



False Alarm Billing and Collection Services

Request for Proposals # PD-21-02

General Information		
Contract Term	This contract shall be for an initial three year period with one additional three-year renewal term.	See Section 1.4
Evaluation of Proposals	Evaluation Committee	See Section 1.7
Pre-Bid Meeting	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Question Due Date	February 1, 2021	See Section 1.8
Proposals will be accepted until	2:00 p.m. on February 16, 2021	See Section 1.8
5% Proposal Security / Bid Bond	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
100% Payment and Performance Bonds	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Grant or Federal Funding Information	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES
 PURCHASING DIVISION
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SECTION 1 - INSTRUCTIONS

1.1 NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Pembroke Pines is seeking sealed proposals for:

RFP # PD-21-02
“False Alarm Billing and Collection Services”

Solicitations may be obtained from the City of Pembroke Pines website at <http://www.ppines.com/index.aspx?NID=667> and on the www.BidSync.com website.

If you have any problems downloading the solicitation, please contact the BidSync Support line at 1-800-990-9339.

If additional information help is needed with downloading the solicitation package please contact the Purchasing Office at (954) 518-9020 or by email at purchasing@ppines.com. The Purchasing Office hours are between 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and is located at 8300 South Palm Drive, Pembroke Pines, Florida 33025.

The City requires all questions relating to the solicitation be entered through the “Ask a Question” option tab available on the BidSync website. Responses to the questions will be provided online at www.bidsync.com. Such request must be received by the “Question Due Date” stated in the solicitation. The issuance of a response via BidSync is considered an Addendum and shall be the only official method whereby such an interpretation or clarification will be made.

Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., February 16, 2021. Proposals must be submitted electronically at www.BidSync.com. The sealed electronic proposals will be publicly opened at 2:30 p.m. by the City Clerk’s Office, in the City Hall Administration Building, 4th Floor Conference Room located at 601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines, Florida, 33025.

1.1.1 VIRTUAL BID OPENING

At the time of writing this notice, the City will not be opening up the physical location for public access as City offices are closed to the public, due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic.

As a result, meetings may be a combination of in-person and virtual, all as provided by law. In any event, the public is encouraged to attend the bid opening process virtually in lieu of attending the meeting in person.



Bid openings for this project will be live-streamed from the City Clerk’s Office, in the City Hall Administration Building, 4th Floor Conference Room located at 601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines, Florida, 33025 at 2:30 PM on the bid due date.

While recognizing the importance of public accessibility to the bid openings, and considering public health concerns, in the abundance of caution, the City is requesting that interested parties utilize live streaming as a safe way for vendors and the public to view the bid opening process in lieu of attending the meeting in person.

The public is invited to attend the meeting virtually via the Cisco Webex Meetings platform.

- Cisco Webex Meeting Number: 717 019 586
- Join by Phone Number: +1-408-418-9388

The public may download the Cisco Webex Meetings app from <https://www.webex.com/downloads.html/>, to view and listen to the meeting, however please make sure to mute your phone/microphone/device’s audio and camera as the public may attend the meeting but will not be allowed to comment or participate in the proceedings.

If any member of the public requires additional information about this meeting or has any questions about how to access the meeting, please contact:

Danny Benedit, Procurement Department
City of Pembroke Pines
8300 South Palm Drive,
Pembroke Pines, FL 33025
954-518-9022
purchasing@ppines.com

1.2 PURPOSE

The City of Pembroke Pines is seeking proposals from qualified firms, hereinafter referred to as the Contractor, to implement and collect false alarm fees and fines pursuant to the City’s Code of Ordinances, and in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications contained in this Request for Proposals (RFP).

1.2.1 BACKGROUND

The City of Pembroke Pines Ordinance #1648 was enacted to reduce the amount of false alarms dispatched to police officers. The Ordinance amended section 134.05 of the City’s Code of Ordinances titled “Police False Alarms” (Attachment G). The ordinance requires all residential and commercial alarm users to be registered with the City of Pembroke Pines Police once every 12 month period, which begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st of every year. The ordinance also implements a warning for the



first two false alarms and a fine of \$100 dollars for any third or subsequent false alarms during the 12-month alarm period. A false alarm is defined by ordinance as the activation of an alarm system for any reason other than an unauthorized entry such as mechanical failure, malfunction, improper installation, weather related, or an action or omission of the owner or lessee of an alarm system or is his employees or agents.

1.3 SCOPE OF WORK

Implement all aspects of false alarm billing and collection for the Police Department and related services including, but not limited to:

- ✓ Process new and renewal applications for alarm users via mail and online.
- ✓ Maintain records of alarm users operating in the City.
- ✓ Extract records that indicate locations of false alarms.
- ✓ Justify which false alarms are billable, the rate at which each alarm is billable, and total amount of fee to be levied for each location.
- ✓ Issue bills monthly to alarm users. Bills must include delinquent addresses and billable amounts for each address.
- ✓ Identify and provide notice to alarm users that have a delinquent account by 30 days.
- ✓ Report to the City those alarms users that have a delinquent account by 30 days.
- ✓ Provide customers with the ability to make payments online.
- ✓ The City will utilize its current bank to process payments via a lockbox and all funds collected will be deposited into a dedicated account. Online payments will also be directed to this dedicated account.
- ✓ Respond to citizen complaints about lack of service to an alarm address.
- ✓ Respond to miscellaneous citizen complaints or concerns regarding the false alarm billing collection and related services.
- ✓ Provide a mechanism for actively notifying customers regarding overpayments and refunds due. Vendor shall also initiate the refund process.
- ✓ Assist the City in addressing appeals filed by alarm users.
- ✓ Other related responsibilities to ensure proper administration of the program in its entirety.
- ✓ The proposer shall be the point of contact for alarm users and shall handle all customer correspondence related to the program.
- ✓ All templates for correspondence must be preapproved by the City prior to use.
- ✓ The proposer shall conduct at their cost a promotional campaign at the beginning of the contractual period to educate the public regarding the service. The promotional campaign may include radio and television public service announcements, billboards, print advertisements, television interviews, newsprint articles and other vehicles for promoting the usefulness of the City of Pembroke Pines False Alarm Ordinance. The campaign shall include assertion that Police response to false alarm are a costly misuse of taxpayer money and a major public safety concern because false alarms divert police officers from real emergencies and delay the response time for more critical calls.
- ✓ The proposer shall supply hardware, software and all services necessary, including postage, to establish and provide the false alarm billing and collection service. The computer system



shall produce various notices including violations, and maintain supplies and services including but not limited to:

- Hardware/software to maintain all data in reference to this proposal
- Supply personnel to perform all pertinent duties under this proposal; and
- The selected Proposer shall coordinate with and supply the City all necessary equipment, materials, personnel and services.

