

Solicitation 12257-095

Records Storage, Retrieval & Disposal Services

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Description

Purpose

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SECTION I – INTRODUCTION AND INFORMATION

1.1 Purpose

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1.2 Submission Deadline

Sealed proposals shall be delivered during the City's normal business hours in a sealed envelope and addressed to the City of Fort Lauderdale Procurement Services Division, 100 N. Andrews Avenue, #619, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 (City Hall) no later than the date and time specified, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and the names of the firms will be read. After the deadline, proposals will not be accepted. Firms are responsible for making certain that their proposal is received at the location specified by the due date and time. The City of Fort Lauderdale is not responsible for delays caused by any mail, package or courier service, including the U.S. mail, or caused by any other occurrence or condition. The City's normal business hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. excluding holidays observed by the City.

1.3 Pre-proposal Conference

N/A

1.4 BidSync

The City of Fort Lauderdale uses BidSync (www.bidsync.com) to administer the competitive solicitation process, including but not limited to soliciting proposals, issuing addenda, posting results and issuing notification of an intended decision. There is no charge to register and download the RFP from BidSync. Proposers are strongly encouraged to read the various vendor Guides and Tutorials available in BidSync well in advance of their intention of submitting a proposal to ensure familiarity with the use of BidSync. The City shall not be responsible for a Proposers inability to submit a Proposal by the end date and time for any reason, including issues arising from the use of BidSync.

1.5 Point of Contact

For information concerning procedures for responding to this solicitation, contact Procurement Specialist Teresa Wright at (954) 828-5963 or email at twright@fortlauderdale.gov. Such contact shall be for clarification purposes only.

For information concerning technical specifications, please utilize the question / answer feature provided by BidSync at www.bidsync.com. Questions of a material nature must be received prior to the cut-off date specified in the RFP Schedule. Material changes, if any, to the scope of services or bidding procedures will only be transmitted by written addendum. (See addendum section of BidSync Site). Contractors please note: Proposals shall be submitted as stated in PART IV – Submittal Requirements. No part of your proposal can be submitted via FAX. No variation in price or conditions shall be permitted based upon a claim of ignorance. Submission of a proposal will be considered evidence that the Contractor has

familiarized themselves with the nature and extent of the work, and the equipment, materials, and labor required. The entire proposal must be submitted in accordance with all specifications contained in this solicitation. The questions and answers submitted in BidSync shall become part of any contract that is created from this RFP.

END OF SECTION

SECTION II - SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

2.1 General Conditions

RFP General Conditions (Form G-107, Rev. 08/18) are included and made a part of this RFP.

2.2 Addenda, Changes, and Interpretations

It is the sole responsibility of each firm to notify the Buyer utilizing the question / answer feature provided by BidSync and request modification or clarification of any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error discovered in this competitive solicitation. Requests for clarification, modification, interpretation, or changes must be received prior to the Question and Answer (Q & A) Deadline. Requests received after this date may not be addressed. Questions and requests for information that would not materially affect the scope of services to be performed or the solicitation process will be answered within the question / answer feature provided by BidSync and shall be for clarification purposes only. Material changes, if any, to the scope of services or the solicitation process will only be transmitted by official written addendum issued by the City and uploaded to BidSync as a separate addendum to the RFP. Under no circumstances shall an oral explanation given by any City official, officer, staff, or agent be binding upon the City and should be disregarded. All addenda are a part of the competitive solicitation documents and each firm will be bound by such addenda. It is the responsibility of each to read and comprehend all addenda issued.

2.3 Changes and Alterations

Proposer may change or withdraw a Proposal at any time prior to Proposal submission deadline; however, no oral modifications will be allowed. Modifications shall not be allowed following the Proposal deadline.

2.4 Proposer's Costs

The City shall not be liable for any costs incurred by proposers in responding to this RFP.

2.5 Pricing/Delivery

All pricing should be identified on the Cost Proposal page provided in this RFP. No additional costs may be accepted, other than the costs stated on the Cost Proposal page. Failure to use the City's Cost Proposal page and provide costs as requested in this RFP may deem your proposal non-responsive.

Contractor shall quote a firm, fixed price for all services stated in the RFP. All costs including travel shall be included in your proposal. The City shall not accept any additional costs including any travel associated with coming to the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Prices proposed shall be valid for at least One-Hundred and Twenty (120) days from time of RFP opening unless otherwise extended and agreed upon by the City and proposer.

2.6 Invoices/Payment

The City will accept invoices no more frequently than once per month. Each invoice shall fully detail the related costs and shall specify the status of the particular task or project as of the date of the invoice with regard to the accepted schedule for that task or project. Payment will be made within forty-five (45) days after receipt of an invoice acceptable to the City, in accordance with the Florida Local Government Prompt Payment Act. If, at any time during the contract, the City shall not approve or accept the Contractor's work product, and agreement cannot be reached between the City and the Contractor to resolve the problem to the City's satisfaction, the City shall negotiate with the Contractor on a payment for the work completed

and usable to the City.

2.7 Related Expenses/Travel Expenses

All costs including travel are to be included in your proposal. The City will not accept any additional costs.

2.8 Payment Method

The City of Fort Lauderdale has implemented a Procurement Card (P-Card) program which changes how payments are remitted to its vendors. The City has transitioned from traditional paper checks to payment by credit card via MasterCard or Visa. This allows you as a vendor of the City of Fort Lauderdale to receive your payment fast and safely. No more waiting for checks to be printed and mailed. Payments will be made utilizing the City's P-Card (MasterCard or Visa). Accordingly, firms must presently have the ability to accept credit card payment or take whatever steps necessary to implement acceptance of a credit card before the commencement of a contract. See Contract Payment Method form attached.

2.9 Mistakes

The consultant shall examine this RFP carefully. The submission of a Proposal shall be prima facie evidence that the consultant has full knowledge of the scope, nature, and quality of the work to be performed; the detailed requirements of the specifications; and the conditions under which the work is to be performed. Ignorance of the requirements will not relieve the consultant from liability and obligations under the Contract.

2.10 Acceptance of Proposals / Minor Irregularities

2.10.1 The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, part of proposals, and to waive minor irregularities or variances to specifications contained in proposals which do not make the proposal conditional in nature and minor irregularities in the solicitation process. A minor irregularity shall be a variation from the solicitation that does not affect the price of the contract or does not give a respondent an advantage or benefit not enjoyed by other respondents, does not adversely impact the interests of other firms or, does not affect the fundamental fairness of the solicitation process. The City also reserves the right to reissue a Request for Proposal.

2.10.2 The City reserves the right to disqualify Proposer during any phase of the competitive solicitation process and terminate for cause any resulting contract upon evidence of collusion with intent to defraud or other illegal practices on the part of the Proposer.

2.11 Modification of Services

2.11.1 While this contract is for services provided to the department referenced in this Request for Proposals, the City may require similar work for other City departments. Successful Proposer agrees to take on such work unless such work would not be considered reasonable or become an undue burden to the Successful Proposer.

2.11.2 The City reserves the right to delete any portion of the work at any time without cause, and if such right is exercised by the City, the total fee shall be reduced in the same ratio as the estimated cost of the work deleted bears to the estimated cost of the work originally planned. If work has already been accomplished and approved by the City on any portion of a contract resulting from this RFP, the Successful Proposer shall be paid for the work completed on the basis of the estimated percentage of completion of such portion to the total project cost.

2.11.3 The City may require additional items or services of a similar nature, but not specifically listed in the contract. The Successful Proposer agrees to provide such items or services, and shall provide the City prices on such additional items or services. If the price(s) offered are not acceptable to the City, and the situation cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the City, the City reserves the right to procure those items or services from other vendors, or to cancel the contract upon giving the Successful Proposer thirty (30) days written notice.

2.11.4 If the Successful Proposer and the City agree on modifications or revisions to the task elements, after the City has approved work to begin on a particular task or project, and a budget has been established for that task or project, the Successful Proposer will submit a revised budget to the City for approval prior to proceeding with the work.

2.12 No Exclusive Contract

Proposer agrees and understands that the contract shall not be construed as an exclusive arrangement and further agrees that the City may, at any time, secure similar or identical services from another vendor at the City's sole option.

2.13 Sample Contract Agreement

A sample of the formal agreement template, which may be required to be executed by the awarded vendor can be found at our website:

<https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/home/showdocument?id=1212>

2.14 Responsiveness

In order to be considered responsive to the solicitation, the firm's proposal shall fully conform in all material respects to the solicitation and all of its requirements, including all form and substance.

2.15 Responsibility

In order to be considered as a responsible firm, firm shall be fully capable to meet all of the requirements of the solicitation and subsequent contract, must possess the full capability, including financial and technical, to perform as contractually required, and must be able to fully document the ability to provide good faith performance.

2.16 Minimum Qualifications

Proposers shall be in the business of records storage, retrieval and disposal services and must possess sufficient financial support, equipment and organization to ensure that it can satisfactorily perform the services if awarded a Contract. Proposers must demonstrate that they, or the key staff assigned to the project, have successfully provided services with similar magnitude to those specified in the scope of services to at least one entity similar in size and complexity to the City of Fort Lauderdale or can demonstrate they have the experience with large scale private sector clients and the managerial and financial ability to successfully perform the work.

Proposers shall satisfy each of the following requirements cited below. Failure to do so may result in the proposal being deemed non-responsive.

2.16.1 Proposer or principals shall have relevant experience in records storage, retrieval and disposal services. Project manager assigned to the work must have experience in records storage, retrieval and disposal services and have served as project manager on similar projects.

2.16.2 Before awarding a contract, the City reserves the right to require that a Proposer submit such evidence of qualifications as the City may deem necessary. Further, the City may consider any evidence of the financial, technical, and other qualifications and abilities of a firm or principals, including previous experiences of same with the City and performance evaluation for services, in making the award in the best interest of the City.

2.16.3 Firm or principals shall have no record of judgments, pending lawsuits against the City or criminal activities involving moral turpitude and not have any conflicts of interest that have not been waived by the City Commission.

2.16.4 Neither firm nor any principal, officer, or stockholder shall be in arrears or in default of any debt or contract involving the City, (as a party to a contract, or otherwise); nor have failed to perform faithfully on any previous contract with the City.

2.17 Lobbying Activities

ALL CONTRACTORS PLEASE NOTE: Any contractor submitting a response to this solicitation must comply, if applicable, with City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-11-42 & Resolution No. 07-101, Lobbying Activities. Copies of Ordinance No. C-11-42 and Resolution No. 07-101 may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office on the 7th Floor of City Hall, 100 N. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The ordinance may also be viewed on the City's website at <https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/home/showdocument?id=6036>.

2.18 Local Business Preference

2.18.1 Section 2-186, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, provides for a local business preference. In order to be considered for a local business preference, a proposer must include the Local Business Preference Certification Statement of this RFP, as applicable to the local business preference class claimed at the time of Proposal submittal:

2.18.2 Upon formal request of the City, based on the application of a Local Business Preference the Proposer shall within ten (10) calendar days submit the following documentation to the Local Business Preference Class claimed:

- a. Copy of City of Fort Lauderdale current year business tax receipt, or Broward County current year business tax receipt, and
- b. List of the names of all employees of the proposer and evidence of employees' residence within the geographic bounds of the City of Fort Lauderdale or Broward County, as the case may be, such as current Florida driver license, residential utility bill (water, electric, telephone, cable television), or other type of similar documentation acceptable to the City.

2.18.3 Failure to comply at time of Proposal submittal shall result in the Proposer being found ineligible for the local business preference.

2.18.4 The complete local business preference ordinance may be found on the City's web site at the following link:

https://library.municode.com/fl/fort_lauderdale/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CO_OR_CH2AD_ARTVFI_DIV2PR_S2-186LOBUPRPR

2.18.5 Definitions

- a. The term "Class A business" shall mean any business that has established and agrees to maintain a permanent place of business located in a non-residential zone, staffed with full-time employees within the limits of the city, and shall maintain a staffing level for the proposed work of at least fifty percent (50%) who are residents of the City of Fort Lauderdale.
- b. The term "Class B business" shall mean any business that has established and agrees to maintain a permanent place of business located in a non-residential zone, staffed with full-time employees within the limits of the city, or shall maintain a staffing level for the proposed work of at least fifty percent (50%) who are residents of the City of Fort Lauderdale.
- c. The term "Class C business" shall mean any business that has established and agrees to maintain a permanent place of business located in a non-residential zone, staffed with full-time employees within the limits of Broward County.
- d. The term "Class D business" shall mean any business that does not qualify as a Class A, Class B, or Class C business.

2.19 Protest Procedure

2.19.1 Any Bidder who is not recommended for award of a contract and who alleges a failure by the city to follow the city's procurement ordinance or any applicable law, may follow the protest procedure as found in the city's procurement ordinance within five (5) days after a notice of intent to award is posted on the city's web site at the following link: <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/finance/procurement-services/notices-of-intent-to-award>.

2.19.2 The complete protest ordinance may be found on the city's web site at the following link: https://library.municode.com/fl/fort_lauderdale/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH2AD_ARTVFI_DIV2PR_S2-182DIREPR

2.20 Public Entity Crimes

Proposer, by submitting a bid, certifies that neither the Bidder nor any of the Proposer's principals has been placed on the convicted vendor list as defined in Section 287.133, Florida Statutes (2018), as may be amended or revised. 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, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies 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 s. 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months following the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

2.21 Subcontractors

2.21.1 If the Contractor proposes to use subcontractors in the course of providing these services to the City, this information shall be a part of the bid response. Such information shall be subject to review, acceptance and approval of the City, prior to any contract award. The City reserves the right to approve or disapprove of any

subcontractor candidate in its best interest and to require Contractor to replace subcontractor with one that meets City approval.

