eligibility utilizing the Federal Government’s Employment Verification Eligibility Form (I-9 Form).
- B. A mere allegation of Consultant/Firm’s intent to use and/or current use of unauthorized workers may not be a basis to delay the County’s award of a Contract to the Consultant/Firm unless such an allegation has been determined to be factual by ICE pursuant to an investigation conducted by ICE prior to the date the Contract is scheduled to be awarded by the County.
- C. Legitimate claims of the Consultant/Firm’s use of unauthorized workers must be reported to both of the following agencies:
 - 1. The County’s Procurement Department at (352) 754-4020: and

2. ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) at 1-866-DHS-2-ICE

- D. In the event it is discovered that the Consultant/Firm's employees are not legally eligible to work in the United States, then the County may, in its sole discretion, demand that the Consultant/Firm cure this deficiency within a specified time frame, and/or immediately terminate the Contract without any cost or penalty to the County, and/or debar the Consultant/Firm from responding to all County Contracts for a period up to twenty-four (24) months, and/or take any and all legal action deemed necessary and appropriate.
- E. Consultant/Firm is required to incorporate the following IMAGE Best Practices into its business and, when practicable, incorporate verification requirements into its agreements with Sub-Contractors:
1. Use the Department of Homeland Security employment eligibility verification program (E-Verify) to verify the employment eligibility of all new hires.
 2. Use the Social Security Number Verification Service and make good faith effort to correct and verify the names and Social Security numbers of the current workforce.
 3. Establish a written hiring and employment eligibility verification policy.
 4. Establish an internal compliance and training program related to the hiring and employment verification process, to include, but not limited to, completion of Form I-9, how to detect fraudulent use of documents in the verification process, and how to use E-Verify and the Social Security Number Verification Service.
 5. Require the Form I-9 and E-Verify process to be conducted only by individuals who received appropriate training and include secondary review as of each employee's verification to minimize the potential for a single individual to subvert the process.
 6. Arrange for annual Form I-9 audits by an external auditing firm or a trained employee not otherwise involved in the Form I-9 process.
 7. Establish a procedure to report to ICE credible information of suspected criminal misconduct in the employment eligibility verification process
 8. Establish a program to assess Sub-Contractors' compliance with employment eligibility verification requirements. Encourage Consultant/Firms to incorporate the IMAGE Best Practices contained in this Article and, when practicable, incorporate the verification requirements in Sub-Contractor agreements.
 9. Establish a protocol for responding to letters received from Federal and State government agencies indicating that there is a discrepancy between the agency's information and the information provided by the employer or employee; for example, "no match" letters received from the Social Security Administration.

10. Establish a tip line mechanism (inbox, e-mail, etc.) for employees to report activity relating to the employment of unauthorized workers, and a protocol for responding to employee tips.
11. Establish and maintain appropriate policies, practices, and safeguards against use of the verification process for unlawful discrimination, and to ensure that U.S. Citizens and authorized workers do not face discrimination with respect to hiring, firing, recruitment or referral for a fee because of citizenship status or national origin.
12. Maintain copies of any documents accepted as proof of identify and/or employment authorization for all new hires.

7.16. CONTRACT AWARD

Award will be made at the earliest possible Hernando County BOCC Board meeting subsequent to the evaluation process. It is incumbent on Proposers to contact the Procurement Department to determine the successful Proposer(s). This Request for Proposals is issued in accordance with and shall be governed by the provisions of the County's Procurement Policy.

7.17. CONTRACT TERM/RENEWAL:

The Contract resulting from this Request for Proposal shall commence effective upon execution by both parties. Phase I will extend for a period up to 9 months. Phase II should begin within 30 days after the completion of the Phase I and extend for a period of up to 6 months. The Contract may be renewed for four (4) additional thirty six (36) month periods, upon mutual agreement of both parties. If any such renewal results in changes in the terms and conditions, such changes shall be reduced to writing as an amendment to this Contract and such amendment shall be executed by both parties. Renewal of the Contract shall be subject to appropriation of funds by the Board of County Commissioners, satisfactory performance.

7.18. SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT:

When the County gives a Notice of Intent to Award to the Successful Proposer, it will be accompanied by an unsigned Agreement. Within ten (10) calendar days thereafter the Successful Proposer shall execute and deliver to the County the Agreement, along with a certificate of insurance that shows policies, limits and other conditions in compliance with that outlined in the Request for Proposal. Upon award and execution of the Agreement

7.19. RESPONSIVENESS OF THE PROPOSAL AND DISQUALIFICATION:

- A. A responsive Proposal is one that complies with and conforms to the requirements of this Request for Proposal. A Proposal requiring changes to any portion of this Request for Proposal may be considered non-responsive. A Proposal that fails to comply with the criteria outlined in this Request for Proposal may be deemed non-responsive.
- B. A Proposal may be rejected if found to be conditional, irregular, incomplete or not in conformance with the requirements and instructions contained herein, such as, but not limited

to: (1) failure to strictly comply with and satisfactorily address the prerequisite criteria, (2) failure to provide the required forms or other documentation, (3) incomplete, indefinite or ambiguous language, (4) failure to submit the information needed to evaluate the Proposals based on the Evaluation Criteria, (5) incomplete, indefinite or ambiguous language, and (6) improper and/or undated signatures.