Projected Organization and Staffing:

- The proposer must provide an adequate level of staffing to ensure the successful completion of the project in the required time frame. The proposer should possess the necessary skills and certifications for the roles they are filling.
- The proposer must name a project manager who will be available for the duration of the project. The individual must have the deepest experience in managing projects of this nature.
- All individuals proposed for this project must have experience performing the role. Education may not be substituted for the required experience.
- The proposer must agree to be the primary contractor on this project and must guarantee the performance and delivery of all tasks, goods and services under this contract regardless of the number of subcontractors.
- Any subcontractors utilized will need to be pre-approved by the City.

1.4 CONTRACT TERM

The initial term of the contract is for a period of three (3) years with an option for one (1) three (3) year renewal subject to written approval by both parties.

1.4.1 CONTRACT PAYMENT

The City of Pembroke Pines shall remit to vendor, on a monthly basis, funds due per the contract.

1.5 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

The www.bidsync.com website allows for vendors to complete, scan and upload their documents as part of the bidder’s submittal on the website. Proposals should be formatted as follows:

Title Page:

List the following:

Subject: RFP # PD-21-02 “False Alarm Billing and Collection Services”

1. Date
2. Name of the Firm



3. Contact Person (including title) authorized to represent your firm
 - i. Note: This contact person shall also be listed on Attachment A: Contact Information Form
4. Telephone Number
5. Email Address

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Include a clear identification of the material included in the proposal by tab number and page number.

Letter of Interest:

Limit to two (2) pages.

1. Attach a letter of interest that explains your firm's interest in working on this project, a positive commitment to perform the required work and a description of the firm including:
 - a. Include the size, range of activities, financial history, strength, stability, experience, honors, awards, recognitions, etc.
 - b. Include the location from which services will be provided. If services will be performed by different offices provide a location for each.
 - c. Summary of abilities and experience of the firms' professional personnel
 - d. Summary of past performance of the firm on similar projects
 - e. Recent, current, and projected workload of the firm, and availability and access to the firms' top level management personnel.

1.5.1 Proposal Requirements

Prospective proposers interested in responding to this solicitation are requested to provide all of the information listed in this section. Submittals that do not respond completely to all of requirements specified herein may be considered non-responsive and eliminated from the process. Brevity and clarity are encouraged.

Tab 1 - Experience and Ability (25 points):

The relative experience and qualification of each applicant's proposed team, with respect to the project scope, will be judged and a relative rating assigned. This parameter expresses the general and specific project-related capability of the team and indicates the adequate depth and abilities of the organization which it can draw upon as needed. This will include management, technical, and support staff. Major consideration will be given to the successful completion of previous projects comparable in design, scope, and complexity.

1. Describe the specialized experience and technical competence of the firm or persons with respect to working on similar projects.



2. A minimum of two (2) years of experience. Please provide proof of such experience.
3. The firm or persons must provide information on their proximity to and familiarity with the area in which the project is located.
4. Please describe the past record of performance of the firm or person with respect to accessibility to clients, ability to meet schedules, communication and coordination skills.
5. Identify the contact person and supervisory personnel who will work on the various projects, including the relative experience of all professionals proposed for use on the team.
6. Provide resume(s) of key persons to be assigned to the project with emphasis on their experience with similar work.
7. Resumes should list qualifications, including education, experience, honors and awards received, and professional associations of which the firm and/or its personnel are members.

Tab 2 - Previous Experience (25 points):

Provide specific examples of similar contracts delivered by the proposed team members. Provide details on related projects (preferably where the team was the same). References should be from the last five years and should be capable of explaining and confirming your firm's capacity to successfully complete the scope of work outlined herein. As part of the proposal evaluation process, the City may conduct an investigation of references, including a record check or consumer affairs complaints. Proposers' submission of a proposal constitutes acknowledgment of the process and consent to investigate. The City is the sole judge in determining Proposers qualifications. Details should include the following:

1. Attachment F: References Form

Tab 3 - Firm's Understanding and Approach to the Work (20 points):

The understanding that the applicant and consultants demonstrate as to the requirements and needs of the project, including an evaluation of the thoroughness demonstrated in analyzing and investigating the scope of the project.

1. Provide a narrative statement demonstrating an understanding of the overall intent of this solicitation, as well as the methods used to complete assigned tasks.
2. Please clearly describe all aspects of the project proposed.
3. Include details of your approach and work plans.
4. Identify any issues or concerns of significance that may be appropriate.
5. A brief statement must be included which explains why your proposal would be the most effective and beneficial to the City of Pembroke Pines.



Tab 4 – Project Cost (25 points):

1. Attachment A: Contact Information Form
 - a. Attached is contact information form (Attachment A) where the vendor will enter their contact information and complete the proposal checklist. The Contact information form shall be electronically signed by the contact person authorized to represent the contractor. This form must be completed and submitted through www.bidsync.com as part of the bidder's submittal.
 - b. The vendor must provide their pricing through the designated lines items listed on the BidSync website.
 - c. Please note vendors should be registered on BidSync under the name of the organization that they are operating as and it should match the organization name on the documents that they are submitting and utilizing when responding to the solicitation.
 - d. The contact information form should contain an electronic signature of the authorized representative of the Proposer along with the address and telephone number for communications regarding the Proposal.
 - e. Proposals by corporations should be executed in the corporate name by the President or other corporate officer accompanied by evidence of authority to sign. The corporate address and state of incorporation must also be shown.
 - f. Proposals by partnerships should be executed in the partnership name and signed by a partner whose title and the official address of the partnership must be shown.

Tab 5 – Other Completed Documents:

1. Attachment B: Non-Collusive Affidavit
2. Attachment C: Proposer's Qualifications Statement

1.5.2 Additional Information

Please provide any additional information that you deem necessary to complete your proposal in this section, if it has not been requested in another section.

1.6 VENDOR REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS

The City has implemented a new process that is intended to make the bidding process easier for vendors that bid on multiple City projects. This process will require vendors to complete and submit the following standard forms and documents at any time prior to bidding on a project. In addition, the vendors will be able to utilize these same forms without the need to re-fill and re-submit the forms each time they bid on a City project.



Furthermore, please make sure to update this information on an as-needed basis so that all pertinent information is accurate, such as local business tax receipts, and any other relevant information.