2.21.2 Contractor shall ensure that all of Contractor's subcontractors perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract. Contractor shall be fully responsible for all of Contractor's subcontractors' performance, and liable for any of Contractor's subcontractors' non-performance and all of Contractor's subcontractors' acts and omissions. Contractor shall defend, at Contractor's expense, counsel being subject to the City's approval or disapproval, and indemnify and hold harmless the City and the City's officers, employees, and agents from and against any claim, lawsuit, third-party action, or judgment, including any award of attorney fees and any award of costs, by or in favor of any Contractor's subcontractors for payment for work performed for the City.

2.21.3 Contractor shall require all of its subcontractors to provide the required insurance coverage as well as any other coverage that the contractor may consider necessary, and any deficiency in the coverage or policy limits of said subcontractors will be the sole responsibility of the contractor.

2.22 Proposal Security – N/A

2.23 Payment and Performance Bond – N/A

2.24 Insurance Requirements

2.24.1 As a condition precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement, during the term of this Agreement and during any renewal or extension term of this Agreement, the Contractor, at the Contractor's sole expense, shall provide insurance of such types and with such terms and limits as noted below. Providing proof of and maintaining adequate insurance coverage are material obligations of the Contractor. The Contractor shall provide the City a certificate of insurance evidencing such coverage. The Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance for all applicable policies. The limits of coverage under each policy maintained by the Contractor shall not be interpreted as limiting the Contractor's liability and obligations under this Agreement. All insurance policies shall be from insurers authorized to write insurance policies in the State of Florida and that possess an A.M. Best rating of "A-" VII or better. All insurance policies are subject to approval by the City's Risk Manager.

2.24.2 The coverages, limits, and endorsements required herein protect the interests of the City, and these coverages, limits, and endorsements may not be relied upon by the Contractor for assessing the extent or determining appropriate types and limits of coverage to protect the Contractor against any loss exposure, whether as a result of this Agreement or otherwise. The requirements contained herein, as well as the City's review or acknowledgement, are not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations assumed by the Contractor under this Agreement.

2.24.3 The following insurance policies and coverages are required:

Commercial General Liability

Coverage must be afforded under a Commercial General Liability policy with limits not less than:

- \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate for Bodily Injury, Property Damage, and Personal and Advertising Injury

- \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate for Products and Completed Operations

Policy must include coverage for Contractual Liability and Independent Contractors.

The City and the City's officers, employees, and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds with a CG 20 26 04 13 Additional Insured – Designated Person or Organization Endorsement or similar endorsement providing equal or broader Additional Insured Coverage with respect to liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the Contractor. The coverage shall contain no special limitation on the scope of protection afforded to the City or the City's officers, employees, and volunteers.

Business Automobile Liability

Coverage must be afforded for all Owned, Hired, Scheduled, and Non-Owned vehicles for Bodily Injury and Property Damage in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit each accident.

If the Contractor does not own vehicles, the Contractor shall maintain coverage for Hired and Non-Owned Auto Liability, which may be satisfied by way of endorsement to the Commercial General Liability policy or separate Business Auto Liability policy.

Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability

Coverage must be afforded per Chapter 440, Florida Statutes. Any person or entity performing work for or on behalf of the City must provide Workers' Compensation insurance. Exceptions and exemptions will be allowed by the City's Risk Manager, if they are in accordance with Florida Statute.

The Contractor waives, and the Contractor shall ensure that the Contractor's insurance carrier waives, all subrogation rights against the City and the City's officers, employees, and volunteers for all losses or damages. The City requires the policy to be endorsed with WC 00 03 13 Waiver of our Right to Recover from Others or equivalent.

The Contractor must be in compliance with all applicable State and federal workers' compensation laws, including the U.S. Longshore Harbor Workers' Act and the Jones Act, if applicable.

2.24.4 Insurance Certificate Requirements

- a. The Contractor shall provide the City with valid Certificates of Insurance (binders are unacceptable) no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of work contemplated in this Agreement.
- b. The Contractor shall provide to the City a Certificate of Insurance having a thirty (30) day notice of cancellation; ten (10) days' notice if cancellation is for nonpayment of premium.
- c. In the event that the insurer is unable to accommodate the cancellation notice requirement, it shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to provide the proper notice. Such notification will be in writing by registered mail, return receipt requested, and addressed to the certificate holder.
- d. In the event the Agreement term goes beyond the expiration date of the insurance policy, the Contractor shall provide the City with an updated Certificate of Insurance no later than ten (10) days prior to the expiration of the insurance

- currently in effect. The City reserves the right to suspend the Agreement until this requirement is met.
- e. The Certificate of Insurance shall indicate whether coverage is provided under a claims-made or occurrence form. If any coverage is provided on a claims-made form, the Certificate of Insurance must show a retroactive date, which shall be the effective date of the initial contract or prior.
 - f. The City shall be named as an Additional Insured on the general liability policy.
 - g. The City shall be granted a Waiver of Subrogation on the Contractor's Workers' Compensation insurance policy.
 - h. The title of the Agreement, Bid/Contract number, event dates, or other identifying reference must be listed on the Certificate of Insurance.

The Certificate Holder should read as follows:

City of Fort Lauderdale
 Procurement Services Division
 100 N. Andrews Avenue
 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

- 2.24.5** The Contractor has the sole responsibility for the payment of all insurance premiums and shall be fully and solely responsible for any costs or expenses as a result of a coverage deductible, co-insurance penalty, or self-insured retention; including any loss not covered because of the operation of such deductible, co-insurance penalty, self-insured retention, or coverage exclusion or limitation. Any costs for adding the City as an Additional Insured shall be at the Contractor's expense.
- 2.24.6** If the Contractor's primary insurance policy/policies do not meet the minimum requirements, as set forth in this Agreement, the Contractor may provide evidence of an Umbrella/Excess insurance policy to comply with this requirement.
- 2.24.7** The Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as applied to the City and the City's officers, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City covering the City, the City's officers, employees, or volunteers shall be non-contributory.
- 2.24.8** Any exclusion or provision in the insurance maintained by the Contractor that excludes coverage for work contemplated in this Agreement shall be unacceptable and shall be considered breach of contract.
- 2.24.9** All required insurance policies must be maintained until the contract work has been accepted by the City, or until this Agreement is terminated, whichever is later. Any lapse in coverage shall be considered breach of contract. In addition, Contractor must provide to the City confirmation of coverage renewal via an updated certificate should any policies expire prior to the expiration of this Agreement. The City reserves the right to review, at any time, coverage forms and limits of Contractor's insurance policies.
- 2.24.10** The Contractor shall provide notice of any and all claims, accidents, and any other occurrences associated with this Agreement shall be provided to the Contractor's insurance company or companies and the City's Risk Management office as soon as practical.

2.24.11 It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure that any and all of the Contractor's independent contractors and subcontractors comply with these insurance requirements. All coverages for independent contractors and subcontractors shall be subject to all of the applicable requirements stated herein. Any and all deficiencies are the responsibility of the Contractor.

2.25 Award of Contract

A Contract (the "Agreement") may be awarded by the City Commission. The City reserves the right to execute or not execute, as applicable, a contract with the Proposer(s) that is determined to be in the City's best interests. The City reserves the right to award a contract to more than one Proposer, at the sole and absolute discretion of the City.

2.26 Unauthorized Work

The Successful Proposer(s) shall not begin work until a Contract has been awarded by the City Commission and a notice to proceed has been issued. Proposer(s) agree and understand that the issuance of a Purchase Order and/or Task Order shall be issued and provided to the Successful Proposer(s) following Commission award; however, receipt of a purchase order and/or task order shall not prevent the Successful Proposer(s) from commencing the work once the City Commission has awarded the contract and notice to proceed is issued.

2.27 Damage to Public or Private Property

Extreme care shall be taken to safeguard all existing facilities, site amenities, irrigation systems, vehicles, etc. on or around the job site. Damage to public and/or private property shall be the responsibility of the Contractor and shall be repaired and/or replaced at no additional cost to the City.

2.28 Safety

The Contractor(s) shall adhere to the Florida Department of Transportation's Uniform manual on Traffic Control for construction and maintenance work zones when working on or near a roadway. It will be the sole responsibility of the Contractor to make themselves and their employees fully aware of these provisions, especially those applicable to safety.

2.29 Uncontrollable Circumstances ("Force Majeure")

The City and Contractor will be excused from the performance of their respective obligations under this agreement when and to the extent that their performance is delayed or prevented by any circumstances beyond their control including, fire, flood, explosion, strikes or other labor disputes, act of God or public emergency, war, riot, civil commotion, malicious damage, act or omission of any governmental authority, delay or failure or shortage of any type of transportation, equipment, or service from a public utility needed for their performance, provided that:

2.29.1 The non performing party gives the other party prompt written notice describing the particulars of the Force Majeure including, but not limited to, the nature of the occurrence and its expected duration, and continues to furnish timely reports with respect thereto during the period of the Force Majeure;

2.29.2 The excuse of performance is of no greater scope and of no longer duration than is required by the Force Majeure;

2.29.3 No obligations of either party that arose before the Force Majeure causing the excuse of performance are excused as a result of the Force Majeure; and

2.29.4 The non performing party uses its best efforts to remedy its inability to perform. Notwithstanding the above, performance shall not be excused under this Section for a period in excess of two (2) months, provided that in extenuating circumstances, the City may excuse performance for a longer term. Economic hardship of the Contractor will not constitute Force Majeure. The term of the agreement shall be extended by a period equal to that during which either party's performance is suspended under this Section.

2.30 Canadian Companies

In the event Contractor is a corporation organized under the laws of any province of Canada or is a Canadian federal corporation, the City may enforce in the United States of America or in Canada or in both countries a judgment entered against the Contractor. The Contractor waives any and all defenses to the City's enforcement in Canada, of a judgment entered by a court in the United States of America. All monetary amounts set forth in this Contract are in United States dollars.

2.31 News Releases/Publicity

News releases, publicity releases, or advertisements relating to this contract or the tasks or projects associated with the project shall not be made without prior City approval.

2.32 Manufacturer/Brand/Model Specific Request

N/A

2.33 Contract Period

The initial contract term shall commence upon date of award by the City and shall expire three (3) years from that date. The City reserves the right to extend the contract for one (1), additional one (1) year term, providing all terms conditions and specifications remain the same, both parties agree to the extension, and such extension is approved by the City.

In the event services are scheduled to end because of the expiration of this contract, the Contractor shall continue the service upon the request of the City as authorized by the awarding authority. The extension period shall not extend for more than 180 days beyond the expiration date of the existing contract. The Contractor shall be compensated for the service at the rate in effect when this extension clause is invoked by the City.

2.34 Cost Adjustments

Prices quoted shall be firm for the initial contract term of three (3) years. No cost increases shall be accepted in this initial contract term. Please consider this when providing pricing for this request for proposal.

Thereafter, any extensions which may be approved by the City shall be subject to the following: costs for any extension terms shall be subject to an adjustment only if increases or decreases occur in the industry. Such adjustment shall be based on the latest yearly percentage increase in the All Urban Consumers Price Index (CPI-U) as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Dep't. of Labor, and shall not exceed five percent (5%).

The yearly increase or decrease in the CPI shall be that latest Index published and available for the calendar year ending 12/31, prior to the end of the contract year then in effect, as compared to the index for the comparable month, one-year prior.

Any requested adjustment shall be fully documented and submitted to the City at least ninety

(90) days prior to the contract anniversary date. Any approved cost adjustments shall become effective on the beginning date of the approved contract extension.

The City may, after examination, refuse to accept the adjusted costs if they are not properly documented, or considered to be excessive, or if decreases are considered to be insufficient. In the event the City does not wish to accept the adjusted costs and the matter cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the City, the Contract will be considered cancelled on the scheduled expiration date.

2.35 Service Test Period

If the Contractor has not previously performed the services to the city, the City reserves the right to require a test period to determine if the Contractor can perform in accordance with the requirements of the contract, and to the City's satisfaction. Such test period can be from thirty to ninety days, and will be conducted under all specifications, terms and conditions contained in the contract. This trial period will then become part of the initial contract period.

A performance evaluation will be conducted prior to the end of the test period and that evaluation will be the basis for the City's decision to continue with the Contractor or to select another Contractor (if applicable).

2.36 Contract Coordinator

The City may designate a Contract Coordinator whose principal duties shall be:

- Liaison with Contractor.
- Coordinate and approve all work under the contract.
- Resolve any disputes.
- Assure consistency and quality of Contractor's performance.
- Schedule and conduct Contractor performance evaluations and document findings.
- Review and approve for payment all invoices for work performed or items delivered.

2.37 Contractor Performance Reviews and Ratings

The City Contract Coordinator may develop a Contractor performance evaluation report. This report shall be used to periodically review and rate the Contractor's performance under the contract with performance rating as follows:

Excellent	Far exceeds requirements.
Good	Exceeds requirements
Fair	Just meets requirements.
Poor	Does not meet all requirements and contractor is subject to penalty provisions under the contract.
Non-compliance	Either continued poor performance after notice or a performance level that does not meet a significant portion of the requirements. This rating makes the Contractor subject to the default or cancellation for cause provisions of the contract.

The report shall also list all discrepancies found during the review period. The Contractor shall be provided with a copy of the report, and may respond in writing if he takes exception to the report or wishes to comment on the report. Contractor performance reviews and subsequent reports will be used in determining the suitability of contract extension.

2.38 Substitution of Personnel

It is the intention of the City that the Contractor's personnel proposed for the contract will be available for the contract term. In the event the Contractor wishes to substitute personnel, he shall propose personnel of equal or higher qualifications and all replacement personnel are subject to City approval. In the event substitute personnel are not satisfactory to the City and the matter cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the City, the City reserves the right to cancel the Contract for cause. See Section 5.09 General Conditions.