- C. Other conditions, which shall cause rejection of the Proposal, include, but are not limited to: (1) an individual firm, partnership, corporation or combination thereof, under the same or different names submitting (as the Proposer) more than one Proposal, (2) evidence of collusion among Proposers, (3) obvious lack of experience or expertise to perform the Services, (4) failure to perform or meet financial obligations for previous Contracts, (5) falsification of any form required by the County, (6) evidence that a Proposer has a financial interest in another firm who is submitting a Proposal, (7) not having a valid and appropriate local, state or federal certifications and/or licenses necessary to perform the Services, or (8) an investigation by the Chief Procurement Officer finds the Proposer delinquent on a previously awarded Contract or in litigation with a Hernando County previously awarded Contract.
- D. County may conduct such investigations as County deems necessary to assist in the evaluation of any Proposal and to establish the responsibility, qualifications and financial ability of the Proposer and their proposed sub-Contractors. County reserves the right to seek clarifications or request any information deemed necessary for proper evaluation of Proposals from all Proposers. Failure to provide requested information may result in rejection of the Proposal.

7.20. List of Proposers

A list of Proposers will be posted on the County's eProcurement Portal within two (2) business days after the Public Opening date. The list of Proposers can also be obtained by contacting the Contact Person. The County will not provide a list of Proposers by telephone.

7.21. EXAMINATION OF PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS:

- A. It is the responsibility of each Proposer before submitting a Proposal, to (1) examine the Solicitation Documents thoroughly, (2) consider Federal, State and Local Laws and Regulations that may affect cost, progress, performance or furnishing of the Work, (3) study and carefully correlate Proposer's observations with the Solicitation Documents, and (4) notify the Contact Person of all conflicts, errors or discrepancies in the Solicitation Documents prior to submitting a formal Proposal.
- B. Before submitting a Proposal, it shall be the Proposer's responsibility to submit to the County a request for any additional information and data which pertains to the Project covered under this Request for Proposal which the Proposer deems necessary to develop their Proposal for performing the Services in accordance with the terms and conditions noted herein.

- C. The submission of a Proposal in response to this Request for Proposal shall be considered as a representation that the Proposer; (1) has carefully investigated all conditions that affect, or may at some future date, affect the performance of the Services covered by this Request for Proposal, (2) is fully informed concerning conditions to be encountered, the character, quality and quantity of the Services to be performed and the work product to be furnished, and (3) is familiar with what is required to perform the Services covered by this Request for Proposal. The contents of the Proposer's Proposal shall become a Contractual obligation if the Proposer is awarded the Contract. Failure to accept these obligations in a Contractual agreement shall result in cancellation of the Award.

7.22. ADDENDA

Any Addenda issued in relation to this Request for Proposal will be posted on the County's eProcurement Portal. It is the Proposer's responsibility to be aware of any addenda that might have bearing on their Proposal before their Proposal is due. The Proposer will acknowledge receipt of any and all such addenda on the Proposal Pricing Form. In the event a Proposer fails to acknowledge receipt of such addenda, their Proposal will be construed as though they have received such addenda, and the submission of a Proposal will constitute acknowledgement of the receipt of same. All addenda will become a part of the Proposal Documents and Proposer will be bound by such, whether or not received by Proposer.

7.23. MODIFICATION/ WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL:

- A. Proposers have the right to modify or withdraw their Proposal without cause or without liability whatsoever at any time prior to the stipulated submittal date and time. Such requests must be made to County in writing.
- B. Modified or withdrawn Proposals may be resubmitted, in accordance with the instructions in this Request for Proposal prior to the stipulated submittal date and time. If applicable, any changes in pricing shall be so worded as not to reveal the pricing that was noted in the original Proposal.
- C. No Proposal shall be modified or withdrawn by the Proposer after the Proposal Due Date.

7.24. LESS THAN TWO (2) PROPOSALS RECEIVED:

If less than two (2) Proposals are received, the County may negotiate the best terms and conditions with that Proposer or reject the Proposal and re-solicit the Services.

7.25. REVIEW OF PROPOSER'S FACILITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS:

After the Request for Proposal due date and prior to award of an Agreement, the County reserves the right to perform or have performed an on-site review Successful Proposer's facilities and qualifications, as well as documentation provided in their Proposal. This review will serve to verify data and representations submitted by the Proposer and may be used to determine whether the Proposer is qualified and experienced and has the resources to perform the Services outlined in the Request for Proposal. The review may also serve to verify whether the Proposer has adequate financial capability to

meet the County's requirements. Should the County determine that the Proposals, or subsequent documentation submitted by the Proposer, has material misrepresentations or that the size or nature or any Successful Proposer's resources are not adequate to ensure satisfactory performance, or ascertains other bases for concern as to the Successful Proposer's ability to perform the Services, the County has the right to reject their Proposal and not make an award.

7.26. FINANCIAL STRENGTH:

Prior to award of a Contract, the County reserves the right to request financial information from the Successful Proposer to assist the County in further review of that Proposer's capabilities. Financial information provided shall be for the current and previous two years, to include, but not be limited to a financial statement prepared by a Certified Public Accountant (i.e., balance sheet and income and cash flow statements) or a Supplier Qualifier Report prepared by Dun & Bradstreet.

7.27. CLARIFICATIONS

Before Contract award, the County reserves the right to seek clarification from the Proposer with whom County is contemplating award to properly evaluate their Proposal. Failure to provide requested information may result in not making such award to the Proposer.

