

**CITY OF HOLLYWOOD  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor and Commissioners

**DATE:** 6/24/24

**FROM:** Douglas R. Gonzales, City Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Purchase Order to Empire Office, Inc. for Office Furniture and Installation Services for the Broward County Library Second Floor Buildout Project, in an Amount Up to \$655,217.74, Based On the State of Florida Alternative Source Contract 56120000-24-NY-ACS Agreement, In Accordance with Section 38.41(C)(5) of the Procurement Code. (Piggyback)

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I have reviewed the above referenced Agreement with the participating Department/Office(s), and the proposed general business terms and other significant provisions are as follows:

- 1) Department/Division involved – Department of Design and Construction Management
- 2) Type of Agreement – Piggyback – Purchase Order
- 3) Method of Procurement (RFP, bid, etc.) – Section 38.41 (C)(5) of the Code of Ordinances allows the Chief Procurement Officer to procure, without following formal solicitation procedures, all goods, supplies, materials, equipment, and services that are the subject of contracts with the state, its political subdivisions, the United States government, other governmental entities, or a corporation not for profit whose members are governmental entities, public officers, or any combination thereof ("piggyback"), provided that the goods, supplies, materials, equipment, or services are the subject of a price schedule negotiated by the entities listed above and is based strictly on competitive bids, quotations, or competitive proposals and not on any preference; utilization of other governmental entities' contracts shall be permitted only during the term of the other governmental entity's contract.
- 4) Term of Contract:
  - a) initial – December 5, 2023 to December 1, 2028
  - b) renewals (if any) – up to 5 additional years
  - c) who exercises option to renew – State of New York
- 5) Contract Amount – up to \$662,117.16
- 6) Termination Rights –

Section 43. TERMINATION (NYS Agreement)

  - a. For Cause

For a material breach that remains uncured for more than 30 calendar days or other longer period as specified by written notice to the Contractor, the Contract or Purchase Order may be terminated by the Commissioner or Authorized User respectively. Neither the State nor an Authorized User shall be liable for any of Contractor's costs arising from the failure to perform or the termination, including without limitation costs incurred after the date of termination. Such termination shall be upon written notice to the Contractor. In such event, the Commissioner or Authorized User may complete the contractual requirements in any manner it may deem advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach.

b. For Convenience

This Contract may be terminated at any time by the Commissioner for convenience upon 60 calendar days or other longer period as specified by written notice, without penalty or other early termination charges due. Such termination of the Contract shall not affect any project or Purchase Order that has been issued under the Contract prior to the date of such termination. If the Contract is terminated pursuant to this subdivision, the Authorized User shall remain liable for all accrued but unpaid charges incurred through the date of the termination. Contractor shall use due diligence and fulfill any outstanding Purchase Orders.

7) Indemnity/Insurance Requirements –

Section 56. INDEMNIFICATION (NYS Agreement)

Contractor shall be fully liable for the actions of its agents, employees, partners or Subcontractors and shall fully defend, indemnify and hold the Authorized Users harmless from suits, actions, proceedings, claims, losses, damages, and costs (including reasonable attorney fees) of every name and description relating to personal injury and damage to real or personal tangible property caused by any intentional act or negligence of Contractor, its agents, employees, partners or Subcontractors, which shall arise from or result directly or indirectly from this Contract, without limitation; provided, however, that the Contractor shall not be obligated to indemnify an Authorized User for any claim, loss or damage arising hereunder to the extent caused by the negligent act, failure to act, gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Authorized User. The Authorized User shall give Contractor: (i) prompt written notice of any action, claim or threat of suit, or other suit for which Contractor is required to fully indemnify an Authorized User, (ii) the opportunity to take over, settle or defend such action, claim or suit at Contractor's sole expense, and (iii) assistance in the defense of any such action, claim or suit at the expense of Contractor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State reserves the right to join such action, at its sole expense, if it determines there is an issue involving a significant public interest. In the event that an action or proceeding at law or in equity is commenced against the Authorized User arising out of a claim for death, personal injury or damage to real or personal tangible property caused by any intentional or willful act, gross negligence, or negligence of Contractor, its agents, employees, partners or Subcontractors, which shall arise from or result directly or indirectly

from the Products supplied under this Contract, and Contractor is of the opinion that the allegations in such action or proceeding in whole or in part are not covered by the indemnification and defense provisions set forth in the Contract, Contractor shall immediately notify the Authorized User and the New York State Office of the Attorney General in writing and shall specify to what extent Contractor believes it is obligated to defend and indemnify under the terms and conditions of the Contract and to what extent it is not so obligated to defend and indemnify. Contractor shall in such event protect the interests of the Authorized User and attempt to secure a continuance to permit the State and the Authorized User to appear and defend their interests in cooperation with Contractor, as is appropriate, including any jurisdictional defenses the State and Authorized User may have. In the event of a dispute regarding the defense, the Contractor and the Attorney General shall try to reach an amicable resolution, but the Attorney General shall have the final determination on such matters.

- 8) Scope of Services – procure and install office furniture equipment
- 9) Other Significant Provisions: Competitively bid by State of New York Office of General Services Procurement Services.

cc: George R. Keller, Jr. CPPT, City Manager