2.39 Ownership of Work – N/A

2.40 Condition of Trade-In Equipment –N/A

2.41 Conditions of Trade-In Shipment and Purchase Payment – N/A

2.42 Verification of Employment Status – N/A

2.43 Service Organization Controls –

The Contractor should provide a current SSAE 18, SOC 2, Type I report with their proposal. Awarded Contractor will be required to provide an SSAE 18, SOC 2, Type II report annually during the term of this contract. If the Contractor cannot provide the SSAE 18, SOC 2, Type I report at time of proposal submittal, a current SOC 3 report will be accepted.

2.44 Warranties of Usage

Any estimated quantities listed are for information and tabulation purposes only. No warranty or guarantee of quantities needed is given or implied. It is understood that the Contractor will furnish the City's needs as they arise.

2.45 PCI (Payment Card Industry) Compliance

Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable state, federal and international laws, as well as industry best practices, governing the collection, access, use, disclosure, safeguarding and destruction of protected information.

Contractor and/or any subcontractor that handles credit card data must be, and remain, PCI compliant under the current standards and will provide documentation confirming compliance upon request by the City of Fort Lauderdale, failure to produce documentation could result in termination of the contract.

END OF SECTION

SECTION III - TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS/SCOPE OF SERVICES

3.1 Definitions

- 3.1.1 Contractor** – Vendor(s) or firms who submit a Request for Proposal (RFP) including the Contractor who is currently servicing the contract.
- 3.1.2 Data Entry** – The Contractor picks up a new box from the City, the Contractor inputs identifying information about the new box into the Contractor's Computer system.
- 3.1.3 New Box Pickup** – Contractor picks up a box from the City, which is a new box and hasn't been placed into records storage before
- 3.1.4 Destruction** – The City requests that the Contractor permanently take a City Records box that has met its State Retention requirements, out of storage and then the Contractor cross shreds or shreds the box.
- 3.1.5 Reshelving** - means Contractor puts a box back on the Contractor's shelf after picking the box up from the City, to whom the box was originally delivered to by the Contractor.
- 3.1.6 Retrieval** – means taking a box from Contractor's storage facility and delivering the box to the City.
- 3.1.7 Returns** – means a box that has been retrieved and delivered to the City by the Contractor and can now be picked up by the Contractor and returned to the Contractor's records storage facility.
- 3.1.8 Standard Retrieval** – means next business day delivery and/or pick up by the Contractor to/from the City.
- 3.1.9 Current City boxes** – boxes that have already been placed into storage by the Contractor for the City.
- 3.1.10 Standard-size box** – 12 1/2" x 10 1/2" x 16" – 1.2 cubic feet
- 3.1.11 C-bin** – 48" x 30" x 35" – 20.8 cubic feet
- 3.1.12 Plan Bags** – 2.4 cubic feet
- 3.1.13 Plan Box** – 10" x 10" x 36" – 2.08 cubic feet
- 3.1.14 Rack** – a separate file within a C-bin container that is individually wrapped and labeled. Sizes vary depending on the size of the plan.

3.2 Scope of Work

The City of Fort Lauderdale is seeking a qualified Contractor to store the City's current and future records at Contractor's own facility and also provide records retrieval, return and destruction services to the City.

3.2.1 Specifications for Records Storage:

a. Under the supervision of the City's Records Management Liaison Officer, the successful Contractor awarded this RFP will, if applicable, provide all equipment, materials, labor and transportation necessary to load and transport all existing City records from the City's current Contractor's storage facility located in West Palm Beach, Florida. They will transfer, inventory (or catalog), and reshelv and/or re-label those records at the Contractor's storage facility. The initial pick-up and transfer of documentation consists of approximately 23,527 Standard size boxes of City records, approximately 425 check-size boxes, 540 plan-size and odd-size boxes, 71 C-bins, and 15 Plan Bags of records. These numbers are estimates and are for information and tabulation purposes only; no warranty or guarantee of quantities needed is given or implied.

b. Security: Contractor shall be responsible, at its sole expense, for providing any and all precautions necessary to ensure the security and safety of the City's records: when transferring the City's records to Contractor's storage facility, while in storage at the Contractor's facility, when redelivering requested records to the City during the retrieval process, and when picking up those retrieved boxes to be returned to storage.

c. Contractor's storage facility must meet all of the State of Florida and local building and zoning regulations. The storage facility must meet the requirements of A.S.C.E. (American Society of Engineers) 7-02 as adopted by the 2004 Florida Code, for wind resistive standards of building construction, with particular attention to the exterior walls and roof structure. A letter from a licensed architectural or engineering firm, substantiating adherence to this criteria must be submitted with bid response for each of the Contractor's storage facilities. The letter should substantiate that the Contractor's storage facility where the City records will be stored, is at the minimum, constructed to withstand category three-hurricane force wind and impact. It is also desired that the Contractor's storage facility be located outside of a designated Hurricane Evacuation area and to be sufficiently secure to prevent potential flood damage to City records.

d. Contractor's storage facility will have a security alarm system, will have fire sprinklers and will also have fire extinguishers placed and marked in accordance with Fire Department regulations throughout the facility. Contractor should also have regular (once a month) pest control services in the records storage area. Records storage area is preferred to be air-conditioned. Also, the storage of City boxes will start at no less than 2 feet from the floor. The Contractor must plan to have enough space at their storage facility to accommodate the projected City's needs during the course of this contract, while still providing the same services under the same conditions.

e. Contractor's storage facility must have a minimum of 37,400 cubic feet of additional storage for the City's present and future records storage needs. 37,400 cubic feet is just a measure of total volume and does not include the area around the boxes required by the State of Florida building code.

f. On Site Visit: The City reserves the right to make an on-site visit to the Contractor(s) the City deems as eligible for the final contract award. The on-site visit will be by qualified City Personnel to make sure the Contractor can perform up to the requirements listed in this RFP. If the proposed site is deemed unacceptable or the vendor is deemed unable to meet the bid specifications by the City, the Contractor may be deemed non-responsible. The City also reserves the right to visit the Contractor's storage facility after

the contract award, without prior notice to the Contractor.

g. Facility Access: Contractor shall ensure limited access to City records by Contractor's personnel and protect City records from theft, unauthorized reproduction or distribution, loss or damage.

h. Transport of City Documents: All City documents must be transported in closed, preferably air conditioned vehicles. If magnetic media is involved, all transport must be placed in magnetic media containers within the vehicles.

i. Ordering and delivery times: The City will have, at the minimum, until 3 pm on any business day to process orders through the Contractor and the Contractor will, when applicable, deliver/retrieve to the City its records by 3:30 pm the following business day. Over 90% of the orders requested from the City will be the standard next day retrieval/return type.

j. Records Retrieval/Return/New Box Storage Services: Contractor will provide Retrieval/Return and New Box Pickup service of City records from all City departments for storage. Pickup services may be on an as needed, weekly or bi-monthly service. Contractor shall not pick up any records that have not been authorized by the City's Records Management Liaison Officer or designee. Retrieval/Return and New Box Pickup service orders will be accomplished by email or Contractor's automated ordering system.

- 1) **Standard Retrieval/Returns** of current City boxes in storage have averaged approximately 90 separate transactions per month for the last few years; almost all of these transactions were requested on an as needed basis. (The City has averaged 621 boxes delivered monthly from and returned to storage in the year 2017). The Contractor will charge the City one standard delivery retrieval/return charges (if applicable when boxes are delivered and picked up at the same City location on the same date and time).
- 2) **New Box** pickup services will be scheduled on an as needed basis. All pickups will be coordinated through the City's Records Management Liaison Officer or designee. Based on departmental estimates, the Contractor may be requested to pick up and deposit into their storage facility 2,000 new boxes per year. Based on historical activity, the Contractor may be requested to pick up and deposit into their storage facility 10 Plan bags and 10 C-bins annually.

The figures for Records Retrieval/Returns and New box pickup are estimates and are for information and tabulation purposes only. No warranty or guarantee of quantities needed is given or implied.

k. Inventory Reports: Contractor will be responsible for maintaining a current inventory of all City records stored at Contractor's facility and will provide the City's Records Management Liaison Officer with a monthly inventory report, including a current inventory list, new box input report and a monthly transaction report. Contractor will be required to work with the City's Records Management Liaison Officer or designee in developing an inventory report, which will best serve the City's needs. Proposers shall provide a sample of their inventory reports with their bid.

l. Contractor will be responsible for retrieving records for City personnel and delivering those records to specified City Departments. The City's Records Management Liaison Officer or designee will coordinate all City requests for records from the Contractor and the delivery of such records to the requesting departments by the Contractor. Contractor will not accept any requests for records retrieval from any other person except the City's Records Management Liaison Officer or designee. Request requirements may vary with regard to quantity of records and deadlines.

m. The City will supply the Contractor with a retention schedule to be followed for its records. Contractor shall be responsible for providing the City with a list of records that are nearing their maximum retention period (not less than one hundred and twenty (120) days in advance) and which may be ready for destruction upon the City's request.

n. Contractor will provide records destruction services at Contractor's facility upon receipt of written permission from the City of Fort Lauderdale's Records Management Liaison Officer or designee. The City's Records Management Liaison Officer will coordinate all records destruction activities with Contractor. No records shall be destroyed without prior written approval. The City's Records Management Liaison Officer will provide all appropriate documentation for City Departmental approvals and forward all approvals to the Contractor in order to proceed with records destruction. The Contractor must provide the City with a signed Destruction Certificate detailing the amount of records destroyed including the Department name, the date of destruction and when destruction is complete. Contractor will also provide as a part of their proposal, a detailed description of the proposed records destruction method that will be used for the City's records. The successful Contractor's method of destruction is subject to modification and approval by the City.

o. The Contractor will provide with each retrieval/return to the City a packing slip/delivery ticket. The packing slip/delivery ticket will detail the account number, work order number, number of boxes retrieved/returned, box number(s) delivered, pick-up location, date and time.

p. The City of Fort Lauderdale is currently using a standard 12-1/2" x 10-1/2" x 16", 1.2 cubic feet, 2-piece bottom, corrugated banker storage box with insert handles and lid. The City may continue to supply its Departments with these boxes. Proposer is requested to submit as a part of its proposal a price for a box of equal size and quality. Proposer shall submit a price based on an estimated quantity of 2,000 boxes per year, and be required to provide a sample box to the City, after bid opening, should the City request it. The City reserves the right to accept or reject Proposer's box if in the City's determination it is not in the best interests to accept.

q. Contractor will assist the City's Records Management Liaison Officer in inventorying City records during the initial move and after the initial move, if needed. If there is a charge for assisting the City Records Management Liaison Officer in inventorying City records, please indicate in the Proposal Page – Cost Proposal, Items 23 & 24.

r. The Contractor will provide to the City "off-hours" emergency contact phone numbers in case an emergency arises and access to City records stored at the Contractor's facility is needed.

s. Transfer of documents at the end of the contract: Should the City award to a new Contractor, within 30 calendar days the current Contractor will be required to

provide all equipment, materials, labor and transportation that may be necessary to unshelve all existing City records from the City's current Contractor's storage facility, place the City boxes/inventory on pallets, have these pallets of inventory shrink wrapped, and placed on loading dock for the new Contractor to pick-up. Current vendor will produce a manifest indexing each box/inventory on each pallet.

t. It is optional for the Contractor to have an online accessible inventory management system that would enable the City's Records Management Liaison Officer access to check on the availability of records in storage and facilitate records requests, if needed. If such system exists Contractor shall provide the City's Records Management Liaison Officer and his/her designee with training in how to access this information.

3.3 Pricing

The Contractor will be responsible for all costs incurred in the performance of all Contract services as detailed in the RFP. These costs include, but are not limited to: all materials, equipment, labor, transportation, pick-up, re-delivery of City records, and records storage facilities.

The total cost to the City shall be based on the following cost considerations:

- 1) monthly/per box of stored records;
- 2) standard retrievals;
- 3) re-shelving a box (including un-shelve, return, and re-shelve, if applicable);
- 4) new box pick-ups;
- 5) box handling;
- 6) data entry - (after initial move);
- 7) box destruction;
- 8) permanent removal

Proposers shall submit pricing as below detailed. Proposals shall reflect the total cost to the City per unit and the total extended cost, where applicable. **Contractor shall complete this information on the Pricing pages included in the RFP.**

Line Item 1. Initial cost of the transfer, inventorying and re-shelving of an estimated 24,578 boxes, that includes 23,527 standard-size boxes, 425 check-size boxes, 540 plan-size boxes and odd-size boxes, 71 C-bins and 15 plan bags of records to the Contractor's storage facility. These costs should include all Contractor's costs including all equipment, labor, materials and transportation.

Line Item 2. Cost for the current Contractor to assist in the removal of the estimated 24,578 boxes that includes 23,527 standard-size boxes, 425 check-size boxes, 540 plan-size boxes and odd-size boxes, 71 C-bins and 15 plan bags from the storage facility. These costs should include all equipment, labor, and materials.

Line Items 3-7. Cost to store per/box: monthly.

Line Item 8. Cost to store City records in fireproof/waterproof vault: monthly. The City estimates that a total of 60 cubic feet of records will need to be stored in the Contractor's vault. The City is requesting that Proposer's provide the City with the storage cost per cubic feet of records in vault.

Line Item 9 Cost for "standard" (24 hour) retrieval service, per box (all sizes specified above), all inclusive (from the time request is received by Contractor), and how many

boxes are included in this price. If your service is different from the time frames above, please state what your turnaround service time is and how many boxes are included in this price. The City has under its current contract requirements the ability to have box returns picked up at the same location and at the same time as when box retrieval is delivered, if needed. Example, if a City Department has a standard delivery retrieval scheduled, the contractor will also be required to pick up any box returns or new box pickups at the same time, if requested, by the City Department. Any deviation to this requirement must be explained under variances in your proposal.