7.28. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT:

- A. Proposers should make themselves familiar with Chapter 119.071 (Current Edition) of the Florida Statutes concerning availability of public records. Thirty (30) days after the Proposal Opening date OR Notice of an intended decision, whichever is earlier, Proposals shall be made available for public viewing. Proposals and associated Proposal Documents may be viewed during normal business hours (which is Monday through Friday; 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM) at 15470 Flight Path Drive, Brooksville, Florida. Copies of the Proposals and associated Documents are available for a charge of fifteen cents (\$0.15) per page, plus cost of copying.
- B. Florida law generously defines what constitutes a public record and, under Chapter 119 (Current Edition) of the Florida Statutes, all Proposals are to be made available by County for viewing by the general public. If a Proposer believes that their Proposal contains information that should not be a public record, the Proposer shall clearly segregate and mark that information as "Confidential" and describe in writing the grounds for claiming exemption from the public records law, including the specific statutory citation for such exemption.
- C. Any documents given to the Successful Proposer by the county as part of performing the Services covered under this Request for Proposal shall not be sold or distributed to third parties without the written consent of County. The Successful Proposer will be required to retain a copy of these documents for a minimum of five (5) years from completion of the Agreement. All documents, papers, letters, e-mails or other material made or received by the Successful Proposer in conjunction with the Services, unless exempt from Section 24(a) of Article I of the Florida Constitution (Current Edition) and Section 119.07(1) of the Florida Statutes (Current

Edition), shall be made available for public access. Should the Successful Proposer refuse to allow such access, County has the unilateral right to cancel the Award.

- D. Proposers should consult an attorney as to their duties under the records and information laws (Section 257.36 of the Florida Statutes) (Current Edition) and public records laws (Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes) (Current Edition) of the State of Florida. Significant judicial sanctions can be imposed for violation of these Statutes.

7.29. Joint Ventures:

- A. Two (2) or more firms may submit a Proposal under a joint venture arrangement. Joint ventures shall be considered as a single entity in the evaluation of a Proposal. That is, the traits of individual firms shall be blended in arriving at an overall Proposal evaluation score and oral interview score for the joint venture.
- B. A firm, who submits a Proposal under a joint venture arrangement, may satisfy the technical certification requirements outlined in this Request for Proposal as the prime Proposer through one or more of the firms comprising the Joint Venture. The Joint Venture shall at a minimum comply with the following additional requirements:
1. The Joint Venture shall, in its own name, be registered with the State of Florida Division of Corporations prior to submittal of a Proposal.
 2. Each individual Firm comprising of the Joint Venture shall, in its own name, be qualified in their respective areas of expertise prior to submittal of a Proposal.
 3. Full compliance with the requirements set forth above is required, as well as properly documented compliance with any other certification and additional requirements set forth in the Request for Proposal.

7.30. PAYMENT

Payment to Proposer/Contractor by Electronic Payment Solution: ACH (Direct Deposit): If the Vendor/Contractor is enrolled in the County's ACH electronic payment solution, all payments will be made using the direct deposit which may or may not include a pre-note transaction. The Vendor/Contractor's bank account information will remain confidential to the extent provided by law and necessary to make direct deposit payments. Once the County has approved payment, an electronic remittance advice will be sent to the Vendor/Contractor via e-mail.

7.31. SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 287.135 AND 215.473 (C)

Proposer/Contractor must certify that the company is not participating in a boycott of Israel. Proposer/Contractor must also certify that Vendor/Contractor is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, and not on the

Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List or has been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria. Subject to limited exceptions provided in State law, the County will not contract for the provision of goods or services with any scrutinized company referred to above. Vendor/Contractor must submit the certification form included as an attachment to this solicitation. Submitting a false certification shall be deemed a material breach of contract. The County shall provide notice, in writing, to the Vendor/Contractor of the County's determination concerning the false certification. The Vendor/Contractor shall have five (5) days from receipt of notice to refute the false certification allegation. If such false certification is discovered during the active contract term, the Vendor/Contractor shall have ninety (90) days following receipt of the notice to respond in writing and demonstrate that the determination of false certification was made in error. If the Vendor/Contractor does not demonstrate that the County's determination of false certification was made in error, then the County shall have the right to terminate the contract and seek civil remedies pursuant to Section 287.135, Florida Statutes (Current Edition), as amended from time to time.

8. SCOPE OF WORK

8.1. Transit Transfer Site and Route Study

Hernando County is requesting proposals to select a qualified consultant or firm to provide services related to the location of a new transit transfer site and to conduct a route analysis for expected service expansion East on Highway 50 to Ridge Manor and North on Highway 19 north of Highway 50. These services will be completed in two (2) phases as described here.

8.2. Phase I - Analyze and provide service recommendations for a fixed- route that connects to the east side of Hernando County – specifically Ridge Manor.

Transit Transfer Site

- A. Identify potential options for a transit transfer station site at a centralized location within the fixed route service area.
 1. Site Location: The selected options will be located to provide convenient access to the current transit system fixed routes and consider access by potential future route enhancements.
 2. Site Configuration: Site configuration shall include one parcel or an assemblage of parcels to provide adequate property for a functional transfer station.
 3. Site Size: Site size or footprint will be determined according to the estimated vehicle fleet size as well as to provide sufficient functional requirements for any recommended amenities. Functions common to a transfer station include requirements for restrooms, storage, electronic route information, passenger waiting, and any other amenities identified by the study. The transfer station will be sized to allow loading for a minimum of three (3) heavy-duty buses at one time.
- B. Conduct a route analysis in relation to the transfer station options.