These forms will be found under the “Vendor Registration” group of “Qualifications” on the BidSync website for the City of Pembroke Pines. Please note that the BidSync website requires bidders to complete all of these qualifications prior to being able to submit questions on any bids, therefore, please make sure to complete this information as soon as possible.

The following documents can be completed prior to the bidding process through the BidSync website and do not need to be attached to your submittal as the BidSync website will automatically include it.

1.6.1 Vendor Information Form

1.6.2 Form W-9 (Rev. October 2018)

- a. Previously dated versions of this form will delay the processing of any payments to the selected vendor.

1.6.3 Sworn Statement on Public Entity Crimes Form

1.6.4 Local Vendor Preference Certification

- a. If claiming Local Pembroke Pines Vendor Preference, business must attach a current business tax receipt from the City of Pembroke Pines
- b. If claiming Local Broward County Vendor Preference, business must attach a current business tax receipt from Broward County or the city within Broward County where the business resides.
- c. The Local Vendor Preference Certification form must be completed by/for the proposer; the proposer WILL NOT qualify for Local Vendor Preference based on their sub-contractors’ qualifications.

1.6.5 Local Business Tax Receipts

1.6.6 Veteran Owned Small Business Preference Certification

- a. If claiming Veteran Owned Small Business Preference Certification, business must attach the “Determination Letter” from the United States Department of Veteran Affairs Center for Verification and Evaluation notifying the business that they have been approved as a Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB).
- b. The Veteran Owned Small Business Preference Certification form must be completed by/for the proposer; the proposer WILL NOT qualify for



Veteran Owned Small Business Preference based on their sub-contractors' qualifications.

1.6.7 Equal Benefits Certification Form

1.6.8 Vendor Drug-Free Workplace Certification Form

1.6.9 Scrutinized Company Certification

1.6.10 E-Verify System Certification Statement

- a. Effective January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, the City may not enter into a contract with a vendor/contractor/subcontractor unless that vendor/contractor/subcontractor is registered with and uses the E-Verify system administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”).
- b. Contractor shall also require all subcontractors to provide an affidavit attesting that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with, an unauthorized alien. The Contractor shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the contract.

1.7 EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS & PROCESS OF SELECTION

- A. Staff will evaluate all responsive proposals received from proposers who meet or exceed the bid requirements contained in the RFP. Evaluations shall be based upon the information and references contained in the proposals as submitted. As such, the Proposal should be as comprehensive as possible; clearly describing the details of services that the Proposer intends to provide.
- B. The City will convene an Evaluation Committee and brief its members on the scope of the project and the services required. The Evaluation Committee will evaluate proposals based on the following criteria

Criteria	Points
Experience and Ability	25 points
Previous Experience	25 points
Firm’s Understanding and Approach to the Work	20 points
Project Cost	25 points
Local Vendor Preference/ Veteran Owned Small Business Preference*	5 points
Total Points	100 points

*Please note that the Local Vendor Preference is used to evaluate the submittals received from proposers and are assigned point totals, a preference of five (5) points of the total evaluation point shall be given to the Local Pembroke Pines Vendor(s); a



preference of two and a half (2.5) points of the total evaluation point shall be given to the Local Broward County Vendor(s), all other vendors shall receive zero (0) points. Vendors must submit the attached Local Vendor Preference Certification Form in order to qualify for these evaluation points.

Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB) is also used to evaluate the submittals received from proposers and are assigned point totals, a preference of two and a half (2.5) points of the total evaluation point shall be given to the Veteran Owned Small Businesses. Vendors must submit the attached Veteran Owned Small Business Preference Certification Form in order to qualify for these evaluation points.

All other vendors shall receive zero (0) points.

- C. The Evaluation Committee shall have the option to short-list the proposers based on the criteria listed above. In addition, the Evaluation Committee may schedule a meeting for the firms to make presentations and answer questions of clarification as part of its evaluation. As part of this process, the firms shall have officials of the appropriate management level present and representing the firm. The project manager should be available. The firm shall be prepared to present an overall briefing regarding the manner in which the contractual obligations will be accomplished.
- D. The Evaluation Committee will make a recommendation to the City Commission for award of contract. The contract shall be awarded to the most responsive/responsible proposer whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the City taking into consideration the evaluation criteria.

1.8 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Event	Time &/or Date
Issuance of Solicitation (Posting Date)	January 19, 2021
Question Due Date	February 1, 2021
Anticipated Date of Issuance for the Addenda with Questions and Answers	February 4, 2021
Proposals will be accepted until	2:00 p.m. on February 16, 2021
Proposals will be opened at	2:30 p.m. on February 16, 2021
Evaluation of Proposals by Evaluation Committee	March, 2021
Recommendation of Contractor to City Commission award	April, 2021

1.9 SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS



Bids/proposals must be submitted electronically at www.bidsync.com on or before 2:00 p.m. on February 16, 2021.

Please note vendors should be registered on BidSync under the name of the organization that they are operating as and it should match the organization name on the documents that they are submitting and utilizing when responding to the solicitation.

The vendor must provide their pricing through the designated lines items listed on the BidSync website. In addition, the vendor must complete any webforms on the BidSync website and provide any additional information requested throughout this solicitation. Any additional information requested in the solicitation should be scanned and uploaded. Unless otherwise specified, the City requests for vendors to upload their documents as one (1) PDF document in the order that is outline in the bid package.

The City recommends for proposers to submit their proposals as soon as they are ready to do so. Please allow ample time to submit your proposals on the BidSync website. Proposals may be modified or withdrawn prior to the deadline for submitting Proposals. BidSync Support is happy to help you with submitting your proposal and to ensure that you are submitting your proposals correctly, but we ask that you contact their support line at 1-800-990-9339 with ample time before the bid closing date and time.

PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT ANY PROPOSALS VIA MAIL, E-MAIL OR FAX.



SECTION 2 - INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

2.1 The CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless the CITY and its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities from any and all liability, losses or damages, including attorneys' fees and costs of defense, which the CITY or its officers, employees, agents or instrumentalities may incur as a result of claims, demands, suits, causes of actions or proceedings of any kind or nature arising out of, relating to or resulting from the performance of this Agreement by the CONTRACTOR or its employees, agents, servants, partners, principals or subcontractors. The CONTRACTOR shall pay all claims and losses in connection therewith and shall investigate and defend all claims, suits or actions of any kind or nature in the name of the CITY, where applicable, including appellate proceedings, and shall pay all costs, judgments, and attorneys' fees which may issue thereon. The CONTRACTOR expressly understands and agrees that any insurance protection required by this Agreement or otherwise provided by the CONTRACTOR shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless and defend the CITY or its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities as herein provided.