Line Item 10. Cost for "standard" (24 hour) rack/file retrieval service, all inclusive (from the time request is received by Contractor), and how many racks are included in this price. If your service is different from the time frames above, please state what your turnaround service time is and how many racks are included in this price. The City has under its current contract requirements the ability to have rack returns picked up at the same location and at the same time as when rack retrieval is delivered, if needed. Example, if a City Department has a standard delivery retrieval scheduled, the contractor will also be required to pick up any rack returns or new c-bin box pickups that contain racks at the same time, if requested, by the City Department. Any deviation to this requirement must be explained under variances in your proposal.

Line Item 11. The City estimates that an annual volume of 2,000 boxes of new City records will need to be stored per year. The City is requesting that Proposer's provide the City with the pick-up price per box from various City departments.

Line Items 12-14. Cost for retrieval, all inclusive, if records are picked up from and re-delivered to Contractor's storage by a City employee. Cost for retrieval, all inclusive, if records are picked up from and re-delivered to Contractor's storage by a Courier/Driver. This cost should be broken down to reflect Contractor charge to pull the box off the shelf and re-shelve box.

Line Item 15. Cost for "rush retrieval" (4-6 hour) retrieval service, all inclusive (from the time request is received by Contractor), and the maximum number of boxes included in this price.

Line Item 16. Cost to destroy City records, all inclusive (per box), upon receipt of written approval. City reserves the right to be present at time of destruction and inspect records that are being destroyed.

Line Item 17. Cost to permanently remove City records, per box, from the Contractor's inventory and storage facility at any time during the length of the contract and at the end of the contract. Permanent removal shall include the un-shelving of the cartons.

Line Items 18 and 19. Cost for Data Entry of City Records, both the initial move (New Contractors) and after the initial move (All Contractors). Cost for after the initial move is Data Entry for all new boxes.

Line Item 20. Cost to purchase a minimum of 2,000 standard boxes.

Line Item 21. Cost to purchase a minimum of 2,000 standard storage boxes with City

logo.

Line Items 22 and 23. Cost to purchase larger storage boxes, C-bin, and a Plan Box, as needed, per box.

Line Item 24. Cost to purchase plastic sealable Plan Bag, 15' x 48," 2.4 cubic feet.

Line Items 25 and 26. Cost for Contractor to assist the City's Records Management Liaison Officer in packing/repacking boxes of records, if necessary, at some other City departmental location. Please quote a price for the above on a per box basis for: 1) the initial move, or, 2) any time during the length of the contract.

Line Items 27 and 28. Cost for Contractor to assist the City's Records Management Liaison Officer in inventorying City records on a per box basis for: 1) the initial move, or, 2) any time during the length of the contract.

Line Item 29. At times it may be necessary for designated City employees to have frequent access to large volumes of records. To minimize the costs in these cases, the City, may elect to send that employee directly to the Contractor's storage facility to perform their research and retrieve any box(s)/file(s) as necessary.

Please quote on this type of service and include in your proposal any restrictions your company may require. No City employee will be given access to City records at the Contractor's facility without prior written permission from the City's Records Management Liaison Officer, or his/her designee. The City's Records Management Liaison Officer, or his/her designee, will coordinate all requests for records including requests by City employees to visit the Contractor's facility and will notify the Contractor of such an occurrence.

Line Item 30. Cost for training City's Records Management Liaison Officer and his/her designee, if applicable, in accessing Contractor's online accessible inventory management system.

Line Item 31. Cost of trip to City location for "standard" (24 hour) delivery.

Line Item 32. Cost of trip to City location for "RUSH," same day delivery within 4-6 hours.

Line Items 33 and 34. Cost to store empty, unused, standard storage boxes, all in one or 2-piece, corrugated banker storage box. Cost to deliver empty storage boxes from storage on an as needed basis to City Employees, per order.

Line Items 35-37. Additional Services: Should the Contractor offer additional services not listed then these services should be identified and pricing given.

3.4 Time for Performance/Penalties for Contractor Delays

Contractor shall have a turnaround time for pick-up and delivery of City Records as indicated on the requests sent by the City's Records Management Liaison Officer in accordance with bid specifications, i.e.: emergency, same day, or standard (next day) service. The Contractor at his/her sole expense shall correct contractor errors within two (2) working days of notification of such errors by the City. Compliance to these deadlines is essential and any

delays on the part of the Contractor will be subject to a penalty of \$100.00/per day, beyond the normal deadlines as outlined in this bid. Any delay caused by "force majeure", or circumstances beyond the Contractor's control will be exempt from this penalty, provided the Contractor provides the City with proof of such a delay.

3.5 Sample Requirement

The City will require a sample of the Contractor's inventory report that will be provided to the City's Records Management Liaison Officer on a monthly basis. This inventory report should include a current monthly inventory, also a new box input monthly report and a total monthly transaction report. This inventory sample shall be provided as a part of the Contractor's RFP response.

END OF SECTION

SECTION IV – SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Instructions

- 4.1.1** Although proposals are accepted ‘hard copy’, the City of Fort Lauderdale uses BidSync (www.bidsync.com) to administer the competitive solicitation process, including but not limited to soliciting proposals, issuing addenda, responding to questions / requests for information. There is no charge to register and download the RFP from BidSync. Proposers are strongly encouraged to read the various vendor Guides and Tutorials available in BidSync well in advance of their intention of submitting a proposal to ensure familiarity with the use of BidSync. The City shall not be responsible for a Proposer’s inability to submit a proposal by the end date and time for any reason, including issues arising from the use of BidSync.
- 4.1.2** Careful attention must be given to all requested items contained in this RFP. Proposers are invited to submit proposals in accordance with the requirements of this RFP. Please read entire solicitation before submitting a proposal. Proposers must provide a response to each requirement of the RFP. Proposals should be prepared in a concise manner with an emphasis on completeness and clarity. Notes, exceptions, and comments may be rendered on an attachment, provided the same format of this RFP text is followed.
- 4.1.3** All information submitted by Proposer shall be typewritten or provided as otherwise instructed to in the RFP. Proposers shall use and submit any applicable or required forms provided by the City and attach such to their proposal. Failure to use the forms may cause the proposal to be rejected and deemed non-responsive.
- 4.1.4** Proposals shall be submitted by an authorized representative of the firm. Proposals must be submitted in the business entities name by the President, Partner, Officer or Representative authorized to contractually bind the business entity. Proposals shall include an attachment evidencing that the individual submitting the proposal, does in fact have the required authority stated herein.
- 4.1.5** All proposals will become the property of the City. The Proposer’s response to the RFP 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 RFP and the Contract to be executed for this RFP, subject to the provisions of Chapter 119.07 of the Florida Statutes. Any language contained in the Proposer’s response to the RFP purporting to require confidentiality of any portion of the Proposer’s response to the RFP, 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 RFP constitutes a Trade Secret. 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. In the event of Contract award, all documentation produced as part of the Contract shall become the exclusive property of the City.

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT. CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT: (954-828-5002, PRRCONTRACT@FORTLAUDERDALE.GOV, CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, 100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301)

Contractor shall:

1. Keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the City in order to perform the service.
 2. Upon request from the City's custodian of public records, provide the City 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 Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (2018), as may be amended or revised, or as otherwise provided by law.
 3. 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 this contract if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the City.
 4. Upon completion of the Contract, transfer, at no cost, to the City all public records in possession of the Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the City to perform the service. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the City upon completion of this 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 this Contract, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the City, upon request from the City's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the City.
- 4.1.6** One (1) original and one (1) copy plus two (2) electronic (soft) copies (Flash Drive) of your proposal shall be delivered in a sealed package with the RFP number, due and open date, and RFP title clearly marked on the outside by the due date and time (deadline) to the address specified in Section I, 1.2 – Submission Deadline. It is the sole responsibility of the respondent to ensure their proposal is received on or before the date and time stated, in the specified number of copies and in the format stated herein.
- 4.1.7** By submitting a response Proposer is confirming that the firm has not been placed on the convicted vendors list as described in Section §287.133 (2) (a) Florida Statutes; that the only person(s), company or parties interested in the proposal as principals are named therein; that the proposal is made without collusion with any other person(s), company or

parties submitting a proposal; that it is in all respects fair and in good faith, without collusion or fraud; and that the signer of the proposal has full authority to bind the firm.

4.2 Contents of the Proposal

The City deems certain documentation and information important in the determination of responsiveness and for the purpose of evaluating proposals. Proposals should seek to avoid information in excess of that requested, must be concise, and must specifically address the issues of this RFP. The City prefers that proposals be no more than 50 pages double-sided, be bound in a soft cover binder, and utilize recyclable materials as much as practical. Elaborate binders are neither necessary nor desired. Please place the labeled Flash Drive in an envelope or paper sleeve. The proposals shall be organized and divided into the sections indicated herein. These are not inclusive of all the information that may be necessary to properly evaluate the proposal and meet the requirements of the scope of work and/or specifications. Additional documents and information should be provided as deemed appropriate by the respondent in proposal to specific requirements stated herein or through the RFP.

4.2.1 Table of Contents

The table of contents should outline in sequential order the major areas of the submittal, including enclosures. All pages should be consecutively numbered and correspond to the Table of Contents.

4.2.2 Executive Summary

Each Offeror must submit an executive summary that identifies the business entity, its background, main office(s), and office location that will service this contract. Identify the officers, principals, supervisory staff and key individuals who will be directly involved with the work and their office locations. The executive summary should also summarize the key elements of the proposal.

4.2.3 Experience and Qualifications

Indicate the firm's number of years of experience in providing the professional services as it relates the work contemplated. Provide details of past projects for agencies of similar size and scope, including information on your firm's ability to meet time and budget requirements. Indicate the firm's initiatives towards its own sustainable business practices that demonstrate a commitment to conservation. Indicate business structure, IE: Corp., Partnership, LLC. Firm should be registered as a legal entity in the State of Florida; Minority or Woman owned Business (if applicable); Company address, phone number, fax number, E-Mail address, web site, contact person(s), etc. Relative size of the firm, including management, technical and support staff; licenses and any other pertinent information shall be submitted.

4.2.4 Approach to Scope of Work

Provide in concise narrative form, your understanding of the City's needs, goals and objectives as they relate to the project, and your overall approach to accomplishing the project. Give an overview on your proposed vision, ideas and methodology. Describe your proposed approach to the project.

As a part of the response, a design plan and diagram(s) of the facility shall be presented to the City for approval.

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Also provide information on your firm's current workload and how this project will fit into

your workload. Describe available facilities, technological capabilities and other available resources you offer for the project.

4.2.5 References

Provide at least three references, preferably government agencies, for projects with similar scope as listed in this RFP. Information should include:

- Client Name, address, contact person telephone and E-mail addresses.
- Description of work.
- Number of years contracted with client.

Note: Do not include City of Fort Lauderdale work or staff as references to demonstrate your capabilities. The Committee is interested in work experience and references other than the City of Fort Lauderdale.

4.2.6 Minority/Women (M/WBE) Participation

If your firm is a certified minority business enterprise as defined by the Florida Small and Minority Business Assistance Act of 1985, provide copies of your certification(s). If your firm is not a certified M/WBE, describe your company's previous efforts, as well as planned efforts in meeting M/WBE procurement goals under Florida Statutes 287.09451.

4.2.7 Subcontractors

Proposer must clearly identify any subcontractors that may be utilized during the term of this contract.

4.2.8 Required Forms

A. Proposal Certification

Complete and attach the Proposal Certification provided herein.

B. Cost Proposal

Provide firm, fixed, costs for all services/products using the form provided in this request for proposal. These firm fixed costs for the project include any costs for travel and miscellaneous expenses. No other costs will be accepted.

C. Non-Collusion Statement

This form is to be completed, if applicable, and inserted in this section.

D. Non-Discrimination Certification Form

This form is to be completed and inserted in this section.

E. Local Business Preference (LBP)

This form is to be completed, if applicable, and inserted in this section.

F. Contract Payment Method

This form must be completed and returned with your proposal. Proposers must presently have the ability to accept these credit cards or take whatever steps necessary to implement acceptance of a card before the start of the contract term, or contract award by the City.

G. Sample Insurance Certificate

Demonstrate your firm's ability to comply with insurance requirements. Provide a previous certificate or other evidence listing the Insurance Companies names for the required coverage and limits.

H. Questionnaire

This form must be completed and returned with your proposal including requested documents.

I. SSAE 18, SOC 2, Type I Report

END OF SECTION

SECTION V – EVALUATION AND AWARD

5.1 Evaluation Procedure

5.1.1 Bid Tabulations/Intent to Award

Notice of Intent to Award Contract/Bid, resulting from the City's Formal solicitation process, requiring City Commission action, may be found at:

<http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/finance/procurement-services/notices-of-intent-to-award>. Tabulations of receipt of those parties responding to a formal solicitation may be found at:

<http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/finance/procurement-services/bid-results>, or any interested party may call the Procurement Services Division at 954-828-5933.

5.1.2 Evaluation of proposals will be conducted by an Evaluation Committee, consisting of a minimum of three members of City Staff, or other persons selected by the City Manager or designee. All committee members must be present at scheduled evaluation meetings. Proposals shall be evaluated based upon the information and references contained in the responses as submitted.

5.1.3 The Committee may short list Proposals, that it deems best satisfy the weighted criteria set forth herein. The committee may then conduct interviews and/or require oral presentations from the short listed Proposers. The Evaluation Committee shall then re-score and re-rank the short listed firms in accordance with the weighted criteria.

5.1.4 The City may require visits to the Proposer's facilities to inspect record keeping procedures, staff, facilities and equipment as part of the evaluation process.

5.1.5 The final ranking and the Evaluation Committee's recommendation may then be reported to the City Manager for consideration of contract award.