Service Recommendations

1. The study will explore the requirements for improvements to centralize transfer operations for the transit system. A key goal is to improve mobility by integrating multiple transportation modes (buses, bikes, pedestrians, and others). Several considerations for the potential site selection include proximity to the fixed route corridors, site configuration, and site size.
2. The route analysis is designed to identify service and operational adjustments necessary to accommodate the options identified in the transfer station functions identified by the scope of work. The project includes an assessment of the fixed-route adjustments needed to

accommodate the potential transfer station locations and accessibility by potential future fixed route enhancements.

3. The Ridge Manor connector was identified in the most recent Transit Development Plan (TDP). The scope of work for this portion of the study includes route alignment, service hours, scheduling options, and options for peak hour or feeder service.

8.3. Phase II Analyze and provide service recommendations for a fixed- route running on Highway 19 north of Highway 50.

- A. The route analysis is designed to identify service and operational adjustments necessary to accommodate the options identified in the transfer station functions identified by the scope of work. The project includes an assessment of the fixed-route adjustments needed to accommodate the potential transfer station locations and accessibility by potential future fixed route enhancements.
- B. The Highway 19 service expansion has been identified base on approved potential development along Highway 19 north of Highway 50. The scope of work for this portion of the study includes route alignment, service hours, scheduling options, and options for peak hour or feeder service. Work completed in Phase II will be considered during this service recommendation analysis.

8.4. Cost Estimate:

The Consultant shall provide a detailed cost estimate for Phase I services and Phase II services with their proposal.

9. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

9.1. LICENSES AND PERMITS

- A. Prior to furnishing the requested product(s) or service(s), it shall be the responsibility of the awarded Vendor/Contractor to obtain, at no additional cost to the County, any and all licenses and permits required to complete this contractual service. These licenses and permits shall be readily available for review by the Chief Procurement Officer or their designee.
- B. Said licenses shall be in the Proposer's name as it appears on the official Proposal Response Form(s). Proposer shall supply appropriate license numbers, with expiration dates, as part of their proposal. Failure to hold and provide proof of a proper active license, certification and registration may be grounds for rejection of the proposal.
- C. Upon notification, Proposer shall provide copies of all applicable active and current licenses.

9.2. CHANGES - SERVICE CONTRACTS

- A. The County may at any time by issuance of an executed change order make changes within the general scope of the contract in any of the following areas:
 - 1. Description of services to be performed.
 - 2. Time of performance (i.e., hours of the day, days of the week, etc.).
 - 3. Place of performance of the services.
- B. If additional work or other changes are required in the areas described above, a price proposal will be required from the Vendor/Contractor. Upon negotiation of the proposal, execution and receipt of the change order, the Vendor/Contractor shall commence performance of the work as specified.
- C. The Vendor/Contractor shall not commence the performance of additional work or other changes not covered by this contract without an executed change order issued by the Procurement Department. If the Vendor/Contractor performs additional work beyond the specific requirements of this contract without an executed change order, it shall be at their own risk. The County assumes no responsibility for any additional costs for work not specifically authorized by an executed change order.

10. SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS FOR FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

Hernando County is a recipient of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding. The Vendor/Contractor(s) shall comply with the following FTA contract clauses.

10.1. ACCESS TO RECORDS AND REPORTS 49 U.S.C. § 5325(g) 2 C.F.R. § 200.333 49 C.F.R. part 633

- A. Record Retention. The Contractor will retain, and will require its subcontractors of all tiers to retain, complete and readily accessible records related in whole or in part to the contract, including, but not limited to, data, documents, reports, statistics, sub-agreements, leases, subcontracts, arrangements, other third party agreements of any type, and supporting materials related to those records.
- B. Retention Period. The Contractor agrees to comply with the record retention requirements in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.333. The Contractor shall maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this Contract for a period of at not less than three (3) years after the date of termination or expiration of this Contract, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this Contract, in which case records shall be maintained until the disposition of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto.
- C. Access to Records. The Contractor agrees to provide sufficient access to FTA and its contractors to inspect and audit records and information related to performance of this contract as reasonably may be required.
- D. Access to the Sites of Performance. The Contractor agrees to permit FTA and its contractors access to the sites of performance under this contract as reasonably may be required.

10.2. CLEAN AIR AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL 2 CFR Part 200, Appendix II(G); 42 USC § 7401, et seq; 33 USC § 1251, et seq

The Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act requirements extend to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontracts at every tier.

- A. The Contractor agrees:
 - 1. It will not use any violating facilities;
 - 2. It will report the use of facilities placed on or likely to be placed on the U.S. EPA “List of Violating Facilities;”
 - 3. It will report violations of use of prohibited facilities to FTA; and
 - 4. It will comply with the inspection and other requirements of the Clean Air Act, as amended, (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 – 7671q); and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended, (33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387).

10.3. CIVIL RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The Civil Rights requirements flow down to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier.