2.2 CONTRACTOR shall not commence work under this Agreement until it has obtained all insurance required under this paragraph and such insurance has been approved by the Risk Manager of the CITY nor shall the CONTRACTOR allow any subcontractor to commence work on any subcontract until all similar such insurance required of the subcontractor has been obtained and similarly approved.

2.3 Certificates of Insurance, reflecting evidence of the required insurance, shall be filed with the CITY's Risk Manager prior to the commencement of this Agreement. Policies shall be issued by companies authorized to do business under the laws of the State of Florida. The insurance company shall be rated no less than "A" as to management, and no less than "Class VI" as to financial strength according to the latest edition of Best's Insurance Guide published by A.M. Best Company.

2.4 Certificates of Insurance shall provide for thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the CITY in case of cancellation or material changes in the policy limits or coverage states. If the carrier cannot provide thirty (30) days' notice of cancellation, either the CONTRACTOR or their Insurance Broker must agree to provide notice.

2.5 Insurance shall be in force until all obligations required to be fulfilled under the terms of the Agreement are satisfactorily completed as evidenced by the formal acceptance by the CITY. In the event the insurance certificate provided indicates that the insurance shall terminate and lapse during the period of this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall furnish, at least forty-five (45) days prior to the expiration of the date of such insurance, a renewed certificate of insurance as proof that equal and like coverage for the balance of the period of the Agreement and extension thereunder is in effect. The CONTRACTOR shall neither commence nor continue to provide any services pursuant to this Agreement unless all required insurance remains in full force and effect. CONTRACTOR shall be liable to CITY for any lapses in service resulting from a gap in insurance coverage.

2.6 REQUIRED INSURANCE



CONTRACTOR shall be required to obtain all applicable insurance coverage, as indicated below, prior to commencing any work pursuant to this Agreement:

Yes No

✓ 2.6.1 Comprehensive General Liability Insurance written on an occurrence basis including, but not limited to: coverage for bodily injury and property damage, personal & advertising injury, products & completed operations, and contractual liability. Coverage must be written on an occurrence basis, with limits of liability no less than:

1. Each Occurrence Limit - \$1,000,000
2. Fire Damage Limit (Damage to rented premises) - \$100,000
3. Personal & Advertising Injury Limit - \$1,000,000
4. General Aggregate Limit - \$2,000,000
5. Products & Completed Operations Aggregate Limit - \$2,000,000

Products & Completed Operations Coverage shall be maintained for the later of three (3) years after the delivery of goods/services or final payment under the Agreement. *(For Construction projects: Increase to ten (10) years and include a Designated Construction Project(s) General Aggregate Limit)*

The City of Pembroke Pines must be shown as an additional insured with respect to this coverage. The CITY’s additional insured status shall extend to any coverage beyond the minimum limits of liability found herein.

Yes No

✓ 2.6.2 Workers’ Compensation and Employers’ Liability Insurance covering all employees, and/or volunteers of the CONTRACTOR engaged in the performance of the scope of work associated with this Agreement. In the case any work is sublet, the CONTRACTOR shall require the subcontractors similarly to provide Workers’ Compensation Insurance for all the latter’s employees unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by the CONTRACTOR. Coverage for the CONTRACTOR and all subcontractors shall be in accordance with applicable state and/or federal laws that may apply to Workers’ Compensation Insurance with limits of liability no less than:

1. Workers’ Compensation: Coverage A – Statutory
2. Employers Liability: Coverage B \$500,000 Each Accident
\$500,000 Disease – Policy Limit
\$500,000 Disease – Each Employee

If CONTRACTOR claims to be exempt from this requirement, CONTRACTOR shall provide CITY proof of such exemption along with a written request for CITY to exempt CONTRACTOR, written on CONTRACTOR letterhead.



Yes No

2.6.3 Comprehensive Auto Liability Insurance covering all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles used in connection with the performance of work under this Agreement, with a combined single limit of liability for bodily injury and property damage no less than:

- 1. Any Auto (Symbol 1)
Combined Single Limit (Each Accident) - \$1,000,000
- 2. Hired Autos (Symbol 8)
Combined Single Limit (Each Accident) - \$1,000,000
- 3. Non-Owned Autos (Symbol 9)
Combined Single Limit (Each Accident) - \$1,000,000

If work under this Agreement includes transportation of hazardous materials, policy shall include pollution liability coverage equivalent to that provided by the latest version of the ISO pollution liability broadened endorsement for auto and the latest version of the ISO Motor Carrier Act endorsement, equivalents or broader language.

Yes No

2.6.3.1 If CONTRACTOR requests reduced limits under a Personal Auto Liability Policy and it is agreed to by the CITY, coverage shall include Bodily Injury limits of \$100,000 per person/\$300,000 per occurrence and Property Damage limits of \$300,000 per occurrence

Yes No

2.6.4 Umbrella/Excess Liability Insurance in the amount of **\$2,000,000.00** as determined appropriate by the CITY depending on the type of job and exposures contemplated. Coverage must be follow form of the General Liability, Auto Liability and Employer's Liability. This coverage shall be maintained for a period of no less than the later of three (3) years after the delivery of goods/services or final payment pursuant to this Agreement.

The City of Pembroke Pines must be shown as an additional insured with respect to this coverage. The CITY's additional insured status shall extend to any coverage beyond the minimum limits of liability found herein.

Yes No

2.6.5 Professional Liability/Errors & Omissions Insurance with a limit of liability no less than **\$1,000,000** per wrongful or negligent act. This coverage shall be maintained for a period of no less than three (3) years after the delivery of goods/services final payment pursuant to this Agreement. Retroactive date, if any, to be no later than the first day of service to the CITY. *(Limit to align with size and scope of the Agreement and exposure inherent with operation/services being performed. For Construction projects: Increase to ten (10) years.)*

Yes No



- * 2.6.6 Environmental/Pollution Liability insurance shall be required with a limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per wrongful act. Coverage shall include: CONTRACTOR’s completed operations, sudden, accidental and gradual pollution conditions. This coverage shall be maintained for a period of no less than the later of three (3) years after the delivery of goods/services or final payment pursuant to this Agreement. Retroactive date, if any, to be no later than the first day of service to the CITY. *(Limit to align with size and scope of the Agreement and exposure inherent with operation/services being performed. For Construction projects: Increase to ten (10) years)*

The City of Pembroke Pines must be shown as an additional insured with respect to this coverage. The CITY’s additional insured status shall extend to any coverage beyond the minimum limits of liability found herein.