5.2 Evaluation Criteria

5.2.1 The City uses a mathematical formula to determine the scoring for each individual responsive and responsible firm based on the weighted criteria stated herein. Each evaluation committee member will rank each firm by criteria, giving their first ranked firm a number 1, the second ranked firm a number 2, and so on. The City shall multiply that average ranking by the weighted criterion identified herein to determine the total the points for each proposer. The lowest average final ranking score will determine the recommendation by the evaluation committee to the City Manager.

5.2.2 Weighted Criteria

Understanding of the overall needs of the City for such services, as presented in the narrative proposal and questionnaire to accomplish the work required, accurately and efficiently. This will include pro-active problem identification and effective solutions of providing the services.	30%
Facilities and Resources	15%
Experience, qualifications and past performance of the proposing firm, including persons proposed to provide the services.	25%
Cost to the City	30%
TOTAL PERCENT AVAILABLE:	100%

5.3 Contract Award

The City reserves the right to award a contract to that Consultant who will best serve the interest of the City. The City reserves the right, based upon its deliberations and in its opinion, to accept or reject any or all proposals. The City also reserves the right to waive minor irregularities or variations of the submittal requirements and RFP process.

END OF SECTION

Item #	Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Unit	Total Annual Price	Notes / Variances
1	Initial Transfer Costs – New Contractor , per specs.	24,578	\$ -	Ea.	\$ -	
2	Initial Transfer Costs – Current Contractor . Cost of providing assistance in records removal, per specs.	24,578	\$ -	Ea.	\$ -	
3	Storage Cost per Standard Box – Monthly Cost for 23,527 boxes times 12 months = 282,324 to be used for an annual cost. Boxes are the standard size of 1.2 cubic feet.	282,324	\$ -	Box	\$ -	
4	Storage Cost per Plan Bag - Monthly Cost for 15 Bags times 12 months = 180 to be used for an annual cost. Bags are 2.4 cubic feet. Plastic Sealable Bag - 15" x 48"	180	\$ -	Bag		
5	Storage Cost per Box (Check) , per specs. Monthly Cost for 425 check boxes times 12 months = 5,100 to be used for an annual cost. (24" x 9" x 4")	5,100	\$ -	Box	\$ -	
6	Storage Cost per Plan Box (Odd Sizes) , 10" x 10" x 36" or other odd sizes, per specs. Monthly Cost for 540 plan and odd size boxes times 12 months = 6,480 Boxes to be used for an annual cost. Plan boxes are 2.08 cubic feet.	6,480	\$ -	Box	\$ -	
7	Storage Cost per C-Bin -- Monthly Cost for 71 C-Bins times 12 months = 852 to be used for an annual cost. C-Bins are the standard size of 20.8 cubic feet.	852	\$ -	Box		
8	Vault Storage - Cost to store City records in fireproof/ waterproof vault. Unit cost per month times 12 mths.	12	\$ -	Mths.	\$ -	
9	Standard Retrieval – Cost of "standard" retrieval per box (any size) (24 hr.) per specs. Est. quantity includes box retrievals and returns. State any variation, if applicable, from City's "standard" definition.	1	\$ -	Box	\$ -	
10	Standard Retrieval — Cost of "standard" retrieval per rack/file from C-bin (24 hr.) per specs. Est. quantity includes rack/file retrievals and returns. State any variation, if applicable, from City's "standard" definition.	1	\$ -	Ea.	\$ -	
11	New Pickup for Storage – Cost to pick up new City records for storage, per specs, weekly, for various city locations. This includes plan boxes (10" x 10" x 36") & C-BINS (48"x30"x35").	1	\$ -	Box	\$ -	
12	Courier / Driver - Handling – Cost of handling city records (retrievals/returns) per box.	1	\$ -	Box	\$ -	
13	Reshelving – Cost of reshelving City records, per box.	1	\$ -	Box	\$ -	
14	Retrieval /Pickup /Re-Delivery – Cost of retrieval service/pickup and re-delivery by City employee, per specs.	1	\$ -	Box	\$ -	
15	Rush Retrieval – 4-6 Hours , Cost for same day retrieval (4-6 hours), per specs.	1	\$ -	Box	\$ -	Maximum number of boxes included in Rush Retrieval
16	Record Destruction – Cost to destroy City records, all inclusive/per box, per specs.	1	\$ -	Box	\$ -	
17	Permanent Removal – Cost to permanently remove City records, including un-shelving the records, during the length of the contract and at the end of the contract.	1	\$ -	Box	\$ -	
18	Data Entry – New Contractor – Initial Move , Cost for data entry services, per box, per specs.	1	\$ -	Box	\$ -	
19	Data Entry – All Contractors – After Initial Move, Cost for Data Entry Services, per box, per specs.	1	\$ -	Box	\$ -	
20	Purchase Standard Storage Boxes – All in one or 2-piece, corrugated, banker storage box - 1.2 cubic foot, 12-1/2" x 10-1/2" x 16"	1	\$ -	Box	\$ -	

Item #	Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Unit	Total Annual Price	Notes / Variances
21	Purchase Standard Storage Boxes with City Logo -- All in one or 2-piece, corrugated, banker storage box with 1-color City name and logo - 1.2 cubic foot, 12-1/2" x 10-1/2" x 16"	2000	\$ -	Box		
22	Purchase Storage Boxes – C-Bin, 20.8 cubic feet, 48" x 30" x 35"	1	\$ -	Box	\$ -	
23	Purchase Storage Boxes – Plan Box, 2.08 cubic feet, 10" x 10" x 36"	1	\$ -	Box	\$ -	
24	Cost to Purchase Plan Bag -- Bags are 2.4 cubic feet. Plastic Sealable Bag - 15" x 48"	1	\$ -	Bag		
25	Packing/Re-Packing – Initial Move – Cost for Contractor to provide packing/repacking services to City, per box, per specs.	1	\$ -	Box	\$ -	
26	Packing/ Re-packing – Other , Cost for Contractor to provide packing/repacking services to the City, per box, per specs.	1	\$ -	Box	\$ -	
27	Inventory – Initial Move , Cost for Contractor to provide assistance with inventorying City records, per box, per specs.	1	\$ -	Box	\$ -	
28	Inventory – After Initial Move , Cost for Contractor to provide assistance with inventorying City records, per box, per specs.	1	\$ -	Box	\$ -	
29	Employee Access – Cost for City employees access/ research at Contractors facility, per specs. If you have restrictions for this type of service, please provide details.	1	\$ -	Ea.	\$ -	
30	Training – Cost for training City's Records Management Liaison and his/her designee, if applicable, in accessing Contractors online system.	1	\$ -	Ea.	\$ -	
31	Trip Charge - Standard Delivery -- Cost of trip to City location for standard 24 hr. delivery per specs.	1	\$ -	Ea.		
32	Trip Charge - RUSH Delivery -- Cost of trip to City location for RUSH, same day delivery per specs.	1	\$ -	Ea.		
33	Storage Cost - Monthly Cost to store empty, unused, Standard Storage boxes, all in one or 2-piece, corrugated, banker storage box.	12	\$ -	Mths.		
34	Delivery of Empty Standard Storage Boxes -- Cost to deliver empty storage boxes (Line item 18/34) from storage on an as needed basis to City Employees, per order.	1	\$ -	Ea.		
35	Additional Goods / Services 1	1	\$ -	Ea.	\$ -	
36	Additional Goods / Services 2	1	\$ -	Ea.	\$ -	
37	Additional Goods / Services 3	1	\$ -	Ea.	\$ -	
TOTAL					\$ -	

RFP# 12257-095 - QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of proposing firm: _____

1. After Receipt of Order (ARO) how many days will it take to perform all services, including but not limited to providing inventory of the boxes to City, of the estimated 30,140.6 cubic feet of City records from the current Contractor's facility to your facility for storage?
_____ /days /ARO

2. After City approval of the new contract, how many days will be required before you are able to begin the retrieval, return and destruction services required?
_____ /days /ARO

3. As a part of the initial hand-off of the estimated 24,578 30,140.6 cubic feet of current City records, will your company incorporate the existing multiple numbering systems in your newly created numbering system?
Yes _____ No _____

If no, how long before the new numbering system be ready for use? _____ /days

4. Provide the location/address of the facility at which these services will be performed, if different from your company address, as provided on the Bid/Proposal Signature Page.

5. Is the Contractor's storage facility where the City records will be stored located outside of a designated Hurricane Evacuation Area?
Yes _____ No _____

6. Does the storage facility where the City records will be stored have a minimum of 37,400 cubic feet of records storage space available to accommodate the current and projected City's storage needs, while providing the same services under the same conditions?
Yes _____ No _____

Note: 37,400 cubic feet is just a measure of total volume. It does not include the area around the boxes required by the State of Florida building code.

7. Does your company deliver and pick up records in closed and secured vehicles?
Yes _____ No _____

8. Please indicate how your company prefers to receive orders/requests for box retrievals and or returns. (Examples: email orders, phone orders, etc.)

9. What is the anticipated response time to a general customer service request via email?
Days _____ Hrs. _____ Minutes _____

10. What is the anticipated response time to a general customer service request via phone?

Days _____ Hrs. _____ Minutes _____

11. Does your company provide internet access to check on box availability?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, does this system provide order request capabilities?

Yes _____ No _____

12. Please check Yes or No to the below requirements for the Contractor's storage facility where the City records will be stored:

Security alarm system Yes _____ No _____

Regular (once a month) Pest Control Services Yes _____ No _____

In the records storage area City records will be stored no less than 2 feet above the floor. Yes _____ No _____

Fire Extinguishers marked in accordance with Fire Department regulations throughout the facility. Yes _____ No _____

Fire sprinkler system Yes _____ No _____

Is your fire sprinkler system a wet or dry system Wet _____ Dry _____

13. Is the Contractor's storage facility where the City records will be stored air-conditioned?

Yes _____ No _____

If no, does your company offer other climate control options to preserve the City records in storage? Please specify.

14. Please indicate the latest time (EST) your company will accept orders for standard retrievals and returns for next business day delivery by 3:30 pm? (Example: 4 pm is the latest time your company will accept orders for standard retrieval and return on one business day and 3:30 pm, is the latest time the next business day the City expect service.)

15. Does your company provide as standard services, delivery of new boxes, retrieval and return of boxes from the same location at the same date and time for one standard delivery charge? (Example: Two different recipients, in the same building, on different floors are charged with one standard delivery fee.)

Yes _____ No _____

16. Scenario 1: The Sustainable Development Department has the Planning and Zoning Division and Code Enforcement Division located at the same address, 700 NW 19th

Avenue, but they are located in different parts of the building.

If both the Planning and Zoning Division and the Code Enforcement Division have deliveries scheduled for the same day and time would one Standard Retrieval charge be applicable or two?

One _____ Two _____

- 17. Scenario 2: The Public Works Department is located at 100 N. Andrews Avenue, but they are located on both the 4th and 5th floors.

If Public Works requires having deliveries on both floors does your company charge one retrieval and/or pickup fee for delivery to one address even if there are separate orders for the same department on different floors of the same address?

Yes _____ No _____

- 18. Scenario 3: The City Clerk's Office and the Procurement Department are located at 100 N. Andrews Avenue, and they are located on two different floors.

Does your company charge one retrieval and/or pickup fee for delivery to one address even if more than one department has separate orders on different floors of the same address?

Yes _____ No _____

Does your company request separate charges for each Department and/or floor of an address?

Yes _____ No _____

*Please note: Under variances in the Pricing Section if there is a fee for separate orders at the same address that are delivered on the same day.

- 19. This question is for all new Contractors.
If your Company is awarded the RFP please indicate how your company plans on moving the estimated 24,578 boxes of City records from the current facility where they are stored in West Palm Beach, Florida to your facility.

- 20. This question is for the current Contractor.
Should a new Contractor be awarded the new contract please explain how your company plans to provide a seamless hand-off of the 24,578 boxes at the current facility including organized preparation of inventory for removal/pickup by awarded Contractor.

- 21. Please indicate if your company has experience with a customer's boxes that have multiple tracking numbers. Does your company enter multiple tracking numbers for a box and use all of the numbers for retrieval purposes based on the customer's preference? Explain.

- 22. Provide your company's procedures for on-site records destruction including timeline of

request to final destruction.

23. Provide a sample copy of your company's monthly inventory report, transaction report and new box input report.
24. Provide a sample of your company's invoice.
25. Provide a letter from a licensed architectural or engineering firm substantiating that the storage facility where the City records will be stored meets the requirements of American Society of Engineers (A.S.C.E), 7-02 as adopted by the Florida Code, for wind and resistive standards of building construction, with particular attention to the exterior walls and roof structure. The letter should substantiate that the Contractor's facility where the City records will be stored, is at the minimum, constructed to withstand category three-hurricane force wind and impact.

The proposer understands that the information contained in these proposal pages is to be relied upon by the City in awarding the proposed contract, and such information is warranted by the proposer to be true. The proposer agrees to furnish such additional information, prior to acceptance of any proposal relating to the qualifications of the proposer, as may be required by the City.

Please review the questionnaire to make sure all questions have been answered and all requested documents provided. Attach additional sheets if necessary. The City may deem your firm non-responsive for failure to provide all requested answers and documentation.

NON-COLLUSION STATEMENT:

By signing this offer, the vendor/contractor certifies that this offer is made independently and *free* from collusion. Vendor shall disclose below any City of Fort Lauderdale, FL officer or employee, or any relative of any such officer or employee who is an officer or director of, or has a material interest in, the vendor's business, who is in a position to influence this procurement.

Any City of Fort Lauderdale, FL officer or employee who has any input into the writing of specifications or requirements, solicitation of offers, decision to award, evaluation of offers, or any other activity pertinent to this procurement is presumed, for purposes hereof, to be in a position to influence this procurement.