- A. Hernando County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. As such, Hernando County agrees to comply with all applicable Federal civil rights laws and implementing regulations. Apart from inconsistent requirements imposed by Federal laws or regulations, Hernando County agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5323(h) (3) by not using any Federal assistance awarded by FTA to support procurements using exclusionary or discriminatory specifications. Under this Agreement, the Contractor shall at all times comply with the following requirements and shall include these requirements in each subcontract entered into as part thereof.
1. Nondiscrimination. In accordance with Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.
 2. Race, Color, Religion, National Origin, Sex. In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," 41 C.F.R. chapter 60, and Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity in Federal Employment," September 24, 1965, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note, as amended by any later Executive Order that amends or supersedes it, referenced in 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, national origin, or sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity). Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, promotion, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
 3. Age. In accordance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621-634, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (U.S. EEOC) regulations, "Age Discrimination in Employment Act," 29 C.F.R. part 1625, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq., U.S. Health and Human Services regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," 45 C.F.R. part 90, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective

employees for reason of age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

4. Disabilities. In accordance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq., the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 4151 et seq., and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against individuals on the basis of disability. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
5. Promoting Free Speech and Religious Liberty. The Contractor shall ensure that Federal funding is expended in full accordance with the U.S. Constitution, Federal Law, and statutory and public policy requirements: including, but not limited to, those protecting free speech, religious liberty, public welfare, the environment, and prohibiting discrimination.

10.4. ENERGY CONSERVATION 42 U.S.C. 6321 et seq. 49 C.F.R. part 622, subpart C

These requirements extend to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontracts at every tier.

The contractor agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency, which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

10.5. GOVERNMENT-WIDE DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION 2 C.F.R. part 180 2 C.F.R part 1200 2 C.F.R. § 200.213 2 C.F.R. part 200 Appendix II (I) Executive Order 12549 Executive Order 12689

Recipients, contractors, and subcontractors who enter into covered transactions with a participant at the next lower level, must require that participant to: (a) comply with subpart C of 2 C.F.R. part 180, as supplemented by 2 C.F.R. part 1200; and (b) pass the requirement to comply with subpart C of 2 C.F.R. part 180 to each person with whom the participant enters into a covered transaction at the next lower tier.

- A. Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion. The Contractor shall comply and facilitate compliance with U.S. DOT regulations, “Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment,” 2 C.F.R. part 1200, which adopts and supplements the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (U.S. OMB) “Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement),” 2 C.F.R. part 180. These provisions apply to each contract at any tier of \$25,000 or more, and to each contract at any tier for a federally required audit (irrespective of the contract amount), and to each contract at any tier that must be approved by an FTA official irrespective of the contract amount. As such, the Contractor shall verify that its principals, affiliates, and subcontractors are eligible to participate in this federally funded contract and are not presently declared by any Federal department or agency to be:

1. Debarred from participation in any federally assisted Award;
 2. Suspended from participation in any federally assisted Award;
 3. Proposed for debarment from participation in any federally assisted Award;
 4. Declared ineligible to participate in any federally assisted Award;
 5. Voluntarily excluded from participation in any federally assisted Award; or
 6. Disqualified from participation in any federally assisted Award.
- B. By signing and submitting its bid or proposal, the bidder or proposer certifies as follows:
1. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by Hernando County. If it is later determined by Hernando County that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to Hernando County, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.
 2. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. part 180, subpart C, as supplemented by 2 C.F.R. part 1200, while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

[See Attachment A - Suspension Debarment Certification](#)

10.6. LOBBYING RESTRICTIONS 31 U.S.C. § 1352 2 C.F.R. § 200.450 2 C.F.R. part 200 appendix II (J) 49 C.F.R. part 20

The lobbying requirements mandate the maximum flow down pursuant to Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. § 1352(b)(5).

[See Attachments D-Certification for Disclosure of Lobbying Activities and E-Standard Form LLL - Disclosure of Lobbying Activities - SFLL 1 2 P-V12b](#)

10.7. NO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION TO THIRD PARTIES

The Recipient and Contractor acknowledge and agree that, notwithstanding any concurrence by the Federal Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of the underlying Contract, absent the express written consent by the Federal Government, the Federal Government is not a party to this Contract and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to the Recipient, Contractor or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying Contract. The Contractor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the FTA. It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

10.8. PATENT RIGHTS AND RIGHTS IN DATA 2 C.F.R. part 200, Appendix II (F) 37 C.F.R. part 401

The Patent Rights and Rights in Data requirements flow down to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier that meet the definition of a research-type project under 37 U.S.C. § 401.2.

- A. Intellectual Property Rights. This Project is funded through a Federal award with FTA for experimental, developmental, or research work purposes. As such, certain Patent Rights and Data Rights apply to all subject data first produced in the performance of this Contract. The Contractor shall grant Hernando County intellectual property access and licenses deemed necessary for the work performed under this Agreement and in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by FTA or U.S. DOT. The terms of an intellectual property agreement and software license rights will be finalized prior to execution of this Agreement and shall, at a minimum, include the following restrictions: Except for its own internal use, the Contractor may not publish or reproduce subject data in whole or in part, or in any manner or form, nor may the Contractor authorize others to do so, without the written consent of FTA, until such time as FTA may have either released or approved the release of such data to the public. This restriction on publication, however, does not apply to any contract with an academic institution. For purposes of this agreement, the term "subject data" means recorded information whether or not copyrighted, and that is delivered or specified to be delivered as required by the Contract. Examples of "subject data" include, but are not limited to computer software, standards, specifications, engineering drawings and associated lists, process sheets, manuals, technical reports, catalog item identifications, and related information, but do not include financial reports, cost analyses, or other similar information used for performance or administration of the Contract.
1. The Federal Government reserves a royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use for "Federal Government Purposes," any subject data or copyright described below. For "Federal Government Purposes," means use only for the direct purposes of the Federal Government. Without the copyright owner's consent, the Federal Government may not extend its Federal license to any other party.
 - a. Any subject data developed under the Contract, whether or not a copyright has been obtained; and
 - b. Any rights of copyright purchased by the Contractor using Federal assistance in whole or in part by the FTA.
 2. Unless FTA determines otherwise, the Contractor performing experimental, developmental, or research work required as part of this Contract agrees to permit FTA to make available to