Yes No

- * 2.6.7 Cyber Liability including Network Security and Privacy Liability with a limit of liability no less than \$1,000,000 per loss. Coverage shall include liability arising from: theft, dissemination and/or use of confidential information stored or transmitted in electronic form, unauthorized access to, use of, or tampering with computer systems, including hacker attacks or inability of an authorized third party to gain access to your services, including denial of service, and the introduction of a computer virus into, or otherwise causing damage to, a customer’s or third person’s computer, computer system, network, or similar computer-related property and the data, software and programs thereon. If vendor is collecting credit card information, it shall cover all PCI breach expenses. Coverage is to include the various state monitoring and state required remediation as well as meet the various state notification requirements. This coverage shall be maintained for a period of no less than the later of three (3) years after delivery of goods/services or final payment of the Agreement. Retroactive date, if any, to be no later than the first day of service to the CITY.

The City of Pembroke Pines must be shown as an additional insured with respect to this coverage. The CITY’s additional insured status shall extend to any coverage beyond the minimum limits of liability found herein.

Yes No

- * 2.6.8 Crime Coverage shall include employee dishonesty, forgery or alteration, and computer fraud in an amount of no less than \$1,000,000 per loss. If CONTRACTOR is physically located on CITY’s premises, a third-party fidelity coverage extension shall apply.

Yes No

- * 2.6.9 Garage Liability & Garage-keepers Legal Liability for those that manage parking lots for the CITY or service CITY vehicles. Coverage must be written on an occurrence basis, with limits of liability no less than \$1,000,000 per Occurrence, including products & completed operations. This coverage shall be maintained for a period of no less than the



later of three (3) years after the delivery of goods/services or final payment of this Agreement.

The City of Pembroke Pines must be shown as an additional insured with respect to this coverage. The CITY’s additional insured status shall extend to any coverage beyond the minimum limits of liability found herein.

Yes No

- x** 2.6.10 Liquor Liability for those in the business of selling, serving or furnishing of any alcoholic beverages, whether licensed or not, shall carry a limit of liability of no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence. Coverage shall be maintained for the later of three (3) years after the delivery of goods/services or final payment under the Agreement.

The City of Pembroke Pines must be shown as an additional insured with respect to this coverage. The CITY’s additional insured status shall extend to any coverage beyond the minimum limits of liability found herein.

Yes No

- x** 2.6.11 Sexual Abuse & Molestation for any agreement involving a vulnerable population. Limits shall be no less than \$500,000 per occurrence. This coverage shall be maintained for a period of no less than the later of three (3) years after the delivery of goods/services or final payment of this Agreement. Retroactive date, if any, to be no later than the first day of service to the CITY. *(Limit to align with size and scope of the Agreement and exposure inherent with operation/services being performed.)*

The City of Pembroke Pines must be shown as an additional insured with respect to this coverage. The CITY’s additional insured status shall extend to any coverage beyond the minimum limits of liability found herein.

Yes No

- x** 2.6.12 Builder’s Risk Insurance shall be “All Risk” for one hundred percent (100%) of the completed value of the project that is the subject of this Agreement with a deductible of not more than five percent (5%) for Named Windstorm and \$20,000 per claim for all other perils. The Builder’s Risk Insurance shall include interests of the CITY, the CONTRACTOR and subcontractors of the project. The CONTRACTOR shall include a separate line item for all costs associated with the Builder’s Risk Insurance Coverage for the project. The CITY reserves the right at its sole discretion to utilize the CONTRACTOR’s Builder’s Risk Insurance or for the CITY to purchase its own Builder’s Risk Insurance for the Project. Prior to the CONTRACTOR purchasing the Builder’s Risk insurance for the project, the CONTRACTOR shall allow the CITY the opportunity to analyze the CONTRACTOR’s coverage and determine who shall purchase the coverage. Should the CITY utilize the CONTRACTOR’s Builder’s Risk Insurance, the CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for all deductibles. If the CITY chooses to purchase the Builder’s Risk Coverage on the project, the CONTRACTOR shall provide the CITY



with a change order deduct for all premiums and costs associated with the Builder’s Risk insurance in their schedule. Should the CITY choose to utilize the CITY’s Builder’s Risk Program, the CITY shall be responsible for the Named Windstorm Deductible and the CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the All Other Perils Deductible.

If and when 100% is not available or reasonable, the CITY Risk Manager is to make the determination as to what limits are appropriate for the given project.

Yes No

2.6.13 Other Insurance

2.7 REQUIRED ENDORSEMENTS

- 2.7.1 The City of Pembroke Pines shall be named as an Additional Insured on each of the Liability Policies required herein.
- 2.7.2 Waiver of all Rights of Subrogation against the CITY.
- 2.7.3 Thirty (30) Day Notice of Cancellation or Non-Renewal to the CITY.
- 2.7.4 CONTRACTOR’s policies shall be Primary & Non-Contributory.
- 2.7.5 All policies shall contain a “severability of interest” or “cross liability” clause without obligation for premium payment of the CITY.
- 2.7.6 The City of Pembroke Pines shall be named as a Loss Payee on all Property and/or Inland Marine Policies as their interest may appear.

2.8 Any and all insurance required of the CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Agreement must also be required by any subcontractor in the same limits and with all requirements as provided herein, including naming the CITY as an additional insured, in any work that is subcontracted unless such subcontractor is covered by the protection afforded by the CONTRACTOR and provided proof of such coverage is provided to CITY. The CONTRACTOR and any subcontractors shall maintain such policies during the term of this Agreement.

2.9 The CITY reserves the right to require any other additional types of insurance coverage and/or higher limits of liability it deems necessary based on the nature of work being performed under this Agreement.

2.10 The insurance requirements specified in this Agreement are minimum requirements and in no way reduce any liability the CONTRACTOR has assumed in the indemnification/hold harmless section(s) of this Agreement.



SECTION 3 - GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

3.1 EXAMINATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Before submitting a Proposal, each Proposer should (a) consider federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that may in any manner affect cost or performance of the work, (b) study and carefully correlate the Proposer's observations with the Proposal Documents; and (c) notify the Purchasing Manager of all conflicts, errors and discrepancies, if any, in the Proposal Documents.

The Proposer, by and through the submission of a Proposal, agrees that Proposer shall be held responsible for having familiarized themselves with the nature and extent of the work and any local conditions that may affect the work to be done and the services, equipment, materials, parts and labor required.