For purposes hereof, a person has a material interest if they directly or indirectly own more than 5 percent of the total assets or capital stock of any business entity, or if they otherwise stand to personally gain if the contract is awarded to this vendor.

In accordance with City of Fort Lauderdale, FL Policy and Standards Manual, 6.10.8.3,

3.3. City employees may not contract with the City through any corporation or business entity in which they or their immediate family members hold a controlling financial interest (e.g. ownership of five (5) percent or more).

3.4. Immediate family members (spouse, parents and children) are also prohibited from contracting with the City subject to the same general rules.

Failure of a vendor to disclose any relationship described herein shall be reason for debarment in accordance with the provisions of the City Procurement Code.

NAME

RELATIONSHIPS

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In the event the vendor does not indicate any names, the City shall interpret this to mean that the vendor has indicated that no such relationships exist.

BID/PROPOSAL CERTIFICATION

Please Note: If responding to this solicitation through BidSync, the electronic version of the bid response will prevail, unless a paper version is clearly marked **by the bidder** in some manner to indicate that it will supplant the electronic version. All fields below must be completed. If the field does not apply to you, please note N/A in that field.

If you are a foreign corporation, you may be required to obtain a certificate of authority from the department of state, in accordance with Florida Statute §607.1501 (visit <http://www.dos.state.fl.us/>).

Company: (Legal Registration)

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Telephone No. FAX No. Email:

Delivery: Calendar days after receipt of Purchase Order (**section 1.02 of General Conditions**):

Total Bid Discount (**section 1.05 of General Conditions**):

Does your firm qualify for MBE or WBE status (**section 1.09 of General Conditions**): MBE WBE

ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - Proposer acknowledges that the following addenda have been received and are included in the proposal:

<u>Addendum No.</u>	<u>Date Issued</u>	<u>Addendum No.</u>	<u>Date Issued</u>	<u>Addendum No.</u>	<u>Date Issued</u>
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VARIANCES: If you take exception or have variances to any term, condition, specification, scope of service, or requirement in this competitive solicitation you must specify such exception or variance in the space provided below or reference in the space provided below all variances contained on other pages within your response. Additional pages may be attached if necessary. No exceptions or variances will be deemed to be part of the response submitted unless such is listed and contained in the space provided below. The City does not, by virtue of submitting a variance, necessarily accept any variances. If no statement is contained in the below space, it is hereby implied that your response is in full compliance with this competitive solicitation. If you do not have variances, simply mark N/A. **If submitting your response electronically through BIDSUNC you must also click the "Take Exception" button.**

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The below signatory hereby agrees to furnish the following article(s) or services at the price(s) and terms stated subject to all instructions, conditions, specifications addenda, legal advertisement, and conditions contained in the bid/proposal. I have read all attachments including the specifications and fully understand what is required. By submitting this signed proposal I will accept a contract if approved by the City and such acceptance covers all terms, conditions, and specifications of this bid/proposal. The below signatory also hereby agrees, by virtue of submitting or attempting to submit a response, that in no event shall the City's liability for respondent's direct, indirect, incidental, consequential, special or exemplary damages, expenses, or lost profits arising out of this competitive solicitation process, including but not limited to public advertisement, bid conferences, site visits, evaluations, oral presentations, or award proceedings exceed the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). This limitation shall not apply to claims arising under any provision of indemnification or the City's protest ordinance contained in this competitive solicitation.

Submitted by:

Name (printed)

Signature

Date:

Title

LOCAL BUSINESS PRICE PREFERENCE

Section 2-199.2, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, (Ordinance No. C-12-04), provides for a local business preference.

In order to be considered for a local business preference, a bidder must include the Local Business Preference Certification Statement of this ITB, as applicable to the local business preference class claimed **at the time of bid submittal**:

Upon formal request of the City, based on the application of a Local Business Preference the Bidder shall within ten (10) calendar days submit the following documentation to the Local Business Preference Class claimed:

- A) Copy of City of Fort Lauderdale current year business tax receipt, **or** Broward County current year business tax receipt, **and**
- B) List of the names of all employees of the bidder and evidence of employees' residence within the geographic bounds of the City of Fort Lauderdale or Broward County, as the case may be, such as current Florida driver license, residential utility bill (water, electric, telephone, cable television), or other type of similar documentation acceptable to the City.

Failure to comply at time of bid submittal shall result in the bidder being found ineligible for the local business preference.

THE COMPLETE LOCAL BUSINESS PREFERENCE ORDINANCE MAY BE FOUND ON THE CITY'S WEB SITE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:

https://library.municode.com/fl/fort_lauderdale/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodetd=COOR_CH2AD_ARTVFI_DIV2PR_S2-186LOBUPRPR

Definitions: The term "Business" shall mean a person, firm, corporation or other business entity which is duly licensed and authorized to engage in a particular work in the State of Florida. Business shall be broken down into four (4) types of classes:

1. Class A Business – shall mean any Business that has established and agrees to maintain a permanent place of business located in a non-residential zone and staffed with full-time employees within the limits of the City **and** shall maintain a staffing level of the prime contractor for the proposed work of at least fifty percent (50%) who are residents of the City.
2. Class B Business - shall mean any Business that has established and agrees to maintain a permanent place of business located in a non-residential zone and staffed with full-time employees within the limits of the City **or** shall maintain a staffing level of the prime contractor for the proposed work of at least fifty percent (50%) who are residents of the City.
3. Class C Business - shall mean any Business that has established and agrees to maintain a permanent place of business located in a non-residential zone **and** staffed with full-time employees within the limits of Broward County.
4. Class D Business – shall mean any Business that does not qualify as either a Class A, Class B, or Class C business.

LOCAL BUSINESS PRICE PREFERENCE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

The Business identified below certifies that it qualifies for the local business price preference classification as indicated herein, and further certifies and agrees that it will re-affirm its local preference classification annually no later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the anniversary of the date of a contract awarded pursuant to this ITB. Violation of the foregoing provision may result in contract termination.

(1) Business Name is a **Class A** Business as defined in City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-17-26, Sec.2-186. A copy of the City of Fort Lauderdale current year Business Tax Receipt **and** a complete list of full-time employees and evidence of their addresses shall be provided within 10 calendar days of a formal request by the City.

(2) Business Name is a **Class B** Business as defined in the City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-17-26, Sec.2-186. A copy of the Business Tax Receipt **or** a complete list of full-time employees and evidence of their addresses shall be provided within 10 calendar days of a formal request by the City.

(3) Business Name is a **Class C** Business as defined in the City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-17-26, Sec.2-186. A copy of the Broward County Business Tax Receipt shall be provided within 10 calendar days of a formal request by the City.

(4) Business Name requests a **Conditional Class A** classification as defined in the City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-17-26, Sec.2-186. Written certification of intent shall be provided within 10 calendar days of a formal request by the City.

(5) Business Name requests a **Conditional Class B** classification as defined in the City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-17-26, Sec.2-186. Written certification of intent shall be provided within 10 calendar days of a formal request by the City.

(6) Business Name is considered a **Class D** Business as defined in the City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-17-26, Sec.2-186 and does not qualify for Local Preference consideration.

BIDDER'S COMPANY:

AUTHORIZED COMPANY PERSON:

NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

CONTRACT PAYMENT METHOD

The City of Fort Lauderdale has implemented a Procurement Card (P-Card) program which changes how payments are remitted to its vendors. The City is transitioning from traditional paper checks to credit card payments via MasterCard or Visa as part of this program.

This allows you as a vendor of the City of Fort Lauderdale, to receive your payment fast and safely. No more waiting for checks to be printed and mailed.

In accordance with Article 7, item 7.6 of the contract, payments on this contract will be made utilizing the City's P-Card. Accordingly, bidders must presently have the ability to accept these credit cards or take whatever steps necessary to implement acceptance of a card before the start of the contract term, or contract award by the City.

Please indicate with which credit card you prefer to be paid:

Master Card

Visa Card

Company Name:	
Signature:	
Print Name Title:	

**CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH
NON-DISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT**

The completed and signed form should be returned with the Contractor's submittal. If not provided with submittal, the Contractor must submit within three business days of City's request. Contractor may be deemed non-responsive for failure to fully comply within stated timeframes.

Pursuant to City Ordinance Sec. 2-187(c), bidders must certify compliance with the Non-Discrimination provision of the ordinance.

The Contractor shall not, in any of his/her/its activities, including employment, discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, creed, sex, disability, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or marital status.

1. The Contractor certifies and represents that he/she/it will comply with Section 2-187, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, as amended by Ordinance C-18-33 (collectively, "Section 2-187").
2. The failure of the Contractor to comply with Section 2-187 shall be deemed to be a material breach of this Agreement, entitling the City to pursue any remedy stated below or any remedy provided under applicable law.
3. The City may terminate this Agreement if the Contractor fails to comply with Section 2-187.
4. The City may retain all monies due or to become due until the Contractor complies with Section 2-187.
5. The Contractor may be subject to debarment or suspension proceedings. Such proceedings will be consistent with the procedures in section 2-183 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Authorized Signature

Print Name and Title

Date

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
GENERAL CONDITIONS**

These instructions are standard for all contracts for commodities or services issued through the City of Fort Lauderdale Procurement Services Division. The City may delete, supersede, or modify any of these standard instructions for a particular contract by indicating such change in the Invitation to Bid (ITB) Special Conditions, Technical Specifications, Instructions, Proposal Pages, Addenda, and Legal Advertisement. In this general conditions document, Invitation to Bid (ITB), Request for Qualifications (RFQ), and Request for Proposal (RFP) are interchangeable.

PART I BIDDER PROPOSAL PAGE(S) CONDITIONS:

- 1.01 BIDDER ADDRESS:** The City maintains automated vendor address lists that have been generated for each specific Commodity Class item through our bid issuing service, BidSync. Notices of Invitations to Bid (ITB'S) are sent by e-mail to the selection of bidders who have fully registered with BidSync or faxed (if applicable) to every vendor on those lists, who may then view the bid documents online. Bidders who have been informed of a bid's availability in any other manner are responsible for registering with BidSync in order to view the bid documents. There is no fee for doing so. If you wish bid notifications be provided to another e-mail address or fax, please contact BidSync. If you wish purchase orders sent to a different address, please so indicate in your bid response. If you wish payments sent to a different address, please so indicate on your invoice.
- 1.02 DELIVERY:** Time will be of the essence for any orders placed as a result of this ITB. The City reserves the right to cancel any orders, or part thereof, without obligation if delivery is not made in accordance with the schedule specified by the Bidder and accepted by the City.
- 1.03 PACKING SLIPS:** It will be the responsibility of the awarded Contractor, to attach all packing slips to the OUTSIDE of each shipment. Packing slips must provide a detailed description of what is to be received and reference the City of Fort Lauderdale purchase order number that is associated with the shipment. Failure to provide a detailed packing slip attached to the outside of shipment may result in refusal of shipment at Contractor's expense.
- 1.04 PAYMENT TERMS AND CASH DISCOUNTS:** Payment terms, unless otherwise stated in this ITB, will be considered to be net 45 days after the date of satisfactory delivery at the place of acceptance and receipt of correct invoice at the office specified, whichever occurs last. Bidder may offer cash discounts for prompt payment but they will not be considered in determination of award. If a Bidder offers a discount, it is understood that the discount time will be computed from the date of satisfactory delivery, at the place of acceptance, and receipt of correct invoice, at the office specified, whichever occurs last.
- 1.05 TOTAL BID DISCOUNT:** If Bidder offers a discount for award of all items listed in the bid, such discount shall be deducted from the total of the firm net unit prices bid and shall be considered in tabulation and award of bid.
- 1.06 BIDS FIRM FOR ACCEPTANCE:** Bidder warrants, by virtue of bidding, that the bid and the prices quoted in the bid will be firm for acceptance by the City for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of bid opening unless otherwise stated in the ITB.
- 1.07 VARIANCES:** For purposes of bid evaluation, Bidder's must indicate any variances, no matter how slight, from ITB General Conditions, Special Conditions, Specifications or Addenda in the space provided in the ITB. No variations or exceptions by a Bidder will be considered or deemed a part of the bid submitted unless such variances or exceptions are listed in the bid and referenced in the space provided on the bidder proposal pages. If variances are not stated, or referenced as required, it will be assumed that the product or service fully complies with the City's terms, conditions, and specifications.
- By receiving a bid, City does not necessarily accept any variances contained in the bid. All variances submitted are subject to review and approval by the City. If any bid contains material variances that, in the City's sole opinion, make that bid conditional in nature, the City reserves the right to reject the bid or part of the bid that is declared, by the City as conditional.
- 1.08 NO BIDS:** If you do not intend to bid please indicate the reason, such as insufficient time to respond, do not offer product or service, unable to meet specifications, schedule would not permit, or any other reason, in the space provided in this ITB. Failure to bid or return no bid comments prior to the bid due and opening date and time, indicated in this ITB, may result in your firm being deleted from our Bidder's registration list for the Commodity Class Item requested in this ITB.

- 1.09 MINORITY AND WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION AND BUSINESS DEFINITIONS:** The City of Fort Lauderdale wants to increase the participation of Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), Women Business Enterprises (WBE), and Small Business Enterprises (SBE) in its procurement activities. If your firm qualifies in accordance with the below definitions please indicate in the space provided in this ITB.

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) “A Minority Business” is a business enterprise that is owned or controlled by one or more socially or economically disadvantaged persons. Such disadvantage may arise from cultural, racial, chronic economic circumstances or background or other similar cause. Such persons include, but are not limited to: Blacks, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Native Americans.

The term “Minority Business Enterprise” means a business at least 51 percent of which is owned by minority group members or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by minority group members. For the purpose of the preceding sentence, minority group members are citizens of the United States who include, but are not limited to: Blacks, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Native Americans.