- the public, either FTA's license in the copyright to any subject data developed in the course of the Contract, or a copy of the subject data first produced under the Contract for which a copyright has not been obtained. If the experimental, developmental, or research work, which is the subject of this Contract, is not completed for any reason whatsoever, all data developed under the Contract shall become subject data as defined herein and shall be delivered as the Federal Government may direct.
3. Unless prohibited by state law, upon request by the Federal Government, the Contractor agrees to indemnify, save, and hold harmless the Federal Government, its officers, agents, and employees acting within the scope of their official duties against any liability, including costs and expenses, resulting from any willful or intentional violation by the Contractor of proprietary rights, copyrights, or right of privacy, arising out of the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, use, or disposition of any data furnished under that contract. The Contractor shall be required to indemnify the Federal Government for any such liability arising out of the wrongful act of any employee, official, or agents of the Federal Government.
 4. Nothing contained in this clause on rights in data shall imply a license to the Federal Government under any patent or be construed as affecting the scope of any license or other right otherwise granted to the Federal Government under any patent.
 5. Data developed by the Contractor and financed entirely without using Federal assistance provided by the Federal Government that has been incorporated into work required by the underlying Contract is exempt from the requirements herein, provided that the Contractor identifies those data in writing at the time of delivery of the Contract work.
 6. The Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract for experimental, developmental, or research work financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

10.9. PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS AND RELATED ACTS 49 U.S.C. § 5323(I) (1) 31 U.S.C. §§ 3801-3812 18 U.S.C. § 1001 49 C.F.R. part 31

The Program Fraud clause extends to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontracts at every tier. These requirements flow down to contractors and subcontractors who make, present, or submit covered claims and statements.

- A. The Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq. and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this Project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, the Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or the FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed.

In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the Contractor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on the Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

- B. The Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance originally awarded by FTA under the authority of 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5323(I) on the Contractor, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.
- C. The Contractor agrees to include the above two clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

[10.10. SAFE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES 23 U.S.C. part 402 Executive Order No. 13043 Executive Order No. 13513 U.S. DOT Order No. 3902.10](#)

The Safe Operation of Motor Vehicles requirements flow down to all third party contractors at every tier.

- A. Seat Belt Use. The Contractor is encouraged to adopt and promote on-the-job seat belt use policies and programs for its employees and other personnel that operate company-owned vehicles, company-rented vehicles, or personally operated vehicles. The terms “company-owned” and “company-leased” refer to vehicles owned or leased either by the Contractor or Hernando County.
- B. Distracted Driving. The Contractor agrees to adopt and enforce workplace safety policies to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers, including policies to ban text messaging while using an electronic device supplied by an employer, and driving a vehicle the driver owns or rents, a vehicle Contractor owns, leases, or rents, or a privately-owned vehicle when on official business in connection with the work performed under this agreement.

[10.11. TERMINATION 2 C.F.R. § 200.339 2 C.F.R. part 200, Appendix II \(B\)](#)

For all contracts in excess of \$10,000, the Termination clause extends to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontracts at every tier.

- A. Termination for Convenience (Professional Contracts). Hernando County, by written notice, may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, when it is in Hernando County’s interest. If this contract is terminated, Hernando County shall be liable only for payment under the payment provisions of this contract for services rendered before the effective date of termination.
- B. Termination for Default (Service).

1. If the Contractor fails to deliver supplies or to perform the services within the time specified in this contract or any extension, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, Hernando County may terminate this contract for default. Hernando County shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the nature of the default. The Contractor will only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner or performance set forth in this contract.
 2. If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that the Contractor as not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of Hernando County.
- C. Waiver of Remedies for any Breach. In the event that Hernando County elects to waive its remedies for any breach by Contractor of any covenant, term or condition of this contract, such waiver by Hernando County shall not limit Hernando County's remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other covenant, term, or condition of this contract.

10.12. VIOLATION AND BREACH OF CONTRACT 2 C.F.R. § 200.326 2 C.F.R. part 200, Appendix II (A)

The Violations and Breach of Contracts clause flow down to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier.

- A. Rights and Remedies of Hernando County. Hernando County shall have the following rights in the event that Hernando County deems the Contractor guilty of a breach of any term under the Contract.
1. The right to take over and complete the work or any part thereof as agency for and at the expense of the Contractor, either directly or through other contractors;
 2. The right to cancel this Contract as to any or all of the work yet to be performed;
 3. The right to specific performance, an injunction or any other appropriate equitable remedy; and
 4. The right to money damages.
- B. Rights and Remedies of Contractor. Inasmuch as the Contractor can be adequately compensated by money damages for any breach of this Contract, which may be committed by Hernando County, the Contractor expressly agrees that no default, act or omission of Hernando County shall constitute a material breach of this Contract, entitling Contractor to cancel or rescind the Contract (unless Hernando County directs Contractor to do so) or to suspend or abandon performance.