3.2 CONFLICT OF INSTRUCTIONS

If a conflict exists between the General Conditions and Instructions stated herein and specific conditions and instructions contained in specifications, the specifications shall govern.

3.3 ADDENDA or ADDENDUM

A formal solicitation may require an Addendum to be issued. An addendum in some way may clarify, correct or change the original solicitation (i.e. due date/time, specifications, terms, conditions, line item). Vendors submitting a proposal should check the BidSync website for any addenda issued. Vendors are cautioned not to consider verbal modifications to the solicitation, as the addendum issued through BidSync will be the only official method whereby changes will be made.

3.4 INTERPRETATIONS AND QUESTIONS

If the Proposer is in doubt as to the meaning of any of the Proposal Documents, is of the opinion that the Conditions and Specifications contain errors or contradictions or reflect omissions, or has any question concerning the conditions and specifications, the Proposer shall submit a question for interpretation or clarification. The City requires all questions relating to the solicitation be entered through the “**Ask a Question**” option tab available on the BidSync website. Responses to the questions will be provided online at www.bidsync.com. Such request must be received by the “**Question Due Date**” stated in the solicitation. Questions received after “**Question Due Date**” shall not be answered. Interpretations or clarifications in response to such questions will be issued via BidSync. The issuance of a response via BidSync is considered an Addendum and shall be the only official method whereby such an interpretation or clarification will be made.

BidSync Support is also available to assist proposers with submitting their proposal and to ensure that proposers are submitting their proposals correctly. Proposers should ensure that they contact the BidSync support line at 1-800-990-9339 with ample time before the bid closing date and time.

For all other questions related to this solicitation, please contact the Purchasing Division at purchasing@ppines.com.

3.5 RULES, REGULATIONS, LAWS, ORDINANCES and LICENSES

The awarded contractor shall observe and obey all laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations of the federal, state, and CITY, which may be applicable to the service being provided. The awarded firm shall have or be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits or licenses required, if necessary, in order to provide this service.



Bidder warrants by submittal that prices quoted here are in conformity with the latest federal price guidelines, if any.

3.6 WARRANTIES FOR USAGE

Whenever a bid is sought, seeking a source of supply for a specified time for materials or service, the quantities or usage shown are estimated only. No guarantee or warranty is given or implied by the City as to the total amount that may or may not be purchased from any resulting contracts. These quantities are for bidders information only and will be used for tabulation and presentation of bid.

3.7 BRAND NAMES

If and wherever in the specifications a brand name, make, name of manufacturer, trade name, or vendor catalog number is mentioned, it is for the purpose of establishing a grade or quality of material only. Since the City does not wish to rule out other competition and equal brands or makes, the phrase "OR EQUAL" is added. However, if a product other than that specified is bid, Bidders shall indicate on their proposal and clearly state the proposed substitution and deviation. It is the **vendor's responsibility** to provide any necessary documentation and samples within their bid submittal to prove that the product is equal to that specified. Such samples are to be furnished before the date of bid opening, unless otherwise specified. Additional evidence in the form of documentation and samples may be requested if the proposed brand is other than that specified. The City retains the right to determine if the proposed brand shall be considered as an approved equivalent or not.

3.8 QUALITY

All materials used for the manufacture or construction of any supplies, materials, or equipment covered by this bid shall be new, the latest model, of the best quality, and

highest grade workmanship, unless otherwise noted.

3.9 SAMPLES

Samples, when requested, must be furnished before, or at the bid opening, unless otherwise specified, and delivered free of expense to the City and if not used in testing or destroyed, will upon request within thirty (30) days of bid award be returned at the bidders expense.

3.10 DEVELOPMENT COSTS

Neither the City nor its representatives shall be liable for any expenses incurred in connection with the preparation, submission or presentation of a Bid in response to this solicitation. All information in the Bid shall be provided at no cost to the City.

3.11 PRICING

Prices should be stated in units of quantity specified in the bidding specifications. In case of discrepancy in computing the amount of the bid, the unit prices quoted will govern.

Bidder warrants by virtue of bidding that prices, terms, and conditions quoted in his bid will be firm for acceptance for a period of ninety (90) days from date of bid opening unless otherwise stated by the City or bidder.

3.12 DELIVERY POINT

All items shall be delivered F.O.B. destination, and delivery cost and charges included in the bid price. Failure to do so may be cause for rejection of bid.

3.13 TAX EXEMPT STATUS

The City is exempt from Florida Sales and Federal Excise taxes on direct purchase of tangible property.

3.14 CONTRACT TIME

By virtue of the submission of the Proposal, Proposer agrees and fully understands that



the completion time of the work of the Contract is an essential and material condition of the Contract and that time is of the essence. The Successful Proposer agrees that all work shall be prosecuted regularly, diligently and uninterrupted at such rate of progress as will ensure full completion thereof within the time specified. Failure to complete the work within the time period specified shall be considered a default.

In addition, time will be of the essence for any orders placed as a result of this bid. Purchaser reserves the right to cancel such orders, or part thereof, without obligation if delivery is not made at the time(s) or place(s) specified.

3.15 COPYRIGHT OR PATENT RIGHTS

Bidder warrants that there have been no violations of copyrights or patent rights in manufacturing, producing, or selling other goods shipped or ordered as a result of this bid, and seller agrees to hold the purchaser harmless from any and all liability, loss or expense occasioned by such violation.

3.16 PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES

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

The Public Entity Crime Affidavit Form, attached to this solicitation, includes

documentation that shall be executed by an individual authorized to bind the Proposer. The Proposer further understands and accepts that any contract issued as a result of this solicitation shall be either voidable or subject to immediate termination by the City. In the event there is any misrepresentation or lack of compliance with the mandates of Section 287.133 or Section 287.134, respectively, Florida Statutes. The City in the event in such termination, shall not incur any liability to the Bidder for any goods, services or materials furnished.

3.17 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The award of any contract hereunder is subject to the provisions of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes. Proposers must disclose with their Proposal the name of any officer, director, partner, proprietor, associate or agent who is also an officer or employee of CITY or any of its agencies. Further, all Proposers must disclose the name of any officer or employee of CITY who owns, directly or indirectly, an interest of five percent (5%) or more in the Proposer 's firm or any of its branches or affiliate companies.

3.18 FACILITIES

The City reserves the right to inspect the Bidder's facilities at any time with prior notice.