Women Business Enterprise (WBE) a “Women Owned or Controlled Business” is a business enterprise at least 51 percent of which is owned by females or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by females.

Small Business Enterprise (SBE) “Small Business” means a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other legal entity formed for the purpose of making a profit, which is independently owned and operated, has either fewer than 100 employees or less than \$1,000,000 in annual gross receipts.

BLACK, which includes persons having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

WHITE, which includes persons whose origins are Anglo-Saxon and Europeans and persons of Indo-European descent including Pakistani and East Indian.

HISPANIC, which includes persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central and South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

NATIVE AMERICAN, which includes persons whose origins are American Indians, Eskimos, Aleuts, or Native Hawaiians.

ASIAN AMERICAN, which includes persons having origin in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands.

1.10 MINORITY-WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION

It is the desire of the City of Fort Lauderdale to increase the participation of minority (MBE) and women-owned (WBE) businesses in its contracting and procurement programs. While the City does not have any preference or set aside programs in place, it is committed to a policy of equitable participation for these firms. Proposers are requested to include in their proposals a narrative describing their past accomplishments and intended actions in this area. If proposers are considering minority or women owned enterprise participation in their proposal, those firms, and their specific duties have to be identified in the proposal. If a proposer is considered for award, he or she will be asked to meet with City staff so that the intended MBE/WBE participation can be formalized and included in the subsequent contract.

1.11 SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES

Subject to *Odebrecht Construction, Inc., v. Prasad*, 876 F.Supp.2d 1305 (S.D. Fla. 2012), *affirmed*, *Odebrecht Construction, Inc., v. Secretary, Florida Department of Transportation*, 715 F.3d 1268 (11th Cir. 2013), with regard to the “Cuba Amendment,” the Contractor certifies that it is not on 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 created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes (2018), that it is not engaged in a boycott of Israel, and that it does not have business operations in Cuba or Syria, as provided in section 287.135, Florida Statutes (2018), as may be amended or revised. The City may terminate this Agreement at the City’s option if the Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification as provided under subsection (5) of section 287.135, Florida Statutes (2018), as may be amended or revised, or been placed on 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 created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes (2018), or is engaged in a boycott of Israel or has been engaged in business operations

in Cuba or Syria, as defined in Section 287.135, Florida Statutes (2018), as may be amended or revised.

1.12 **DEBARRED OR SUSPENDED BIDDERS OR PROPOSERS**

The bidder or proposer certifies, by submission of a response to this solicitation, that neither it nor its principals and subcontractors are presently debarred or suspended by any Federal department or agency.

Part II DEFINITIONS/ORDER OF PRECEDENCE:

2.01 **BIDDING DEFINITIONS** The City will use the following definitions in its general conditions, special conditions, technical specifications, instructions to bidders, addenda and any other document used in the bidding process:

INVITATION TO BID (ITB) The solicitation document used for soliciting competitive sealed bids for goods or services.

INVITATION TO NEGOTIATE (ITN) All solicitation documents, regardless of medium, whether attached to or incorporated by reference in solicitations for responses from firms that invite proposals from interested and qualified firms so the city may enter into negotiations with the firm(s) determined most capable of providing the required goods or services.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) A solicitation method used for soliciting competitive sealed proposals to determine the best value among proposals for goods or services for which price may not be the prevailing factor in award of the contract, or the scope of work, specifications or contract terms and conditions may be difficult to define. Such solicitation will consider the qualifications of the proposers along with evaluation of each proposal using identified and generally weighted evaluation criteria. RFPs may include price criteria whenever feasible, at the discretion of the city.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) A solicitation method used for requesting statements of qualifications in order to determine the most qualified proposer for professional services.

BID – a price and terms quote received in response to an ITB.

PROPOSAL – a proposal received in response to an RFP.

BIDDER – Person or firm submitting a Bid.

PROPOSER – Person or firm submitting a Proposal.

RESPONSIVE BIDDER – A firm who has submitted a bid, offer, quote, or response which conforms in all material respects to the competitive solicitation document and all of its requirements.

RESPONSIBLE BIDDER – A firm who is fully capable of meeting all requirements of the solicitation and subsequent contract. The respondent must possess the full capability, including financial and technical, ability, business judgment, experience, qualifications, facilities, equipment, integrity, capability, and reliability, in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements and assure good faith performance as determined by the city.

FIRST RANKED PROPOSER – That Proposer, responding to a City RFP, whose Proposal is deemed by the City, the most advantageous to the City after applying the evaluation criteria contained in the RFP.

SELLER – Successful Bidder or Proposer who is awarded a Purchase Order or Contract to provide goods or services to the City.

CONTRACTOR – Any firm having a contract with the city. Also referred to as a "Vendor".

CONTRACT – All types of agreements, including purchase orders, for procurement of supplies, services, and construction, regardless of what these agreements may be called.

CONSULTANT – A firm providing professional services for the city.

2.02 **SPECIAL CONDITIONS:** Any and all Special Conditions contained in this ITB that may be in variance or conflict with these General Conditions shall have precedence over these General Conditions. If no changes or deletions to General Conditions are made in the Special Conditions, then the General Conditions shall prevail in their entirety,

PART III BIDDING AND AWARD PROCEDURES:

3.01 **SUBMISSION AND RECEIPT OF BIDS:** To receive consideration, bids must be received prior to the bid opening date and time. Unless otherwise specified, Bidders should use the proposal forms provided by the City. These forms may be duplicated, but failure to use the forms may cause the bid to be rejected. Any erasures or corrections on the bid must be made in ink and initialed by Bidder in ink. All information submitted by the Bidder shall be printed, typewritten or filled in with pen and ink. Bids shall be signed in ink. Separate bids must be submitted for each ITB issued by the City in separate sealed envelopes properly marked. When a particular ITB or RFP requires multiple copies of bids or proposals they may be included in a single envelope or package properly sealed and identified. Only send bids via facsimile transmission (FAX) if the ITB specifically states that bids sent via FAX will be considered. If such a statement is not included in the ITB, bids sent via FAX will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the Procurement Office, or other designated area, in the presence of Bidders, the public, and City staff. Bidders and the public are invited and encouraged to attend bid

openings. Bids will be tabulated and made available for review by Bidder's and the public in accordance with applicable regulations.

- 3.02 MODEL NUMBER CORRECTIONS:** If the model number for the make specified in this ITB is incorrect, or no longer available and replaced with an updated model with new specifications, the Bidder shall enter the correct model number on the bidder proposal page. In the case of an updated model with new specifications, Bidder shall provide adequate information to allow the City to determine if the model bid meets the City's requirements.
- 3.03 PRICES QUOTED:** Deduct trade discounts, and quote firm net prices. Give both unit price and extended total. In the case of a discrepancy in computing the amount of the bid, the unit price quoted will govern. All prices quoted shall be F.O.B. destination, freight prepaid (Bidder pays and bears freight charges, Bidder owns goods in transit and files any claims), unless otherwise stated in Special Conditions. Each item must be bid separately. No attempt shall be made to tie any item or items contained in the ITB with any other business with the City.
- 3.04 TAXES:** The City of Fort Lauderdale is exempt from Federal Excise and Florida Sales taxes on direct purchase of tangible property. Exemption **number for EIN is 59-6000319, and State Sales tax exemption number is 85-8013875578C-1.**
- 3.05 WARRANTIES OF USAGE:** Any quantities listed in this ITB as estimated or projected are provided for tabulation and information purposes only. No warranty or guarantee of quantities is given or implied. It is understood that the Contractor will furnish the City's needs as they arise.
- 3.06 APPROVED EQUAL:** When the technical specifications call for a brand name, manufacturer, make, model, or vendor catalog number with acceptance of APPROVED EQUAL, it shall be for the purpose of establishing a level of quality and features desired and acceptable to the City. In such cases, the City will be receptive to any unit that would be considered by qualified City personnel as an approved equal. In that the specified make and model represent a level of quality and features desired by the City, the Bidder must state clearly in the bid any variance from those specifications. It is the Bidder's responsibility to provide adequate information, in the bid, to enable the City to ensure that the bid meets the required criteria. If adequate information is not submitted with the bid, it may be rejected. The City will be the sole judge in determining if the item bid qualifies as an approved equal.
- 3.07 MINIMUM AND MANDATORY TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:** The technical specifications may include items that are considered minimum, mandatory, or required. If any Bidder is unable to meet or exceed these items, and feels that the technical specifications are overly restrictive, the bidder must notify the Procurement Services Division immediately. Such notification must be received by the Procurement Services Division prior to the deadline contained in the ITB, for questions of a material nature, or prior to five (5) days before bid due and open date, whichever occurs first. If no such notification is received prior to that deadline, the City will consider the technical specifications to be acceptable to all bidders.
- 3.08 MISTAKES:** Bidders are cautioned to examine all terms, conditions, specifications, drawings, exhibits, addenda, delivery instructions and special conditions pertaining to the ITB. Failure of the Bidder to examine all pertinent documents shall not entitle the bidder to any relief from the conditions imposed in the contract.
- 3.09 SAMPLES AND DEMONSTRATIONS:** Samples or inspection of product may be requested to determine suitability. Unless otherwise specified in Special Conditions, samples shall be requested after the date of bid opening, and if requested should be received by the City within seven (7) working days of request. Samples, when requested, must be furnished free of expense to the City and if not used in testing or destroyed, will upon request of the Bidder, be returned within thirty (30) days of bid award at Bidder's expense. When required, the City may request full demonstrations of units prior to award. When such demonstrations are requested, the Bidder shall respond promptly and arrange a demonstration at a convenient location. Failure to provide samples or demonstrations as specified by the City may result in rejection of a bid.
- 3.10 LIFE CYCLE COSTING:** If so specified in the ITB, the City may elect to evaluate equipment proposed on the basis of total cost of ownership. In using Life Cycle Costing, factors such as the following may be considered: estimated useful life, maintenance costs, cost of supplies, labor intensity, energy usage, environmental impact, and residual value. The City reserves the right to use those or other applicable criteria, in its sole opinion that will most accurately estimate total cost of use and ownership.
- 3.11 BIDDING ITEMS WITH RECYCLED CONTENT:** In addressing environmental concerns, the City of Fort Lauderdale encourages Bidders to submit bids or alternate bids containing items with recycled content. When submitting bids containing items with recycled content, Bidder shall provide documentation adequate for the City to verify the recycled content. The City prefers packaging consisting of materials that are degradable or able to be recycled. When specifically stated in the ITB, the City may give preference to bids containing items

manufactured with recycled material or packaging that is able to be recycled.

- 3.12 USE OF OTHER GOVERNMENTAL CONTRACTS:** The City reserves the right to reject any part or all of any bids received and utilize other available governmental contracts, if such action is in its best interest.
- 3.13 QUALIFICATIONS/INSPECTION:** Bids will only be considered from firms normally engaged in providing the types of commodities/services specified herein. The City reserves the right to inspect the Bidder's facilities, equipment, personnel, and organization at any time, or to take any other action necessary to determine Bidder's ability to perform. The Procurement Director reserves the right to reject bids where evidence or evaluation is determined to indicate inability to perform.
- 3.14 BID SURETY:** If Special Conditions require a bid security, it shall be submitted in the amount stated. A bid security can be in the form of a bid bond or cashier's check. Bid security will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders as soon as practicable after opening of bids. Bid security will be returned to the successful bidder after acceptance of the performance bond, if required; acceptance of insurance coverage, if required; and full execution of contract documents, if required; or conditions as stated in Special Conditions.
- 3.15 PUBLIC RECORDS/TRADE SECRETS/COPYRIGHT:** The Proposer's response to the RFP 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 RFP and the Contract to be executed for this RFP, subject to the provisions of Chapter 119.07 of the Florida Statutes.

Any language contained in the Proposer's response to the RFP purporting to require confidentiality of any portion of the Proposer's response to the RFP, 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 RFP constitutes a Trade Secret. 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. Proposals purporting to be subject to copyright protection in full or in part will be rejected.

EXCEPT FOR CLEARLY MARKED PORTIONS THAT ARE BONA FIDE TRADE SECRETS PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW, DO NOT MARK YOUR RESPONSE TO THE RFP AS PROPRIETARY OR CONFIDENTIAL. DO NOT MARK YOUR RESPONSE TO THE RFP OR ANY PART THEREOF AS COPYRIGHTED.

- 3.16 PROHIBITION OF INTEREST:** No contract will be awarded to a bidding firm who has City elected officials, officers or employees affiliated with it, unless the bidding firm has fully complied with current Florida State Statutes and City Ordinances relating to this issue. Bidders must disclose any such affiliation. Failure to disclose any such affiliation will result in disqualification of the Bidder and removal of the Bidder from the City's bidder lists and prohibition from engaging in any business with the City.
- 3.17 RESERVATIONS FOR AWARD AND REJECTION OF BIDS:** The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, part of bids, and to waive minor irregularities or variations to specifications contained in bids, and minor irregularities in the bidding process. The City also reserves the right to award the contract on a split order basis, lump sum basis, individual item basis, or such combination as shall best serve the interest of the City. The City reserves the right to make an award to the responsive and responsible bidder whose product or service meets the terms, conditions, and specifications of the ITB and whose bid is considered to best serve the City's interest. In determining the responsiveness of the offer and the responsibility of the Bidder, the following shall be considered when applicable: the ability, capacity and skill of the Bidder to perform as required; whether the Bidder can perform promptly, or within the time specified, without delay or interference; the character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of the Bidder; the quality of past performance by the Bidder; the previous and existing compliance by the Bidder with related laws and ordinances; the sufficiency of the Bidder's financial resources; the availability, quality and adaptability of the Bidder's supplies or services to the required use; the ability of the Bidder to provide future maintenance, service or parts; the number and scope of conditions attached to the bid.