10.13. FEDERAL CHANGES 49 C.F.R. Part 18

Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference in the Master Agreement between Purchaser and FTA, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this contract. Contractor's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

10.14. INCORPORATION OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) TERMS FTA Circular 4220.1F or subsequent revisions

The preceding provisions include, in part, certain Standard Terms and Conditions required by DOT, whether or not expressly set forth in the preceding contract provisions. All contractual provisions required by DOT, as set forth in FTA Circular 4220.1F or subsequent revisions, are hereby incorporated by reference. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, all FTA mandated terms shall be deemed to control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Agreement. The Contractor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any (name of grantee) requests which would cause (name of grantee) to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

10.15. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

1. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
2. The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
3. The contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such

- employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.
4. The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
 5. The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
 6. The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the contracting agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
 7. In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
 8. The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as may be directed by the Secretary of Labor as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

10.16. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) 49 C.F.R. part 26

The DBE contracting requirements flow down to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier. It is the recipient's and prime contractor's responsibility to ensure the DBE requirements are applied across the board to all subrecipients/contractors/subcontractors. Should a subcontractor fail to comply with the DBE regulations, FTA would look to the recipient to make sure it intervenes to monitor compliance. Should a subcontractor fail to comply with the DBE regulations, FTA would look to Hernando County to make sure it intervenes to monitor compliance.

- A. The contractor, subrecipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 C.F.R. part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to:
 1. Withholding monthly progress payments;
 2. Assessing sanctions;
 3. Liquidated damages; and/or
 4. Disqualifying the contractor from future bidding as non-responsible. 49 C.F.R. § 26.13(b).
- B. Prime contractors are required to pay subcontractors for satisfactory performance of their contracts no later than 30 days from receipt of each payment Hernando County makes to the prime contractor. 49 C.F.R. § 26.29(a)
- C. Finally, for contracts with defined DBE contract goals, each FTA Recipient must include in each prime contract a provision stating that the contractor shall utilize the specific DBEs listed unless the contractor obtains Hernando County's written consent; and that, unless Hernando County's consent is provided, the contractor shall not be entitled to any payment for work or material unless it is performed or supplied by the listed DBE. 49 C.F.R. § 26.53(f) (1).
- D. It is the policy of Hernando County and the United States Department of Transportation ("DOT") that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises ("DBE's"), as defined herein and in the Federal regulations published at 49 C.F.R. part 26, shall have an equal opportunity to participate in DOT assisted contracts.

[See Attachment B-DBE-SUB Statement Form](#)

10.17. GOOD FAITH EFFORTS

- A. The Bidder or Proposer shall demonstrate the good faith efforts. Failure to include all requested information shall result in the Bid or Proposal being determined as nonresponsive to the DBE requirements.

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- B. Hernando County will consider the Bidder's/Proposer's documented good faith efforts in determining responsiveness.

[See Attachment C-GOOD FAITH EFFORTS](#)

11. EVALUATION CRITERIA

No.	Evaluation Criteria	Scoring Method	Weight (Points)
1.	<p>Project Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	Points Based	10 <i>(20% of Total)</i>
2.	<p>Firm Capabilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are the lines of authority and coordination clearly identified • Are essential management functions identified? • Are the functions effectively integrated (e.g., subconsultants' roles delineated?) • Current and projected work load. 	Points Based	10 <i>(20% of Total)</i>
3.	<p>Prior Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	Reward Low Cost	10 <i>(20% of Total)</i>

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4.	Project Approach <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget methodology/cost control.• Quality control methodology.• Schedule maintenance methodology.	Points Based	10 <i>(20% of Total)</i>
5.	Cost Proposal Lump sum cost for Phase I and Phase II of project, breakdown of costs included with response.	Points Based	10 <i>(20% of Total)</i>

12. COST PROPOSAL (FEE FOR SERVICES)

Line Item	Description	Unit of Measure	Unit Cost
1	Phase I to extend service to East side of County & recommend location for transfer site.	Lump Sum	
2	Phase II - Analyze and provide service recommendations for a fixed- route running on Highway 19 north of Highway 50.	Lump Sum	

13. **VENDOR QUESTIONNAIRE**

13.1. Statement of No Proposal *

Select all that apply

- Specifications too tight, geared toward one (1) brand or manufacturer (explain below)
- Insufficient time to respond.
- Specifications unclear (explain below)
- We do not offer this product/services.
- Our present schedule does not permit us to perform.
- Unable to meet specifications or provide services.

*Response required

13.2. "No Proposal" Explanation

Please provide any necessary explanation as to why you chose not to participate.

13.3. PROPOSER'S CERTIFICATION*

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

I hereby propose to furnish the goods or services specified in the Request for Proposals at the prices or rates quoted in my Proposal. I agree that my RFP 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 RFP is truthful to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that I am a duly authorized to submit this RFP 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 RFP is made without prior understanding, agreement, connection, discussion, or collusion with any person, firm or corporation submitting a RFP for the same product or service; no officer, employee or agent of the Hernando County BCC or of any other Proposer interested in said RFP; 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 RFP.

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.

NO EXCEPTIONS ALLOWED AFTER THE RFP IS SUBMITTED:

Please check one:

- I take NO exceptions
- I take Exceptions, explained in the subsequent answer

*Response required

13.4. [Exceptions](#)

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

13.5. [Drug Free Workplace Certification](#)

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

- Please confirm

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

Affidavit of Non Collusion and of Non-Interest of Hernando County Employees

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

Please confirm

*Response required

13.7. Sworn Statement SECTION 287.133 (3) (a)*

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:

_____ [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 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.

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.