3.19 ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS

CITY reserves the right to consider Proposer's history of citations and/or violations of environmental regulations in determining a Proposer's responsibility, and further reserves the right to declare a Proposer not responsible if the history of violations warrant such determination. Proposer shall submit with the Proposal, a complete history of all citations and/or violations, notices and dispositions thereof. The non-submission of any such documentation shall be deemed to be an affirmation by the Proposer that there are no citations or violations. Proposer shall notify



CITY immediately of notice of any citation or violation that Proposer may receive after the Proposal opening date and during the time of performance of any contract awarded to Proposers.

3.20 SIGNATURE REQUIRED

All proposals must be signed with the firm name and by an officer or employee having authority to bind the company or firm by his signature. FAILURE TO PROPERLY SIGN PROPOSAL SHALL INVALIDATE SAME, AND IT MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR AWARD.

The individual executing this Bid on behalf of the Company warrant to the City that the Company is authorized to do business in the State of Florida, is in good standing and that Company possesses all of the required licenses and certificates of competency required by the State of Florida and Broward County to provide the goods or perform the services herein described.

The signed bid shall be considered an offer on the part of the bidder or contractor, which offer shall be deemed accepted upon approval by the City Commission of the City of Pembroke Pines and in case of default on the part of the bidder or contractor after such acceptance, the City of Pembroke Pines may take such action as it deems appropriate including legal action for damages or specific performance.

3.21 MANUFACTURER'S CERTIFICATION

The City of Pembroke Pines reserves the right to request from bidder separate manufacturer certification of all statements made in the proposal.

3.22 MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL

The City recommends for proposers to submit their proposals as soon as they are ready to do so. Please allow ample time to submit your proposals on the BidSync

website. Proposals may be modified or withdrawn prior to the deadline for submitting Proposals.

3.23 PUBLIC BID; BID OPENING AND GENERAL EXEMPTIONS

All submittals received by the deadline will be recorded, and will subsequently be publicly opened on the same business day at 2:30 p.m. at the office of the City Clerk, 4th Floor, 601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines, Florida, 33025.

All Proposals received from Proposers in response to the solicitation will become the property of CITY and will not be returned to the Proposers. In the event of Contract award, all documentation produced as part of the Contract shall become the exclusive property of CITY. Proposers are requested to identify specifically any information contained in their Proposals which they consider confidential and/or proprietary and which they believe to be exempt from disclosure, citing specifically the applicable exempting law.

Pursuant to Section 119.071 of the Florida Statutes, sealed bids, proposals, or replies received by a Florida public agency shall remain exempt from disclosure until an intended decision is announced or until 30 days from the opening, whichever is earlier.

Therefore, bidders will not be able to procure a copy of their competitor's bids until an intended decision is reached or 30 days has elapsed since the time of the bid opening.

However, pursuant to Section 255.0518 of the Florida Statutes, when opening sealed bids that are received pursuant to a competitive solicitation for **construction or repairs on a public building or public work**, the entity shall:

- (a) Open the sealed bids at a public meeting.



(b) Announce at that meeting the name of each bidder and the price submitted in the bid.

(c) Make available upon request the name of each bidder and the price submitted in the bid.

For solicitations that are **not** for “**construction or repairs on a public building or public work**” the City shall not reveal the prices submitted in the bids until an intended decision is announced or until 30 days from the opening, whichever is earlier.

3.24 RESERVATIONS FOR REJECTION AND AWARD

The City of Pembroke Pines reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids or parts of bids, to waive irregularities and technicalities, and to request rebids. The City also reserves the right to award a contract on such items(s) or service(s) the City deems will best serve its interests. All bids shall be awarded to the most responsive/responsible bidder, provided the (City) may for good cause reject any bid or part thereof. It further reserves the right to award a contract on a split order basis, or such combinations as shall best serve the interests of the City unless otherwise specified. No premiums, rebates or gratuities permitted, either with, prior to, or after award. This practice shall result in the cancellation of said award and/or return of items (as applicable) and the recommended removal of bidder from bid list(s).

3.25 BID PROTEST

Any protests or challenges to this competitive procurement shall be governed by Section 35.38 of the City’s Code of Ordinances.

3.26 INDEMNIFICATION

The Successful Proposer shall pay all claims, losses, liens, settlements or judgments of any nature whatsoever in connection with the subsequent indemnifications including, but not limited to,

reasonable attorney's fees (including appellate attorney's fees) and costs.

CITY reserves the right to select its own legal counsel to conduct any defense in any such proceeding and all costs and fees associated therewith shall be the responsibility of Successful Proposer under the indemnification agreement. Nothing contained herein is intended nor shall it be construed to waive City’s rights and immunities under the common law or Florida Statute 768.28 as amended from time to time.

Additional indemnification requirements may be included under Special Terms and Conditions and/or as part of a specimen contract included in the solicitation package.

General Indemnification: To the fullest extent permitted by laws and regulations, Successful Proposer shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the CITY, its officers, agents and employees, harmless from any and all claims, damages, losses, liabilities and expenses, direct, indirect or consequential arising out of or in consequential arising out of or alleged to have arisen out of or in consequence of the products, goods or services furnished by or operations of the Successful Proposer or his subcontractors, agents, officers, employees or independent contractors pursuant to or in the performance of the Contract.

Patent and Copyright Indemnification: Successful Proposer agrees to indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the CITY, its officers, agents and employees, from all claims, damages, losses, liabilities and expenses arising out of any alleged infringement of copyrights, patent rights and/or the unauthorized or unlicensed use of any invention, process, material, property or other work manufactured or used in connection with the performance of the Contract, including its use by CITY.

3.27 DEFAULT PROVISION



In the case of default by the bidder or contractor, the City of Pembroke Pines may procure the articles or services from any other sources and hold the bidder or contractor responsible for any excess costs occasioned or incurred thereby.

The City shall be the sole judge of nonperformance, which shall include any failure on the part of the successful Bidder to accept the Award, to furnish required documents, and/or to fulfill any portion of the contract within the time stipulated. Upon default by the successful Bidder to meet any terms of this agreement, the City will notify the Bidder five (5) days (weekends and holidays excluded) to remedy the default. Failure on the Contractor's part to correct the default within the required five (5) days shall result in the contract being terminated and upon the City notifying in writing the Contractor of its intentions and the effective date of the termination. The following shall constitute default:

A. Failure to perform the Work required under the contract and/or within the time required or failing to use the subcontractor, entities and personnel as identified and set forth, and to the degree specified in the contract.

B. Failure to begin the Work under this Bid within the time specified.

C. Failure to perform the Work with sufficient Workers and equipment or with sufficient materials to ensure timely completion.