If the ITB provides for a contract trial period, the City reserves the right, in the event the selected bidder does not perform satisfactorily, to award a trial period to the next ranked bidder or to award a contract to the next ranked bidder, if that bidder has successfully provided services to the City in the past. This procedure to

continue until a bidder is selected or the contract is re-bid, at the sole option of the City.

- 3.18 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:** Applicable provisions of all federal, state, county laws, and local ordinances, rules and regulations, shall govern development, submittal and evaluation of all bids received in response hereto and shall govern any and all claims and disputes which may arise between person(s) submitting a bid response hereto and the City by and through its officers, employees and authorized representatives, or any other person, natural or otherwise; and lack of knowledge by any bidder shall not constitute a cognizable defense against the legal effect thereof.
- 3.19 BID PROTEST PROCEDURE: ANY PROPOSER OR BIDDER WHO IS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR AWARD OF A CONTRACT AND WHO ALLEGES A FAILURE BY THE CITY TO FOLLOW THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE OR ANY APPLICABLE LAW MAY PROTEST TO THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER, BY DELIVERING A LETTER OF PROTEST TO THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS AFTER A NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD IS POSTED ON THE CITY'S WEB SITE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:**
<https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/finance/procurement-services/notices-of-intent-to-award>
THE COMPLETE PROTEST ORDINANCE MAY BE FOUND ON THE CITY'S WEB SITE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK: https://library.municode.com/fl/fort_lauderdale/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH2AD_ARTVFI_DIV2PR_S2-182DIREPR

PART IV BONDS AND INSURANCE

- 4.01 PERFORMANCE BOND:** If a performance bond is required in Special Conditions, the Contractor shall within fifteen (15) working days after notification of award, furnish to the City a Performance Bond, payable to the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in the face amount specified in Special Conditions as surety for faithful performance under the terms and conditions of the contract. If the bond is on an annual coverage basis, renewal for each succeeding year shall be submitted to the City thirty (30) days prior to the termination date of the existing Performance Bond. The Performance Bond must be executed by a surety company of recognized standing, authorized to do business in the State of Florida and having a resident agent.

Acknowledgement and agreement is given by both parties that the amount herein set for the Performance Bond is not intended to be nor shall be deemed to be in the nature of liquidated damages nor is it intended to limit the liability of the Contractor to the City in the event of a material breach of this Agreement by the Contractor.

- 4.02 INSURANCE:** If the Contractor is required to go on to City property to perform work or services as a result of ITB award, the Contractor shall assume full responsibility and expense to obtain all necessary insurance as required by City or specified in Special Conditions.

The Contractor shall provide to the Procurement Services Division original certificates of coverage and receive notification of approval of those certificates by the City's Risk Manager prior to engaging in any activities under this contract. The Contractor's insurance is subject to the approval of the City's Risk Manager. The certificates must list the City as an ADDITIONAL INSURED for General Liability Insurance, and shall have no less than thirty (30) days written notice of cancellation or material change. Further modification of the insurance requirements may be made at the sole discretion of the City's Risk Manager if circumstances change or adequate protection of the City is not presented. Bidder, by submitting the bid, agrees to abide by such modifications.

PART V PURCHASE ORDER AND CONTRACT TERMS:

- 5.01 COMPLIANCE TO SPECIFICATIONS, LATE DELIVERIES/PENALTIES:** Items offered may be tested for compliance to bid specifications. Items delivered which do not conform to bid specifications may be rejected and returned at Contractor's expense. Any violation resulting in contract termination for cause or delivery of items not conforming to specifications, or late delivery may also result in:
- Bidders name being removed from the City's bidder's mailing list for a specified period and Bidder will not be recommended for any award during that period.
 - All City Departments being advised to refrain from doing business with the Bidder.
 - All other remedies in law or equity.
- 5.02 ACCEPTANCE, CONDITION, AND PACKAGING:** The material delivered in response to ITB award shall remain the property of the Seller until a physical inspection is made and the material accepted to the satisfaction of the City. The material must comply fully with the terms of the ITB, be of the required quality, new, and the latest model. All containers shall be suitable for storage and shipment by common carrier, and all prices shall include standard commercial packaging. The City will not accept substitutes of any kind. Any substitutes or material not meeting specifications will be returned at the Bidder's expense. Payment will be made only after City receipt and acceptance of materials or services.
- 5.03 SAFETY STANDARDS:** All manufactured items and fabricated assemblies shall comply with applicable requirements of the Occupation Safety and Health Act of 1970 as amended, and be in compliance with Chapter 442, Florida Statutes. Any toxic substance listed in Section 38F-41.03 of the Florida Administrative Code delivered as a result of this order must be accompanied by a completed Safety Data Sheet (SDS).
- 5.04 ASBESTOS STATEMENT:** All material supplied must be 100% asbestos free. Bidder, by virtue of bidding, certifies that if awarded any portion of the ITB the bidder will supply only material or equipment that is 100% asbestos free.
- 5.05 OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:** If the Bidder is awarded a contract as a result of this ITB, the bidder may, if the bidder has sufficient capacity or quantities available, provide to other governmental agencies, so requesting, the products or services awarded in accordance with the terms and conditions of the ITB and resulting contract. Prices shall be F.O.B. delivered to the requesting agency.
- 5.06 VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS PROCEDURE:** No negotiations, decisions, or actions shall be initiated or executed by the Contractor as a result of any discussions with any City employee. Only those communications which are in writing from an authorized City representative may be considered. Only written communications from Contractors, which are assigned by a person designated as authorized to bind the Contractor, will be recognized by the City as duly authorized expressions on behalf of Contractors.
- 5.07 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** The Contractor is an independent contractor under this Agreement. Personal services provided by the Proposer shall be by employees of the Contractor and subject to supervision by the Contractor, and not as officers, employees, or agents of the City. Personnel policies, tax responsibilities, social security, health insurance, employee benefits, procurement policies unless otherwise stated in this ITB, and other similar administrative procedures applicable to services rendered under this contract shall be those of the Contractor.
- 5.08 INDEMNITY/HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT:** The Contractor agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Fort Lauderdale and its officers, employees and agents from and against any and all losses, penalties, damages, settlements, claims, costs, charges for other expenses, or liabilities of every and any kind including attorney's fees, in connection with or arising directly or indirectly out of the work agreed to or performed by Contractor under the terms of any agreement that may arise due to the bidding process. Without limiting the foregoing, any and all such claims, suits, or other actions relating to personal injury, death, damage to property, defects in materials or workmanship, actual or alleged violations of any applicable Statute, ordinance, administrative order, rule or regulation, or decree of any court shall be included in the indemnity hereunder.
- 5.09 TERMINATION FOR CAUSE:** If, through any cause, the Contractor shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement, or if the Contractor shall violate any of the provisions of this Agreement, the City may upon written notice to the Contractor terminate the right of the Contractor to proceed under this Agreement, or with such part or parts of the Agreement as to which there has been default, and may hold the Contractor liable for any damages caused to the City by reason of such default and termination. In the event of such termination, any completed services performed by the Contractor under this Agreement shall, at the option of the City, become the City's property and the Contractor shall be entitled to receive equitable

compensation for any work completed to the satisfaction of the City. The Contractor, however, shall not be relieved of liability to the City for damages sustained by the City by reason of any breach of the Agreement by the Contractor, and the City may withhold any payments to the Contractor for the purpose of setoff until such time as the amount of damages due to the City from the Contractor can be determined.

- 5.10 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE:** The City reserves the right, in its best interest as determined by the City, to cancel contract by giving written notice to the Contractor thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of such cancellation.
- 5.11 CANCELLATION FOR UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS:** The obligation of the City for payment to a Contractor is limited to the availability of funds appropriated in a current fiscal period, and continuation of the contract into a subsequent fiscal period is subject to appropriation of funds, unless otherwise authorized by law.
- 5.12 RECORDS/AUDIT:** The Contractor shall maintain during the term of the contract all books of account, reports and records in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices and standards for records directly related to this contract. The Contractor agrees to make available to the City Auditor or designee, during normal business hours and in Broward, Miami-Dade or Palm Beach Counties, all books of account, reports and records relating to this contract should be retained for the duration of the contract and for three years after the final payment under this Agreement, or until all pending audits, investigations or litigation matters relating to the contract are closed, whichever is later.
- 5.13 PERMITS, TAXES, LICENSES:** The successful Contractor shall, at their own expense, obtain all necessary permits, pay all licenses, fees and taxes, required to comply with all local ordinances, state and federal laws, rules and regulations applicable to business to be carried out under this contract.
- 5.14 LAWS/ORDINANCES:** The Contractor shall observe and comply with all Federal, state, local and municipal laws, ordinances rules and regulations that would apply to this contract.
- 5.15 NON-DISCRIMINATION:** There shall be no discrimination as to race, sex, color, creed, age or national origin in the operations conducted under this contract. The following applies to contracts with values over \$100,000: The Contractor certifies and represents that it will comply with Section 2-187, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, ("Section 2-187"), by not discriminating against the Contractor's employees based on the employee's race, color, religion, gender (including identity or expression), marital status, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability or any other protected classification as defined by applicable law, during the entire term of the contract that arises out of this ITB. The failure of the Contractor to comply with Section 2-187 shall be deemed to be a material breach of the contract, entitling the City to pursue any of the following remedies or any remedy provided under applicable law: (a) The City may terminate the contract if the Contractor fails to comply with Section 2-187; and (b) The City may retain all monies due or to become due until the Contractor complies with Section 2-187; and (c) The Contractor may be subject to debarment or suspension proceedings consistent with the procedures in Section 2-183, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
- 5.16 UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES:** If during a contract term where costs to the City are to remain firm or adjustments are restricted by a percentage or CPI cap, unusual circumstances that could not have been foreseen by either party of the contract occur, and those circumstances significantly affect the Contractor's cost in providing the required prior items or services, then the Contractor may request adjustments to the costs to the City to reflect the changed circumstances. The circumstances must be beyond the control of the Contractor, and the requested adjustments must be fully documented. The City may, after examination, refuse to accept the adjusted costs if they are not properly documented, increases are considered to be excessive, or decreases are considered to be insufficient. In the event the City does not wish to accept the adjusted costs and the matter cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the City, the City will reserve the following options:
1. The contract can be canceled by the City upon giving thirty (30) days written notice to the Contractor with no penalty to the City or Contractor. The Contractor shall fill all City requirements submitted to the Contractor until the termination date contained in the notice.
 2. The City requires the Contractor to continue to provide the items and services at the firm fixed (non-adjusted) cost until the termination of the contract term then in effect.
 3. If the City, in its interest and in its sole opinion, determines that the Contractor in a capricious manner attempted to use this section of the contract to relieve them of a legitimate obligation under the contract, and no unusual circumstances had occurred, the City reserves the right to take any and all action under law or equity. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, declaring the Contractor in default and disqualifying him for receiving any business from the City for a stated period of time.

If the City does agree to adjusted costs, these adjusted costs shall not be invoiced to the City until the Contractor receives notice in writing signed by a person authorized to bind the City in such matters.

- 5.17 ELIGIBILITY:** If applicable, the Contractor must first register with the Department of State of the State of Florida, in accordance with Florida State Statutes, prior to entering into a contract with the City.
- 5.18 PATENTS AND ROYALTIES:** The Contractor, without exception, shall indemnify and save harmless the City and its employees from liability of any nature and kind, including cost and expenses for or on account of any copyrighted, patented or un-patented invention, process, or article manufactured or used in the performance of the contract, including its use by the City. If the Contractor uses any design, device, or materials covered by letters, patent or copyright, it is mutually agreed and understood without exception that the bid prices shall include all royalties or costs arising from the use of such design, device, or materials in any way involved in the work.
- 5.19 ASSIGNMENT:** Contractor shall not transfer or assign the performance required by this ITB without the prior written consent of the City. Any award issued pursuant to this ITB, and the monies, which may become due hereunder, are not assignable except with the prior written approval of the City Commission or the City Manager or City Manager's designee, depending on original award approval.
- 5.20 LITIGATION VENUE:** The parties waive the privilege of venue and agree that all litigation between them in the state courts shall take place in Broward County, Florida and that all litigation between them in the federal courts shall take place in the Southern District in and for the State of Florida.
- 5.21 LOCATION OF UNDERGROUND FACILITIES:** If the Contractor, for the purpose of responding to this solicitation, requests the location of underground facilities through the Sunshine State One-Call of Florida, Inc. notification system or through any person or entity providing a facility locating service, and underground facilities are marked with paint, stakes or other markings within the City pursuant to such a request, then the Contractor, shall be deemed non-responsive to this solicitation in accordance with Section 2-184(5) of the City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances.
- 5.22 PUBLIC RECORDS**

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT 954-828-5002, CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, 100 N. ANDREWS AVENUE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301, PRRCONTRACT@FORTLAUDERDALE.GOV.

Contractor shall:

1. Keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the City in order to perform the service.
2. Upon request from the City's custodian of public records, provide the City 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 Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (2018), as may be amended or revised, or as otherwise provided by law.
3. 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 this contract if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the City.
4. Upon completion of the Contract, transfer, at no cost, to the City all public records in possession of the Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the City to perform the service. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the City upon completion of this 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 this Contract, the Contractor shall meet

all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the City, upon request from the City's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the City.

Question and Answers for Bid #12257-095 - Records Storage, Retrieval & Disposal Services

Overall Bid Questions

Question 1

A contract for these services was issued in September 2018, what is the reason that it is being rebid?

(Submitted: Mar 27, 2019 7:41:49 AM EDT)

Answer

- Issues with the business name, as provided in the bid submittal, and the legal name, as listed with Sunbiz, make payment to the current vendor insurmountable. (Answered: Mar 27, 2019 11:18:59 AM EDT)