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 list [attach a copy of the final order].

*Response required

13.8. 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

13.9. VENDOR/CONTRACTOR INFORMATION*

Please Provide the following Information:

1. Respondent/Vendor Contractor Name
2. Vendor/Contractor FEIN
3. Vendor/Contractor's Authorized Representative Name and Title
4. Address
5. Phone Number
6. Email Address

*Response required

13.10. E-VERIFY CERTIFICATION*

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.

Please confirm

*Response required

13.11. ACH electronic payment *

An ACH electronic payment method is offered as an alternative to a payment by physical check.

Please check Option 1 if you accept the ACH electronic payment method.

(Recommended and Preferred)

Yes, ACH electronic payment method is acceptable.

No, ACH electronic payment method is not acceptable.

*Response required

13.12. VENDOR/CONTRACTOR SURVEY *

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

Select all that apply

- OpenGov Procurement
- Newspaper
- Procurement Department Advertisement Board
- Other

*Response required

13.13.VENDOR/CONTRACTOR SURVEY (OTHER)

If you answered "Referred" or "Other" in the Survey, please specify:

13.14.Sub-Contractors/Sub-consultants:

The Hernando County BOCC reserves the right to approve all Sub-contractors and/or sub-consultants for this Contract. If Sub-contractors are to be utilized, their names and references must be included within this initial Proposal.

Proposers shall list all proposed Sub-Contractors to be used, regardless of racial or gender grouping. Include names, addresses, phone numbers, type of work Sub-Contracted (discipline, trade or commodity) and proposed percentage of work for each firm.

13.15.Confirm 180 days proposal validity

Any Proposals shall constitute an irrevocable offer (including pricing), for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days, to provide to the County the services set forth in this Request for Proposals, or until one (1) or more of the Proposals have been awarded.

- Please confirm

13.16.**VENDOR/CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION REGARDING SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES*

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, crated 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 submit proposals 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.

- Please confirm

*Response required

13.17. Proposal Principals *

Please name all persons or entities interested in the Proposal as principals.

Provide name, title , mailing address, email address and phone number.

*Response required

13.18. Cost Proposal *

Please upload your cost proposal. The cost should be a lump sum turnkey cost to provide the services requested. Proposers should include, with their lump sum cost, a proposed task fee breakdown for this project.

*Response required

13.19. Proposal Format

The following information shall be submitted in all Proposer responses in the format as specified herein. Failure to submit the requested information in this format will result in a reduction in the evaluation points assigned to your Proposal.

*13.19.1. Statement of Interest and Introduction/Letter of Transmittal. **

The responding firm (or the lead firm if Sub-Contractors are proposed) will provide a letter, on company letterhead, not exceeding two (2) pages, which serves as a statement of interest and introduction to the submittal. If Sub-contractors are proposed, each Sub-contractor may provide a similar letter, not exceeding one (1) page. This letter will summarize in a brief and concise manner, the Proposer's understanding of the Scope of Work. The letter must name all of the persons authorized to make representations for the Proposer, including the titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of such persons. An official authorized to negotiate for the Proposer must sign the Letter of Transmittal.

*Response required

*13.19.2. Section A – Project Understanding**

Describe your understanding of the project scope and requirements necessary for proper completion of the work proposed. Describe your proposed approach in delivering the requirements of the Scope of Services for this project.

*Response required

*13.19.3. Section B – Project Approach**

Provide the approach to the project, incorporation of unique concepts and cost saving measures. Submit a maximum of FIVE (5) pages for this section.

*Response required

*13.19.4. Section C – Staff Experience & Workload**

Provide staff experience and availability to include proposed Sub-Consultants, Submit a maximum of TWO (2) pages for each team member. The County is interested in resumes only from those staff that

will be assigned to this engagement. Indicate the team members involvement in the FIVE (5) past project references provided.

Summarize the team's projected workload during the duration of the project. Submit a maximum of one (1) page describing the team's workload.

*Response required

13.19.5. Section D – Past Experience*

Provide FIVE (5) past project references for similar projects in scope and size. Include project name, contact names, address, telephone number and email address. Information provided for each project shall include the following:

- Client name, address, telephone number and email.
- Description of services provided.
- Time period of the project or Contract.
- Was the proposing firm the prime consultant delivering the described services?
- What was the project budget?
- Was the project completed on time?
- Was the project completed within budget?
- Which proposed team members were team members of this project?

Failure to provide complete and accurate client information, as specified here, may result in disqualification of your Proposal. Submit a maximum of five (5) projects.

*Response required

13.19.6. Proposed implementation timeline beginning at the date of Contract approval.*

*Response required

13.20. Authorized Signatures/Negotiators

13.20.1. Authorized Signatures/Negotiators *

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)

Phone no (s)

*Response required

13.20.2. Type of Organization *

Select your organization's type below

Sole Proprietorship

Joint Venture

Corporation

Partnership

*Response required

13.20.3. Company ID*

Please Provide Your:

Company name

Address

Phone

Email

State of Incorporation and

Federal I.D. NO.

Please state if you collect Florida sales Tax.

*Response required

13.20.4. W-9*

Please attach your W-9

*Response required