D. Neglecting or refusing to remove materials or perform new Work where prior Work has been rejected as non-conforming with the terms of the contract.

E. Becoming insolvent, being declared bankrupt, or committing act of bankruptcy or insolvency, or making an assignment renders the successful Bidder incapable of performing the Work in accordance with and as required by the contract.

F. Failure to comply with any of the terms of the contract in any material respect.

In the event of default of a contract, the successful Bidder shall pay all attorney's fees and court costs incurred in collecting any damages. The successful Bidder shall pay the City for any and all costs incurred in ensuing the completion of the project.

Additional provisions may be included in the specimen contract.

3.28 ACCEPTANCE OF MATERIAL

The material delivered under this proposal shall remain the property of the seller until a physical inspection and actual usage of this material and/or services is made and thereafter accepted to the satisfaction of the City and must comply with the terms herein, and be fully in accord with specifications and of the highest quality. In the event the material and/or services supplied to the City are found to be defective or do not conform to specifications, the City reserves the right to cancel the order upon written notice to the seller and return product to seller at the sellers expense.

3.29 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROMPT PAYMENT ACT

The City complies with Florida Statute 218.70, Local Government Prompt Payment Act.

3.30 SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES LIST

In accordance with Florida Statute 287.135, as amended, a company is ineligible to, and may not, bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew a contract with an agency or local governmental entity for goods or services if:

(a) Any amount of, at the time of bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing such contract, the company is on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to s. 215.4725, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel; or



(b) One million dollars or more if, at the time of bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing such contract, the company:

1. Is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to s. 215.473; or
2. Is engaged in business operations in Syria.

By submitting a bid, proposal or response, the company, principals or owners certify that they are not listed on the Scrutinized Companies that boycott Israel List, Scrutinized Companies with activities in Sudan List, Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or is engaged in business operations in Syria.

3.31 PUBLIC RECORDS; TRADE SECRET, PROPRIETARY AND CONFIDENTIAL SUBMITTALS

The Proposer’s response to this solicitation is a public record pursuant to Florida law, which is subject to disclosure by the City under the State of Florida Public Records Law, Florida Statutes Chapter 119.07 (“Public Records Law”). The City shall permit public access to all documents, papers, letters or other material submitted in connection with this solicitation and the Contract to be executed for this solicitation, subject to the provisions of Chapter 119.07 of the Florida Statutes.

Any language contained in the Proposer’s response to the solicitation purporting to require confidentiality of any portion of the Proposer’s response to the solicitation, except to the extent that certain information is in the City’s opinion a Trade Secret pursuant to Florida law, shall be void. If a Proposer submits any documents or other

information to the City which the Proposer claims is Trade Secret information and exempt from Florida Statutes Chapter 119.07 (“Public Records Laws”), the Proposer shall clearly designate that it is a Trade Secret and that it is asserting that the document or information is exempt. The Proposer must specifically identify the exemption being claimed under Florida Statutes 119.07. The City shall be the final arbiter of whether any information contained in the Proposer’s response to the solicitation constitutes a Trade Secret.

Any claim of confidentiality on financial statements must be asserted at the time of submittal. The firm must identify the specific statute that authorizes the exemption from the Public Records Law. Please note that the financial statement exemption provided for in Section 119.071(1)c, Florida Statutes only applies to submittals in response to a solicitation for a “public works” project.

EXCEPT FOR CLEARLY MARKED PORTIONS THAT ARE BONA FIDE TRADE SECRETS PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW, DO NOT MARK YOUR RESPONSE TO THE SOLICITATION AS PROPRIETARY OR CONFIDENTIAL. DO NOT MARK YOUR RESPONSE TO THE SOLICITATION OR ANY PART THEREOF AS COPYRIGHTED. ALL DOCUMENTS THAT THE FIRM PURPORTS TO BE CONFIDENTIAL, PROPRIETARY OR A TRADE SECRET SHALL BE UPLOADED TO THE BIDS SYNC WEBSITE AS A SEPARATE ATTACHMENT CLEARLY IDENTIFYING THE EXEMPTION BEING CLAIMED UNDER FLORIDA STATUTES 119.07.

The city’s determination of whether an exemption applies shall be final, and the proposer agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the city and the city’s officers, employees, and agent, against any loss or damages incurred by any person or entity as a result of the city’s treatment of records as public records.



3.32 PURCHASING AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

It is hereby made part of this solicitation that the submission of any bid response to this advertised request constitutes a bid made under the same or similar terms and conditions, for the same price, or better price, to other government agencies if agreeable by the bidder and the government agency.

At the option of the vendor/contractor, the use of the contract resulting from this solicitation may be extended to other governmental agencies, including the State of Florida, its agencies, political subdivisions, counties, and cities.

Each governmental agency allowed by the vendor/contractor to use this contract shall do so independently of any other governmental entity. Each agency shall be responsible for its own purchases and shall be liable only for goods or services ordered, received, and accepted. No agency receives any liability by virtue of this bid and subsequent contract award.

3.33 CONE OF SILENCE

Prohibited Communication: In accordance with the Cone of Silence Ordinance, Section 35.40 of the City's Code of Ordinances, during the course of a sealed competitive solicitation, a cone of silence shall be in effect between:

(1) Any person or entity that seeks a contract, contract amendment, award, recommendation, or approval related to a sealed competitive solicitation or that is subject to being evaluated or having its response evaluated in connection with a sealed competitive solicitation, including a person or entity's representative; and

(2) The City Manager or any person or group of persons appointed or designated by the City Commission or the City Manager to evaluate, select, or make a recommendation to the City Commission or the City Manager

regarding a sealed competitive solicitation, including any member of the selection/evaluation committee.

Effective Dates: A cone of silence shall be in effect during a sealed competitive solicitation process beginning upon the advertisement for the sealed competitive solicitation or during such other procurement activities as declared by the City Commission, and shall terminate at the time the City Commission takes final action or gives final approval of a contract, rejects all bids or responses to the sealed competitive solicitation, or takes other action which ends the sealed competitive solicitation process.

Permitted communication: The cone of silence shall not apply to:

(1) Written or oral communications with legal counsel for the city, the Procurement Department staff for the city, and the person or persons designated in the sealed competitive solicitation as the contact person for clarification or information related to the sealed competitive solicitation.

(2) Public presentations, asking questions, or providing feedback at pre-bid meetings, site visits or conferences or at a selection, evaluation or negotiation meeting related to the sealed competitive solicitation.

(3) Contract negotiations with the selected entity.

Violations: Any action in violation of this section shall be cause for disqualification of the bid or the proposal.